Staten Island Legal Services (across the street from the ferry) is seeking a full-time staff attorney to join our Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit.

Our Organization:

Staten Island Legal Services (SILS), part of Legal Services NYC (LSNYC), fights poverty and seeks racial, social, and economic justice for low-income New Yorkers. SILS provides high-quality, innovative representation to address the pressing legal needs of Staten Island’s diverse low-income populations. SILS focuses on the problems that have the greatest impact on our clients’ preserving affordable and decent housing, representing survivors of domestic violence, obtaining immigration status and preventing deportations, advocating for the LGBTQ community, preventing foreclosures, advocating for students with educational needs, and obtaining public benefits. In addition to being the largest provider of civil legal services in the country, LSNYC provides staff with numerous opportunities for growth and professional development. Our Justice Learning Center provides opportunities to earn free CLEs and gain experience as a trainer. LSNYC prides itself on its 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 committees 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 are expected to learn about, seek to understand, and work to realize our DEIB goals.

The Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit handles a full range of family law and matrimonial cases, including divorce, custody/visitation, orders of protection, child and spousal support, and paternity. The Unit includes staff attorneys, a paralegal, and a social worker so we can provide comprehensive services for our clients, all of whom have experienced intimate partner violence, and address their economic and social issues as well. The Unit conducts outreach and works in partnership with community groups to ensure that we are best serving the community. The staff attorney will be supervised by the Director of the Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit.

Role & Responsibilities:

- Interviewing clients, providing advice, brief services, and assessment for representation to new client intakes.
- Advising and representing survivors of domestic violence in family law and matrimonial cases in Richmond County Family, Supreme, and Integrated Domestic Violence courts.
- Representing Staten Island Legal Services at community events and stakeholder meetings, and working with partner community agencies, like the Staten Island Family Justice Center, to provide comprehensive services for our clients.
- Collaborate with a social worker and paralegal on legal cases in an interdisciplinary practice model.
- Administrative tasks, including timekeeping, file maintenance, uploading documents, data reporting, and case closing for grant compliance.

Experience & Qualifications:

- Applicants must have a J.D. from an accredited law school;
- Admitted or be in the process of being admitted to practice law in the State of New York;
- Strong interests in litigation and working directly with survivors of domestic violence;
- Strong demonstrated background and experience in public interest and/or family law;
- Experience working with diverse low-income communities and familiarity with structural and systemic racism and its intersection with poverty. Strong ties to or understanding of Staten Island low-income communities is a plus;
- Commitment to social justice and working in low-income communities and communities of color to advance equity;
- Strong interest in working directly with clients, specifically clients in crisis;
- Strong time management and organizational skills;
- Superb analytical, oral, and written communication skills; and
- Fluency or proficiency in Spanish or another language spoken by the communities we serve is preferred. Salary determined by Collective Bargaining Agreement. Hybrid remote work policy and excellent benefits package.

Health Recommendation

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

How to Apply

Interested individuals should e-mail a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to silshiring@lsnyc.org. Please write “Family Law DV Attorney” in the subject line. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Please, no phone calls.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Additional information about the practice may be
found on our website, www.legalservicesnyc.org. 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.

Salary Range (Based on years™ experience):

- 1-10 years: $73,593 - $96,664
- 11-20 years: $98,875 - $116,730
- 21+ years: $122,117 - $133,304