



Host Site: Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.

Topic of Project: General Practice

Location: Canton, NY (In-person, hybrid, or remote)

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow will work directly with experienced Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) attorneys on the Kaianerenhsara Aorihwake Shakotihshienons (law or legal matters which people help with) project located on the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SMRT) Reservation in rural St. Lawrence County. This project is the first of its type in New York. It is an innovative and collaborative project to help low-income tribal families facing legal problems with accessing civil legal services. The Fellow will work with an attorney on various types of cases, including but not limited to, eviction, divorce, custody, child support, family offenses, and matters related to vulnerable families (consumer, housing, landlord/tenant, foreclosures, Social Security, Medicaid/Health Insurance, family, public benefits, and other income maintenance matters).

The Fellow will gain experience in family court, supreme court as well as city and town courts. The Fellow will be assigned to an attorney in LASNNY's Canton offices, and may perform all duties virtually, if and where necessary. The Fellow's specific responsibilities will vary according to the attorney they are assigned to as well as the Fellow's aptitude. LASNNY may assign specific aspects of a case, such as researching and drafting legal memoranda and pleadings, participating in client interviews, investigating and preparing the case, and representing clients in court under attorney supervision.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in a language other than English is preferred but not required.

