

Staff Attorney Positions –Ithaca, New York

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (PLS) is searching for a staff attorney for our Ithaca office. PLS is a statewide program providing civil legal services to people incarcerated in New York State prisons. PLS engages in civil rights advocacy and litigation primarily in cases involving claims of deliberate indifference to serious mental health and medical needs, unconstitutional conditions of confinement, prolonged placement in solitary confinement, treatment of juveniles and veterans, child visitation and support, excessive use of force and sentence computation issues.

PLS is seeking to hire attorneys who are committed to providing legal services to the disadvantaged. Applicants must be admitted to practice in New York State or have recently taken the N.Y. State Bar exam. The ideal applicants will have experience in at least one of the following areas: prisoners' rights, New York State family law, veterans' rights, civil legal services, civil rights, poverty law or federal litigation. Applicants should be self-motivated and capable of complex analytical work. Applicants must possess excellent legal research and writing skills, strong communications skills, and a desire to work in a collaborative work environment. We have a need for attorneys who are fluent in Spanish.

PLS offers a salary that is competitive with other public interest law firms in upstate New York, and sets salaries depending on experience. PLS offers a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, short and long term disability, life insurance, and a 401(k) retirement plan. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship, pregnancy or veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.

Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and at least three (3) references by email to: bhutchings@plsny.org. Indicate in the subject matter line, in descending order, your preference for office location. (Please do not include offices in locations where you would not be willing to work.) Due to the volume of applications expected, only people who are contacted for interviews will receive a response. The positions will remain open until filled.