



Host Site: Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

Topic of Project: Evictions

Location: Saginaw, Michigan

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow will be assisting Legal Services of Eastern Michigan's housing practice group in the execution of eviction diversion programs in the participating courts in the northern part of its service area. This placement will be an immersed experience with the opportunity to work directly with clients, shadow attorneys in courtrooms, draft documents, maintain files, and learn from an experienced pool of passionate staff.

The goals of this fellowship include gaining experience in the courtroom (virtual and/or in-person) and benefitting from direct mentorship with the housing team of advocates in the Saginaw Office. The Student Fellow will have goals set based on their availability and weekly schedule. The student will engage with community stakeholders to secure housing assistance for tenants, interact with clients, and draft related court documents for tenancy preservation.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

- Excellent legal, organizational, written, and oral communication skills.
- Ability to relate comfortably to individuals of different racial, ethnic, economic, and cultural backgrounds.
- Ability to multi-task and complete projects in a timely matter under pressure.
- Knowledge of the communities to be served during this fellowship and demonstrated commitment to civil rights and social justice.

