**ABOUT US**

Sanctuary for Families is New York's leading service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and related forms of gender violence. Every year, Sanctuary empowers thousands of adults and children to move from fear and abuse to safety and stability, transforming lives through a comprehensive range of services. We provide a range of wrap-around services to help survivors rebuild their lives in the aftermath of abuse, and work to end gender violence through three key strategies: direct services, outreach and training, and systems-change advocacy. Our services are available in 11 locations throughout New York City.

**POSITION OVERVIEW**

Sanctuary for Families seeks an attorney to provide legal representation, pro se assistance, and legal screenings to victims of domestic violence in family law matters in Brooklyn, primarily family offense, custody/visitation, and child/spousal support proceedings, as well as matrimonial matters. Other responsibilities include conducting community outreach and education and collaborating with other agencies to advocate for systematic change. The attorney will work out of the NYC Family Justice Center in Brooklyn on a part-time schedule of three days a week, Wednesdays through Fridays.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

· Provides direct representation, advocacy and pro se assistance to clients in family law litigation, including family offense, custody and visitation, child and spousal support, and matrimonial cases.

· Screens, advises and advocates for clients in legal and non-legal forums.

· Conducts outreach to underserved communities.

· Represents Sanctuary for Families on task forces and other political and advocacy committees outside the agency.

· Facilitates clients' access to intra-agency and outside resources, and administers provision of direct financial assistance and donations to clients.

· Participates in inter-agency conferences and legal/bar association committee meetings to keep abreast of developments in the areas related to the position.

· Represents Sanctuary for Families at community events.

Maintains statistics relating to client services for grant reporting purposes.

· Supervises and mentors volunteers, interns, and project assistants.

· Trains law students, pro bono attorneys, social service providers, health care professionals and community based organizations on domestic violence and the legal needs of victims

* J.D. degree;
* At least two years of relevant experience;
* Admission to the NY Bar;
* Fluency in Spanish or another language spoken in significant Brooklyn populations preferred;
* Comfortable speaking in public;
* Strong verbal/written communication and leadership skills;
* Applicants must be sensitive to issues of cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity with strong lawyering, advocacy, and leadership skills, to provide zealous, knowledgeable, and empathic legal advocacy to domestic violence victims;
* Knowledge of the dynamics of gender-based oppression and a strong motivation to combat gender-based violence;
* Ability to multi-task and balance complicated cases.

*All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.*

*D.E.I Commitment: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are core values at Sanctuary for Families that represent our dedication to fostering a safe, respectful, responsive, and fair work environment. We recognize the value diversity holds in embracing all employees, clients, and volunteers regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, or professional level.*

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