

Name and Brief Description of Organization	Description of Fellowship Project	Student Qualifications
<p>Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami</p> <p>(CLS): CLS focuses exclusively on helping poor immigrants obtain asylum, establish legal residency, become citizens and reunite families. CLS’ multicultural, multilingual staff help people from more than 80 different countries. As a provider of legal assistance and representation for immigrants, refugees, and impoverished people in the Archdiocese of Miami, CLS provides a full range of immigration-related legal services, from initial advice, to assistance, to full representation, to a low-income clientele.</p> <p>Placement Location: 6565 Taft Street Hollywood, FL 33024</p> <p>Supervisor: Peterson St Philippe</p>	<p>One of CLS' main goal is to protect the family unit. At this moment, we aim to have the fellow work on the Family Unit Project as well as our Community and Economic Development initiative for assisting victims of crimes. Currently, the need far exceeds our capacity in house, so CLS is working to provide screening services, orientations, and to provide pro bono placements. The fellow will assist with screening and identifying families in need of pro bono representation as well as provide assistance for the cases that CLS has taken in-house. This will give the fellow exposure to court proceedings and litigation as well as learning how to consult with and counsel clients facing insurmountable odds. Our main goal of this program is to keep families together and to ensure due process as many of the individuals lack awareness or information of the process they are going through. Immigrant victims need police or judicial intervention.</p> <p>To ensure their safety, yet families fear availing themselves of their local courts due to rumors and news reports of immigration consequences. CLS works to increase awareness and help individuals navigate the system to ensure that law enforcement can help immigrants and immigrants cooperate and report crimes, increasing safety and stability for everyone. The fellow will be able to assist crime victims in obtaining employment authorization and help enable immigrants to gain legal status, increasing their stability in the community and placing them on the path to citizenship. The fellow will split his or her time depending on their interest and will have the opportunity to gain exposure to other crucial projects for low-income immigrants as they arise.</p> <p>The intern will be assigned several tasks including assisting with intakes of potential clients through legal screenings (in Spanish, Haitian Creole, or English); The intern will also be assigned tasks commensurate with his/her skills including but not limited to legal research, drafting of briefs and client affidavits. The intern will also get an opportunity to attend court hearings for those in removal proceedings; outreach and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • Spanish or Haitian Creole Speaker Required

compiling guides for attorneys, clients, and volunteers regarding social services available to immigrant victims of crime; outreach to local law enforcement agencies regarding special cases; communication with potential clients and or potential pro bono volunteers. Each intern can express their interests and help shape their summer depending on their strengths and long-term goals.

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (JALA), the first nonprofit legal aid organization in the state and a leader in promoting social and economic justice, has a history that reaches back to its 1937 roots as a pro bono lawyer association. For 80 years, JALA has been providing free civil legal aid to low-income and otherwise vulnerable persons and families on Florida’s First Coast – Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties (and now 13 additional North Florida counties). It is JALA’s mission to alleviate legal problems that perpetuate poverty, through its vision of providing equal access to civil justice. Unlike the criminal justice system, there is no right to the appointment of free legal counsel for the poor in civil cases. Yet, cases impacting basic human needs – housing, a livable income, health and well-being – end up in the civil justice system. JALA prioritizes legal work that can positively impact the economic potential of vulnerable clients,

The Immigration Project at JALA is a full-service family immigration legal provider for Northeast Florida. The project addresses the scarcity of affordable, accessible legal counsel for immigrants by providing critical legal services and resources to primarily low-income immigrants. The legal team provides consultations and representation for a variety of immigration benefits, including: Asylum, Naturalization and Citizenship, family-based applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), VAWA, U-Visas for Victims of Crime, T-Visas for Victims of Human/Labor Trafficking, Special Immigrant Visas, and removal defense. The primary focus of the fellowship will be to engage the Fellow in meaningful activities that will strengthen the Fellow’s long-term commitment to promoting justice and equality for vulnerable immigrant populations. The Fellow will participate alongside the staff attorneys in bi-weekly case review meetings. The Fellow will research and draft pleadings and motions in individual cases. The Fellow will prepare documentation and responses to requests for evidence, attend hearings, and have active involvement with clients. The Fellow will work with staff attorneys in drafting training materials and consumer educational brochures and will help deliver informational clinics and “know your rights” talks. The Fellow may also have an opportunity to engage in appearances before immigration judges.

