



STAFF ATTORNEY

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, CIVIL ACTION PRACTICE

**A Decade of Service
to the Community**

BACKGROUND

The Bronx Defenders – an innovative, progressive, community-oriented indigent defense office in the South Bronx – seeks an energetic staff attorney with a commitment to social justice to fill an immediate opening in its Civil Action Practice.

The Bronx Defenders is a multi-service public defense organization dedicated to addressing the underlying issues that lead to involvement with the criminal and family justice systems. The Bronx Defenders' collaborative approach brings together interdisciplinary work groups combining criminal defense and civil lawyers, social workers, investigators, and family court advocates in order to address not just the immediate criminal or family court case, but also the host of issues that drive individuals into the system.

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 proceedings and facilitate the reentry of our clients into the community. The four Civil Practice attorneys advocate for clients in every venue in New York City – administrative, state, and federal – to address these problems.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Civil Action Practice seeks a staff attorney to provide comprehensive advocacy and representation to help our clients resolve a broad range of civil legal problems such as barriers to housing, eviction, employment, public benefits, forfeiture, police misconduct, criminal record errors, and disability. The attorney also will be involved in trainings and public education.

QUALIFICATIONS

New York Bar admission is required. We are seeking attorneys with 1 to 5 years of experience. Applicants must be creative, flexible, independent, and highly motivated. Excellent organizational skills, writing ability, and communication skills are essential. Ability to speak Spanish and experience in Housing Court are highly desirable, but not required. Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law.

Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits.

To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and references to:

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The Bronx Defenders is an equal opportunity employer: People of color; women; people with disabilities; gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people; and people with personal experience with the criminal justice system are welcome and encouraged to apply.