

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 youth, primarily Brooklyn residents	
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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CONTACT	
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Immigrant Youth Project: The Immigrant Youth Project assists our youngest and most vulnerable clients obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and permanent residency, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and other benefits. Many of these young clients have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent and, even though they have grown up in the U.S., without permanent legal immigration status, they face an uncertain future. Volunteers are trained to represent a young person in a custody or guardianship proceeding to obtain the predicate order necessary to apply for SIJS, and to prepare and submit the application to USCIS. Volunteers assist with screening and preparing applications for DACA.	
Can Volunteers Work Off Site: Yes	
Type of Work: Full representation, limited representation	
Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Brooklyn, hours are flexible on weekdays between 9-5.	Area of Substantive Law: Immigration, Family
Supervision: BDS staff attorneys are available for mentoring and supervision.	Training: Volunteers are provided with comprehensive training materials.
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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