

Pro Bono Scholars--Legal Services Placements

New York City

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ACLU -LGBTQ & HIV Project	Malita Picasso mpicasso@aclu.org	?	The ACLU works to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & queer people belong everywhere and can live openly and authentically without discrimination, harassment, or violence. The ACLU's current priorities are to end discrimination, harassment and violence toward transgender people, to close gaps in our federal and state civil rights laws, to prevent protections against discrimination from being undermined by a license to discriminate, and to protect LGBTQ people in and from the criminal legal system. https://www.aclu.org/issues/lgbtq-rights	Undetermined	x	x			
The Bronx Defenders	Thanisha Pariage thanishap@bronxdefenders.org	?	Criminal Defense Practice- Criminal Defense Attorneys zealously advocate for individuals charged with criminal offenses in Bronx Criminal Court. They appear in various proceedings including but not limited to arraignments, hearings and trials in criminal court, as well as concurrent proceedings such as Superintendent's suspension and Department of Motor Vehicle refusal hearings. Competitive candidates must demonstrate a commitment to defending individuals charged with criminal offenses. Civil Action Practice- Our Civil Action Practice provides comprehensive legal services to our clients and their families by fully integrating civil representation with our Criminal and Family Defense practices. Our goal is to minimize the severe and often unforeseen fallout from Criminal and Family court proceedings while facilitating the reintegration of our clients into the community. Competitive candidates must demonstrate a commitment to defending individuals in civil legal proceedings. Family Defense Practice - Family Defense Attorneys at The Bronx Defenders are at the forefront of a movement to provide holistic, institutional representation to parents in Bronx County Family Court who are fighting allegations of child abuse and/or neglect. They are dedicated to fighting on behalf of parents whose parental rights are in peril while creating long-term solutions for the reunification and stability of families. Competitive candidates must demonstrate a commitment to defending parents charged with abuse and/or neglect with the goal of reunifying families. Immigration Practice- Over a decade ago, The Bronx Defenders pioneered the model of integrated criminal defense and immigration representation. Immigration Attorneys work closely with clients and their advocates throughout the pendency of their cases in both Criminal and Family Court to avoid or mitigate negative immigration consequences. Additionally, Immigration Attorneys at The Bronx Defenders represent clients in deportation proceedings in both detained and non-detained settings, provide affirmative immigration services, and pursue community-based systemic reform litigation and advocacy challenging unforgiving federal immigration laws. We are specifically seeking applications from candidates with Spanish language skills and/or those from racially/ethnically marginalized communities disproportionately impacted by systemic injustice, whose lived experiences contribute to more culturally conscious client representation. Apply online at link below. https://careers-bronxdefenders.icims.com/jobs/1610/the-bronx-defenders-pro-bono-scholarship-program/job?mobile=false&width=900&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-300&jun1offset=-240	Undetermined	x				
Brooklyn Defender Services - Civil	Lauren Price lprice@bds.org	1	BDS's Civil Justice Practice is also seeking a pro-bono scholar for research, writing and advocacy in housing, benefits and other collateral consequences. www.bds.org	Hybrid	x				

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Brooklyn Defender Services	Shari Stein sstein@bds.org	2	Pro Bono Scholars will interview clients in arraignments and conduct the arraignments with supervision. They will shadow attorneys and do a variety of research and writing projects. www.bds.org	Hybrid	x			
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	Kristie Ortiz-Lam kortiz-lam@bka.org	?	Legal research and writing, prepping for trials and hearings, conducting intake, making legal arguments and speaking with clients. www.bka.org	Hybrid	x	x		
CAMBA	Janet Miller Janetm@camba.org	2	CAMBA is a large community-based organization located in the heart of Flatbush, Brooklyn. Our mission is to provide services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. One position will be in the consumer unit and the other in housing. Both will be direct legal service positions providing legal assistance to low income community members. www.camba.org	Hybrid	x	x		x
Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York - Immigrant & Refugee Services	Susan Marks susan.marks@catholiccharitiesny.org	1	The Immigrant and Refugee Services Division of Catholic Charities Community Services provides holistic services by ensuring that immigrants across New York have access to legal counsel, human services, and a helping hand for integration into their communities and support in navigating challenges and opportunities in their new homes. The Division provides life-saving services for immigrant New Yorkers and have practices that include the full gamut of immigration representation across both affirmative and defensive matters through both traditional and community-based immigration legal services. We provide legal support and care for unaccompanied minors by with children housed temporarily with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and provide legal information and representation to unaccompanied minors. We offer monthly large-scale screening clinics throughout the Hudson Valley and provides representation to immigrant communities both inside and outside of New York City, focusing on complex removal defense within its team of Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows and the Catholic Charities Pro Bono Project. Our ActionNYC in Schools program is the first of its kind nationwide and provides on-site consultations at NYC schools and subsequent legal representation to immigrant youth and families through a partnership with the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Affairs. The Immigration Court Helpdesk (ICH) at the New York Immigration Court is one of five federally funded programs created to educate non-detained, unrepresented respondents in removal proceedings about court processes and expectations. ICH’s goal is to help individuals make informed decisions about their legal cases and, in doing so, improve the efficiency and effectiveness, while preserving due process protections, of immigration court proceedings. We also provide traditional 1-1 client representation to immigrant clients across the Archdiocese and manage the NYS Office for New Americans Hotline. Our legal teams provide outreach, know-your-rights sessions, legal consultations, pro se assistance, direct representation services and referrals to reputable partners, pro bono case placement and mentorship partnering with local law firms as well as solo practitioners and retired attorneys, and health/mental health/education and others social services support and referrals through our far-reaching network of partners. https://catholiccharitiesny.org/	Hybrid	x	x	x	x

