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Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Legal Fellowship- Bath, NY

**Organization: Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
Fellowship: Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps**

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® will host a fellow over (2) years as part of the Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps. The fellowship should begin on or about August 1, 2018 and end July 31, 2020.

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps is a legal fellowship program designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. A cohort of approximately sixty fellows are placed at nonprofit organizations across the country to provide direct representation to victims of crimes, including human trafficking, fraud/identity theft, campus sexual assault, and hate crime, and immigrant victims of crime with meritorious claims for immigration relief. All fellows will incorporate crime victims' rights enforcement into their practice and will receive training from the National Crime Victim Law Institute and other training and technical assistance providers.

This program is supported by an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, Award Number 2017-MU-MU-K131, and private funding.

The fellow will be supervised by Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® and based in Bath, New York.

Fellowship Description

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow will:

- Provide direct legal services to crime victims/survivors affected by campus sexual assault
- Provide crime victims' rights enforcement
- Coordinate with sexual assault service providers, conduct outreach and education activities, provide referrals, and leverage pro bono resources
- Contribute to programmatic reporting required under the federal award
- Collaborate with other Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellows
- Actively participate in learning event at the end of the Fellowship; annual three-day Equal

Justice Works Leadership Development Training in October/November 2018 and 2019 in Washington, DC; and training calls with the National Crime Victim Law Institute

- Create self-help and informational materials

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in New York
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and desire to assist crime victims
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- An ability to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent legal assistance to crime victims/survivors
- An ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts and with multiple organizations to facilitate comprehensive services to crime victims/survivors
- Ability to begin the fellowship by August 1, 2018 and serve for 2 years
- Those with legal experience in crime victims' rights enforcement and victim service are strongly encouraged to apply
- Law school clinic, externship, summer or other relevant practice experience a plus

Salary and other support

The Fellow will receive an annual salary, as well as the benefits listed below. Interested applicants should contact LawNY[®] with any follow-up questions.

Benefits provided by Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.[®]

- Health and dental insurance
- Low cost vision plan
- Position related travel reimbursement

Organizational Description:

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.[®] (LawNY[®]) is a not-for-profit law firm providing free legal services to eligible clients in civil cases through seven regional offices covering a fourteen county area in Western New York.

Application Instructions:

Application Deadline: July 8, 2018 -- Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible and provide the following materials with regard to their application:

Applicants should submit a cover letter describing qualifications, resume, writing sample and the name and contact information for (3) references by July 8, 2018 to ensure full consideration. Applications will be accepted beyond that date until the position is filled. Applications should be addressed to Gregg Thomas, Managing Attorney, and sent to the following e-mail address: lawnyapplications@lawny.org. Applications will be reviewed as they

are submitted. **The Equal Justice Works Fellow is scheduled to begin the term of service no later than August 1, 2018.**

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