Join The Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ) and become part of an energetic team of advocates that provides a wide-range of legal services.

This exciting role will be heavy on court appearances. The ideal candidate will be a skillful attorney who can excel in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, where engaging with clients on a daily basis is a necessity. This position will also play an active role in the community and will be required to participate in heavy outreach.

About CELJ:

Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ) civil legal services organization fighting for justice, primarily for low-income older adults, in 10 counties in Western New York. Our attorneys stop illegal evictions, save clients homes from foreclosure, put a stop to elder domestic violence, fight for public benefits, work with our local immigrant & refugee populations, and represent grandparents and other kinship care relatives in custody and neglect petitions in family court. We also advocate for systems-wide policy changes, commenting frequently on changes to regulations and working with local elected leaders on legislation that will impact the poor and vulnerable older adults in our area. We believe that independence and dignity are the hallmarks of justice.

Essential Functions:

- Representation of tenants in landlord/tenant eviction proceedings
- Research and writing, with a strong understanding of landlord/tenant law
- Travel to courts throughout Western New York, including Erie, Genesee, Wyoming, Niagara, and Orleans counties.
- Night court appearances will be necessary
- Client communication and case management
- Maintaining a high caseload
- Advocacy outside of the courtroom, such as advocating for tenants living in substandard conditions, or facing other landlord/tenant issues.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Admitted to practice in NYS
- 0 – 5 years of practice experience
- Housing experience is strongly preferred
- Legal services background, or knowledge of general civil legal work, helpful
- Strong professional, verbal and written communication skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work both independently and also part of a group
- Comfortable working in a fast paced environment, with a high caseload
- Ability to work efficiently and accurately while exhibiting patience and diplomacy
- Travel is required

CELJ offers a competitive benefits and compensation package, including:

- Generous vacation and sick time.
- Thirteen holidays a year, plus two half-day holidays
- Summer hours between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- Payment of license fees and association dues
- Encouragement of professional development
To Apply:

Send cover letter and resume to Rachel Haseley, HR Manager Rhaseley@elderjusticeny.org

No phone calls please.

CELJ is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and welcomes all to apply, including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Employer recruits without regard to sex, race, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and any such candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.