

# **Bushwick Housing and Legal Assistance Program (BHLA)**

## *Contact Information*

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## *Description of Organization*

The Bushwick Housing and Legal Assistance (BHLA) Program has been serving low- and moderate-income tenants from Bushwick, Williamsburg and the surrounding areas since 1998. The program provides a unique service approach to combating homelessness in that it is able to combine and coordinate legal assistance, tenant organizing, advocacy, and social services from one office. Most of the people served are struggling with poor housing conditions, while others face evictions. In other cases we see tenants being harassed to force them to vacate. BHLA's approach is not only to advocate for the client; it is to empower the client to advocate for himself or herself.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

**Landlord-Tenant:** Attorneys to assist with families facing evictions (non-payments, holdovers, etc.) and those requiring legal representation to bring housing conditions up to code through legal representation in Housing Part actions.

## *Areas of Substantive Law*

**Housing Law**

## *General Notes*

**Capacity:** BHLA has the capacity to supervise and manage several volunteers.

**Experience:** Previous experience in Landlord-Tenant Law is required.

**Supervision:** The Director and Deputy Director supervise on an on-going basis. There are weekly staff meetings to review and assign cases, review existing cases, and discuss strategies for effective representation.