



Host Site: DNA People's Legal Services

Project: Navajo Law Fellowship

Location: Navajo Nation –Window Rock or Chinle, AZ office

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellowship offers a law school student the opportunity to work alongside and under the supervision of Navajo licensed attorneys to provide outreach, community legal education, and a full spectrum of legal assistance. Legal assistance provided is determined by, and focused on, the legal needs presented by residents in the Navajo communities. Through providing services, and through the experience of living within the community, the Fellow will learn first-hand about legal issues that commonly impact all Navajo people and the legal remedies that are available. DNA intentionally offers a broad-focus Fellowship to provide the student with an experience that realistically represents the work we do, and what it is like to work as an attorney at DNA. In return, DNA is assured that a job applicant who has spent a summer working in the Navajo Nation fully understands the scope of the job. Over the years, DNA has hired many attorneys who spent a summer interning in one of our Navajo Nation offices. The Fellowship requires the student to participate fully in regular office activities, including intake, applicant interviews, case acceptance meetings, data collection and timekeeping, legal research, community outreach, document preparation, and court appearances. With this breadth of integration, the student gains knowledge of Navajo law plus a very realistic understanding of the daily professional life of a DNA attorney.

