



Host Site: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

Topic of Project: Farmworkers Rights/Public Benefits

Location: El Paso, TX

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Farmworker & Public Benefits Fellow will work with TRLA's Farmworker Team and Public Benefits Team along the Texas-Mexico border in El Paso, Texas. While working closely with the Farmworker Team, the Fellow will assist with a variety of employment law matters affecting migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.

The Fellow will assist with negotiations and litigation on current cases, conduct intakes, and provide support on case development for various complaints that the team receives during the summer. The Fellow will also conduct regular outreach and Know Your Rights presentations in rural areas around the Trans Pecos and West Texas. Outreach topics will include employment law topics relevant to farmworkers as well as public benefits and health-related issues.

The Trans Pecos region has a unique community makeup that creates overlapping issues of worker rights, public benefits issues, and immigration issues. This offers an RSLC Fellow a rare opportunity to be exposed to diverse legal issues. Barring any adjustment in response to public health emergencies, the Fellow will be based in TRLA's El Paso office, traveling throughout West Texas as needed. The Fellow will always be accompanied by a permanent TRLA staff member on such trips.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in Spanish is strongly preferred.

The Fellowship will be in-person, but should a public health emergency occur, the Fellow may work remotely in accordance with TRLA's Contagious Illness Policy.

