

**PLEASE POST****Staff Attorney Position—Disability Justice  
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest**

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) is seeking applications for a staff attorney position in its Disability Justice (DJ) Program. NYLPI is a not-for-profit civil rights law firm that focuses on issues of racial equality and disability rights. NYLPI pioneered the practice of community lawyering in the five boroughs of New York City. With every case and every campaign, we continue to elaborate an approach to working with marginalized communities that is ambitious, participatory, and dynamic. Our work breaks important new ground by drawing on a range of strengths: community trust; proficient organizing; media savvy; established lobbying channels, effective individual representation; and bold, creative approaches to litigation.

The work of the DJ Program is founded on principles of equality of opportunity, self-determination, and independence for people with disabilities. In partnership with individuals and community organizations, we use organizing, legislative advocacy and litigation to assert the rights of New Yorkers with disabilities to equal access to a range of programs and services, including education, health care, housing, and police protection. In addition to addressing abuse and neglect within existing institutions, we advocate for individuals with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community with the services they need. Our advocacy also encompasses the realm of communication access, specifically the rights of the Deaf community and limited English proficient individuals with disabilities to participate equally in New York City programs and services.

The DJ staff attorney position will include both systemic advocacy and individual representation, and will focus on the areas of housing, social security benefits, and vocational rehabilitation, among others.

**Criteria:**

- Minimum of two years litigation and/or direct representation experience
- Excellent writing, analytic, and public speaking skills
- Ability to work as part of a team in a fast-paced environment
- Commitment to community lawyering principles
- Experience and/or demonstrated interest in disability and civil rights work
- Fluency in a second language strongly preferred

NYLPI offers salary commensurate with experience plus excellent benefits. NYLPI is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and actively recruits people of color and individuals with disabilities.

**Please send cover letter, resume, and three references (including daytime telephone numbers) as soon as possible to [jobs@nylpi.org](mailto:jobs@nylpi.org) with the words: Attention: DJ Attorney Position. Please mention in your cover letter where you saw this advertisement. Thank you.**

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