

<b>VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION: ATTORNEY EMERITUS</b>	
<b>Name of Organization:</b> New York Legal Assistance Group - NYLAG	
<b>Brief Description of Organization:</b> The New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) provides free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers. NYLAG clients include immigrants, seniors, the homebound, families facing foreclosure, renters facing eviction, low-income consumers, those in need of government assistance, children in need of special education, domestic violence survivors, persons with disabilities, patients with chronic illness or disease, low-wage workers, low-income members of the LGBT community, Holocaust survivors, and others in need.	
<b>Population Served:</b> Vulnerable New Yorkers who need assistance receiving government benefits and services in which they are entitled.	
<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nylag.org/">http://www.nylag.org/</a> <b>Phone:</b> (212) 613-5000 <b>Address:</b> 7 Hanover Square # 18 New York, NY 10004	
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<b>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
<b>Special Litigation Unit:</b> Special Litigation Unit works to protect clients' statutory and constitutional rights. SLU initiates class action and other impact lawsuits on behalf of groups of individuals who experience a common problem resulting from a broad failure in the system. Through SLU's successful impact litigation, hundreds of thousands of low-income New Yorkers have obtained and retained essential benefits and services. SLU maintains its own litigation docket and also co-counsels cases with other public interest organizations and private firms working <i>pro bono</i> to secure creative, systemic relief for clients. Current NYLAG impact litigation focuses on ensuring access to public benefits (such as public assistance, food stamps, and Medicaid -funded home health care), and enforcing the rights of immigrants, people with disabilities, and consumers.	
<b>Can Volunteers Work Off Site?</b> No.	
<b>Type of Work:</b> Full Representation (Litigation).	
<b>Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:</b> Volunteers work at NYLAG's office.	<b>Area of Substantive Law:</b> Litigation.
<b>Supervision:</b> All volunteers are assigned a supervising attorney to work closely on a daily basis. The supervisors are more like mentors - every case has a mentor.	<b>Training:</b> For the Pro Bono program, NYLAG primarily relies on the law firm responsible for the case for training. They host occasional substantive law trainings throughout the year, which in-house volunteers are welcome to attend as well. Generally, the substantive training for the in-house volunteer program is more needs-based than for the pro bono program. Each individual unit decides how best to train their volunteers. NYLAG supplies training videos on Pro Bono Net. The volunteers are given written materials to familiarize themselves on the subject matter. The volunteers fundamentally get on-the-job training.
<b>REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER</b>	
<b>Time Commitment:</b> Varies.	
<b>Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required:</b> No.	<b>Specific/Previous Training Required:</b> No.

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