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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPORARY STAFF ATTORNEY DISABILITY AND AGING RIGHTS PROJECT

Mobilization for Justice (formerly MFY Legal Services), a non-profit legal services organization that provides a wide range of free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers, is seeking a temporary staff attorney to join its Disability and Aging Rights Project for one year. The Disability and Aging Rights Project uses a multi-prong approach to provide legal services and affect reform. The temporary staff attorney will be the point person for our Access-A-Ride coalition work, conduct intake, and focus on representing people with disabilities in administrative hearings.

MFJ's mission is to achieve justice for all. MFJ prioritizes the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities as they struggle to overcome the effects of social injustice and systemic racism. We provide the highest-quality free, direct civil legal assistance, conduct community education and build partnerships, engage in policy advocacy, and bring impact litigation. We assist more than 14,000 New Yorkers each year, benefitting over 24,000. MFJ has a staff of more than 165 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.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting client intakes in person and on the telephone.
- Providing advice and advocacy for adult home residents, nursing home residents, and Access-A-Ride users.
- Representing people with disabilities who have been denied Access-A-Ride.
- Representing nursing home residents who are facing involuntary discharge (eviction).
- Conducting community outreach, trainings, and education.
- Creating and updating community educational and training materials.
- Identifying systemic problems, with a particular emphasis on disability justice problems, that MFJ can address through policy, advocacy and/or impact litigation.
- Working in coalition with community groups to address problems.
- Providing testimony before city or state agencies and legislative committees.
- Inputting and maintaining records in our case management system.
- Notarizing your clients' court or other documents as necessary.

Requirements:

1. J.D. and admission to the New York State Bar.
2. Significant experience working with people who are aging or have disabilities.
3. Excellent research and writing skills.

Preferred:

1. Experience preparing for and conducting administrative hearings.
2. Fluency in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Haitian Creole, French, Bangla, Korean, Arabic, or Urdu.

Salary is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement with excellent fringe benefits. The salary range for this position is \$73,742.62 to \$128,365.06.

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume and writing sample to recruitment@mfjlegal.org with “**Disability and Aging Rights Project Temporary Attorney 2023**” in the subject line. We encourage all applicants to include in their cover letter a statement about how their background or experience might contribute to the diversity and perspective of our office. Please indicate where you saw this ad. Applications must be received by February 13, 2023. Early applications encouraged. No telephone calls please.

In compliance with New York City’s directives, MFJ requires all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Accordingly, successful candidates must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit proof of vaccination prior to commencement of employment at MFJ.

For further information about MFJ, please go to www.mobilizationforjustice.org.

MFJ IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sex, gender, age, religion, national origin, citizen status, marital status, physical or mental disability, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law. BIPOC, women, people with disabilities, and LBGTQIA+ candidates are encouraged to apply.