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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 August 14, 2020. Early applications are appreciated. No telephone calls please.

For further information about MFJ, please go to 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.