



Host Site: Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Topic of Project: Housing and Evictions

Location: Newburgh, NY

This project may be remote if required by COVID-19 state guidelines.

Description of Fellow Project:

The COVID-19 pandemic, eviction moratoriums, and NY State shelter-in-place orders have created what will undoubtedly be an increased need for housing legal assistance in the year 2021. When the eviction moratoriums lift and courts scramble to process a backlog of 2020 cases, there will also be an anticipated blizzard of new eviction filings. The need for all available legal resources--legal education, advice, and direct legal representation--is critical in assisting as many households as possible in our catchment area.

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow will increase LSHV's impact related to manufactured home communities, build on our recent successes in manufactured home litigation, and expand our practice in this area. The Fellow will raise awareness by developing Know Your Rights bilingual materials, which will be accessible remotely. The Fellow will also work to distribute materials by connecting with community organizations and conducting outreach and community education. By conducting client interviews and providing litigation support to staff attorneys, the Fellow will assist in broadening and advancing legal work in manufactured home communities.

Applicant Qualifications:

Bilingual English/Spanish preferred, but not required. The fellowship will be remote during the course of the pandemic. If the pandemic is no longer a factor by the time the fellowship starts, a car will be needed.

