

Host Site: Center for Arkansas Legal Services

Topic of Project: Housing

Location: Pine Bluff, AR

This project will be conducted in-person if public health conditions allow.

Description of Fellow Project:

This Fellowship will place a law student with "Keeping it in the Family," a special initiative to reduce generational poverty through home ownership and estate planning. Working under the supervision of a licensed attorney, the Fellow will be assigned to work in the poorest communities of the Arkansas Delta. Too many Arkansans lose their inherited homes for lack of proper title. These Arkansans live on family land or "heir property" that has been passed down informally from generation-to-generation. This is especially true for African-American families. According to the Agricultural Census, African-American farmers have lost approximately 90% of their land since 1910. The successful Fellow will protect family land through "Wills on Wheels" clinics to prevent title issues before they occur, participate in community outreach, and provide litigation support to CALS staff attorneys.

Applicant Qualifications:

- Access to a reliable vehicle.
- Spanish speaking is preferred, but not required.