

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. (NMIC)

Contact Information

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Description of Organization

NMIC is a community-based, nonprofit organization founded in 1979 that serves low-income residents of Washington Heights and Inwood, by preserving affordable housing through legal services, community organizing, and building weatherization; by promoting economic self-sufficiency through adult education and workforce development; and by stabilizing families through social services, health education, and domestic violence intervention.

Volunteer Opportunities

Benefits Advocacy: NMIC Legal Services ensures that all clients get the appropriate public benefits the law allows. NMIC concentrates on supplemental rent subsidies to keep low-income families in their homes and helping disabled children receive SSI benefits.

Consumer Debt: NMIC's Legal Department assists clients with consumer debt legal issues with both advice and representation. With the increasing burden of improper consumer debt claims, NMIC staff is able to help relieve clients from the crushing economic burden of improper consumer debt cases and claims.

Disability: NMIC attorneys represent both children and adults in reversing improperly denied SSI and Social Security disability claims. This assistance takes place at the administrative hearing level, the Federal District Court and Appeals Court.

Domestic Violence: NMIC's domestic violence program provides a holistic set of services aimed at helping victims and survivors achieve safety, stability and new levels of independence. The legal advocacy initiative serves clients seeking assistance with such matters as orders of protection, custody, eviction and immigration remedies.

Environmental Justice: NMIC ensures that landlords make the renovations necessary to protect all of New York City's children from the impact of lead paint, remove mold, and protect all residents from environmental asthma triggers. Through the Lead Safe House Program, NMIC provides families with temporary housing, case management services, housing referrals, counseling, education on lead poisoning prevention, and help obtaining necessary housing repairs and medical services.

Housing Legal Services: NMIC protects community residents from the increasing threats of homelessness, displacement, and substandard living conditions. By providing aggressive eviction prevention legal representation and assistance to tenants and tenant associations, NMIC is able to secure them stable and safe housing.

Senior Legal Services: NMIC provides a comprehensive list of high quality legal services to seniors age 60+, prioritizing those at risk of losing their housing and independence. NMIC legal staff provides direct representation, legal advice, brief counseling, and other services, such as document review and information regarding various legal issues.

Areas of Substantive Law

Consumer Law
Disability Benefits
Domestic Violence
Elder Law

Environmental Law
Housing Law
Litigation
Public Benefits

General Notes

Capacity: NMIC has the capacity to supervise and manage 4 to 5 volunteers.

Experience: Previous experience in substantive law is not required.

Supervision: NMIC assigns the volunteer to one of its staff attorneys, who the volunteer will assist on a particular legal matter until the matter is resolved. The volunteer is also free to contacting Mr. Rosenfeld with any questions or concerns.

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