



Host Site: Kentucky Legal Aid

Topic of Project: Safe Housing for Victims

Location: Bowling Green, KY

Description of Fellow Project:

Kentucky Legal Aid's Welcome HOME (Housing Options Means Empowerment) Project creates safe housing options for victims by providing rurally isolated and impoverished victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking with long-term civil legal solutions to address or prevent homelessness. The Welcome HOME Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow will work extensively with attorneys and staff from KLA's Intake Department. The Fellow will work one-on-one with victims completing intake screenings, assisting to provide legal hotline counsel and advice, and supporting attorneys in direct representation of victims in civil courts. Through substantive training and client service, the Fellow will develop a nuanced and practical knowledge of victim service delivery and be provided the opportunity to explore a broad range of civil legal issues that commonly create housing insecurity. The Fellow will have direct client contact and be provided opportunities to assist in litigation preparation and observe court proceedings.

The Welcome HOME Fellow will support KLA's Intake Department to (1) process Civil Legal Needs Assessments received from partner domestic violence agencies; (2) screen victims for Welcome HOME services; (3) provide direct representation to victims by conducting initial client interviews under the supervision of an Intake Attorney; and (4) assist staff attorneys to represent victims experiencing, or at-risk of homelessness in a variety of civil legal matters.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

None

