

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

Peter Cicchino Youth Project: Of the estimated 20,000 teenagers living on the streets of New York City, almost half self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). These teens have been thrown out of their homes or have run away from foster care because of homophobia, harassment, and physical abuse. Once on the streets, the majority of them turn to prostitution and drug use. UJC created the Peter Cicchino Youth Project to reach out to these young people and help them stabilize their lives. Through this project, UJC has assisted thousands of teens to navigate the complicated channels of government benefits, access permanent housing, and continue their education. Every week, UJC conducts legal clinics at drop-in centers for runaways and LGBT youth, where we counsel clients one-on-one. UJC also engages in systemic advocacy and impact litigation around issues such as the mistreatment of LGBT youth in New York City's foster care and juvenile detention systems. Finally, UJC works with LGBT young adults who are "aging" out of foster care, to ensure that they receive legally required discharge planning and to give them the skills they need to successfully transition into independent, adult lives. UJC's litigation and advocacy efforts have led to m

Can Volunteers Work Off Site? Sometimes. CDP 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; Limited Legal Advice; Administrative Hearings & Agency Advocacy.

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

Area of Substantive Law: Public Benefits, Housing Law, Human Rights.

Supervision: Other Youth Project attorneys will be on-site and available to the attorney emeritus as needed. However the ideal candidate will have significant experience with LGBT and youth matters and will not require significant supervision. If the volunteer works offsite, supervision can be available by telephone as needed.

Training: The Peter Cicchiono Youth Project will provide an orientation and training materials to the Attorney Emeritus. Additional training can be provided as needed.

REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTEER

Time Commitment: The Youth Project 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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