

Host Site: Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.

Topic of Project: Employment

**Location:** Ithaca, NY (Hybrid)

## **Description of Fellow Project:**

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow at Legal Assistance of Western New York (LawNY) will provide assistance to low-income clients in reducing barriers to employment and accessing unemployment insurance benefits throughout our 13 rural counties. The Fellow is expected to complete 300 hours over the course of 8-10 weeks, starting on or about June 1, 2024.

The Fellow will work on cases and assist with the coordination of casework throughout all LawNY counties. The Fellow will have the opportunity for direct client casework, including screening and intake, client interviewing, legal research, and drafting court documents. The Fellow's activities will expand LawNY's ability to fight poverty by assisting clients with legal representation and access to justice via minimizing the effect of a client's criminal history on their efforts to obtain employment.

## Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in Spanish is preferred but not required.

