



Host Site: Iowa Legal Aid

Topic of Project: Client Services and Outreach

Location: Any of Iowa Legal Aid's 10 regional offices: Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Mason City, Waterloo, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Dubuque, or Davenport

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow will provide direct civil legal assistance to rural clients and participate in outreach to rural communities. The project will focus primarily on direct service, which will consist of the following:

- **Intake:** The Student Fellow will interview potential clients as part of their application for services. This includes gathering relevant facts and entering them into our electronic case management system. As part of the intake process, the Fellow will learn to assess a client's legal needs. Working under the direct supervision of an Iowa Legal Aid attorney, the Fellow will develop an action plan and provide advice to clients.
- **Hearings:** To the extent permitted by the Iowa student practice rule, the Fellow will be involved in representing clients in administrative or court hearings. This may require law students to negotiate with opposing parties or opposing counsel to settle various issues. The Fellow also will provide important support to Iowa Legal Aid attorneys who are representing clients in hearings or trials.
- **Legal Research & Writing:** The Fellow will practice their legal research and writing skills by analyzing clients' legal issues and drafting advice letters and memoranda.

In addition to direct client service work, the Fellow will work with the regional office to design and implement an outreach campaign to rural clients. This will include meeting with key community partners, designing a targeted social media plan, and posting outreach materials strategically in rural areas.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

None

