

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS

Name of Organization: Worker Justice Center of NY, Inc. (WJC)

Brief Description of Organization: WJC has been serving migrant and seasonal farm workers for the past 30 years through direct representation in civil matters regarding employment, wage issues, and immigration. WJC also serves members of the migrant community who may be victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and exposure to pesticides.

Population Served: Migrant farm workers and their families.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Full Legal Representation: Volunteers at WJC represent indigent migrant and seasonal farm workers with issues of employment, wages, and immigration.

Can Volunteers Work Off Site: Volunteers can work off-site, but WJC can provide desk space for one volunteer at each of their facilities.

Type of Work: Full Representation.

Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunities: Rochester (headquarters); part-time office in Kingston, Albany, and Plattsburg; a court satellite office in Buffalo; the detention center in Batavia.

Area of Substantive Law: Employment Law, Immigration Law, and Family Law (domestic violence; human trafficking).

Supervision: Volunteers will be assigned a staff attorney who will supervise and assist in court if necessary.

Training: WJC is happy to supply volunteers with updated employment and immigration law guidelines. WJC does not have the capacity to train a single lawyer on the field who has not previously been involved in immigration or employment law.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: Multiple days per month or more.

Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: Yes, in employment or immigration law.

Specific/Previous Training Required: Yes.

OTHER INFORMATION

Because of the sensitive nature of the volunteer opportunity, WJC prefers attorneys with litigation experience and/or familiarity with immigration or employment law. Also, volunteers who speak Spanish and/or Haitian Creole are very helpful. Computer literacy also preferred.

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