

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS	
Name of Organization: My Sister's Place	
Brief Description of Organization: My Sisters' Place provides legal services to victims of domestic violence, trafficking, stalking and sexual assault in Westchester County. The Family Law Unit assists domestic violence victims in family law matters such as orders of protection, custody, visitation, child support, and appeals. My Sisters' Place also provides limited services in the area of divorce -- My Sisters' Place runs a pro se uncontested divorce clinic. The Immigration Unit assists immigrant victims of domestic violence, trafficking, stalking and sexual assault with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-petitions, Battered Spouse Waivers, U-Visas, T-Visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, public benefits and other immigration matters.	
Populations Served: Victims of domestic violence and human trafficking on women, men, and children throughout Westchester County.	
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Immigrant Youth Project: Undocumented children are among the country's most vulnerable populations. While some children come to the United States ("U.S.") with their families, others come alone, unaccompanied, seeking family reunification, fleeing abuse, escaping poverty, or as victims of labor or sexual exploitation. Quite often they are illegally transported across the U.S.-Mexico border by "coyotes" who charge high fees for the dangerous trip. Some of these children and teenagers are apprehended at the border by U.S. Border Patrol and detained. For humanitarian reasons, to protect the safety and well-being of these children and teenagers, attempts are made to find a parent or relative in the U.S. with whom they can safely reside. These children and teenagers may qualify for "Special Immigrant Juvenile" Status ("SIJS"), a type of immigration status available to undocumented youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned by their parents and who cannot be safely returned to their home country. Legal relief requires a two-step process. First, the youth must obtain a family court order of guardianship, custody, or long term foster care placement. Second, the youth files a petition with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for SIJS for legal status.	
Can Volunteers Work Off Site:	
Type of Work: The attorneys will assist the parent or caregiver of the undocumented youth in filing for custody or guardianship and obtain a "Special Findings Order" by the Family Court Judge, which establishes the youth's eligibility for SIJS. After obtaining the requisite Family Court Orders, the attorneys will prepare the application for SIJS to obtain legal immigration status and all the benefits associated with it.	
Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:	Area of Substantive Law: Immigration, Family, Civil, Domestic Violence
Supervision: Managing Attorney	Training: MSP will train, mentor, and supervise teams of attorneys in counseling an assigned client, pre-screened by MSP.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER	
Time Commitment: 60 hours over the course of 3-6 months, including multiple client meetings and appearances in Westchester County Family Court.	
Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required:	Specific/Previous Training Required: