

ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT (VLP)
STAFF ATTORNEY for Pro Bono Department



The Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) is seeking an attorney to join its Pro Bono Department, which coordinates and facilitates pro bono work by local attorneys and law firms. This includes several limited scope outreach programs, full representation cases, developing and presenting recruitment trainings, and coordinating special projects. The pro bono culture is strong within our local bar. The attorney hired will serve as part of VLP's pro bono team to maintain and strengthen that pro bono culture.

The Staff Attorney will be based in VLP's office in Buffalo and most of the work will be in and around the Buffalo area. However, the Staff Attorney's duties will include coordinating and supervising VLP's Housing Hotline program, which will provide free civil legal advice and assistance to unrepresented low income people facing eviction in Courts within Erie County, but outside of the City of Buffalo.

Responsibilities will include building relationships with, recruiting, training and supporting pro bono attorneys; some case handling; and training/supervising student interns and community volunteers to conduct client intake and screening. Some regional travel will be required. This is a dynamic position which may evolve based upon client needs and the attorney's skills/interest.

The candidate must be a comfortable and engaging public speaker; be able to work cooperatively with VLP staff and a variety of other partners, including private attorneys, student interns and court staff; be able to work independently; be able to multitask and be comfortable serving low-income clients from diverse backgrounds.

The candidate must be admitted to practice law in NY. Prior experience or demonstrated interest in housing law preferred, but not required. Fluency in a foreign language and demonstrated commitment to working in the public interest are pluses, but not required.

VLP is a non-profit with excellent fringe benefits including fully paid health insurance, generous leave time and holidays. The work atmosphere is congenial, respectful and flexible. VLP is an equal opportunity employer. Salary depends upon experience.

Deadline to apply is March 30, 2018.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and names of 3 references to:
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