Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS) is offering unpaid summer internships to work in its Community & Economic Development (CED) program.

About the Organization:

Brooklyn Legal Services, part of Legal Services NYC (LSNYC), 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 CED program, which is housed in BLS’ Neighborhood Economic Justice Project, aims to help shape the future of our city’s neighborhoods and create more inclusive economies—connecting low-income communities and communities of color to the engines of growth and the government that regulates them, expanding opportunity, and protecting the diversity of New York City’s neighborhoods. Through advocacy and legal services, our CED program works to preserve and expand affordable housing, eradicate discrimination in housing and employment, support small businesses, increase employment and economic security, and strengthen community control and self-determination.

Role & Responsibilities:

We are seeking detail-oriented interns who are committed to public service. Interns will assist with litigation and advocacy projects under the supervision of the CED attorney in the office. Projects may include legal research, project development, drafting of memos, assisting with outreach efforts, and some clerical work.

LSNYC and BLS pride themselves on their Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) efforts. As a social justice organization, we are committed to fighting for a workplace that is as diverse, equitable, and inclusive as possible for everyone. Our DEIB committee and numerous affinity groups work to foster collegial relationships among staff and allow staff to explore and advocate for racial justice and anti-oppression growth within our organization and through our legal work. All employees and interns are expected to learn about, seek to understand and work to realize our DEIB goals.

We welcome and encourage applications from candidates of color, women, people with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Health Recommendation

All employees are strongly encouraged to continue to receive and maintain up-to-date Covid-19 vaccinations unless they are unable to for medical or religious reasons.

How to Apply:

If interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Shabnam Faruki at sfaruki@lsnyc.org. Please use the subject line “Summer 2023 CED Internship.” Decisions are made on a rolling basis, and we recommend that you apply early.