

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE: ATTORNEY EMERITUS
Name of Organization: Urban Justice Center (UJC)
Brief Description of Organization: For 26 years, the Urban Justice Center has served New York City's most vulnerable residents through a combination of direct legal service, systemic advocacy, community education, and political organizing.
Populations Served: UJC represents an extraordinary array of the most deprived and abused people in our society, including members of the working poor, and works on issues related to discrimination and oppression.
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	
Mental Health Project (MHP): The Mental Health Project is a team of attorneys, social workers and advocates dedicated to enforcing the rights of low-income New Yorkers with mental illness. UJC represents individual clients, brings class action lawsuits and engages in community education with the belief that low-income people with mental illness are entitled to live stable and full lives, free from discrimination. The Mental Health Project lobbies the city and state governments for critical services and equal treatment for people with psychiatric disabilities in New York. In addition, UJC testifies at hearings, runs town hall meetings for government and agency officials to talk to mental health consumers, and publishes reports on substantive legislative issues. Services consist of Homelessness Prevention/Income Maintenance (representing clients in housing matters; advocating for social policies that combat homelessness; and ensuring that clients have access to benefits, including food stamps, Social Security and public assistance), Discharge Planning (enforcing state and federal laws requiring hospitals, jails and prisons to provide people with mental illness with	
Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Sometimes. MHP is very flexible and although some amount of time at UJC's office will likely be necessary, the Attorney Emeritus can also work from home or their own office.	
Type of Work: Full Representation; Community Education; Administrative Hearings & Agency Advocacy.	
Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity: Urban Justice Center Office.	Area of Substantive Law: Health Care, Housing Law, Public Benefits, Disability Benefits, Veterans Affairs.
Supervision: Other MHP attorneys will be on-site and available to the attorney emeritus as needed. However the ideal candidate will have significant experience with mental illness matters and will not require significant supervision. If the volunteer works offsite, supervision can be available by telephone as needed.	Training: MHP will provide an orientation and training materials to the Attorney Emeritus. Additional training can be provided as needed.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER	
Time Commitment: MHP seeks a volunteer willing to devote approximately 2 to 3 days per week for an extended period of time.	
Previous Experience in Substantive Law Required: No.	Specific/Previous Training Required: No.

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