



JOB DESCRIPTION: Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Legal Fellow, Anti-Trafficking Initiative

ABOUT US

Sanctuary for Families is New York's leading service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking and related forms of gender violence. Every year, Sanctuary empowers thousands of adults and children to move from fear and abuse to safety and stability, transforming lives through a comprehensive range of services. We provide a range of wrap-around services to help survivors rebuild their lives in the aftermath of abuse, and work to end gender violence through three key strategies: direct services, outreach and training, and systems-change advocacy. Our services are available in 19 locations throughout New York City.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps (EJW-CVJC) is a legal fellowship program designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. A cohort of approximately sixty fellows are placed at nonprofit organizations across the country to provide direct representation to victims of crimes, including human trafficking, fraud/identity theft, campus sexual assault, and hate crime, and immigrant victims of crime with meritorious claims for immigration relief, and outreach and education to community partners. All fellows will incorporate crime victims' rights enforcement into their practice and will receive training from the National Crime Victim Law Institute and other training and technical assistance partners.

This program is supported by an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, Award Number 2017-MU-MU-K131, and private funding. The fellow will be supervised by Sanctuary for Families and based in our Manhattan Office.

The EJW-CVJC Fellow will provide legal representation, advocacy and screenings for human trafficking victims. The Fellow will conduct trainings and community outreaches and collaborate with other agencies to advocate for systematic change.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides direct legal services to victims of human trafficking on affirmative and defensive immigration applications (including T visas, U visas and more) and address the range of civil legal issues that arise from the victimization
- Conducts legal screenings with immigrant defendants referred by New York City's Human Trafficking Intervention Courts.
- Represents and advocates for crime victims' rights enforcement
- Supervises pro bono attorneys providing legal services to victims of human trafficking.
- Advises and advocates for clients in legal and non-legal forums.
- Develops and conducts trainings and outreaches to judges, law enforcement agencies, services providers, and underserved communities.
- Provides referrals, facilitates clients' access to intra-agency and outside resources, administers provision of direct financial assistance and donations to clients, and leverages pro bono resources
- Participates in interagency conferences and legal/bar association committee meetings to keep abreast of developments in the areas related to the position.
- Represents Sanctuary for Families at community events.

- Collaborates with other EJW-CVJC Fellows.
- Actively participates in mandatory in-person training programs, including two-day Crime Victims Justice Corps Victim Law Boot Camp training on June 28-29, 2018 in Washington, DC; learning event at the end of the Fellowship; annual three-day Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in October/November 2018 and 2019 in Washington, DC; and training calls with the National Crime Victim Law Institute.
- Maintains statistics relating to client services for grant reporting purposes.
- Contributes to programmatic reporting required under the federal award.
- Supervises and mentors volunteers and interns.
- Supervises pro bono attorneys representing referred clients

ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Human Trafficking Intervention Court stakeholders – judges, district attorneys' offices, public defenders, nonprofit service providers
- Law enforcement agencies
- Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps

QUALIFICATIONS

- J.D. degree or equivalent;
- Admission to practice law in any state; NY or NJ Bar admission preferred;
- Prior immigration law experience preferred;
- Those with legal experience in crime victims' rights enforcement, gender based violence and victim service are strongly encouraged to apply;
- Law school clinic, externship, summer or other relevant practice experience a plus
- Strong public speaking skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal and organization skills
- An ability to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent legal assistance to crime victims/survivors
- An ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts and with multiple organizations to facilitate comprehensive services to crime victims/survivors
- Required fluency in a relevant second language with a preference for Mandarin Chinese
- Ability to begin the fellowship by on or about June 1, 2018 and serve for 2 years
- Sensitive to issues of cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity with strong lawyering, advocacy, and leadership skills, to provide zealous, knowledgeable, and empathic legal advocacy to human trafficking victims
- Knowledge of the dynamics of gender-based oppression and a strong motivation to combat gender-based violence.
- Ability to multi-task and balance complicated cases

TO APPLY:

Please select the link: <https://careers-sanctuaryforfamilies.icims.com/jobs/1323/case-manager%2c-anti-trafficking-initiative/job>

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All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.