The Fellow’s job duties and activities will include: interviewing clients; conducting research; drafting immigration forms, motions, and briefs and memoranda of law; preparing documentation and responding to requests for evidence; researching country conditions; working directly with clients on affidavits for affirmative applications with U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services or removal defenses in cases before the Orlando Immigration Court; assisting with other trial work like client and witness preparation; preparing and participating in community and student

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<p>along with their communities, including housing defense, consumer advocacy, employee rights, public benefits, healthcare, protection from abuse, and immigration relief. JALA helps more than 5,000 persons and families yearly, including significant numbers (10-20%) who need legal help with immigration. JALA’s Immigration Project has been serving the refugee and immigrant community since November 1999. Its focus has grown from helping refugees gain legal permanent resident status to handling adjustment of status for asylees and parolees, VAWA self-petitions for victims of domestic violence, U-Visas for crime victims, T-Visa for trafficking victims, naturalization, family-based immigration, Temporary Protected Status due to country conditions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for unaccompanied youth, Deferred Action under DACA, release from detention, and removal defense. In the last three years alone, the project has secured lawful immigration status or citizenship for over 2,000 people who are now able to receive a fair wage and earn a living, and together with their families, live without fear.</p> <p>Placement location: 126 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202</p>	<p>education presentations, including “know your rights” talks; drafting training materials for teaching other attorneys; and assisting with clinics and community campaigns.</p>	
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<p>Supervisor: Andrea Pinzon</p>		
<p>Florida Legal Services</p> <p>Florida Legal Services, Inc. is a statewide non-profit law firm that advocates for vulnerable populations and their whole legal needs. Its attorneys’ practice in all of Florida’s state and federal courts and work on the most pressing and current issues faced by low-income and disenfranchised Floridians. FLS combines a Community Lawyering model of law practice with individual representation, impact litigation, and policy advocacy.</p> <p>FLS effects systemic change for domestic violence survivors; children with special needs and at-risk youth; people seeking safe, fair and affordable housing; people institutionalized in prisons, jails, and other forms of detention; survivors of disasters; immigrant families and migrant workers; and people facing discrimination based on race, disability, criminal history, history of domestic violence, gender identity or sexual orientation.</p> <p>Placement Location: 122 East Colonial Drive, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32801</p> <p>Supervisor: Christopher Jones</p>	<p>The Fellow will have the opportunity to work in a variety of roles across several of our projects. There will be opportunities for community outreach and organizing, in-person client interviewing, research and writing, as well as discovery and litigation support. The substantive work will include our Affordable Housing Project, Immigrant and Migrant Rights Project (IMRP), and our Florida Institutional Legal Services (FILS) Project.</p> <p>The Central Florida area is facing an affordable housing crisis. In our Affordable Housing Project, the Fellow will work with FLS attorneys on the discovery, trial preparation, and/or settlement of federal litigation brought to preserve existing affordable housing units in the Orlando area. The Fellow will also work on the identification and development of new litigation through outreach and collaboration with community partners and housing advocates.</p> <p>The Fellow’s duties will include assisting with intake, client interviews, legal research and writing, document review, discovery and litigation support, and assisting with community outreach and education. If court hearings or depositions take place in any of our litigation during the summer, the Fellow will be invited and encouraged to attend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • Haitian Creole or Spanish Speaker Preferred

