



EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENT
STATE OF NEW YORK
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

PLEASE POST
ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 33601

POSITION TITLE: COURT ATTORNEY - REFEREE **JG: 31**

LOCATION: QUEENS SURROGATE COURT

BASE SALARY: \$ 103,625 + \$3,697 LOCATION PAY

CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE/CONFIDENTIAL

QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to the New York State Bar and Two (2) years of service in the Associate Court Attorney title; or Eight (8) years of relevant legal experience gained after admission to the New York State Bar

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Court Attorney-Referees act as special referees and research and analyze complex legal issues and questions raised in civil and criminal cases heard in trial courts or on appeal to certain County Courts and may be responsible for supervision of court attorneys and support staff who are located in one or more courts situated throughout a county, judicial district, or department. They serve in a confidential capacity and work with substantial independence from supervision in units located in the Court of Claims or special parts in the Supreme Court or in County, District, Family, and Surrogate's Courts in counties entirely within cities or in counties that have populations exceeding 400,000.

ASSIGNMENT:

This position is primarily assigned to the Pro-Se Office and will provide assistance to the public who are trying to file a proceeding with the court or need information about court procedures. Duties include, but are not limited to: meeting with unrepresented litigants for one-on-one sessions to provide assistance with identifying and completing form pleadings, document review, information and explanation of court papers and filing, referrals, preparation for court appearances, and procedural information; answering questions from unrepresented litigants; acting as a liaison with other offices and statewide Help Center administration; assessing Help Center processes and making improvements; and keeping current on trends for the improvement of delivery of Help Center services. This position may also be assigned to the Law Department where duties will include researching and analyzing complex legal questions and issues, writing confidential memoranda and drafting opinions. The successful candidate should have strong communication skills, and knowledge of court rules, procedures and practices.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf) and a resume to:

Margaret M. Gribbon
Chief Clerk
88-11 Sutphin Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11435

APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EEO DATA COLLECTION FORM.

POSTING DATE: August 30, 2016

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY: September 21, 2016

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