

The Children's Law Center

Contact Information

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Description of Organization

The Children's Law Center New York (CLCNY) is a not-for-profit law firm that provides legal representation to children in custody/visitation, domestic violence, guardianship and connected child protective cases in Family and Criminal Court matters. We utilize an interdisciplinary model of CLCNY attorneys, social workers, paralegals, caseworkers, administrative staff and volunteers to comprehensively work with our clients.

Volunteer Opportunities

Trial Practice: Under the leadership of the Deputy Director of Trials & Trainings and the Director of Paralegal & Volunteer Services, the Pro Bono Attorney will have an opportunity to represent CLCNY clients in trial level family court cases. The Pro Bono Attorney will be assigned a CLCNY mentor to acclimate him/her to the Family Court players and the culture of the CLCNY offices, while ensuring continuity of CLCNY client relationships. (Full Representation)

Motion / Appellate Practice: The Pro Bono Attorney will have the opportunity to prepare motions, summations, briefs and conduct legal research. The volunteer will also have the opportunity to observe court proceedings, including oral arguments where possible.

Areas of Substantive Law

Family Law: Custody, Visitation, Guardianship, Child Protection, Family Offense & Domestic Violence.

General Notes

Capacity: CLCNY has opportunities for volunteers to work primarily from its offices, but in limited circumstances offers remote volunteer opportunities.

Experience: CLCNY prefers that its volunteers have a working knowledge/experience in the substantive family law areas listed above. In limited circumstances we are able to work with volunteers looking to learn about family law and the trial court practice.

Training/Supervision: Volunteers will participate in comprehensive training, which consists of lectures and observation of court proceedings and client and litigant interviews. The volunteers are paired with a CLCNY attorney mentor and are fully supervised.