

Brooklyn Legal Services (BLS) is offering an unpaid spring 2024 internship in its Homeowner Rights & Foreclosure Prevention program for work on a civil rights project

About the Organization:

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.

Housed in BLS's Neighborhood Economic Justice Project (NEJP), the homeowner rights and foreclosure prevention program, the first of its kind in New York City, uses federal and state litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to assist low-income homeowners at risk of foreclosure due to predatory lending or abusive loan servicing practices. We are actively litigating cases challenging discriminatory and abusive lending practices, abusive servicing practices by the nation's largest banks and loan servicers, and deed theft scams. We are also a statewide leader in policy advocacy around fair lending, responsible lending, and financial justice issues.

Role & Responsibilities:

We are seeking a detail-oriented intern who is committed to public service. The intern will assist with a long-term community-facing civil rights project that will involve logistical planning, legal research, and coordination tasks under the supervision of attorneys in the office. Separate advocacy projects may include legal research and writing, and assisting with outreach efforts.

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 NEJP's deputy director, Rachel Geballe, at rgeballe@lsnyc.org. Please use the subject line "Spring 2024 Homeowner Rights Internship." Decisions are made on a rolling basis, and we recommend that you apply early.