

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY) - Rochester Office

Brief Description of Organization: The LawNY Rochester Office is a non-profit law firm. We are a civil legal aid program serving indigent clients in Monroe County and offer pro bono opportunities in many areas of poverty law.

Population Served: Low-income families, unemployed persons, people in need of public benefits or access to health care, persons with disabilities, veterans, victims of discrimination, and senior citizens in Monroe County.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Elder Law: Power of Attorney/ Advanced Care Directives; Healthcare issues (including Medicare and Medicaid); Evictions; Rights of Nursing Home and Adult Home Residents; Social Security Overpayments; Public Benefits; Wills, Deeds; and Debtor/Creditor matters.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Depends on how they are being used. Preference is for volunteer to be on-site.

Type of Work: Work will be in Office's existing practice areas.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:
LawNY Rochester Office. Time is flexible, but must be during normal business hours.

Area of Substantive Law: Elder law, trusts and estates, public benefits, health law, eviction defense, subsidized housing, fair housing, employment law, disability, and consumer law.

Supervision: Depends on which area of law. LawNY has a supervisor for each area. Managing Attorney is ultimately responsible for supervision of volunteers.

Training: In-house and Monroe County Bar Association opportunities.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: Two to three days per week preferred.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No experience in office's substantive areas of law is required.

Specific/Previous Training Required: Must be admitted to New York State Bar.

OTHER INFORMATION

This position is contemplated for an attorney who is retired and not for attorneys who are still practicing. The retired attorney should be willing to commit a significant number of hours each week and must attend in-house case review meetings. The attorney must be willing to spend a number of hours each week at our office and carry a limited caseload. The attorney will be supervised by a staff attorney from our office. Attorneys who are not retired or who are retired but cannot commit to working a certain number of hours regularly each week, should not apply. Attorneys who cannot commit to regular hours but are interested in taking some pro bono assignments should instead apply to the Volunteer Legal Services Project: (585) 232-3051.

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