

**Host Site:** Inland Counties Legal Services, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** General Practice/Systemic Litigation and Community Lawyering

**Location:** Ontario, CA

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Fellow will help to expand on the host site's systemic litigation and community lawyering projects, aimed at addressing systemic issues in the region and building trainings and tools to take to specific rural communities to help remove barriers that are characteristic of those specific communities, which keep people in poverty. The Fellow will work with the Systemic and Impact Litigation practice group advocates, to challenge unlawful policies, procedures, and practices that prevent indigent people from improving their lives. The team focuses on access to public benefits, preservation of low-income housing, and cases that will have a broad impact in the service area.

The Fellow will work collaboratively with the team and will be assigned an attorney mentor with substantial litigation and community lawyering experience. Under their guidance, the Fellow will work on a range of litigation tasks on active litigation matters, including: 1) assistance with document drafting; 2) propounding and responding to discovery requests; 3) conducting legal research; 4) attending client meetings; 5) assisting with dispositive motions; and 6) attending hearings.

Additionally, the Fellow will work on a community lawyering project aimed at identifying specific, localized issues in underserved rural communities within the service area, which will include: 1) interviewing community members, partner organizations, and other stakeholders on the specific legal needs within the identified communities; 2) creating legal education materials on the specific issues identified by their research; 3) preparing and conducting workshops or clinics for low-income people in the region on top issues impacting each community on an individualized basis; and 4) assisting with direct representation, where appropriate.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

The Fellowship will be hybrid. Proficiency in Spanish is preferred, but not required.

