

October 6, 2012

Job Announcement Staff Attorney

MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY), a 49-year old non-profit legal services organization that provides free civil legal services low-income New Yorkers, is seeking a staff attorney for its Foreclosure Prevention Project. The attorneys will be part of a team that represents homeowners in New York Supreme Court in Queens, Richmond and Kings Counties; prosecutes two federal class-actions; works in coalition with advocacy groups city- and state-wide on policy issues; analyzes and provides testimony on proposed foreclosure-related legislation; conducts trainings for lawyers, housing counselors, and homeowners communicates regularly with elected officials and the media.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct client intake, do research and writing, litigate all phases of cases including settlement conferences, motions, trials and appeals.
- Conduct outreach to the community, and train lawyers, community groups and homeowners on the rights of homeowners in foreclosure.
- Identify issues for impact or class action litigation or policy initiatives, including white papers and legislative advocacy campaigns.
- Advocate on issues of importance to the foreclosure defense community.
- Maintain records in office database.

Requirements:

- Admission to NYS Bar.
- Experience negotiating residential mortgage loan modifications in New York City Supreme Court foreclosure settlement conference parts.
- Experience with and understanding of HAMP, related mortgage loan modification programs, and other loss mitigation solutions.
- Knowledge of the terms of 49-state Attorney Generals' Settlement.
- Fluency with the MHA Handbook (Version 3.3) and all Supplemental Directives.
- Understanding of MERS, RMBS, and securitization.
- Experience litigating standing and claims under FHA, FDCPA, TILA, RESPA, HOEPA, and NYS GBL § 349 is strongly preferred.
- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Ability to balance working on complex litigation, handling individual casework, and advocating for legislative or policy changes.

Spanish, Mandarin, or Cantonese language skills a plus.

Salary is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit cover letter, resume and writing sample (preferably a memorandum filed in court) addressed to Elise Brown, Director of Litigation for Economic Justice, and transmitted by e-mail to ebrown@mfy.org with "FPP Staff Attorney" in the subject line. Applications must be received by noon on Friday, October 19, 2012. Early applications are appreciated. No telephone calls please.

For further information about MFY, please go to www.mfy.org.

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