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Center for Appellate Litigation	Nicole Geoglis ngeoglis@cfal.org	3	<p>The Center for Appellate Litigation is a non-profit public defense law firm dedicated to the pursuit of equal justice under the law for indigent New Yorkers in their criminal appeals and other post-conviction proceedings. We believe all people deserve dignity, respect, and the right to be heard and treated fairly when their liberty has been taken from them or threatened, regardless of their ability to pay for an attorney. In support of our mission, we provide the highest quality legal representation to clients assigned to us by the Appellate Division, First Department and the Appellate Term, First Department, in criminal appeals and post-conviction proceedings in Manhattan and The Bronx. In their cover letters, Scholar applicants are encouraged to identify which practice areas or specialized projects they are interested in.</p> <p>Our practice areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Appeals Practice • Immigrant Justice Practice • Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) Practice • Survivors Advocacy Practice • Justice First Practice <p>Specialized projects include Clemency and Access to Appeals, among others. More information about our practice areas and special projects may be found at www.appellate-litigation.org.</p>	Hybrid	x	x		
Center for Family Representation	Emily Wall ewall@cfny.org	2	<p>The Center for Family Representation, Inc., (CFR) is an innovative law and policy organization. CFR's mission is to ensure that every family that can remain safely together has the opportunity to do so. We provide legal and social work assistance to parents whose children are at risk of foster care placement as well as to parents facing criminal prosecution and youth in delinquency proceedings; we train more than 500 professionals each year in the city, state, and around the country; and we advocate at the city, state and national level for policies that promote parent engagement and family preservation. Pro bono scholars may be placed in either our Manhattan or our Queens office and will work collaboratively with CFR attorneys and social work staff in one or more of our practice areas.</p>	Hybrid	x	x	x	x
City Bar Justice Center	Cassandra Celestin ccelestin@nycbar.org	1-2	<p>The City Bar Justice Center increases access to justice by providing civil legal services to New Yorkers struggling with poverty and systemic socioeconomic barriers, and mobilizing law firms, corporate legal departments, and other legal institutions to provide pro bono legal services. Pro Bono Scholars will engage in substantive legal work and provide direct client services, which include interviewing clients, drafting documents, and legal research.</p>	Hybrid	x	x		
Communities Resist	Lina Lee llee@communitiesresist.org	?	<p>Represent low-income tenant associations in affirmative building-wide cases throughout Brooklyn and Queens.</p>	In person	x	x	x	x

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Disability Rights New York - Brooklyn	Jennifer Monthie jennifer.monthie@drny.org	4	DRNY, the Protection and Advocacy System and the Client Assistance Program for New York State is seeking an individual with a passion for achieving justice for individuals with disabilities. With a focus on civil rights and disability justice, DRNY actively works to break down the systemic oppression of all people with disabilities. DRNY recognizes the intersecting legacies and effect of ableism, white supremacy, colonial capitalism, and gendered oppression on people with disabilities. Joining DRNY is an opportunity to challenge systemic abuse, neglect, discrimination, and rights violations through case-handling, individual and systemic litigation, public investigations, advocacy, and collaboration with stakeholders. DRNY is committed to examining bias, privilege, racism, and intersectional social change in all aspects of our work. DRNY is a civil rights advocacy leader and we are seeking new staff who will contribute to our values and mission. www.drny.org	Hybrid	x	x	x	
The Door	Stephanie Lopez slopez@door.org	?	The Door is an unparalleled model for youth development, offering a comprehensive range of integrated services within a single site for nearly 11,000 New York City youth each year. Our mission is to empower young adults to reach their full potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment. At The Door, youth can access health care and education, mental health counseling and crisis assistance, legal assistance, college preparation services, career development, housing supports, arts, sports and recreational activities, and nutritious meals – all for free and under one roof. By providing participants with our suite of integrated services, we seek to provide any motivated young person with the tools, resources, and opportunities needed to successfully transition to adulthood. The Door’s Legal Services Center is an office of forty attorneys, paralegals, social workers and other support staff. We specialize in serving vulnerable youth, including those who are homeless, undocumented, and/or LGBTQ.	?	x	x	x	x
Family Legal Care	Samantha Ingram singram@familylegalcare.org	2	Scholars will provide limited scope legal services to parents and caregivers dealing with issues of child support, custody, visitation and paternity/parentage in New York Family Courts. Scholars may assist litigants by providing legal information and counsel, answering legal and procedural inquiries, helping litigants prepare for court hearings, conducting client intakes for our pro bono program and more. Scholars may work on projects to support our Digital Justice Initiative and conduct legal research to support our Legal Resource Guides and other legal issues identified by our client base. https://familylegalcare.org/	Hybrid	x			x
Federal Defenders of New York (SDNY)	Karen Van Outryve karen_vanoutryve@fd.org	2	Our office represents indigent individuals charged with federal crimes in the Southern District of New York. https://www.federaldefendersny.org/		x	x		x
Gender Equality Law Center	Allegra Fishel afishel@genderequalitylaw.org	1	Provide direct services to low income individuals facing gender-based discrimination claims. Interested in individuals genuinely committed to gender justice. www.genderequalitylaw.org	Hybrid	x	x	x	x
HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)	Cynthia G. Katz cynthia.katz@hias.org	1-2	We provide legal services and support, including free legal representation for asylum seekers so that refugees and displaced persons can access their legal rights. Work will be performed in a hybrid remote environment centered from our office in Manhattan. www.hias.org	Hybrid	x	x		x

