



**Host Site:** Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.

**Project:** Giving Rural Persons in Poverty Access to Justice

**Location:** Hannibal or Union offices of LSEM

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow will help LSEM expand outreach efforts and increase capacity, mostly in serving domestic violence victims living in rural eastern Missouri. The Fellow will be based in either our Hannibal office—the historic Mississippi River community that inspired several of Mark Twain’s most beloved novels, which covers 14 rural counties—or our Union office, which covers three rural counties and is about an hour outside of St. Louis. All these counties are under-served by attorneys and have significant populations living with low opportunity and low income. Under the supervision of experienced mentors, the Fellow will complete a wide variety of substantive tasks including intake screenings, client interviews, drafting pleadings, electronic filing, docket management, court appearances, and closeout assistance for domestic violence cases primarily. This summer placement will also expose the Fellow to a broad base of legal cases managed by the Hannibal and Union office teams, including but not limited to: Landlord/Tenant/Housing disputes, Public Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, Family Law, Consumer Issues, and Elder Law. This is a unique opportunity for the Fellow to build a broad base of legal skills while enjoying one of two of the mid-west’s needy communities. The Fellow will help LSEM fulfill its motto of “Action. Justice. Hope.”

