

**September 28, 2011**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW PROJECT**

MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY), a 48-year old nonprofit public interest law firm, seeks a Supervising Attorney for its Mental Health Law Project that represents people with mental illness in civil legal matters. The supervising attorney will oversee a team of 6 lawyers and a part-time paralegal to provide a full range of civil legal services to people with mental illness in government benefits, eviction prevention, consumer law, and health law. Affirmative impact litigation is encouraged on issues affecting persons with mental illness, as are community outreach and training to social workers and others who serve this community.

MFY is a 45-person organization comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. It is a diverse, unionized, and collegial workplace. Staff caseloads balance advice and individual representation with law reform advocacy and litigation. MFY does not receive federal LSC funding. For more information, visit [www.mfy.org](http://www.mfy.org).

**Responsibilities:**

- Oversee work of attorneys and paralegal in government benefits, eviction prevention, consumer law, health law, and other civil legal problems.
- Ensure a program of community outreach and training.
- Work closely with mental health service providers, including those with whom MFY has a medical-legal partnership, and develop new partnerships.
- Work collaboratively with supervisors of other MFY projects to share supervision according to areas of expertise.
- Work with Director of Litigation for Disability and Aging Rights to identify issues for affirmative litigation and advocacy efforts to address systemic problems faced by people with mental illness.
- Manage large government contract.
- Work with the management team to address general office needs, such as preparing CLE training materials, contract management, fundraising and other administrative tasks.
- Handle own docket, as time permits.

**Requirements:**

Experience supervising a team of lawyers. Litigation experience in federal and state courts, and appellate advocacy. Excellent research and writing skills. Background in government benefits, housing, consumer and other civil legal issues. Leadership, teambuilding and mentoring skills. Grants management experience.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience, with excellent fringe benefits.

Applicants should submit cover letter, resume and writing sample (preferably an appellate brief) addressed to Jeanette Zelhof, Executive Director, and transmit by e-mail to [ebrown@mfy.org](mailto:ebrown@mfy.org).

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