

Summer 2023 Legal Internships - LGBTQ/HIV Advocacy Project

The LGBTQ & HIV Advocacy Project at Brooklyn Legal Services is accepting applications from law students for summer legal internships. We are a general practice unit providing direct legal services to low-income members of the LGBTQ community and people living with HIV and AIDS. Practice areas include housing; employment; government benefits; anti-discrimination; confidentiality; and identity document updates.

Interns work directly with staff attorneys and clients, and assignments include interviewing clients, researching facts and law regarding a wide range of legal issues, drafting internal memos and pleadings, advocating with local and state agencies, and accompanying attorneys to Housing Court and other venues. Interns frequently have the opportunity to represent clients at Social Security disability hearings or other administrative hearings and attend intake clinics at community organizations

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Joshua Elmore [he/him] (jelmore@lsnyc.org), Julian Castronovo [they/them] (jcastronovo@lsnyc.org), Jesse Daniels [he/him] (jdaniels@lsnyc.org), Erin Evers [she/her] (eevers@lsnyc.org). The email should include “LGBTQ & HIV Advocacy Project Spring/Summer 2023” in the subject line. A good cover letter will describe the following:

- Why you want to work with clients who are LGBTQ and living with HIV and AIDS;
- Your interest in direct legal services;
- Your preference for working in Brooklyn, New York;
- What you seek to learn from this internship; and
- How you will integrate your past experiences into your work this summer in our generalist and population-based unit.

Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis, but with a deadline of February 28, 2023. Internships are unpaid, but Brooklyn Legal Services will work with individual applicants to satisfy grant/funding source requirements.

Due to the volume of applicants, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

To safeguard the health and well-being of our employees and clients, LSNYC requires all staff to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, unless a medical or religious exemption is approved. Brooklyn Legal Services has a hybrid work policy that includes 50/50 remote and in-office work.

LSNYC is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, people over the age of 40, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.