



RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation

Host Site

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Houma, LA

Experience/Description

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) has an urgent need to increase outreach efforts in Bayou Country. SLLS plans to replicate a successful legal clinic model to provide direct legal services in partnership with rural libraries. The Rural Summer Legal Corps fellow will assist SLLS in achieving its dual goals of increased outreach in Bayou Country while also dovetailing with efforts to expand legal clinics in libraries. The fellow will also help promote and assist as needed with SLLS's new 17th Judicial District Self-Help Desk in Lafourche Parish. He or she will gain skills in client interviewing, advocating for clients, legal research and writing, and developing and distributing information on how to access legal services. The fellow will attend local Bar Association meetings held during their term of service. The fellow will work directly with the SLLS Houma office Managing Attorney to implement the Bayou Country Rural Outreach and Legal Clinic Project, which will require collaboration with local librarians, the 17th Judicial District, the Library Education and Awareness Program coordinator, and other community partners to reach the client community. Additionally, he or she will develop and distribute outreach materials about the new legal clinics and attend partner meetings to establish legal clinics. The fellow will organize and prepare materials for clinics, assist with clinic intake and interviewing, help the supervising attorney with follow-up work on extended service cases, assist with the Self-Help Desk, and work with the attorney to advocate for clients.

The fellow will learn skills from other staff members in the Houma office, attend case strategy meetings, and work with SLLS's Social Media & Volunteer Coordinator to help publicize events and the efforts of the project. He or she will help to sustain the legal clinics after the end of the project by working with local librarians and the Louisiana State Bar Association to evaluate the effectiveness of the project in partnership with libraries and the court, obtain client satisfaction surveys, and make any needed recommendations about how to improve the project.

Applicant Qualifications

N/A

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