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Her Justice	Jacqueline Perez jperez@herjustice.org	1	Work closely with immigration and Family/Matrimonial attorneys on client intakes and representation of clients with securing non-litigated divorces or immigration status through VAWA self-petitions and U-Visa applications. The Pro Bono Scholar will meet with clients (virtually or in-person, depending on our office's pandemic protocols) and learn basic interviewing skills through client interviews and will also learn substantive family, matrimonial and immigration law. www.herjustice.org	Hybrid	x	x		x
Housing Conservation Coordinators	Lynn Horowitz LHorowitz@hcc-nyc.org	1	The pro bono scholar will work with organizers, individual tenants and groups of tenants to oppose eviction proceedings, obtain necessary repairs, upgrade building services, stop landlord harassment, resolve building-wide complaints and assert the rights of tenants by representing tenants and tenant associations in New York courts and administrative proceedings. https://www.hcc-nyc.org/	Hybrid	x			
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) - New York	Josie Cardoso-Rojo jcardoso-rojo@supportkind.org	2	Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) provides free immigration legal services to unaccompanied children in their deportation proceedings. KIND also engages in programming in Central America and Mexico to promote the best interests and protection of migrant children throughout the region. KIND is headquartered in Washington, DC and has 15 field offices across the United States. KIND's New York office provide free legal services to children who are detained in federal custody, as well as children who have been released from federal custody to reside in the New York City region. Pro bono scholars will work with KIND's legal team to provide high quality legal services for unaccompanied children both in and out of detention. www.supportkind.org	Hybrid	x	x		x
Lawyers for Children, Inc.	Glenn Metsch-Ampel gmampel@lawyersforchildren.org	3	Lawyers for Children gives youth in foster care the representation and resources they deserve—a voice in the decisions that affect them, guidance in evaluating their options and support for the next steps in their lives. Pro Bono Scholars assist LFC's staff attorneys with their front-line litigation caseloads providing legal representation in the New York City Family Courts in foster care, abuse, neglect, termination of parental rights, adoption, custody, guardianship, visitation, delinquency, and PINS proceedings. Typically, this involves legal research and writing, including motion practice; monitoring cases to insure compliance with Court orders; assisting with intake; trial preparation; and, client contact. www.lawyersforchildren.org	?	x	x		
The Legal Aid Society	Ivanna Guerra, Pro Bono Administrator iguerra@legal-aid.org	5+	Pro Bono Scholars Description: Work is available in all practice areas, including criminal, civil and juvenile rights. Scholars can indicate area of interest and complete application online found here: https://recruiting.adp.com/srccar/public/RTI.home#/ . (Search Pro Bono Scholar for the correct entry.) Interested law students should submit a completed application form, cover letter, resume and writing sample in a single PDF document. For questions about the application, please email to iguerra@legal-aid.org with 'Pro Bono Scholar' in the subject line. www.legal-aid.org	Hybrid	x	x		
Legal Services NYC	Adam Heintz aheintz@lsnyc.org	?	Civil legal services for low income New Yorkers. Applicants should indicate which boroughs and substantive practice areas they are interested in working in. www.legalservicesnyc.org/	?	x	x		x

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Legal Services NYC, Housing Practice	Rosalind Black rblack@lsnyc.org	5	Legal Services NYC (LSNYC) fights poverty and seeks racial, social and economic justice for low-income New Yorkers. For over 50 years, we have challenged systemic injustices that trap people in poverty and provided legal services that help our clients meet basic needs for housing, income and economic security, family and immigration stability, education, and health care. Legal Services NYC's Housing Practice seeks applicants to work in all five boroughs of NYC. Our housing work includes the defense of tenants facing eviction as part of NYC's landmark Right to Counsel, and anti-displacement work done by our Tenant Rights Coalition focused on supporting communities facing gentrification. Applicants should apply at https://boards.greenhouse.io/legalservicesnyc/jobs/4180374006 .	Hybrid	x	x		x
Lesbian and Gay Law Association ("LeGal")	Shain Filcher sfilcher@lgbtbarny.org	1	Answer helpline inquiries, provide assistance at free walk-in legal clinic, draft pro se guidance materials, and provide ongoing representation for clients retained by the bar association's foundation. Work will be performed remotely, at on-site clinic locations, and as-needed in office. www.lgbtbarny.org	Hybrid	x	x		
Lutheran Social Services of New York - Immigration Legal Program	Charles Brown cbrown1@lssny.org	1	Work includes assisting attorneys during immigration intake sessions, working directly with clients to draft affidavits for asylum and special immigrant juvenile status cases, preparing legal briefs and memoranda of law, appearances before USCIS and EOIR, participating in community legal presentations. www.lssny.org	Hybrid	x	x	x	x
MADRE	Lauren Dasse ldasse@madre.org	2	MADRE provides legal and other services to grassroots women's organizations in situations of war, disaster and their aftermath. At MADRE, the Pro Bono Scholar will work directly with our clients in Iraq, Colombia, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and/or Afghanistan who provide shelter and other emergency services to women and LGBTIQ+ individuals who have experienced discrimination and gender-based violence. The Pro Bono Scholar will interact with clients, many of whom have been victims of discrimination and violence themselves, as well as the individuals they serve. The PBS will provide legal services to help clients legally operate shelters and provide other emergency services. S/he will be based in New York but will have frequent interactions with clients through zoom. madre.org	Remote	x	x		x
Mobilization for Justice	Jacqueline Adorno jadorno@mfjlegal.org	?	The scholars will work with Mobilization for Justice attorneys and paralegals to represent low-income New Yorkers in housing, disability and aging rights, economic justice and children's rights, depending upon interest and need. The Scholars will work in either our Lower Manhattan or Bronx office in a dynamic environment, and engage in all aspects of lawyering from client intake (in the courthouse, at community outreach clinics and on an intake line), to case preparation, and shadowing advocates in courts and administrative agencies. www.mobilizationforjustice.org	?	x	x		x
National Center for Law and Economic Justice	Leah Lotto lotto@nclej.org	?	Students will work with staff attorneys to support ongoing impact litigation and class actions, policy analysis, and advocacy. Students have had the opportunity to assist with fact development and research for new litigation; discovery matters in pending litigation; legal and policy research on a variety of issues relating to federal court litigation; and collaborations with grassroots and community-based organizations. Our cases involve protecting the rights of low-wage workers, ending abusive debt collection, advocating for people with disabilities, and strengthening the social safety net. www.ndsny.org	Undetermined	x	x		x

