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Job Announcement Staff Attorney

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 staff attorney to focus on the rights of people who are aging or have disabilities. The attorney will work with MFJ's Disability and Aging Rights Project, which uses a multi-prong approach—including individual representation, public policy advocacy, and impact litigation—to help New Yorkers avoid unnecessary institutionalization. The staff attorney will provide legal services for people who are aging or have disabilities, including adult home residents, nursing home residents, and people who are or should be eligible for Access-A-Ride. Specific duties will include: outreach and education, representing individuals who are seeking to obtain or preserve housing or public benefits; initiating affirmative litigation in state and federal court; working in coalition with advocacy groups on policy issues; providing testimony on proposed legislation; and communicating with elected officials and the media.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting client intake;
- Research and writing;
- Defending and prosecuting cases, including drafting complaints, engaging in motion practice, writing and arguing appeals, and writing amicus briefs;
- Identifying issues for impact or class-action litigation or policy initiatives, including white papers and legislative advocacy campaigns;
- Advocating and lobbying on important disability and aging rights issues;
- Reaching out to the community and conducting trainings; and
- Inputting and maintaining records in case management system.

Requirements:

- At least two years of experience filing and litigating affirmative lawsuits in federal or state courts;
- Demonstrated interest in problems affecting people who are aging or have disabilities;
- Willingness to register as a lobbyist with New York City and New York State;
- Significant experience practicing civil rights law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act;
- Excellent research and writing skills;
- Demonstrated ability to balance working on complex litigation, handling individual casework, and advocating for legislative or policy changes; and
- Fluency in Spanish.

Salary is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample addressed to Kevin M. Cremin, Director of Litigation for Disability and Aging Rights, and transmitted by e-mail to kcremin@mfjlegal.org with "DARP Staff Attorney Application" in the subject line. Applications must be received by **January 15, 2018**. No telephone calls please.

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

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People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.