

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE FIRM ATTORNEYS



NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Tracing its roots back to the 1600s, the New York City Law Department is one of the oldest and most dynamic legal offices in the world, ranking among New York City's largest law offices and the country's largest public law offices. Led by the Corporation Counsel, the Department's 700-plus attorneys represent the City on a vast array of civil litigation, legislative and legal issues, and in the criminal prosecution of juveniles. They handle a caseload of 70,000 active or ongoing legal matters each year in 16 legal divisions. The Department also provides legal counsel to City officials on a wide range of issues such as immigration, education, and environmental policy. Law Department attorneys draft and review local and State legislation, real estate leases, procurement contracts, and financial instruments for the sale of municipal bonds. The Department works with the Mayor on major Administration initiatives and explores topics of key importance, including the role of justice in what the office does. Diversity is a critical cornerstone here, and the office prides itself on the rich, varied backgrounds of its attorneys and staff. Many individuals spend their careers here because of the challenging, innovative work - and their colleagues' integrity and professionalism. For more information, visit the Law Department's website at www.nyc.gov/law.

MESSAGE FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Thank you for your interest in the Law Department's Public Service Program. We're proud to provide one of the most challenging and rewarding ways for attorneys to hone their skills. Here lawyers in the private sector will gain invaluable courtroom and deposition experience while serving the public good. Our volunteer attorneys handle complex police cases, challenging tort claims, and a host of other intriguing matters. They add client value to their firms, with associates in particular returning as more seasoned litigators.

Our Public Service Program enables firms and their attorneys to volunteer time and assist with the Law Department's heavy caseload. It's a public / private initiative that grew from law firms' generous efforts to aid New York City after 9/11.



Volunteers have handled cases from start to finish -- from the cross examination and opening to the closing. Through this experience, you get a tremendous amount of legal education in such a short amount of time.

This is a great opportunity, and we look forward to hearing from you.

ZACHARY W. CARTER
CORPORATION COUNSEL

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

The Program has three different segments:

- Tort Trial Participants
- Deposition Participants
- In-House Firm Participants

“ Working in the Manhattan Trial Unit is invaluable. Trying a different case each week is so dynamic, and I have definitely gained the skills I was hoping to acquire through this externship. It truly has been a pleasure working with, and learning from, the exceptional attorneys in this office. ”

Sarah Yardeni
Former Associate
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Tort Trial Participant

DEPOSITION PARTICIPANTS

Volunteer associates obtain hands-on experience conducting depositions in tort cases, which range from individual damages actions to complex class actions and multi-party litigation. Deposition schedules can be tailored to meet each firm's needs.

Deposition participants have also assisted when the City must conduct hundreds of depositions in large litigation matters or class action lawsuits by a court-ordered deadline. These special project matters have included the 2004 Republican National Convention, "Central Park Five," and Critical Mass bicycle cases handled by our Special Federal Litigation Division, as well as several class action Fair Labor Standards Act matters defended by our Labor & Employment Division.

“ Our participation in the Public Service Program has been a terrific experience. Simpson Thacher lawyers have had the opportunity to try cases to juries while rendering valuable assistance to the City in a time of extreme financial hardship. Our relationship with the Law Department is a true partnership; the office provides continual support and guidance once it has referred a case. ”

William T. Russell, Jr.
Partner and Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP



TORT TRIAL PARTICIPANTS

Volunteer mid-level associates work full-time in the Law Department's Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, or Queens Tort Division offices for four to six months, where they experience all aspects of civil trial work, including arguing motions, picking juries, examining witnesses, and presenting opening and closing statements.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for firm associates to gain substantial courtroom experience in a relatively short time. Associates are assigned multiple trial-ready cases during their service, leading to the possibility of obtaining numerous settlements and verdicts.

IN-HOUSE FIRM PARTICIPANTS

Firms take newly filed tort and Section 1983 matters in-house, giving partners and associates the chance to handle cases from inception to disposition. This includes participation in depositions, motion practice, court conferences, settlement negotiations, and, ultimately, trials. Issues handled have included premises liability, motor vehicle accidents, inadequate supervision, wrongful incarceration, false arrest, and malicious prosecution.

A new feature is the addition of trial-ready cases, in which firms take on cases for trial only. These cases are handled at the Law Department during the pre-trial stage.

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“ Participating in the Law Department’s Public Service Program is incredibly rewarding. Our associates have the opportunity to sharpen their deposition skills and receive excellent mentoring from the Law Department. These experiences help them gain confidence in their skills while doing a great service for the City of New York.

Jessica M. Klein
Head of Pro Bono Practice
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

“ Our participation in the Public Service Program has been an extremely rewarding experience for our associates, allowing them to hone their deposition skills while providing much needed assistance to the City. The associates who have participated uniformly praised both the experience of a multi-week immersion into a fast-paced deposition practice and the congenial working atmosphere. We are delighted to partner with the City in this project.

Vilia B. Hayes
Partner and Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair
Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

“ As a litigator, this program provided me an opportunity to sharpen fundamental advocacy skills and offered me valuable insights on how to manage different personalities in an adversarial context. And on a personal level, it was a rewarding experience to give back to the community by representing New York City.

Nicholas A. Secara
Associate
Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP
(now Locke Lorde Edwards)



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