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New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA)	Anthe Maria Bova abova@nycla.org	2-3	NYCLA's Pro Bono Department is dedicated to providing a wide range of civil legal services to low-income individuals throughout New York State. Run by a small team of attorneys, NYCLA leverages the work of pro bono volunteers at various stages of their legal careers. NYCLA has several different programs, including (i) a Legal Counseling Project, which provides limited scope legal counseling to individuals in the areas of housing, family and employment law, (ii) a Reentry Initiative, which provides assistance to individuals with criminal records to break down civil barriers to employment, housing and civic participation, both on a limited scope and full scope basis, (iii) a federal litigation program in the SDNY that assists individuals appealing their denial of disability benefits, (iv) two Consumer Debt Projects that assist individuals who are facing lawsuits by creditors, both in-court and out of court on a limited scope basis in New York County, and (v) a State Central Registry Project that assists individuals who have unfairly or wrongfully be accused of child neglect, which affects employment prospects and disproportionately affects the poor and persons of color. A Pro Bono Scholar would have the opportunity to receive training in a range of these programs, among others, depending on need and interest. Opportunities for legal work may include: conducting legal research, interviewing clients, draft advocacy letters, drafting briefs, summarizing administrative records, and preparing client informational materials. The Pro Bono Scholar should expect to get exposure to a wide variety of areas of the law, and be able to shift between projects throughout the course of their time with NYCLA. Depending on the project, a Pro Bono Scholar will work with the General Counsel & Director of Pro Bono Programs, any of our two staff attorneys and/or our Pro Bono Programs Administrator, along with a variety of our existing and new volunteers. www.nycla.org	Hybrid	x			
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	McGregor Smyth internships@nylpi.org	2	Pro Bono Scholars engage in the full range of substantive legal work in NYLPI's campaigns for environmental, disability and health justice. Pro Bono Scholars work as community lawyers, engaging in NYLPI's strategy sessions and meetings with community and coalition partners to further our fight for fairness and to defeat marginalization. Expect research, writing, client and community partner meetings, analyzing legislation and drafting testimony, etc. Pro Bono Scholars may work in a specific program area, or may work across NYLPI programs. www.nylpi.org	Hybrid	x	x	x	
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)	Valentina Czochanski volunteer@nylag.org	10	The Pro Bono Scholar Program at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) involves placement in one of the following projects or practice areas at our main office in Lower Manhattan: Bankruptcy, Consumer Protection, Disability Assistance Project, Elder Law, Employment Law, Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program (Elder & Health Law), Foreclosure Prevention, Housing, Immigration Law, LegalHealth (Medical Legal Partnership), LGBTQ Project, Domestic Violence Law, Mediation (Family/Employment), Mobile Legal Help Center, Public Assistance & Food Stamps, Special Education, Special Litigation, Storm Response, Total Life Choices (Wills & Life Planning), and Veterans Project. *Note: Please indicate an area of interest and any relevant experience in your cover letter, and include "Pro Bono Scholar Application" in email subject line when submitting materials* https://nylag.org/internships	Hybrid	x	x		x

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Office of the Appellate Defender	Fayola Alibey jobs@oadnyc.org	1	At OAD you will aid in representing people who cannot afford legal representation on direct appeal and post-conviction motions in the First Department, and the New York Court of Appeals. You will advise clients of potential appellate options, including withdrawal of appeals where appropriate, and negotiating pleas or other remedies following reversal of conviction. You will have the opportunity to research, write appellate briefs, case conference and work on strategy development for cases, in addition to communicating with clients and making legal inmate visits. You will collaborate with the Client Services Director and Client Services Coordinators to address prison condition issues and assist clients with parole proceedings and re-entry preparation. https://oadnyc.org/	Hybrid	x	x	x	x
Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network (PLAN) (New York, NY and Remote)	(Paul) Stanley Holdorf supervising-attorney@plan.lawyer	6	Conditions of Confinement Practice Group. PLAN PBSP Scholars will assist incarcerated individuals in their efforts to challenge allegedly rights-violating conditions of confinement. Working under the direct legal supervision of PLAN Supervising Attorneys and other PLAN pro bono practitioners, PLAN Pro Bono Scholars will provide legal services and support to impacted prisoners as fully integrated members of PLAN legal response teams. PREA Advocacy & Reform. PLAN PBSP Scholars will advocate on behalf of incarcerated victims of staff sexual abuse and help advance PLAN's agenda for reform as to the elimination of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Election Protection Jail & Post-Release Voting Working Group. PLAN PBS will collaborate with PLAN attorneys and a national team of partners to notify eligible incarcerated and formerly incarcerated votes of their voting rights and assist them in overcoming barriers they encounter when exercising these rights. Apply for a PLAN Clerkship or Pro Bono Scholar Program placement.	Remote	x			x
Safe Passage Project	 jobs@safepassageproject.org	?	Scholars will assist attorneys in the preparation of immigration and family matters on behalf of immigrant youth. The Scholars will also assist with the preparation of trainings for volunteer attorneys and assist pro bono attorneys on immigrant youth matters. www.safepassageproject.org	?	x			x
Sanctuary for Families	Romy Felsen-Parsons, Pro Bono Project Assistant rfelsenparsons@sffny.org	4	Sanctuary for Families is dedicated to the safety, healing and self-determination of victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and related forms of gender-based violence. Sanctuary provides comprehensive legal, shelter, counseling, and economic empowerment services to survivors and engages in system-change advocacy, education, outreach, and training. Sanctuary's legal department serves survivor's in a variety of immigration, family, matrimonial, criminal justice, anti-trafficking, housing, and public benefits matters. Pro Bono Scholars are placed with a particular legal practice area and engage in client-centered work, including assisting with representation of clients, conducting legal screenings, research, and drafting. www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org	Hybrid	x	x		x
TakeRoot Justice	Nadia Qurashi nqurashi@takerootjustice.org	?	The Immigrants' Rights team at TakeRoot Justice builds the power of our grassroots, community-based partner organizations by providing advocacy, community education and direct legal representation to their staff and members. Pro Bono Scholars will handle their own mix of case and campaign work under the supportive supervision of the IR team. www.takerootjustice.org	?	x			x

