

OFFICE OF COUNSEL, ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXAMPLES OF CHILD WELFARE COUNSEL DUTIES:

Representing the Department of Social Services in Family Court child abuse and neglect proceedings;

The opportunity to gain significant trial experience and appellate experience;

Daily court appearances;

Providing legal counsel to Child Protective Services and Children's Services;

Approving adoptions for children who are freed;

Maintaining confidential files and sensitive records;

Participating in related legal work as required.

BENEFITS:

Competitive salary;

Family-friendly office culture;

Ability to work-from-home once trained;

Eleven paid holidays;

Accrue ten vacation days in first two years of service;

Excellent health care.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Admission to the Bar of the State of New York and one (1) year of experience* in the practice of child abuse/neglect law, child support enforcement law, family law, public interest law, poverty law, elder law or welfare fraud law, or criminal prosecution.

NOTE: *Completion of (24) semester credit hours at a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university in any combination of the following fields of law school study: child abuse/neglect law, child support enforcement law, family law, public interest law, poverty law, elder law or welfare fraud law, or criminal prosecution may be substituted for the required one (1) year of experience.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT:

Candidates must be residents of Erie County at the time of appointment.