

On 5/15/06, Ivy Suriyopas (CJC F04) sent us the following job announcement with a June 15, 2006, deadline:

Staff Attorney opening, National Office of **Immigration Equality**, a national organization working to end anti-gay discrimination in U.S. immigration law, to reduce the negative impact of that law on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and HIV-positive people, and to help win asylum for those persecuted in their home country based on sexual orientation, transgender identity, or HIV-status.

Position Overview: The staff attorney will work closely with Immigration Equality's Legal Director to provide direct legal services and educational materials to the LGBT and HIV-positive immigrant community. This work will include:

Fielding telephone, email, and in-person inquiries about U.S. immigration law as it relates to LGBT/HIV positive individuals;

Screening clients for Immigration Equality's pro bono asylum project, both in the office and at detention centers and jails throughout the New York/New Jersey area (valid driver's license and access to a car preferred);

Handling an individual caseload of asylum applications and removal hearings at all levels of the immigration system and in federal court;

Conducting trainings and outreach on LGBT and HIV related immigration issues;

Analyzing proposed legislation for impact on LGBT and HIV-positive immigrants.

Qualifications:

J.D. from an accredited law school and admission to practice in at least one state;

Proficiency in Spanish (fluency preferred);

Excellent research, writing and speaking skills;

Some immigration law experience strongly preferred;

Demonstrated commitment to LGBT issues, HIV issues and/or immigration issues;

Ability to multitask and work independently;

Comfort with basic computing skills, including email, word processing, etc.

Salary and Benefits: \$42,000 plus excellent benefits.

Application Procedure:

Applications should include cover letter, resume and writing sample, such as a legal research memo or article.

Email <<mailto:legal@immigrationequality.org>>
legal@immigrationequality.org

or mail to:

Staff Attorney Search
Immigration Equality
350 W. 31st St., Ste. 505
New York, NY 10001

Applications will be accepted until **June 15, 2006**, but applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The position start date is August 1, 2006.

Immigration Equality is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Immigrants and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.