

Disability Appeals Supervisor
Urban Justice Center, Mental Health Project

The Mental Health Project of the Urban Justice Center (MHP) seeks a full-time Supervisor for its Social Security disability advocacy work. MHP is a team of attorneys, social workers, and advocates dedicated to enforcing the rights of New Yorkers with mental health concerns experiencing poverty. Our mission is to end the cycle of homelessness, hospitalization, and incarceration that can trap people experiencing poverty with mental health concerns in New York City.

Responsibilities include:

- Working closely with our interdisciplinary team of attorneys, advocates, and social workers to represent Social Security disability claimants with mental health concerns in administrative hearings and other appeals;
- Supervising attorneys and paralegals engaged in administrative appeals and federal court actions;
- Partnering with litigation supervisor to devise and implement creative, impactful systemic advocacy efforts;
- Representing clients in administrative appeals, federal court actions, and out-of-court advocacy with SSA field offices to resolve issues with disability benefits;
- Strengthening community partnerships and overseeing outreach plans; and
- Assisting with administrative and grant responsibilities.

Qualifications include:

- J.D., with a minimum of at least four years' experience practicing law strongly preferred;
- Knowledge of Social Security benefits programs and advocacy experience in this area is required;
- Admission to the federal bar;
- Excellent research, writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to provide supportive and thoughtful supervision;
- Ability to work independently, manage a high caseload, stay organized, meet deadlines, and work under pressure;
- Demonstrated commitment to advocating for people with mental health concerns;
- Experience and commitment to providing client-centered and trauma-informed advocacy;
- Strong anti-oppressive, anti-racist, and social justice analysis and lens;

Benefits/Compensation:

Salary ranges from \$86,661-102,114 annually with excellent benefits. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, references and writing sample to mhpjobs@urbanjustice.org. Please

write "Disability Appeals Temporary Staff Attorney" in the email subject line. Due to high volume, we are unable to respond to all applicants and will contact only those candidates selected for further consideration.

The Urban Justice Center is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, victim of domestic violence status or marital status.