Empire Justice Center, a highly respected, statewide nonprofit law firm, is seeking a Disability Advocacy Program Attorney to join our 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.

Our organization offers staff an exciting and dynamic working environment and a strong commitment to teamwork, diversity, and personal/professional development.

The Position

The Disability Attorney will provide direct representation to claimants appealing denials of disability benefits by the Social Security Administration.

Skills and Abilities

- 0-4 years experience.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law.
- Provide direct representation to claimants at administrative hearings and appeals before the Social Security Administration.
- Interview clients.
- Analyze and develop evidence.
- Present oral and written arguments.
- Keep accurate time records.
- Participate in community and continuing legal education events.
- Maintain an up-to-date understanding of the laws, regulations, and guidelines around litigation.
- Maintain professional, compassionate, and effective relationships with clients.
- Other duties as assigned.
- Spanish language proficiency is preferred but not required.
- Admission to the New York State Bar or law graduate or attorney admitted in another state who is eligible for practice under a legal services practice order required.

Salary and Benefits

The top salary for this role is $64,500. Salary is commensurate with experience and based on the organization’s salary scale.

Empire Justice Center currently offers a generous benefit package, including health insurance, life insurance, vacation, holiday, and sick time. We are an organization that supports and encourages a work/life balance and a hybrid remote work schedule.
Empire Justice Center is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer who desires a diverse work force. People of color, women, people who are disabled, and people who are LGBTQ+ are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

**TO APPLY**
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If interested e-mail a cover letter, resume, legal writing sample and three professional references to employment@empirejustice.org

Please include, **DAP Attorney, First/Last Name** to the subject line of the email. No phone calls or hard copies please. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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