



**Host Site:** Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** Domestic Violence

**Location:** Hannibal, MO (In-person or hybrid)

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellows will help Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) expand outreach efforts and increase capacity, mainly in serving domestic violence victims living in rural Missouri. Outreach efforts will include assisting in outreach to minority communities in our rural counties. The Fellow will be based in our Hannibal office. Hannibal, which covers thirteen rural counties, is the historic Mississippi River community that inspired several of Mark Twain's most beloved novels. Twelve of Hannibal's thirteen counties averaged populations of 10,000 or less. All these counties are underserved by attorneys and have significant populations living with low opportunity and low income.

Under the supervision of an experienced mentor with over 22 years of legal experience in the Hannibal office, the Fellow will learn firsthand about a law office operation by completing a wide variety of substantive tasks including intake screenings, client interviews, drafting pleadings, electronic filing, docket management, court appearances, and closeout assistance, for domestic violence cases primarily.

his summer placement will also expose the Fellow to a broad base of legal cases managed by the Hannibal office team, including for example, but not limited to: Landlord/Tenant/Housing disputes, Public Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, Family Law, Consumer Issues, and Elder Law. This is a unique opportunity for the Fellow to build a broad base of legal skills while serving one of the Midwest's needy communities.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

Proficiency in a second language is not required.

