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**Queens Law
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Youth Justice Court Fellowship

Are you a team player looking for the chance to take the next step in your legal career? Are you looking to make a change in the lives of the youth in the community? If so, Queens Defenders wants you to join our team as the Youth Justice Court Fellow for our innovative Youth Justice Court Program.

The Youth Justice Court is a program in partnership with the Queens Public Library aimed at providing a restorative justice approach for youthful offenders aged 13-19 who commit low-level crimes. Youth are referred to the YJC programs where they are represented by young people under guidance of attorneys and the YJC Coordinator. The YJC Fellow will lead discussions and educate participants on legal issues.

This is a Part-Time (20 hours per week) position, however, there is an opportunity for Full Time employment for those who seek to learn more about working for a Public Criminal Defense Firm.

Who we are looking for:

- A current law student or recent Law Graduate
- Proficient legal researcher
- A resourceful and skilled facilitator that can engage and motivate people in a way that builds and fosters teamwork and collaboration.
- Someone who enjoys working with youth and wants to make a positive impact on the community.
- Has reliable transportation to travel within the Borough of Queens.
- A leader who can effectively and respectfully communicate and connect with people with various backgrounds and experiences.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities

- Coordinate and run multiple sessions in schools and libraries across the borough of Queens.
- Facilitate conversations, oversee data collection for each site, and ensure program materials/food are at each location in a timely manner.
- Provide direct coaching and supervision to participating youth.
- Provide legal education sessions and produce written legal information.

About Queens Defenders

Founded in 1996 as Queens Law Associates, Queens Defenders (QD) is a public defender organization in Queens, New York serving the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. QD provides defense to people in the criminal, family and immigration systems and believes that all individuals have the constitutional right to legal representation if they are charged with a crime and cannot afford an attorney. In addition to legal defense, Queens Defenders also provides immigration and social work services for our clients.

QD is an equal opportunity employer committed to building a culturally diverse staff and fostering an inclusive working environment. We seek to hire staff that reflect the full range of racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic identities of the communities we represent so that we better serve our clients, understand their diverse circumstances, and meet their needs. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, or protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.