

**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**

**Street Vendor Project (SVP):** There are more than 10,000 street vendors in New York City. Most are recent immigrants and people of color. They work long hours under harsh conditions, asking for nothing more than a chance to sell their goods and services on the public sidewalk. In recent years, vendors have been victims of New York's aggressive "quality of life" crackdown. They have been denied access to vending licenses. They have been swept from the streets by powerful business groups. They have been unjustly harassed, and their property has been illegally seized. The Street Vendor Project works to correct the social and economic injustice faced by these hardworking entrepreneurs. SVP holds clinics to educate vendors about their legal rights, organizes vendors to participate in the political process that determines their fate, and engages in systemic advocacy to help policy makers and the public understand the important role street vendors play in the life of New York City.

**Can Volunteers Work Off Site?** Sometimes. SVP 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; Legal Research & Writing; Community Education; Administrative Hearings & Agency Advocacy.

**Location, Days and Hours of Volunteer Opportunity:**  
Urban Justice Center Office.

**Area of Substantive Law:** Human Rights Law.

**Supervision:** Other SVP attorneys will be on-site and available to the attorney emeritus as needed. However the ideal candidate will have significant experience with issues and substantive areas of law that arise in the context of advocacy for street vendors and will not require significant supervision. If the volunteer works offsite, supervision can be available by telephone as needed.

**Training:** SVP will provide an orientation and training materials to the Attorney Emeritus. Additional training can be provided as needed.

**REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER**

**Time Commitment:** SVP 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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