

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Staff Attorney
Plattsburgh, NY**

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (PLS) is seeking applicants for a staff attorney position in our Plattsburgh, New York regional office.

PLS is a statewide program providing civil legal services to people incarcerated in New York State prisons. We have regional offices in Albany, Buffalo, Ithaca and Plattsburgh. PLS handles a variety of advocacy as well as litigation in state and federal courts involving civil matters that include mental health and medical care, prison disciplinary proceedings, excessive use of force, conditions of confinement, sentence calculation, and jail time credit. We provide high quality legal services and have been successful in establishing important rights for our clients.

We seek to hire an attorney who is committed to providing legal services to the disadvantaged. Applicants must be admitted to practice in New York State or be eligible for admission, *pro hac vice*, and be willing to take the next available bar exam. Applicants must have between four (4) and six (6) years of legal practice experience preferably in the areas of prisoners' rights, civil legal services, civil rights, poverty law or federal litigation and who are interested in litigating in state and federal court. Applicants also must be willing to travel to conduct prison visits throughout New York State. We have a need for staff who are fluent in Spanish.

Upon hire, the Plattsburgh office will be staffed by a managing attorney, two staff attorneys, a paralegal and an administrative support person, all of whom collaborate with other PLS staff throughout the state.

PLS offers a competitive salary in addition to an outstanding benefit package including health, dental, long term disability, and life insurance, as well as generous leave policies.

We seek to be a well-balanced, diverse organization. We encourage women and minorities to apply.

Plattsburgh is located in the northeastern corner of the State, along the shore of Lake Champlain, near the heart of the Adirondack Park, and approximately one hour both from Montreal, Quebec, and Burlington, Vermont.

Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and list of three references by June 12, 2009, by regular mail or email to:

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