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Fellowship Announcement

Staff Attorney – Special Education The Warren Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Fellowship for NYU Law Graduates

Mobilization for Justice (formerly MFY Legal Services), a non-profit legal services organization that provides a wide range of free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers, is accepting applications for its **Warren Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Fellowship**. The application is open to NYU School of Law rising 3L students and graduating LLM students in the Class of 2022, as well as recent NYU Law graduates completing clerkships.

The Fellowship is designed to assist New York City children from low-income families with special education needs. The Fellowship will commence in September of 2022 for a period of one year. One position is available.

The Fellow will work in The Warren Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Program (WSCR), a unit within Mobilization for Justice. WSCR provides representation and advice to parents of students with disabilities seeking appropriate special education services and school placements from the New York City Department of Education. We strive to obtain equal opportunity and access to services to help children grow into self-sufficient and independent adults.

The Fellowship offers an outstanding opportunity for lawyers interested in, and committed to, a career in public service and promoting the rights of children. The Fellow will represent families in administrative hearings brought against the NYC Department of Education to secure appropriate educational placements and services for children with learning, emotional, and physical disabilities.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- conducting client interviews and case preparations, including legal research and record review;
- developing legal arguments, gathering evidence, and preparing witnesses;
- serving as counsel of record in administrative hearings and on appeal before the State Review Officer; and
- engaging in post-hearing advocacy, including state and federal court practice.

There will also be opportunities for community outreach and education.

Requirements:

- Be a 2022 NYU Law Graduate or a recent NYU Law Graduate who is completing a

- clerkship;
- Interest in disability rights and problems affecting students with disabilities;
 - Excellent research and writing skills;
 - Spanish language skills a plus.

Salary is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample addressed to Montel Cherry, Director of Litigation for Children’s Rights, and transmitted by e-mail to mcherry@mfjlegal.org with “Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Fellowship Application” in the subject line. We encourage all applicants to include in their cover letter a statement about how your background and/or experience might contribute to the diversity and perspective of our office. Applications must be received by **November 24, 2021**. No telephone calls please.

For more information about MFJ, please go to www.mobilizationforjustice.org.

MOBILIZATION FOR JUSTICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.