<p>Legal Services of North Florida</p> <p>Legal Services of North Florida serves low-income and vulnerable individuals and families in 16 counties in Florida's Panhandle by providing community education, legal clinics, and direct representation in civil legal matters. LSNF serves the legal needs of children, elderly, victims of abuse, Veterans, and people with disabilities. LSNF's priority areas include supporting families; preserving the home; maintaining economic stability; safety, stability and health; and serving populations with special vulnerabilities. These translate to cases involving family law, housing, public benefits, consumers, employment, education, and health care issues. By bringing access to legal help to these communities, we aim to achieve justice and enhance the credibility of the entire legal system.</p> <p>Placement Location: 2119 Delta Blvd</p> <p>Supervisor: Angel Eason</p>	<p>LSNF's Summer Fellow will work with real property issues as a part of our Tenants Rights and No Place Like Home title clearing projects. Our Tenants Rights project focuses on defending evictions, advocating for safe and affordable housing, and working with tenant associations, low-income complexes, and mobile home parks to ensure compliance with state and federal law. As a result of this advocacy, tenant families are able to retain stability, which data has shown improves job performance for parents and educational achievement for children. Elder tenants are better able to keep their same doctors and community support. Families aren't forced to spend limited funds to move or repair rental property on their own.</p> <p>For the title clearing in No Place Like Home, the Fellow will work with clients who live in property that requires a probate, quiet title, or other legal action in order for the homeowner to attain full legal ownership. Clear title allows the owner to insure the property, to get building permits to make repairs, and to access community funding and other supports to repair damaged and unsafe homes. This process increases the property value for the homeowner and for the neighborhood. For many low-income homeowners, their investment in their home is both their point of pride and their actual family wealth. Clear title will help to prevent foreclosure and partition or tax deed sales—helping them keep income and wealth for future generations. Clearing title also reduces community blight that may hinder other economic development.</p> <p>The continued impact of Hurricane Michael on affordable housing and access to services is seen across LSNF's entire service area and beyond. The impact of this work to help families retain income and family wealth will help each family in the long-term to move away from poverty and toward economic self-sufficiency.</p> <p>The Fellow's job duties will include case planning/development; client intake/interviewing; court representation and/or support (depending on CLI status); drafting of pleadings, memos of law, and other legal documents; legal research; and outreach/community education. Community education may include presentations to community groups, drafting brochures or other educational tools, creating online webinars and/or videos on legal issues, or attending legal clinics or community events. Legal work will range from probate, quiet title, and other real property actions; to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLI Preferred
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<p>Southern Legal Counsel</p> <p>Southern Legal Counsel, Inc.(SLC) is a Florida-based, statewide, not-for-profit public interest law firm, committed to the ideal of equal justice for all and the attainment of basic human and civil rights for all Floridians. SLC has more than four decades of experience utilizing strategic litigation to reform discriminatory, inequitable, and unjust laws and policies. Rather than tackling problems one client at a time, we take a systemic, deliberate, and intentional approach to changing laws, policies, and conversations. We have successfully represented some of the most marginalized and disenfranchised Floridians, including those who are experiencing homelessness, have disabilities, attend failing schools, have been discriminated against, or live in unhealthy environments. We focus our efforts on utilizing eliminate the structural barriers impeding these vulnerable populations through systemic litigation. SLC has pioneered innovative legal strategies and obtained judicial opinions on matters of first impression</p>	<p>The summer fellowship will be focused on Economic Justice, addressing the collateral consequences of court fines and fees imposed for county or municipal ordinance violations, such as driver's license suspensions, that trap poor people in a cycle of debt. Studies have shown that the loss of one's driver's license can have severe economic impacts on the individual and on the greater community. Nearly 90% Floridians drive to work every day, making access to reliable transportation – and a driver's license – a necessity. However, more than 2 million Floridians have their driver's licenses suspended (72% due to unpaid fines/fees – not for unsafe driving or serious infractions), making it likely that individuals with suspended licenses will drive anyway, risking incarceration. The consequences are dire: loss of employment, loss of income, homelessness, lost custody of children, or other negative impacts.</p> <p>The Fellow will work on a statewide project to reinstate the driver's licenses of approximately 10,000 Floridians that were unlawfully suspended as a result of nonpayment of fees and fines arising from local ordinance violations. State law authorizes suspensions for state law misdemeanors and felonies, but not for local ordinances. We are working with the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to reinstate those licenses, and will pursue legal advocacy including litigation if needed, in the counties that are refusing to stop suspensions. We also need to ensure that we notify affected individuals and provide training and resources to lawyers who are representing these individuals in court proceedings.</p> <p>Our project is also working on addressing the imposition of unlawful fees and fines in municipal ordinance cases focused in Ocala. The county court was imposing hundreds of fees and costs in each individual's case that was not authorized by law. We partially changed the sentencing practices of the circuit prospectively, and are working to address and correct cost judgments (including by challenging civil restitution liens that charge people \$50 a day for costs of incarceration without statutory authorization) retroactively that were unlawfully imposed and continue to be a barrier to people's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • CLI Preferred

