POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NLSLA is committed to supporting and hosting post-graduate fellows. NLSLA is actively recruiting students seeking post-graduate fellowship opportunities, including national fellowships like Skadden and Equal Justice Works, as well as law school sponsored fellowships. Proposals for fellowships are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Practice areas we support include housing, immigration, family law, health, clean slate/re-entry, education (specifically unlawful school discipline), public benefits, and Self-Help Legal Access Centers co-located in courthouses across LA County. For 2023-2024, there is a particular emphasis on projects focusing on education, healthcare and health equity, and racial and economic justice.

NLSLA CLEAN SLATE INITIATIVES OPPORTUNITIES

Family Maintenance & Reunification Project:
Supporting formerly incarcerated individuals on a path toward familial reconnection
The team is seeking proposals from students who wish to examine the intersection of criminal records and family maintenance/reunification. Proposals should identify the familial harms experienced by this population, including how records can interfere with a parent or relative’s ability to visit and/or reside with minor children. The ideal proposal will contemplate a direct legal services component, systemic advocacy, and outreach, community engagement, and pro bono recruitment.

Mitigating the Burden of Sentencing:
Promoting successful reentry of individuals on court-ordered supervision
The team is seeking proposals from students that are interested in developing a project that addresses the reentry legal needs of persons currently on probation, parole, or other forms of court-ordered supervision. Proposals should identify the specific barriers to successful reentry faced by this population and how court-ordered supervision terms can negatively impact a person’s ability to access housing, employment/income, and other resources. The ideal proposal will contemplate a direct legal services component, systemic advocacy, and a plan for outreach, community engagement, and pro bono recruitment.
WORKERS’ RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS
Deadline to apply: July 31, 2023

The NLSLA Workers’ Rights team is seeking proposals from rising 3L students who wish to address discrimination, harassment, and wage theft by building awareness, connecting low-wage, immigrant workers to workplace rights and benefits, and implementing worker-driven strategies to address these systemic workplace harms. Selected candidates will work to reach workers in marginalized communities that are disproportionately impacted by immigration-related workplace discrimination, including but not limited to, workers in immigrant-dominated sectors, immigrants, workers with limited English proficiency, and survivors of trafficking (with a potential emphasis on the API community). The ideal proposal will include activities that:

• Build awareness through the dissemination of information and educational materials that are worker and survivor-centered,
• Ensure workers are aware of all employment rights, wages, and benefits due to them through targeted outreach (if API, media outlets),
• Implement worker-driven strategies that mitigate workplace risks and prevent workplace harassment, discrimination, and fear of retaliation that include direct legal services,
• Connect workers to services, benefits, and/or legal assistance as needed, reasonable, and/or available, and
• Facilitate and encourage low-wage, recent immigrants to become involved with worker centers addressing workplace harassment, discrimination, and wage theft.

If you are a student interested in pursuing a fellowship, please send your resume and a brief description of your proposed project to:
Skip Koenig, Director of Pro Bono at skipkoenig@nlsla.org.

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