Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS) seeks a temporary staff attorney for its Immigrantsâ€™ Rights & Advocacy Project. This position will last for twelve months and will be in our Bedford-Stuyvesant office, located at 29 Albany Avenue.

About Us:

Brooklyn Legal Services, part of Legal Services NYCâ€™s Brooklyn Programs, provides high-quality, innovative representation to address the pressing legal needs of Brooklynâ€™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, obtaining immigration status and preventing deportations, and advocating for the disabled.

BLSâ€™ Immigrantsâ€™ Rights & Advocacy Project offers representation in a variety of matters, including removal defense; defensive and affirmative asylum applications; applications for naturalization, adjustment of status, family based petitions; U and T visas; VAWA Self-Petitions and I-751 applications; special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS); and more. BLS prioritizes providing immigration assistance to other practice areas in terms of LSC eligibility and eligibility for immigration remedies. We work closely with clients and community partners to help immigrants achieve safety and stability. We have a strong commitment to working with the LGBTQ community and with communities of color.

Roles & Responsibilities:

The staff attorney will provide deportation defense to individuals and families in removal proceedings. Deportation defense, and will also handle general immigration matters, such as family-based petitions, consular processing, naturalization, VAWA self-petitions, petitions for U or T-nonimmigrant status, and many other types of immigration applications. The staff attorney will handle matters in immigration court, with USCIS, in family court and will coordinate with experts in the intersection of criminal law and immigration law as necessary to mitigate immigration consequences of other proceedings. The attorney will work closely with our staff social worker to provide trauma-informed, holistic representation and advocacy on behalf of clients and their families.

Additional duties include:

- Intake, community education, and community outreach.
- Representing immigrants in cases filed with federal administrative bodies and federal district and appellate courts.
- Collaborating with the litigation director on affirmative litigation matters and strategies.
- Collaborating with city, state, and federal agencies and elected officials.
- Partnering with community-based organizations on various campaigns or projects.

Experience and Qualifications:

Demonstrated passion for social justice and commitment to working with low-income immigrants to advance equality; 
- Experience working with traumatized and vulnerable populations preferred;
- At least 1-2 years of immigration experience;
- Removal defense experience preferred;
- Excellent analytical, written, and communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills;
- Fluency or strong proficiency in a second language, in particular Spanish, preferred.

How to Apply:

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

Please write â€œImmigration Attorneyâ€ in the subject line of the email.

Additional information about the practice may be found on our website, www.legalservicsnyc.org.

Salary and benefits are determined by the LSNYC Collective Bargaining Agreement. Legal Services NYC is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, and people over the age of 40 are strongly encouraged to apply.