



**Host Site:** Alaska Legal Services Corporation

**Topic of Project:** General Practice

**Location:** Bethel, AK OR Nome, AK (In-person)

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow will assist Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) office staff by interviewing clients, developing cases, and performing research and writing. Under attorney supervision, the Fellow will maintain their own caseload, ranging from providing brief services like drafting wills to representing clients in administrative hearings like SNAP appeals. A Fellow who has completed their second year of law school may be eligible for a legal intern waiver from the Alaska Bar, allowing them to represent clients in court.

Beyond direct client services, the Fellow will assist ALSC staff in efforts to empower communities by increasing knowledge of the legal system and local resources. The Fellow will assist ALSC staff with the Community Justice Worker Resource Center (an online resource that trains non-attorney community advocates to assist clients) and BeneFactor (a free, digital assistant that guides community navigators through the Social Security Disability application process). The Fellow will also draft wills for rural Alaska Native elders.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

Proficiency in a second language is not necessary.

