



**Host Site:** Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation

**Topic of Project:** Family Law/Housing

**Location:** Columbia, MO

**Description of Fellow Project:**

Legal assistance with housing is one of the top legal needs in Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation (MMLS)' services area, including the rural counties MMLS services. In rural counties there often are more incidents of unsophisticated business transactions that lead to legal problems, more reliance on oral leases/agreements that may not be enforceable, and more instances of landlords resorting to self-help without anyone policing their wrongful evictions.

The Rural Housing Project Fellow will work with MMLS' housing law team to address housing issues that impact rural residents such as wrongful evictions, informal and oral rent to own contracts, informal transfer of property, and mobile home sales and lot leases. The Fellow will conduct outreach and make presentations in MMLS' rural counties to increase awareness of housing rights and the services MMLS provides; research legal issues that arise in rural housing cases; and assist with housing cases including client interviews, investigation, discovery, and drafting pleadings. The Fellow will also assist with cases involving survivors of domestic and sexual violence, working with MMLS attorneys to enforce federal and state laws providing housing protections for survivors.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

The Fellowship will be in-person. Proficiency in a second language is not required.

