

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Disability Advocates

Brief 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.

Population Served: Low-income adults and children with disabilities.

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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CONTACT

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Can Volunteers Work Off Site: Volunteers can work off-site. Volunteers working on-site will be provided with a shared workspace and access to a computer, telephone, and email.

Type of Work: Limited Legal Advice / Community Education / Administrative Hearings & Agency Advocacy.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:
Albany, N.Y. office, 9:00 - 5:00.

Area of Substantive Law: Special Education/Disability Benefits.

Supervision: Supervision is provided.

Training: Training is on-the job and as needed. Disability Advocates staff would be happy to point a potential volunteer to partners for additional training in the field if required or desired, but does not have the capacity to provide formal trainings.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: Flexible.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.

Specific/Previous Training Required: No.

OTHER INFORMATION

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