Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS) seeks a staff attorney to join our Housing Rights Project in a vibrant community-based civil legal advocacy organization in Queens.

About the Internship:

The LGBTQ & HIV Advocacy Project at Brooklyn Legal Services is accepting applications from law students for spring semester and 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. Practice areas include housing, government benefits, antidiscrimination, immigration, confidentiality, and advance directives, such as wills, living wills, and health care proxies.

Responsibilities:

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, preparing asylum applications, 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 the LGBT Community Center and Callen-Lorde Community Health Center.

How to Apply

Please email a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Sarah Alba [she/her] (salba@lsync.org) & Josh Elmore [he/him] (jelmore@lsync.org). The email should include "LGBTQ & HIV Advocacy Project" in the subject line and the cover letter should specify for what time period you are seeking an internship and how you learned of the position.

Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis. No applicants for the spring semester will be considered after December 31, 2019. 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.