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Job Announcement
Staff Attorney – Consumer Rights Project/Foreclosure Prevention Project

Mobilization for Justice, Inc. (MFJ), a non-profit legal services organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers, is seeking a staff attorney for its Consumer Rights and Foreclosure Prevention Projects. The attorney will be part of two projects that use a multi-prong approach to providing legal services and effecting reform in the consumer and foreclosure law area, including: defending debt collection and foreclosure actions; initiating affirmative/impact litigation; working in coalition with advocacy groups on policy issues; providing testimony and comments on proposed legislation and regulations; conducting trainings; and communicating with elected officials and the media.

Mobilization for Justice is a 120+ person staff comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. It is a diverse, unionized, and collegial workplace where staff share the organization’s mission to achieve social justice, prioritizing the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised or have disabilities. The staff attorney will work at Mobilization for Justice’s Manhattan office.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting client intake on an intake line, in person, at community-based organizations and/or at court-based clinics, sometimes in the evenings;
- Research and writing;
- Defending and prosecuting consumer cases, drafting complaints, engaging in motion practice, writing and arguing appeals and amicus briefs, and assisting with applications to discharge student loans;
- Identifying issues for impact or class action litigation or policy initiatives, including white papers and legislative advocacy campaigns;
- Advocating in various forums on important consumer issues, including drafting testimony for public hearings;
- Reaching out to the community and conducting trainings; and
- Inputting and maintaining records in case management system.

Requirements:

- Admission to NYS Bar.
- Up to two years of experience with defending debt collection cases in civil court and/or advising pro se litigants in debt collection cases; experience with CLARO a plus.
- Knowledge of consumer and foreclosure law areas, including student loans, debt collection, and credit reporting.
- Litigation experience in state and/or federal court.
- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Ability to balance working on complex litigation, handling individual casework, and advocating for legislative or policy changes.
- Willingness to register as a lobbyist with New York City and New York State;
Advocating for legislative or policy changes.
Fluency in Spanish, a Chinese dialect or another language spoken by immigrant populations in New York City is preferred

**Salary** is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit cover letter, resume, writing sample (preferably a memorandum of law), and three references addressed to Carolyn Coffey, Director of Litigation for Economic Justice, and transmitted by e-mail to ccoffey@mfjlegal.org with “CRP/FPP Staff Attorney” in the subject line. Please also indicate where you saw this ad. Applications must be received by **February 28, 2020**. Early applications are appreciated. No telephone calls please.

For further information about MFJ, please go to [www.mobilizationforjustice.org](http://www.mobilizationforjustice.org).

MFJ IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.