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EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS AMERICORPS JD PROGRAM - Veterans Legal Corps

AGENCY DESCRIPTION:

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® (LawNY®) is a regional law firm providing legal assistance to low-income persons throughout a fourteen-county area of Western New York from seven staffed offices. LawNY® receives funding from the Legal Services Corporation, New York State Office of Court Administration, Interest on Lawyer Account (IOLA) Fund of the State of New York, AmeriCorps, Equal Justice Works and numerous municipalities, foundations, and donors. Our workforce includes approximately 145 attorneys, paralegals, and support staff.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The AmeriCorps JD Program engages law students around the country who are working to expand the delivery of legal services to those who need it most.

AMERICORPS JD: VETERANS LEGAL CORPS (VLC):

LawNY® is seeking 6 AmeriCorps JD VLC students who will spend a majority of their time assisting with LawNY®'s representation of veterans and military families. Projects and activities may include: assisting veterans and military families in eviction and landlord-tenant matters, preventing foreclosure, obtaining health and disability benefits, and providing assistance with child support and other family law matters, consumer and medical debt issues, and matters related to removing barriers to employment. Students may also work on other civil legal assistance matters unrelated to veterans or military families including housing, disability, unemployment insurance, or foreclosure issues per the student's interests and LawNY®'s needs.

COMPENSATION:

AmeriCorps JD is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides law students with the opportunity to earn an AmeriCorps education award of \$1,252 that can be applied to educational expenses or student loans. Students may seek up to \$4,399 in additional compensation for their service, for a total of up to \$5,651 in compensation. The \$4,399 in additional compensation may be funded by a Federal Work Study Award, the student's law school, local bar foundation, and/or other public interest fellowship award. In addition, students are welcome to hold outside employment to supplement their income. Service hours may also be used to satisfy the requirement that applicants complete 50 hours of pro bono services in order to be admitted to the New York State Bar. Students may not, however, earn class credit for their service hours. Students must complete 300 hours of service within one year of their start date. Students may choose to work 30 hours per week for 10 weeks over the summer or may spread their hours over their winter session, spring semester, and/or summer 2019, as they prefer and as it fits with LawNY®. Requirements to serve include proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency, completion of National Sex Offender Public Registry check, state criminal background check(s), and FBI Fingerprint criminal background check.

LOCATIONS:

Students may apply to work in any of LawNY®'s seven offices: Bath, Elmira, Geneva, Ithaca, Jamestown, Olean, or Rochester.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to **Kelly McGovern, Director of Pro Bono Affairs**, at kmcgovern@lawny.org by March 15, 2019. In your cover letter, please indicate your preference for the Veterans Legal Corps. Please also indicate any preference for office location. More information is available at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/ameri-corps-legal-fellowships/vlc-fellows> and <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/ameri-corpsjd>.

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