

Host Site: Colorado Legal Services

Topic of Project: Farmworkers/Employment

Location: Grand Junction or Alamosa, CO

Description of Fellow Project:

The Fellow will join the Migrant Farm Worker Division during the height of the growing season to assist in meeting the legal needs of farm workers that so frequently go unmet. The Fellow will assist clients with issues including wage theft, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and immigration. The Fellow will also travel throughout the rural areas of each of their regions, visiting migrant farm workers to ensure that the workers have information regarding their legal rights and CLS services.

The Fellow will collaborate with key partners and conduct outreach to farm workers at labor camps and other farm housing sites and provide information to workers about their rights and the services that the project provides. The student's casework will involve in-depth legal research and writing and client Interviews, and will encompass a wide spectrum of legal issues, including wage theft, working conditions, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and immigration cases.

Depending on the status of the cases, the Fellow may be tasked with drafting complaints for filing with administrative agencies, crafting pleadings and discovery requests for cases in litigation, formulating concise legal arguments, or reviewing requests for discovery. For immigration-related casework, the Fellow will actively support clients in gathering evidentiary documentation for immigration applications, preparing essential USCIS forms, and communicating with clients to obtain or review additional necessary information.

Additionally, the Fellow will actively engage in a variety of outreach activities targeting farm workers and service providers which will include screening and conducting interviews with potential clients, providing essential information regarding workers' legal rights in-person and via social media platforms and delivering presentations to workers and service providers on various substantive legal topics.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

The Fellowship can be hybrid or remote, but the fellow must reside in the area they will be serving for necessary in-person activities. Proficiency in Spanish is required.



