

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS	
Name of Organization: New York Legal Assistance Group - NYLAG	
Brief Description of Organization: The New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) provides free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers. NYLAG clients include immigrants, seniors, the homebound, families facing foreclosure, renters facing eviction, low-income consumers, those in need of government assistance, children in need of special education, domestic violence survivors, persons with disabilities, patients with chronic illness or disease, low-wage workers, low-income members of the LGBT community, Holocaust survivors, and others in need.	
Population Served: Seniors, immigrants, domestic violence survivors, at-risk children, people with disabilities, people moving from welfare to work, Holocaust survivors, and individuals suffering from chronic and serious illness.	
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Matrimonial and Family Law Unit: LGBT Law Project, Domestic Violence Clinical Center. NYLAG's Domestic Violence Clinical Center (DVCC) assists clients in obtaining orders of protection and provides representation in custody and visitation matters in family court. The DVCC operates as a collaborative project between NYLAG and area law schools. DVCC students litigate family offense and domestic violence-related visitation and custody cases. In addition, students are taught family, immigration and criminal law, as they relate to domestic violence.	
Can Volunteers Work Off Site? No.	
Type of Work: Full Representation (Litigation).	
Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteers work at NYLAG's office.	Area of Substantive Law: Family Law.
Supervision: All volunteers are assigned a supervising attorney to work closely on a daily basis. The supervisors are more like mentors - every case has a mentor.	Training: For the Pro Bono program, NYLAG primarily relies on the law firm responsible for the case for training. They host occasional substantive law trainings throughout the year, which in-house volunteers are welcome to attend as well. Generally, the substantive training for the in-house volunteer program is more needs-based than for the pro bono program. Each individual unit decides how best to train their volunteers. NYLAG supplies training videos on Pro Bono Net. The volunteers are given written materials to familiarize themselves on the subject matter. The volunteers fundamentally get on-the-job training.
REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER	
Time Commitment: Varies.	
Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.	Specific/Previous Training Required: No.

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