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Travel Directions:

From Manhattan or the Bronx: Take the (4) or (5) train to Wall Street, or the (1) to Rector.

From Brooklyn: Take the (A) train to Fulton then transfer to the (4) or (5) to Wall.

From Queens: Take the (R) or (W) train to Rector.

Mission Statement

The Center for Appellate Litigation is a 20-attorney not-for-profit law firm handling appeals and post-conviction proceedings on behalf of the indigent criminal defendants, in cases assigned to CAL by the Appellate Division, First Department. We are funded by New York City and do not accept payment from clients for our services. The office handles approximately 330 direct appeals assignments each year. While providing effective appellate advocacy is our core mission, CAL is committed to creating dynamic approaches to serve our clients. We search for new evidence outside the appellate record, help clients with issues relating to their conditions of confinement, petition for re-sentencing under the recently enacted drug law reforms, and partner with law schools and the private sector on a regular basis. Our ultimate goal is to serve each client's needs with professionalism and humanity.

CAL is only able to provide services to individuals whose cases are assigned to us by the Appellate Division, First Department.

**The Reentry Program
at
The Center for
Appellate Litigation**

Are you currently incarcerated and approaching your release date? Or were you recently released from prison?

Are you thinking about what you will do when you are released?

Are you interested in housing and employment? Are you concerned about your health?

As a client of the Center for Appellate Litigation, you may be eligible for the Reentry Program.

At the Center for Appellate Litigation, we believe that breaking the cycle of recidivism is one promising way to shrink the prison population and improve the well-being of formerly incarcerated individuals, their families, and their communities.

The Reentry Program assists CAL clients with housing, employment, and mental and physical health needs once they leave prison walls. Program services include counseling and case management, helping you to identify and address your needs. We also provide appropriate referrals to mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment, vocational and educational services, housing, and employment readiness programs.

If you are still incarcerated ...

It is important for you to start thinking about and preparing for your reentry as early as possible. If you are still incarcerated, it is not too early to become involved in the Reentry Program! If you are a CAL client interested in the services described in this brochure, please write to us (Attn: Reentry Program) so we can begin planning for your release. Be sure to include your expected release date in your letter.

Employment

Finding a job is one of the biggest challenges individuals face when they leave prison. CAL's Reentry Program can help you formulate goals for your job search and provide referrals to organizations specializing in job training and employment for those reentering.

We may also be able to help you apply for a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct, which if granted can help you by lifting bars to employment that are a result of your conviction.

Housing

Having a stable place to live is an important part of successful reentry. The Reentry Program can help you think about your housing options and find an appropriate place to live.