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ANNOUNCEMENT  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

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ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 8608

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**POSITION TITLE:** COURT ATTORNEY - REFEREE **JG: 31**

**LOCATION:** 8<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
NIAGARA COUNTY FAMILY COURT

**BASE SALARY:** \$130,061

**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE/CONFIDENTIAL

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Admission to the New York State Bar; **and** Three years of service in the Associate Court Attorney title; **or** Eight years of relevant legal experience gained after admission to the New York State Bar.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:** Court Attorney-Referees act as special referees and research and analyze complex legal issues and questions raised in civil and criminal cases heard in trial courts or on appeal to certain County Courts and may be responsible for supervision of court attorneys and support staff who are located in one or more courts situated throughout a county, judicial district, or department. They serve in a confidential capacity and work with substantial independence from supervision in units located in the Court of Claims or special parts in the Supreme Court or in County, District, Family, and Surrogate's Courts in counties entirely within cities or in counties that have populations exceeding 400,000.

**ASSIGNMENT:** This position is assigned to the Niagara County Family Court. Duties include but are not limited to: conducting hearings on a hear and report and/or hear and determine basis; taking testimony and reporting findings of fact to a judge; facilitating settlement discussions in contested proceedings; researching and analyzing complex legal questions and issues; and writing confidential memoranda and drafting opinions. Travel may be required.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications must submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at [www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf](http://www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf)), cover letter, and resume by email to [8JDHRApplications@nycourts.gov](mailto:8JDHRApplications@nycourts.gov) or by mail to:

SHION CHRISTIAN  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
92 FRANKLIN STREET  
BUFFALO, NY 14202

**[APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DATA COLLECTION FORM.](#)**

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**POSTING DATE:** May 12, 2026

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY:** June 9, 2026

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