



Host Site: Georgia Legal Services Program

Topic of Project: Elder Law/Housing/Health

Location: Albany, GA

Description of Fellow Project:

The Student Fellow will support individual legal casework, systemic advocacy, outreach, and community legal clinics and workshops designed to assist senior citizens, particularly those with low incomes and in rural communities. The Fellowship will focus on assisting senior citizens residing in counties that provide few options for legal representation. Our primary target population is individuals aged 60 and over, although other rural populations with low incomes are also expected to benefit from the community outreach and direct service components of the Fellowship.

The Fellow will conduct outreach to underserved rural areas, including those which have recently experienced closures of senior centers that typically served as gathering places and forums for information about the availability of resources, including legal services. More than simply raising awareness of services, the Fellowship will provide the Fellow the opportunity to identify, in real time, the legal issues of greatest concern to seniors in these areas. Based on the information gathered through this outreach, the Fellow will then work with legal advocates to 1) develop and conduct workshops or clinics for senior citizens; 2) develop educational materials for community members and service providers; and 3) support attorneys in the provision of individual legal representation.

Additionally, the Fellow will focus on establishing relationships with local faith-based groups, community nonprofits, and other affinity groups that have arisen in the absence of senior centers. Of particular importance will be partnerships with public libraries in the targeted area, as libraries often serve as the only location for many rural clients to access the internet and local resources.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

The Fellowship will be conducted in-person. There is no second language proficiency required.

