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Job Announcement
Staff Attorney – Consumer Rights Project/Low-Income Bankruptcy Project

Mobilization for Justice, Inc. (MFJ) (formerly MFY Legal Services, Inc.), 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 Low-Income Bankruptcy 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 bankruptcy law area, including: defending debt collection cases; initiating affirmative/impact litigation; filing bankruptcy petitions; 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.

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;
- Research and writing;
- Defending and prosecuting consumer cases, including completing bankruptcy petitions, 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.
- Two years of experience with completing bankruptcy petitions, 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 law areas, including student loans, debt collection, credit reporting, taxes, and/or bankruptcy.
- 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.

Salary is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit cover letter, resume and writing sample (preferably a memorandum of law) addressed to Carolyn Coffey, Director of Litigation for Economic Justice, and transmitted by e-mail to ccoffey@mfjlegal.org with “**CRP/LIBP Staff Attorney**” in the subject line. Applications must be received by **October 6, 2017**. 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.