



IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ATTORNEY

Central Islip, NY - Full time, Exempt position

Empire Justice Center, a highly respected, statewide legal services organization, is seeking an Immigrant Rights Attorney to join our team. The Immigrant Rights Attorney will be a critical member of our growing Immigration Practice and will work on the new Liberty Defense Project, a recently created initiative funded by the State of New York.

We anticipate hiring a team of 4-6 new staff to work on this project and to join our current staff of immigration lawyers, paralegals and Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows. The Immigrant Rights Attorney in the Long Island office will also work as a part of a multifaceted team of attorneys and paralegals who provide supportive advocacy and legal services in public benefits, family law, and housing.

The primary focus of this position will be to provide legal counseling for immigrants facing possible detention and deportation with direct representation in immigration law matters to mostly Spanish speaking immigrants on Long Island. The attorney will be based in our Central Islip office but will serve both Nassau and Suffolk County residents.

Primary responsibilities will include:

- Liaison for the Legal Defense Project on Long Island
- Providing direct representation to immigrants in:
 - Removal proceedings
 - Naturalization and adjustment of status
 - U Visa petitions
 - Asylum applications
 - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions
 - Federal Court appeals
 - Administrative appeals
 - Other immigration and civil matters

Candidates for this position will:

- Be admitted to practice law in New York
- Have at least five years relevant legal experience

- Be able to produce high quality written material, meet tight deadlines, and to work both independently and as part of a team
- Have strong analytical and writing skills
- Be experienced in interviewing and counseling clients, preferably in both English and Spanish
- Be willing and able to travel to serve clients in a geographically wide-spread area,

Bi-lingual in Spanish strongly desired.

Salary and Benefits

Salary is commensurate with experience and based on the organization's salary scale. With five (5) year's experience the starting salary could be \$59,000, depending on experience.

Empire Justice Center offers a generous benefits package, including health insurance, pension and life insurance, vacation, holiday, personal and sick time. We are an organization that supports and encourages a work/life balance.

Empire Justice Center is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and desires a diverse work force. People of color, women, persons with disabilities, persons who are elderly, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If interested e-mail a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three professional references to Rebecah Corcoran at the address below. No phone calls or hard copies please. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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