

SOCIAL WORKER

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Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP (NSB), a boutique national civil rights law firm based in NYC, is looking for a Social Worker to help clients who were exonerated to establish a sustainable, committed support system, and assist in preparing them for post-release litigation.

Most of NSB's clients have recently returned home from prison after spending many years wrongfully incarcerated for crimes they had nothing to do with. The Social Worker will assess their physical, social, mental health and medical needs, and connect them with the appropriate services, such as trauma specialists, medical providers and assistance with housing, transportation, health insurance, educational programs, and employment needs.

Flexibility is a must. Our clients come from cities throughout the U.S., and need varying degrees of assistance. Many suffer from complex trauma related to their wrongful conviction and incarceration. They do not fit in a box, and this Social Worker will need to piece together support systems. Developing a rapport and a therapeutic working relationship serves as the foundation as they navigate the ups and downs of their return home. In one day, this could mean helping one client gain admission to a dual diagnosis inpatient hospitalization, while finding another a rural dentist and helping another speak with their partner about the traumas related to returning home after decades in prison.

The hours are to be determined - the potential for full or part time is flexible. You should expect to assist clients when emergencies arise, which can occur on weekends and evenings, occasionally. You will also be responsible for coordinating with our attorneys and paralegals, who are often working on tight deadlines. It is a fast-paced, diverse, multi-disciplinary working environment with client needs that change rapidly; the work is largely self-directed and highly collaborative. The role is currently 100% remote due to the pandemic. As NSB staff returns to working in the office, the Social Worker is permitted to work remotely, but should plan to work in the office at least 1-2x week for in-person meetings. From time-to-time, there are travel opportunities with this role.

The successful candidate will be independent and organized, with strong clinical skills, experience conducting psychosocial assessments, and ability to advocate on behalf of clients. We strongly encourage applicants from all cultures, races, educational backgrounds, life experiences, socio-economic classes, sexual orientations, age, gender, and physical abilities to apply. We welcome applicants with personal or family experience with the criminal justice system and/or incarceration. Diversity of our workforce is critical to our success and upholding NSB's mission. This role will be under management of the Senior Social Worker. LCSW preferred. A minimum of five years post graduate experience, preferably as a mitigation specialist, forensic social work or in re-entry. Background in wraparound care also helpful.

About NSB: Founded over 20 years ago by Peter Neufeld, Barry Scheck and the late Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., NSB's constitutional civil rights cases target police misconduct and other types of corruption within the criminal legal system—most commonly, wrongful convictions, excessive force, and abuse of prisoners. Our mission is to use civil litigation to win justice for our clients and hold individuals and institutions accountable. To learn more about NSB, please visit: www.nsbcivilrights.com.

How to Apply: NSB is committed to serving its diverse clients and ensuring an office environment that is welcoming and respectful to people of all backgrounds. As an equal opportunity employer, NSB supports non-discrimination in the firm's employment practices. We strongly encourage

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applications from all candidates committed to holding officials accountable for their misconduct. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and list of references to careers@nsbcivilrights.com. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.