Brooklyn Legal Services seeks a Temporary Director for its Foreclosure Prevention Project. This is a one-year position.

About Us

Brooklyn Legal Services, part of Legal Services NYC, provides high-quality, innovative representation to address the pressing legal needs of Brooklyn’s diverse low-income population. BLS focuses on the problems that have the greatest impact on our clients—preserving affordable and decent housing, maintaining income support, redressing abusive lending and consumer practices, assisting immigrants and immigrant communities, promoting family stability and mitigating the effects of domestic violence, and advocating for the disabled.

The nationally prominent Foreclosure Prevention Project, the first of its kind in New York City, uses federal and state litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to assist low-income homeowners at risk of foreclosure due to predatory lending or abusive loan servicing practices. The Project is actively litigating cases challenging discriminatory and abusive lending practices, abusive servicing practices by the nation’s largest banks and loan servicers, and deed theft scams. The Project is also a statewide leader in policy advocacy around fair lending, responsible lending, and financial justice issues. In addition, the Project handles consumer debt and community economic development cases and initiatives.

Role & Responsibilities:

The Temporary Director will oversee all aspects of the Foreclosure Prevention Project. The Director will work to support the Project’s existing advocacy efforts and be responsible for overseeing the broad scope of the unit’s work. The Director will, among other responsibilities:

- Manage the operations and vision of the unit in coordination with BLS’ Acting Project Director and the Project’s Supervising Attorney; · Work with Foreclosure Prevention Project attorneys to develop affirmative litigation and other creative advocacy projects;
- Supervise Project attorneys through regular case meetings and by working directly with them on a variety of state and federal court matters at all stages of litigation, administrative proceedings, and non-litigation advocacy, and by assisting with case investigation and assessment;
- Supervise Community Economic Development and consumer debt practices;
- Oversee testing activities;
- Contribute to policy and legislative advocacy efforts in collaboration with Legal Services NYC’s Director of Foreclosure Prevention;
- Supervise intake paralegals and support staff and oversee functioning of hotline and intake;
- Oversee outreach and education initiatives;
- Handle all grant and administrative responsibilities; and
- Maintain and strengthen relationships with community partners and elected officials.

Experience & Qualifications:

We seek an attorney admitted to the New York State Bar with:

- A demonstrated passion for social justice and a commitment to working with low-income communities and communities of color to advance racial and economic equity;
- Prior supervisory experience and experience with grant management are strongly preferred;
- Minimum of five years relevant litigation experience;
- Experience with policy and legislative advocacy preferred;
- Demonstrated expertise in foreclosure prevention, mortgage lending, and consumer protection laws;
- Excellent analytical, written, and communication skills;
- Demonstrated leadership skills;
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills;
- Strong ties to Brooklyn’s communities of color preferred; and
- Proficiency in Spanish or another language commonly spoken in the communities we serve preferred.

How to Apply

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and two writing samples to bkhiring@lsnyc.org.

Please write “Temporary Foreclosure Director” in the subject line of the email.

Please, no telephone calls. BLS offers a generous benefits package.

Salary is commensurate with experience. Salary for bargaining unit positions is commensurate with experience and in accordance with the Legal Services NYC Collective Bargaining Agreement. Benefits include excellent health and dental
insurance, an employer contribution to a pre-tax 403(b) pension plan, and generous leave time. Legal Services NYC is an equal opportunity employer. It is an organization committed to race, gender and economic justice in our work and within our workplace. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, and people over the age of 40 are welcome and encouraged to apply.