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Job Announcement Staff Attorney

MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY), a non-profit legal services organization that provides free civil legal services 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 MFY's Disability and Aging Rights Project, which uses a multi-prong approach to provide legal services and affect reform. The staff attorney will provide a wide-range of legal services for people who are aging or have disabilities, including adult home and nursing home residents. 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:

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

Fluency in Spanish is strongly preferred.

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@mfy.org with "DARP Staff Attorney Application 2015" in the subject line. Please indicate where you found this ad. Applications must be received by **April 13, 2015**. No telephone calls please.

MFY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply. For further information about MFY, please go to www.mfy.org.