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## Summer Internship (Unpaid)- Bath Office

### **SUMMER INTERNSHIP (UNPAID) LawNY Bath Office**

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 7 regional offices covering a 14-county area in Western New York. LawNY receives funding from the Legal Services Corporation, New York State Office of Court Administration, Interest on Lawyer Accounts (IOLA) Fund of the State of New York, United Way, AmeriCorps, Equal Justice Works, and numerous municipalities, foundations and donors. Our workforce includes approximately 145 attorneys, paralegals and support staff. It is LawNY's mission to increase access to justice through excellent legal representation, advocacy and service. LawNY's vision is a society where access to justice is not determined by one's social or economic status. LawNY seeks to address systemic inequalities and injustices and foster racial, social and economic justice.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Pro Bono Team engages law students with a desire to assist in expanding the delivery of legal services to our communities and provides an opportunity to complete the 50-hour requirement for admission to the New York State Bar. Duties may include but are not limited to: providing screening and intake for low-income persons seeking civil legal assistance; recruiting and supporting volunteer lawyers, and community members; assisting staff attorneys in providing legal services to clients; working with community agencies serving low-income populations to strengthen collaborations; providing outreach and community education for targeted groups; participating in special projects. Interns and volunteers receive in-depth training and ongoing support and supervision.

We are currently seeking law students for Summer 2020 internships in our Bath office to provide assistance in the substantive areas of housing, matrimonial and family law. Normal office hours are 9:00AM-5:00PM M-F. We suggest a minimum commitment of 10 hours/week over 6 weeks.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must be law students or recent law school graduates. Applicants also must have excellent advocacy and writing skills, and must be able to communicate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

**COMPENSATION:**

This is an unpaid internship. LawNY supports student applications for funding from schools and organizations.

**TO APPLY:**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to Kelly McGovern, Director of Pro Bono Affairs, at [doprobono@lawny.org](mailto:doprobono@lawny.org) by March 1, 2020. In your cover letter, please indicate any preference for internship schedule.

*LawNY is an equal opportunity employer, and LawNY encourages applications from diverse candidates. LawNY welcomes applications regardless of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or any other consideration protected by law.*

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