



RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.

Host Site

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Raleigh, NC

Experience/Description

The Farmworker Unit (FWU) provides free legal assistance in civil matters to migrant farm workers statewide. The Farmworker Unit's litigation primarily involves employment law, utilizing state and federal laws regulating wages, working conditions, safety, and housing for migrant farm workers. It also represents clients in administrative complaints related to pesticides, housing, and health and safety. In the summer of 2017, the FWU expects to have cases in active litigation related to unpaid wages, violations of the H2-A/employment contract, human trafficking claims, and other claims as cases arise. The Rural Summer Legal Corps fellow will be working directly with clients to help them address a wide variety of needs. Under the supervision of an attorney, the fellow will be responsible for case support in current litigation, interviewing new clients, supporting community education efforts (such as general outreach to migrant camps or staffing an information booth at a farmworker-focused event), working with case teams, and attending staff meetings. The fellow will also assist with more structured presentations and popular education-style skits on employment-related topics. The fellow will accompany experienced staff on outreach to migrant labor camps on some weeknights. Additionally, he or she will do written work, such as pleadings or motion drafting and longer research memos, as well as client interviews and intake.

Applicant Qualifications

Written and oral proficiency in Spanish and a driver's license is required

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