<p>that have broadly affected the people of Florida. Our major strength is our capacity to take on complex impact litigation in federal or state (trial and appellate) courts. We receive no government funding and, therefore, have the independence to reform systems and institutions, fight against unjust laws and policies, and create lasting change.</p> <p>Placement Location: 1229 NW 12th Ave Gainesville, FL 32601-4113</p> <p>Supervisor: Kirsten Anderson</p>	<p>credit histories, trapping them in an endless cycle of debt that impacts their ability to access jobs and housing. Our project is conducting outreach to identify affected individuals and to file individual motions in state court coupled with advocacy to ensure that the unlawful sentences are wiped out. We also plan to develop training materials for public defenders, pro bono lawyers, and affected members of the public along with providing legal representation.</p> <p>Students will: conduct legal research and writing in support of strategic litigation, including impact litigation; participate in all aspects of planning, developing, and prosecuting affirmative federal and state court litigation; accompany staff to court proceedings, meetings, and community outreach events; organize, review, and code discovery using LexisNexis CaseMap trial preparation software; and observe and conduct client interviews. If a student is a CLI, they can prepare and file individual motions to correct cost judgments in state court on behalf of clients (taking the entire representation from the initial client interview through the court hearing under supervision of an attorney).</p>	
<p>Legal Aid of Manasota</p> <p>For the past 29 years Legal Aid of Manasota (LAMS) has provided free legal services to low income residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties in civil matters including: domestic violence, foreclosures, guardianships, consumer fraud, advance directives, veteran services, wage garnishment, landlord tenant matters, etc. The agency provides a legal safety net for families to maintain safety and security; prevent homelessness; and provide financial stability.</p>	<p>Legal Aid of Manasota (LAMS) proposes to build a healthier stronger community in Newtown, a low-income historically minority area in North Sarasota, FL, and has established the area’s first Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) in collaboration with Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH). SMH’s Internal Medicine Practice in Newtown will reduce racial health disparities and unmet medical needs by providing a reliable source of adult primary care for a vulnerable population that does not have ready access to health care due to a lack of transportation, money or health insurance. A 2008 “Newtown Healthcare Access Study” showed that 65% of the respondents reported not being able to get needed health care. LAMS will provide access to civil legal aid to overcome legal barriers related to health care.</p> <p>The goal of the MLP, to reduce racial health disparities in the medically underserved Newtown area, can be achieved by lawyers and doctors working together on patients’ health issues, especially those with acute or chronic illness. The Medical-Legal Partnership will provide greater access to justice for Newtown residents who cannot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred

<p>LAMS is the designated agency for pro bono in the 12th Judicial Circuit. The agency continually strives to increase and improve the services we are able to provide to vulnerable clients in our community by collaborating with community partners.</p> <p>Placement Location: 1900 Main Street, Suite 302 Sarasota</p> <p>Supervisor: Linda Harradine</p>	<p>afford needed medical care. The program provides civil legal services through a full range of legal strategies to low-income residents of Newtown using an evidence-based successful model to create a practical and replicable solution to attaining social, community and economic justice. This SMH-LAMS Medical Legal Partnership project has been modeled after the National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships, a project of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University. Legal Aid of Manasota is affiliated with this national center and based its program on successful MLPs across the nation.</p> <p>Fellow will attend legal advice clinics and pro se clinics. Research and create updated manuals/materials for pro bono attorneys in various areas of law. Assistance will be provided by a staff or volunteer attorney to oversee and review the final manuals/materials. Observe court hearings. Assist with client intake and fact gathering. Draft pleadings as appropriate. The student will also be encouraged to attend any local substantive law trainings and/or bar meetings over the course of the summer.</p>	
<p>CAIR Florida</p> <p>CAIR Florida's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, & build coalitions that promote justice & mutual understanding. Our headquarters are located in Tampa, and we have 5 regional offices. We were established in 2001 with the core principles of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Supporting free enterprise, freedom of religion, and freedom of expression 	<p>There are legal aid offices throughout the state of Florida, however, interns generally work on civil rights related issues. CAIR Florida is unique from other civil rights organizations in our area, such as ACLU or Latino Justice, as the majority of our services are direct client representation like a legal aid office. The student fellow will work with our civil rights and immigrants' rights program over the summer to learn more about direct legal assistance, education, and community outreach.</p> <p>Our programs directly impact special groups including rural areas, immigrants, children, seniors, and Muslim Americans, among other marginalized populations. About 80% of our clients are members of the Muslim faith community. A large percentage are first- or second-generation immigrants from the Middle East or Indian subcontinent. Many of our clients speak English as a second language as they are first- or second-generation immigrants. Within the American Muslim community, we serve individuals of Arab and Desi descent, African Americans, Latino Americans, and Caucasians.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • Arabic Speaker Preferred

