Manhattan Legal Services (MLS) is seeking to hire a social worker who will be part of an interdisciplinary team of attorneys and paralegals.

**About Us:**

Manhattan Legal Services fights poverty and seeks economic, social and racial justice for low-income borough residents through the provision of free legal representation, systemic advocacy and community education. Each year, MLS’s advocates represent and advise thousands of low income residents of Manhattan facing crises with basic needs. MLS especially focuses on vulnerable populations including people living with HIV or a disability, elderly people, families with children, domestic violence survivors, immigrants and people who are unemployed. MLS empowers our clients by providing holistic, culturally competent and linguistically appropriate legal services which address the multiple legal needs of clients. MLS is committed to diversity and inclusion, both internally and externally, and seeks candidates that support and enhance our diversity goals.

**Role and Qualifications:**

Manhattan Legal Services (MLS) is seeking to hire a social worker who will be part of an interdisciplinary team of attorneys and paralegals. The Social Worker will assist attorneys and legal staff in working with client’s non-legal needs, access services for clients, make appropriate referrals and attend occasional client meetings, develop service plans, assist with particularly challenging client interviews, provide crisis management, provide very short-term supportive counseling, conduct psychosocial assessments, provide expert witness testimony, and create affidavits. The social worker will work closely with attorneys in multiple practice areas to determine appropriate case strategies. The social worker will supervise social work students including graduate students in performance of case management tasks. The social worker will provide trainings to staff and the community as needed.

Qualifications include:

- Licensed Social Worker
- Minimum of five years of experience, preferably working in a legal setting
- SIFI certification (with past supervision of interns preferred)
- Experience working with diverse, low income, and immigrant communities and have a commitment to social justice
- Client advocacy experience
- Experience working with systems and benefits that affect low income persons
- Strong clinical and case management skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work as an interdisciplinary team
- Fluency in Spanish preferred but not required

**How to Apply:**

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references by mail or email to jobpostingsmls@mls.ls-nyc.org Please put “Social Worker” in the subject line.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS PLEASE

Manhattan Legal Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender persons, and persons over 40 are welcome and are encouraged to apply.

Bar Associations and other organization: Manhattan Legal Services seeks and welcomes your recommendations for candidates who meet the foregoing qualifications and, in addition, requests that you or your organization encourage such candidates to apply.