Senior Immigrant Rights Attorney

Central Islip, NY - Full time, Exempt position

Empire Justice Center, a highly respected, statewide legal services organization, is seeking an experienced Immigration Attorney to join our Immigration Team. This is an opportunity to join one of the most effective organizations serving low-income individuals and families in New York State.

Empire Justice Center attracts and employs dedicated, determined, and passionate advocates who together, make a significant impact on the lives of low-income New Yorkers. We achieve our successes through direct legal representation and high-impact litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy, and by providing training and technical assistance to other advocates who are working towards the same goals.

With offices in Rochester, Albany, Westchester County, and Long Island, our organization offers staff an exciting and dynamic working environment and a strong commitment to teamwork, diversity, and personal/professional development.

The Position

The Senior Immigrant Rights Attorney will be based in our Long Island office and will work as part of a multifaceted team of attorneys and paralegals who provide supportive advocacy and legal services in public benefits, family law, and housing.

Responsibilities of the position include:

- Supervise the work of the immigration advocates in the Long Island office,
- Provide legal counseling for immigrants facing possible detention and deportation, with direct representation where appropriate, including:
  - 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

- Oversight and management of grant deliverables, and
- Outreach and know your rights presentations to the immigration population on Long Island
- Foster the development of strong community relationships

The attorney will be based in our Central Islip office but will serve both Nassau and Suffolk County residents.

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

Supervisory experience preferred; Bilingual in Spanish strongly desired.

Salary and Benefits

Salary is commensurate with experience and based on the organization's salary scale.

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, salary requirement and three professional references to the email address below. No phone calls or hard copies please. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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