

ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT (VLP)
IMMIGRATION STAFF ATTORNEY for Buffalo Office

We are seeking a full time Immigration Staff Attorney at the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP). The attorney will be based in our main office in Buffalo, NY.

The Staff Attorney will handle a variety of mostly non-detained cases which might include asylum, T Visas, U Visas, unaccompanied minors, and VAWA matters. The person will also provide technical advice and training for criminal law public defenders and assigned counsel regarding the immigration implications of the criminal charges being faced and/or considered in plea bargaining.

The ideal candidates will be admitted to practice law in New York and have at least three years' experience in criminal immigration law. Spanish is preferred, but not required.

Also required are strong organizational skills to track and report required data about the work in a timely and accurate manner; an ability to work cooperatively with fellow staff and supervisors; the means and willingness to travel between the Buffalo office and the Batavia office, and occasionally to different locations in the eight counties of Western New York, as needed (a driver's license is required); strong oral and written advocacy skills; a willingness to work independently while also taking direction and operating as part of a team; the organizational ability required to juggle many cases efficiently; and the flexibility to handle other tasks which the attorney may be called upon to handle at VLP, such as community outreach and education.

Please send a resume, a cover letter clearly explaining your interest and qualifications. Include contact information for 3 references and send your materials to: Robert M. Elardo, Executive Director/CEO, ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. at relardo@ecbavlp.com

There is an immediate need. Please apply ASAP.

For information on VLP, see www.ecbavlp.com

VLP is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is based on experience. VLP is a non-profit agency with excellent fringe benefits including fully paid health insurance, free parking, long term disability insurance, life insurance, and generous leave time. The work atmosphere is congenial, respectful and flexible.