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Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund	Shayna Medley smedley@transgenderlegal.org	1	TLDEF's mission is to end discrimination based on gender identity and expression and to achieve equality for transgender people through public education, test-case litigation, direct legal services, and public policy efforts. Pro bono scholars will work primarily with our Trans Health Project and Impact Litigation teams to assist with litigation, amicus briefs, structured negotiations, and policy advocacy on issues related to access to trans health care, improving prison and jails conditions for trans people in custody, access to accurate ID documents, and ending discrimination education. https://tldef.org/	Remote	x	x		
Urban Justice Center, Domestic Violence Project	Heather Lothrop hlothrop@urbanjustice.org	2	The Urban Justice Center (UJC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of NYC's most vulnerable citizens. The Domestic Violence Project (DVP) at the Urban Justice Center's mission is to help survivors of intimate partner abuse and their children live free of violence and abuse. We consider intimate partner violence in any type of relationship, regardless of gender or sexual identity, to be a human rights violation. Our work focuses on providing legal and social work services to promote justice and vigorously defend and protect survivors' human rights. To accomplish this, our attorneys, social workers and advocates provide legal representation in NYC Family and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, mental health services, advocacy, case management, and on-going intimate partner abuse education and outreach activities throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Pro Bono Scholars will conduct client intakes, perform legal research/writing, and to assist attorneys in all aspects of their casework. www.urbanjusticecenter.org	Hybrid	x			x
Urban Justice Center, Free to Be Youth Project	Amy Leipziger aleipziger@urbanjustice.org	1	Direct legal services at onsite clinics for LGBTQ+ Homeless Youth including name changes, immigration, public benefits, and criminal history review. Also engage in policy advocacy. Onsite clinics at Ali Forney Center and Safe Horizons. Urban Justice Center	In person	x		x	
Urban Justice Center, Safety Net Project	Sanai Carchi-Merrick smerrick@urbanjustice.org	2	Direct litigation housing and tenants' rights. Staff intakes remotely through virtual right to counsel (RTC) and tenant helplines. Conducting legal writing and research. Provide support for attorneys, conducting client outreach, corresponding with social service agencies, attending building-wide and/or remote client meetings. snp.urbanjustice.org	?	x	x	x	
Veteran Advocacy Project	Amy Hozer-Weber hozerweber@veteranadvocacy.org	1	The Veteran Advocacy Project provides legal representation to low-income veterans and their families, with a focus on those living with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorders, and other mental health issues. Our practice covers Housing Court, VA claims, public benefits, military discharge upgrades, and more. Interns will participate in outreach and client intake interviews, represent veterans in administrative hearings when possible, write legal memos, and assist in discharge upgrades and VA claims cases. Veteran Advocacy Project, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, immigration status, gender or gender identity, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, caregiver status, arrest or conviction record, unemployment status, predisposing genetic characteristics, survivor of domestic/intimate partner violence status, or marital or partnership status. https://www.veteranadvocacy.org/	Hybrid	x			x

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Volunteers of Legal Service	Adama Fonah afonah@volsprobono.org	5+	<p>The Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) Pro Bono Scholars will work with one of five VOLS projects to provide free civil legal services to New Yorkers with limited resources and help to support our large network of volunteer attorneys from some of New York City’s most prominent law firms and corporate legal departments. Immigration Project: The Pro Bono Scholar will provide direct immigration legal services to immigrant students and youth, support our community legal education through legal trainings and know your rights presentations at schools and community-based organizations in NYC, and support legal clinics and other work with our pro bono partners. Incarcerated Mothers Law Project: The Pro Bono Scholar will support our family law services to incarcerated parents and family planning assistance to parents prior to and post-incarceration. They will develop training materials for our network of volunteer attorneys, and develop client facing know your rights materials. Microenterprise Project: The Pro Bono Scholar will with all aspects of legal education, representation, and technical support for marginalized NYC small business owners. They will engage in intake screenings, legal research and writing, educational resource development, and help to monitor matters placed with our pro bono partners. Senior Law Project: The Pro Bono Scholar will assist in the drafting of last wills and testaments and other advanced directive for low income seniors. They will help respond to hotline calls for seniors seeking assistance on a wide range of civil legal issues including advanced planning, tenant's rights, and access to benefits. They will help to engage with community partners and help produce both client facing materials and materials intended to support our work with volunteer attorneys. Benefits Law Project: Pro Bono Scholar will assist clients access a wide range of public benefits including Unemployment Insurance, the NYC Rent Freeze Program (SCRIE & DRIE), and disability benefits from the Social Security Administration. The scholar will represent low-income New Yorkers at their unemployment insurance benefits hearings before the New York State Department of Labor, provide advice and counsel for hotline callers, help to engage with community partners through know your rights presentations, and help produce both client facing materials and materials intended to support our work with volunteer attorneys. Please indicate project(s) of interest in your cover letter when applying.</p>	Hybrid or in person	x			

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Long Island/Westchester Area (9th and 10th Judicial Districts)**

