



Immigration Attorney - LI

About Safe Passage Project

Safe Passage Project provides free lawyers to over 950 child refugees who are being deported.

Many children embark alone on the long and dangerous journey to the United States seeking protection. They are fleeing trauma such as gang violence and recruitment, abuse, and sexual assault. In 2017, the federal government reported apprehending over 40,000 immigrant children seeking entry to the United States. Closer to home, the New York Immigration Court has more than 15,000 cases involving children on its docket.

Immigrant children are not afforded free legal representation by the government, regardless of their age. As a result, more than half of immigrant children must go through immigration proceedings without the aid of a lawyer. Unable to effectively argue their claim for the legal protections they may qualify for, more than 80% of these children are issued deportation orders. To many, this means returning to the danger from which they fled.

This is where [Safe Passage Project](#) steps in, providing free legal assistance to these refugee and immigrant children in New York City and Long Island who are facing removal despite their strong legal claim to stay in the United States.

Safe Passage Project is growing rapidly; we are currently the largest provider of free lawyers to immigrant children in New York State. Since 2015, our funding has increased more than sevenfold.

Check out recent press on our work in [The New York Times](#), [The New Yorker](#) and [Glamour](#).

About the Role

The Immigration Attorney will be joining a group of exceptional public interest attorneys to directly impact the lives of immigrant children looking for safety and security. The Immigration Attorney will directly represent children in immigration and other related proceedings, including cases involving asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and other forms of immigration relief. The Immigration Attorney will also guide pro bono attorneys through Family Court and Immigration Court proceedings, and through representation at the Asylum Office. This position will be based in New York City and Long Island (Garden City).

Your responsibilities will include:

- Provide direct representation to Safe Passage Project clients.
- Supervise and mentor pro bono attorneys with Safe Passage Project.
- Screen immigrant children and assist in the organization of Safe Passage Project's legal screenings.
- Provide detailed reporting statistics on each case mentored and represented directly.



Qualifications: The strongest candidates for this position will have most, though likely not all, of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- J.D. degree and admission to New York State Bar;
- Two (2) years of family law or immigration law experience;
- Excellent written, analytical, oral, organizational and time management skills;
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively on an interdisciplinary team in a fast-paced, high-intensity environment;
- Fluency in Spanish is required;
- Experience working with diverse communities and/or with children;
- A commitment to the work of Safe Passage Project and readiness to grow and learn with the Safe Passage Project team.

Compensation & Benefits

Safe Passage Project offers competitive salary and benefits, commensurate with experience and skills. In addition, Safe Passage Project offers a flexible work environment, including the opportunity to work from home, flexible hours, open time off, and 12 weeks paid family leave. The team works on a beautiful campus at a terrific office location in Tribeca and Garden City. Every employee has access to support for professional development. Safe Passage Project is proud to have a top-down, bottom-up commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

How to apply

Please submit your resume to jobs@safepassageproject.org with “ __[Your Name]__ Immigration Attorney LI Application” in the subject line to begin the application process. Candidates that meet the minimum experience will be invited to complete a set of short answer questions, in lieu of a cover letter.

If you have any questions about the role, please feel free to email jobs@safepassageproject.org. We look forward to learning more about you!

Safe Passage Project is an equal opportunity employer. Women, people of color, LGBTQ people, veterans and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.