

Disability Advocates, Inc.

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Description of Organization

Since 1989, it has been the mission of Disability Advocates to protect and advance the rights of adults and children who have disabilities so that they can freely exercise their own life choices, enforce their rights, and fully participate in community life. We achieve this goal through policy advocacy, litigation, coalition building, public information and technical support for other advocates for people with disabilities in New York. Our litigation has defeated efforts by municipalities to exclude housing to persons with disabilities, assured the accessibility of movie theaters and state-operated community residences, established the right to counsel at public expense for indigent persons subject to guardianship proceedings, stopped dangerous experiments on patients in state psychiatric hospitals, and obtained compensation for victims of unnecessary and unconsented prostate surgery.

Volunteer Opportunities at Disability Advocates, Inc.

Litigation: on behalf of disabled individuals.

Special Education: Disability Advocates is actively looking for volunteers to work on advising parents and students on special education issues, participating in special education hearings, and advocating with school districts.

Supplemental Needs Trust: Setting up special needs trusts and other related work.

Areas of Substantive Law

Litigation
Special Education/Disability Benefits
Trusts and Estates

General Notes

Capacity: Volunteers work in the main Albany office, but can work from their own office or home. Disability Advocates has the capacity to supervise and manage one volunteer at this time, although it would be open to additional volunteers if that volunteer experience is successful.

Experience: No previous experience is required.

Supervision: Supervision is provided.

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