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Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN NY) (Hempstead, NY)	Megan Elman megan@carecenny.org	3	CARECEN is a non-profit serving the immigrant community on Long Island and has worked on behalf of immigrants for nearly four decades through its Hempstead and Brentwood offices. CARECEN empowers immigrants through legal services, community education, and advocacy. CARECEN pro bono scholars will work on cases across CARECEN's legal programs, including Removal Defense, ONA Legal Counsel, the Affirmative team, and Afghan Legal Project. Assignments and responsibilities will vary depending on program needs, but will generally include: - Filling out USCIS forms and applications - Co-counseling cases in immigration court - Drafting legal briefs and letters - Legal research on topics such as asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Special Immigrant Visas, employment authorization applications, and others - Drafting affidavits - Country conditions research - Client intakes and consultations - Attending legal team meetings - Relevant administrative duties - Maintain detailed case notes on individual cases and consultation outcomes https://www.carecenny.org/	Undetermined	x	x		x
Community Legal Advocates of New York	Ann E. Dibble info@cla-ny.org	1	Work with a small, women-led legal services organization based on Long Island with a focus on holistic client services. CLA handles a variety of affirmative immigration matters, including asylum, VAWA, naturalization, and family-based matters. CLA is based in Garden City; the position can be partially remote. www.cla-ny.org	Hybrid	x	x		

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Empire Justice (White Plains)	Robert Cisneros rcisneros@empirejustice.org	?	The Empire Justice Center Yonkers office provides direct representation in immigration law matters to low income, primarily Spanish speaking immigrants, living in the Lower Hudson Valley. We provide representation in removal proceedings, U and T visa petitions, family-based immigration, applications for asylum, TPS, naturalization, and Violence Against Women Act self-petitions, for survivors of domestic violence. The Pro Bono scholar will assist staff attorneys in all these practice areas, in research and writing, evidentiary development, client interviewing, drafting of affidavits, and motion practice. The scholar will assist in Community Education Events, and may represent clients, under attorney supervision, in the New York Immigration Court, and at administrative hearings. Fluency in Spanish is highly desired. www.empirejustice.org	?	x	x	x	x	
Hudson Valley Justice Center, Inc. (White Plains, NY)	Virginia Foulkrod vfoulkrod@hvjc.org	?	Hudson Valley Justice Center (HVJC) provides high quality legal counsel in civil matters where basic human needs are at stake. We represent poor and low-income immigrants who cannot afford an attorney, regardless of immigration status. Pursuit of this mission includes handling individual, class action, and other impact cases, as well as partnering with others to promote meaningful access to the American system of justice for all persons regardless of economic or social condition. www.hvjc.org	Undetermined	x	x		x	
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.	Derek Tarson dtarson@legalaidrockland.org	1	The nature of the work would depend on the needs of the Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc., but would probably involve either representation of children in Family Court, eviction prevention, or foreclosure prevention. www.legalaidrockland.org	In person	x	x	x	x	

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Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, Inc. - Children's Law Bureau	John Belmonte jbelmonte@sclas.org	2	Work under the supervision of attorneys in representing children aged 0-21 in Suffolk County Family Court proceedings (Central Islip, NY). The Pro Bono Scholar would have the opportunity to participate in case management from inception to final outcome, including interviewing clients, attending meetings, legal research and writing, attending and participating in court proceedings, and participating in trial preparation (under attorney supervision).	Undetermined	x	x			
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	Shara Abraham sabraham@lshv.org	3	Work can be performed in any one of our 10 offices throughout the Hudson Valley. Scholars conduct legal research, draft motions, interview clients, handle court appearances, and participate in agency-wide trainings. www.lshv.org	?	x	x		x	
Nassau County Legal Aid Society	Colleen Baktis cbaktis@nclas.org	3	Assist in criminal matters with work involving interviewing clients and witnesses, doing legal research and writing, and conducting conferences with prosecutors and judges. www.nclas.org	In person	x				
Nassau Suffolk Law Services	Sharon Campo scampo@nsls.legal	?	Assist in the provision of legal services to low-income and indigent clients. Multiple locations available. www.nslawservices.org	Hybrid	x	x			
The Safe Center	Ingrid J. Villagran ivillagran@tscli.org	?	The Pro Bono Scholar will assist with direct legal representation of clients in the areas of family, matrimonial and immigration law. Under the supervision of our staff attorneys, the Pro Bono Scholar will be assigned cases and handle all phases of litigation including but not limited to legal research, gathering documents, making discovery demands, summarizing and analyzing discovery documents, working directly with clients to prepare affidavits, drafting memos, briefs, petitions, pleadings motions, stipulation of settlements, accompany and or appear before Judges and magistrates when appropriate. http://www.tscli.org	In person	x			x	

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Albany County District Attorney	Renee Z. Merges Renee.Merges@albanycountyny.gov	1	Scholars will participate in the Clean Slate Program within the Albany County District Attorney's Office. Students will work on CPL 160.59 sealing applications for previous convictions and determine eligibility of applicants. (Students will have contact with ex-offenders.) Students will also work on applications from ex-offenders who are seeking to vacate their convictions under CPL 440. The Scholars will also work on the Felony Youth Diversion program. The Scholars will review applications to determine eligibility for diversion, attend the defendant interviews, and to help organize the cases to ensure compliance with the program's directives. The Scholars will also assist the Conviction Integrity Team and investigate innocence claims made by defendants. www.cleanslate.albanycountyny.com/#programs	In person	x	x	x	x
Center for Death Penalty Litigation (Durham, NC)	Shelagh Kenney shelagh@cdpl.org	1	We are a non-profit law office primarily representing indigent defendants facing capital trial or already sentenced to death. We have had Pro Bono Scholars work on research and writing assignments, community and history research, discovery review, records digesting, and other projects. In addition, Pro Bono Scholars have participated in consultations on cases and office brainstorming sessions. www.cdpl.org	Remote or in person	x	x		x

