

Job Title

Staff Attorney, Health Law Unit

Job Description

The Legal Aid Society's Civil Practice is seeking a Staff Attorney to work in the Health Law Unit. The Health Law Unit's mission is to ensure that all low-income New Yorkers can live their healthiest lives. We provide direct legal services to health care consumers from all five boroughs of New York City and advocate for informed policy change. We assist our clients in securing access to health insurance and to culturally competent health care, defend and expand patient rights, and empower individuals navigating the health care system, striving to further social, racial, and economic equity for our clients and their communities.

The Health Law Unit assists clients with the following issues: denials of health care benefits and services; eligibility for and enrollment in Medicaid, Medicare, Essential Plan, Qualified Health Plans, and other health insurance and affordability programs; medical debt; defense of those accused of Medicaid overpayments; access to care and insurance for the uninsured; and the impact of federal and state Medicaid policy changes. The HLU engages in legislative and administrative advocacy, impact litigation, and City and State policy development, and works closely with community-based organizations to expand capacity in helping health care consumers. The Unit also provides training and technical assistance to community-based organizations, health care providers, and other legal services providers. Members of the Unit provide leadership in statewide consumer advocacy coalitions on a number of health care issues.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide client representation and advocacy with local, State, and federal agencies
- Provide client representation in State and federal court proceedings and affirmative litigation
- Engage in policy and legislative advocacy
- Train and provide technical assistance to beneficiaries, local community-based organizations, and health care providers
- Advocate with health insurance plans and City, State, and federal agencies
- Participate in community outreach
- Develop community education materials and conduct trainings for clients and other advocates
- Other duties as assigned

Required Documents

Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample as a PDF when you apply via the LAS Recruitment Portal

Deadline: Open Until Filled

Location

Manhattan - Legal Aid Society Headquarters

Requirements

- Admission to NYS Bar
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team and manage a high volume of cases
- Favorable consideration will be given to attorneys who have familiarity with health law issues
- Excellent written and oral advocacy skills
- Excellent organizational skills, including ability to meet frequent deadlines in data entry and case management responsibilities
- Demonstrated commitment to and experience in public interest law and civil legal services
- Ability to coordinate and collaborate successfully with other groups and organizations including community-based organizations and other legal services organizations
- Experience in developing and conducting training materials for advocates and clients
- Proficiency in languages other than English is desirable, but not required

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The leadership of The Legal Aid Society believes in attracting and retaining exceptional talent committed to serving our clients. We offer a generous benefits package including health insurance, paid vacation, disability, and life insurance, and more. Salaries for our unionized jobs are governed by our Collective Bargaining Agreement. Please visit our Careers page for additional information. Salary and benefits information will be available to applicants, when and if, an offer is made.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The leadership of The Legal Aid Society is committed to a work culture of zealous advocacy, respect, diversity and inclusion, client-oriented defense, access to justice and excellent representation. We are dedicated to building a strong professional relationship with each of our clients, to understanding their diverse circumstances, and to meeting their needs. Our ability to achieve these goals depends on the efforts of all of us.

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