

Job Title

Staff Attorney - Immigration Specialist (Bronx/Staten Island)

Job Description

The Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice is seeking Staff Attorney to serve as an Immigration Specialist for the Immigration Law Unit. The Staff Attorney-Immigration Specialist will work collaboratively with existing Immigration Specialists and other staff in both the Civil Practice Immigration Law Unit and the Criminal Defense Practice offices to enhance legal services to noncitizen clients of the Criminal Defense Practice. The Staff Attorney Immigration Specialist will be trained and supervised by the Civil Practice Immigration Law Unit but will be based in either the Bronx Criminal Defense office or the Staten Island Criminal Defense office.

The Immigration Law Unit (ILU) is a recognized leader in the delivery of high-quality legal services to immigrants in New York City and surrounding counties. The unit provides low-income New Yorkers with free, comprehensive immigration services ranging from removal defense to applications for various forms of immigration status. The ILU specializes in the intersection between immigration and criminal law and works collaboratively with all practice areas to serve The Legal Aid Society's diverse immigrant clients through a comprehensive service model. ILU staff members represent immigrants before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), and in state and federal courts.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Consult with non-citizen clients and their attorneys on the potential immigration consequences of their criminal cases
- Conduct outreach and training on criminal-immigration issues and emergent trends
- Represent Criminal Defense Practice clients before USCIS on affirmative applications and inremoval proceedings before the Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and in federal court proceedings
- Represent clients in State court proceedings
- Engage in affirmative litigation
- Engage in policy advocacy on behalf of clients
- This position may require evening hours
- 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

Citywide

Requirements

- New York State Bar admission
- Minimum of three years' experience in New York criminal practice or at the intersection of immigration and criminal law

- Excellent research, writing, analytical, oral advocacy and organizational skills
- Interest in developing new approaches to representing clients with immigration issues
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team and to manage challenging, varied and complex cases

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.

COVID VACCINATION INFORMATION

The Legal Aid Society is taking precautions and implementing safety measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with New York City's requirements concerning Covid-19. All members of the Legal Aid community have a shared responsibility to support and comply with policies and protocols to protect the health and safety of our community. Learn more about our COVID-19 policy by visiting our [website](#).

HOW TO APPLY

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