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Community Health Law Project (CHLP) - Bloomfield, NJ; Elizabeth, NJ; Neptune, NJ; Trenton, NJ; Collingswood, NJ; South Orange, NJ	Erika Kerber ekerber@chlp.org	4	The Community Health Law Project (CHLP) is a statewide agency that provides legal services to members of the low-income community that suffer from disabilities as well as the frail elderly. This assistance encompasses many areas of civil law including, but not limited to, landlord-tenant and other housing matters, public entitlements such as SSI/SSD and welfare issues, access to health care, family law issues, debt collection, home care issues, and other civil law matters that help individuals live and thrive in their communities. www.chlp.org	Undetermined	x	x	x	x
Disability Rights New York - Albany and Rochester	Jennifer Monthie jennifer.monthie@drny.org	4	DRNY, the Protection and Advocacy System and the Client Assistance Program for New York State is seeking an individual with a passion for achieving justice for individuals with disabilities. With a focus on civil rights and disability justice, DRNY actively works to break down the systemic oppression of all people with disabilities. DRNY recognizes the intersecting legacies and effect of ableism, white supremacy, colonial capitalism, and gendered oppression on people with disabilities. Joining DRNY is an opportunity to challenge systemic abuse, neglect, discrimination, and rights violations through case handling, individual and systemic litigation, public investigations, advocacy, and collaboration with stakeholders. DRNY is committed to examining bias, privilege, racism, and intersectional social change in all aspects of our work. DRNY is a civil rights advocacy leader and we are seeking new staff who will contribute to our values and mission. www.drny.org	Hybrid	x	x	x	

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Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project	Maria Valeri mvaleri@ecbavlp.com	2	Work in Buffalo, NY may include matters involving Landlord/Tenant & Housing Law, Family & Matrimonial Law, Guardianship, Not-For-Profit Law, Community Economic Development, Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Tax Law and Immigration Law. The work involves direct client contact, client interviews, legal research, document drafting, assisting with limited scope legal assistance programs, working with VLP staff and volunteer attorneys, and conducting outreach activities. www.ecbavlp.com	Hybrid	x			
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society (Syracuse, NY)	Gregory Dewan gdewan@hlalaw.org	2	Pro Bono Scholars support our work through client intake and interviewing, research, advice and counsel, and, if appropriate, direct representation under a student practice order and the supervision of an attorney. Our landlord/tenant, unemployment insurance, and immigration practice areas are best equipped to host a Pro Bono Scholar, but our family law, appeals, and parole practice areas are also capable of hosting, depending on the candidate's area of interest. www.hlalaw.org	In person/hybrid/remote	x			
Journey's End Refugee Services (Buffalo, NY)	Sarah A. Bertozzi sbertozzi@jersbuffalo.org	3	Journey's End is a §501(c)(3) not-for-profit refugee resettlement agency with immigration offices in Buffalo, Rochester, and Binghamton, New York. The Immigration Legal Services Program at Journey's End offers immigration legal services to refugees and low-income immigrants, including representation on matters before U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services and Buffalo Immigration Court. Specific services provided by the Immigration Legal Services Program include applications for and assistance with citizenship and naturalization, permanent residency (green cards), family reunification, asylum and withholding of removal, temporary protected status, employment authorization, and removal defense. www.jersbuffalo.org	In person	x	x		x

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Just Cause (Rochester, NY)	Louise Spinelli LSpinelli@justcauseny.org	4	<p>Immigration (1 position): Work on matters representing low-income immigrants in asylum, permanent residence applications, naturalization, adjustment of status, family preparedness, Temporary Protected Status, Motions to Change the Court Venue, and Freedom of Information Act requests. Our program holds legal clinics for migrant farmworkers and refugees. A second language is helpful but not required.</p> <p>Family Unit - Custoday, Visitation, Divorce (1-2 positions): The Scholar will work with others to conduct client intake and observe/participate in client appointments for domestic violence divorces and other related family law matters; assess cases based on client needs; assist with brief service client matters; and assist volunteer attorneys in providing brief service.</p> <p>Federal Court Pro Se Assistance Program and Consumer and Housing Unit (1 position): The extern will work with others to conduct client intake and observe/participate in client appointments for federal court matters; assess each case based on the client's needs; assist with matters in the federal court. The extern will conduct client intake and observe/participate in client appointments for various consumer and housing issues, such as mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, debt collection, unemployment benefits, tax foreclosure, probate, and transgender name change; assessing each case based on the client's needs. The extern will assist with brief service clinic matters and assist volunteers attorney in providing brief service.</p> <p>https://justcauseny.org/</p>		x			
The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo	Paul Curtin pcurtin@legalaidbuffalo.org	?	<p>Opportunities in Civil Law, Attorneys for the Children, and Criminal Defense</p> <p>www.legalaidbuffalo.org</p>	?	x			

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Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.	Christina L. Reilly christina.reilly@lasmny.org	3	Under attorney supervision, pro bono scholars may engage in client interviewing, issue spotting, conducting legal research, drafting memos, outreach to community groups, and accompanying attorneys to court. www.lasmny.org	Hybrid	x	x		
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY	Robert R. Romaker rromaker@lasnny.org	2	We are looking for Pro Bono Scholars (1) in our Housing unit, which handles eviction defense, voucher terminations, reasonable accommodations for disabled tenants under the Fair Housing Act, and cases for domestic violence survivors under VAWA and NY law; and (2) in our Disability unit, which handles denials and terminations of SSI and SSD benefits. www.lasnny.org	In person	x	x		x
Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY	Lauren Pienkowski Lpienkowski@lasroc.org	1	Scholars are placed in one of our practice areas, taking into consideration their interests and experience. Practice areas are: Family Law, Housing and Consumer Law, Immigration, Education Law, and Attorney for the Child. Scholars would be involved in direct client advocacy through legal research and writing, document preparation, client interviews, and the opportunity to appear in court under a practice order. www.lasroc.org	Hybrid	x			x

