

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. Pro Bono Program (LASMNY).

Brief Description of Organization: The Pro Bono Program is a collaboration between Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. (LASMNY) and private attorneys to provide free legal services to low-income persons across LASMNY's 13-county service area: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and Otsego.

Population Served: LASMNY's clients are working poor people, families, people with disabilities, senior citizens, veterans, and people who get public benefits. They are U.S. citizens, immigrants and refugees, and temporary workers.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Unemployment Insurance Hearings: Represent employees seeking benefits at an unemployment insurance hearing.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site: Yes. Hearings are by phone or at the Department of Labor. An attorney may conduct a phone hearing at a Legal Aid office.

Type of Work: Full Representation; Administrative Hearings.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:
Legal Aid office, Department of Labor office or from volunteer's own office or home.

Area of Substantive Law: Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

Supervision: Pro bono work is supervised by the Pro Bono Managing Attorney and Paralegals in each of LASMNY's three major offices in Binghamton, Syracuse and Utica.

Training: LASMNY can provide training if requested by the pro bono attorney. Training may include shadowing an experienced attorney, CD-ROMs, written materials and forms, and direct instruction from pro bono staff.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: No fixed time commitment.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.

Specific/Previous Training Required: No.

OTHER INFORMATION