

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS PROGRAM	
Name of Organization: Brooklyn Defender Services	
Brief Description of Organization: Brooklyn Defender Services provides criminal, family and immigration defense for low-income clients charged with a crime, facing loss of their children or deportation in Brooklyn. Our 151 attorneys and 83 additional staff handle more than 45,000 cases per year. Our civil justice attorneys aim to reduce the collateral consequences of court-involvement by representing clients in education, housing, employment, and public benefits matters. We also work to correct systemic injustice and remove barriers to opportunity through a growing impact litigation and policy advocacy practice. BDS has a large staff of social workers who help clients cope with poverty and the many obstacles in their lives, as well as to help advocate for better outcomes for clients in the cases that brought them into court.	
Population Served: Low-income Brooklyn residents	
Website: www.bds.org Phone: 718-254-0700 Address: 180 Livingston Street, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11217	
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CONTACT	
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Second Chance Project: The Second Chance Project helps parents whose family court cases have been resolved favorably to clear their records with the New York State Central Registry (SCR) and move forward with their lives. During court proceedings, parents engage in supportive and rehabilitative services to help them address the challenges they face, such as parenting classes, individual or family therapy, or other treatment. Once they comply with services, parents may have findings of neglect vacated and dismissed, but an "indicated report" remains on their record with the SCR and, unless amended and sealed in a separate proceeding, will limit their future prospects for employment. Volunteer attorneys help clients request a fair hearing and represent the client at a conference and <u>administrative hearing</u> .	
Can Volunteers Work Off Site: Yes	
Type of Work: Full representation on SCR matter	
Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Brooklyn, hours are flexible on weekdays between 9-5.	Area of Substantive Law: Family, Civil
Supervision: BDS staff attorneys are available for mentoring and supervision.	Training: Volunteers are provided with a comprehensive training packet.
REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER	
Time Commitment: The time commitment will vary depending on the complexity of the individual case.	
Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No	Specific/Previous Training Required: No
OTHER INFORMATION	

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