



Host Site: Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky

Topic of Project: Income Maintenance, Social Security, & General Practice

Location: Prestonsburg, KY

Description of Fellow Project:

Over eight years since it began, the humanitarian crisis involving former clients of private attorney Eric C. Conn continues to challenge the staff and volunteer resources of AppalReD Legal Aid. The Fellow will assist AppalReD Legal Aid attorneys in handling the first group—involving approximately 1,500 people whose Social Security Disability and/or SSI benefits were reviewed because of fraud involving attorney Eric C. Conn, certain doctors, and an administrative law judge (ALJ)—at the ALJ and appeal levels. The work will involve interviewing clients, reviewing and summarizing medical records, performing legal research, drafting memoranda, assisting with briefs, and completing other tasks.

If feasible, the Fellow will represent one or more of the claimants at ALJ hearings under the supervision of an AppalReD Legal Aid attorney. The Fellow will also assist AppalReD Legal Aid's Prestonsburg office and AppalReD Legal Aid's advocacy director with general practice including client interviewing and intake, legal research, drafting, outreach, and other assigned tasks.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

This Fellowship will be in-person. No second language is preferred or required.

