Brooklyn Legal Services seeks a Supervising Attorney for its Tenant Rights Coalition.

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, promoting family stability and mitigating the effects of domestic violence, and advocating for the disabled.

The Tenant Rights Coalition (“TRC”) is dedicated to tenant anti-displacement work in neighborhoods rezoned in recent years by the current administration. The TRC, which is based in Brownsville, has nearly 30 staff comprised of supervisors, attorneys, paralegals, and support staff. Our dedicated staff of housing advocates works with individuals and tenant groups to prevent evictions and support collective tenant action, often in partnership with community based organizers and tenant associations. The work of the TRC focuses on Brownsville, East New York and surrounding neighborhoods.

Roles & Responsibilities:

The TRC Supervising Attorney will provide supervision to junior attorneys and work with the TRC Deputy Directors to develop and implement a strategic vision for the Unit’s work. Specifically, the Supervising Attorney will work to develop litigation and other creative advocacy projects; strengthen relationships with community partners to address systemic housing issues that perpetuate poverty, provide regular supervision and support of junior attorneys through all stages of litigation in Housing, supreme, and federal court and administrative proceedings, including reviewing and editing legal writing, and non-litigation advocacy; helping to develop and file affirmative litigation; and assist with intake review. The Supervising Attorneys will also maintain a partial caseload of affirmative and defensive cases. The Supervising Attorneys may occasionally assist with policy advocacy, outreach, and grants. Some evening and weekend work required for tenant and community meetings.

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 equity;
- Strong ties to Brooklyn’s communities of color helpful, but not required;
- Excellent analytical, written, and communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills and the ability to provide supportive and consistent supervision to junior attorneys in a fast paced and high-volume practice;
- Minimum of three years relevant litigation experience;
- Experience in housing, landlord/tenant or related advocacy preferred;
- Experience as a tenant organizer or working with community based organizers a plus;
- Fluency or proficiency in Spanish helpful, but not required.

How to Apply

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and two writing samples to bkhiring@lsnyc.org. Please write “TRC Supervising Attorney” in the subject line of the email.

Please, no telephone calls.

BLS offers a generous benefits package. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Legal Services NYC is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, people over 40, and transgender people are strongly encouraged to apply.