

### VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

**Name of Organization:** Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. - Ithaca Office

**Brief Description of Organization:** LawNY is a non-profit law firm. We provide free civil legal services to low-income and elderly populations in Tompkins and Tioga Counties. Priorities include public benefits (including unemployment insurance benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI and Social Security Disability, and public assistance programs) and housing emergencies (preventing evictions, foreclosures or other causes of homelessness). Pro bono opportunities include Pro Se Divorce Clinics, Elder Law Services, and other direct law services.

**Population Served:** Low-income residents in Tompkins and Tioga County (<200% Federal Poverty Guidelines).

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### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CONTACT

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Mentoring:** Mentor volunteer lawyers or law students who are working on individual cases or at clinics when those volunteers seek additional advice or opinions regarding legal issues or strategy. May range from a single telephone consultation to ongoing advice and counsel.

**Can Volunteers Work Off Site?** Yes. Consultation may be by telephone, email, or in person at either volunteer's office or LawNY-Ithaca office.

**Type of Work:** Mentoring.

**Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:**  
Regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm; Monday through Friday). Clinics include some evening hours (5:00pm - 9:00pm).

**Area of Substantive Law:** Family Law; Consumer Law; Elder Law; Public Benefits; Housing Law.

**Supervision:** The volunteer works with staff attorneys and volunteer coordinators at the Ithaca office, depending on the case.

**Training:** LawNY provides direct training and supervision for in-house volunteers, but LawNY seeks experienced attorneys to act as mentors.

### REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

**Time Commitment:** Clinics are 1 to 4 hours.

**Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required:** Yes.

**Specific/Previous Training Required:** No.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The LawNY Volunteer Legal Corps is an Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps program at Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. that provides attorneys, law graduates, law students, paralegals and undergraduates with pro bono opportunities in public interest law firms throughout the LawNY service area.