

**THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY**  
**CIVIL, CRIMINAL & JUVENILE RIGHTS PRACTICES**  
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**Applicant Questionnaire (Staff Attorney & Law Graduate Positions)**

1. What life experiences have you had that would aid you in representing indigent clients?
  
2. If you have a preference for a practice area, indicate the practice area(s) and explain why.
  
3. Attorneys in the Legal Aid Society represent clients in many different kinds of cases. Those in the criminal practice handle matters ranging from minor infractions of the law to the most serious crimes imaginable. Those in the juvenile rights practice represent children who may have committed minor or serious crimes as well as children who may want to return home to parents who have been charged with abusing and neglecting them. Cases in the civil practice run the gamut of civil cases and might include, for example, a mentally disabled client with a history of violence, a housing client charged with nuisance, or a benefits claimant who has been charged with fraud. What reservations, if any, do you have about working in the practice area(s) for which you are applying.
  
4. As a trial attorney, you will be responsible for managing all aspects of your clients' representation. This requires both an ability to assert leadership in directing events, and the ability to make decisions independently. In what ways have you demonstrated these qualities in your past experience?
  
5. Why should you be selected to be an attorney at The Legal Aid Society?