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Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	Kelly McGovern kmcgovern@lawny.org	1	<p>Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® (LawNY) is a not-for-profit law firm providing free legal services to eligible clients in civil cases through seven regional offices covering a 14-county area in Western New York. 13 of the counties served are rural counties. LawNY’s mission is to increase access to justice through excellent legal representation, advocacy and service. LawNY’s vision is a society where access to justice is not determined by one’s social or economic status. LawNY seeks to address systemic inequalities and injustices and foster racial, social and economic justice. LawNY focuses on assisting clients with the essentials of life, including housing, public assistance benefits, healthcare, and fair housing.</p> <p>LawNY has volunteer positions available in a variety of legal areas. Past Scholars have assisted clients with issues such as nonprofit formation, family law, evictions, divorces, and Wills. Scholars have a designated supervisor and are encouraged to apply for a practice order.</p> <p>https://www.lawny.org/</p>	Hybrid, remote or in person	x		x	x
The Legal Project (Albany, NY)	Carla Brogoch cbrogoch@legalproject.org	?	<p>Positions available in our Domestic Violence/Crime Victims Program, Human Trafficking Victims Program, Immigration Program, and Foreclosure Prevention Program. The Legal Project provides access to the protections of the law to advance the safety, stability and independence of the people we serve and strengthen our communities. We do this by advising, advocating for and representing people who have traditionally had difficulty obtaining civil legal assistance.</p> <p>www.legalproject.org</p>	Hybrid	x	x	x	x

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Legal Services of Northern California	Jenni Gomez probono@lsnc.net	4	Under attorney supervision, law clerks may engage in client interviewing, issue identification, conducting legal research, dispensing advice, drafting memos, working with community groups, and helping with special projects. www.lsnc.net	In person, hybrid or remote	x		x	
Monroe County Public Defender's Office	Victoria Bahl victoriabahl@monroecounty.gov	5	Pro Bono Scholars will accept work on a rolling basis from attorneys within the office assisting with discovery review, legal research, hearing and trial preparation, other administrative tasks, and will shadow and observe court proceedings and client meetings in the office, at court, and in jail. Students will be provided several structured training sessions throughout the semester on New York Criminal Law and Procedure. Pro Bono Scholars will be allowed to make appearances in court pursuant to a New York State Judicial Practice Order. Students can be placed in our criminal trial or family defense bureau. Competitive candidates should demonstrate a commitment to defending individuals charged with criminal offenses, or advocating for the underserved and indigent members of our community. https://www.monroecounty.gov/defender	In person	x			

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National Student Legal Defense Network	Dan Zibel info@defendstudents.org	2	Student Defense was created in 2017 by former U.S. Department of Education officials who were deeply concerned that federal higher education policies were moving in the wrong direction, especially on the critical issues of student debt and consumer protection. Our focus spans the entire student lifecycle, from recruitment and supporting students' basic needs to educational quality to completion to student loan repayment. Through policy research, litigation, and advocacy, we work to protect students and promote accountability in higher education. Student Defense is particularly focused on representing students from low-income backgrounds, communities of color, veterans, and women (especially single mothers), who are often disproportionately harmed in the process. We also advocate for enhanced oversight by state agencies, the federal government, and higher education accreditors. www.defendstudents.org	Remote	x	x	x	x
Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network (PLAN) (New York, NY, Delaware, and Remote)	(Paul) Stanley Holdorf https://initiatives.plan.lawyer/PLAN/Clerkship-And-Pro-Bono-Scholar-Programs/Apply/	6	Conditions of Confinement Practice Group. PLAN PBSP Scholars will assist incarcerated individuals in their efforts to challenge allegedly rights-violating conditions of confinement. PLAN Pro Bono Scholars will provide legal services and support to impacted prisoners as fully integrated members of PLAN legal response teams. PREA Advocacy & Reform. PLAN PBSP Scholars will advocate on behalf of incarcerated victims of staff sexual abuse and help advance PLAN's agenda for reform as to the elimination of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Election Protection Jail & Post-Release Voting Working Group. PLAN PBS will notify eligible incarcerated and formerly incarcerated votes of their voting rights and assist them in overcoming barriers they encounter when exercising these rights. Apply for a PLAN Clerkship or Pro Bono Scholar Program placement.	Remote	x			x

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Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (Albany and Ithaca)	Sarah Spiak sspiak@plsny.org	2	We provide civil legal services regarding prison conditions on behalf of incarcerated individuals. We have one opening in our Albany prison conditions practice (in person to start, then hybrid), one opening in our Ithaca prison conditions practice (remote). Please note which practice area and location you are applying to. plsny.org	Remote or hybrid	x	x		
Volunteer Lawyers Project of Central New York, Inc.	Samantha A. Aguam saguam@vlpcny.org	2	Civil legal services for low-income clients. Under the supervision of experienced attorneys, the pro bono scholar may represent low-income clients in a variety of matters including landlord tenant, family law, immigration, LGBT law, reentry, low-income entrepreneurship, etc. Placement is tailored to the scholar's interests. Extensive client contact and work with community groups. www.vlpcny.org	Hybrid or In person	x	x	x	
Western New York Law Center, Inc.	Paulette Campbell pcampbell@wnylc.com	1-2	Practice area will primarily focus on consumer debt defense. Responsibilities will include: interviewing clients; drafting pleadings, motions, briefs, and memoranda; conducting legal research; overseeing phases of discovery and assisting with trial preparation; make appearances in local courts to argue motions or participate in mediations and conferences. Candidates must be available Tuesday evenings to help staff our consumer debt clinic. (Buffalo) www.wnylc.com	In person	x	x	x	x