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Protecting the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of faith · Supporting domestic policies that promote civil rights, diversity, and freedom of religion · Acting as a natural ally of groups, religious or secular, that advocate justice and human rights in America and around the world · Supporting foreign policies that help create free and equitable trade, encourage human rights, and promote representative government based on socio-economic justice · Opposing domestic policies that limit civil rights; permit racial, ethnic, or religious profiling; infringe on due process; or that prevent Muslims and others from participating fully in American civic life · Believing in the active practice of Islam strengthens the social and religious fabric of our nation · Condemning all acts of violence against civilians by any individual, group, or state · Advocating dialogue between faith communities both in America and worldwide 	<p>Our goal is to proactively provide educational resources and tools before legal aid is necessary. Our civil rights program answers an average of 80 calls a month, approximately 900 calls a year for assistance. Last year, our intern had the opportunity to work on 40 direct cases, and we anticipate that the 2020 intern will have the same interaction or higher on direct case work. The intern will have the opportunity to work on a range of client interactions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school discrimination program which protects Muslim students from bullying through classroom and school district initiatives. • Know Your Rights workshops • Research and support for litigation pertaining to immigration, employment, discrimination, public accommodation, housing discrimination, state criminal defense, tort claims resulting from discriminatory conduct, 1981 claims, excessive force claims, prisoner’s rights matters, and constitutional challenges to discriminatory government policies and practices. • Legislative advocacy and civic engagement education to ensure that local, state, and national representatives are supporting the will of the people and that American Muslims voices are represented. • Interfaith iftars and other community events to engage with the public and build awareness of CAIR Florida’s services. 	
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<p>· Supporting equal and complementary rights and responsibilities for men and women.</p> <p>Outside of CAIR Florida, there is no group focusing on assisting victims of Islamophobic-based discrimination and government harassment in Florida. We fill this gap by directly serving these individuals through education, advocacy, and direct legal aid. CAIR Florida’s target client is any victim of discrimination, government profiling, or harassment who resides in Florida. In December 2018, the ACLU reported on the rise of the hate crimes and harassment against Muslims in 2018, continuing a disturbing trend from 2017 wherein our community experienced a 50% increase in reports of subtle and blatant incidents of discrimination in employment, when traveling, when requesting immigration benefits, and when seeking assistance from law enforcement.</p> <p>The majority of our cases are the result of systemic problems (discriminatory security delays, FBI questioning, customs and border patrol harassment, employment discrimination, etc). CAIR Florida’s programs directly impact special groups including rural areas, immigrants, children, seniors, and Muslim Americans, among other marginalized populations.</p>		
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<p>Many of our clients are working class and low income. We scale our services based on the service requested and poverty guidelines.</p> <p>We aim to resolve cases outside of the court as much as possible. This may include advocating on behalf of individual clients to government agencies or leading campaigns to collect data, document the problem, educate the community about the problem, and engage with agencies/entities to challenge the problem. Pervasive problems can also be addressed by campaigns following the same steps: collect, document, educate, engage, and challenge.</p> <p>CAIR Florida works with a large immigrant population and it is important for us to educate these communities about their rights, the protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution, how to combat hate crimes and discrimination, and the legal recourse available to them. We focus on creating awareness about an issue, providing education about their rights, tools to combat the issue, direct legal representation (as necessary), and advocacy to challenge the policies that lead to systemic civil rights violations.</p>		
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<p>Placement Location: 8076 N. 56th St, Tampa, FL 33617 (but can be located in Orlando or Miami)</p> <p>Supervisor: Thania Clevenger</p>		
<p>Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project</p> <p>CABA Pro Bono Legal Services prides itself on providing free legal services to low-income members of our community, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. We strive to change lives through legal advocacy. Through the work of Summer Fellows, we can expand our organization's vital work in its core areas of helping children, veterans, and victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.</p> <p>Placement Location: 2400 S. Dixie Hwy., Fl. 2, Miami, FL 33133</p> <p>Supervisor: Viviana Mendiola, Esq.</p>	<p>The Fellow will assist Domestic Violence and Veterans' Staff Attorney, Immigration Staff Attorney, and Pro Bono Director, to benefit a greater number of indigent members of our community in need. Miami-Dade County has a population of over 2.7 million, of which approximately half a million individuals live in poverty. Furthermore, South Florida is also home to nearly half a million undocumented immigrants, a large percentage of which live in poverty. Individuals are referred through various channels to our attorneys, and the Fellow would work closely with us toward addressing the need for effective representation. The Fellow would also assist in monthly (and sometimes biweekly) law clinics hosted in conjunction with Miami-Dade County throughout the County in the areas of immigration law, landlord-tenant, veterans' issues, and family law.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Research case law and procedure for effective client representation; -Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to immigration law, family law, and other areas of law relating to children's and vet's issues -Participate with attorneys in client interviews; -Draft pleadings; -Maintain client files; -Participate in law clinics in the areas of immigration law, landlord-tenant, family law, and advance directives; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • CLI Preferred • Spanish Speaker Preferred

	<p>-Attend court hearings; and</p> <p>-Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.</p>	
<p>Dade County Bar Association Legal Aid Society</p> <p>Dade County Bar Association Legal Aid (“Legal Aid”) was established in 1949 with the purpose of serving the unmet civil legal needs of disadvantaged local residents throughout the Greater Miami-Dade community. Annually, the agency provides legal services in all areas of civil law directly impacting over 10,000+ clients, family members and community non-profit organizations via staff and unique pro bono programs. Legal Aid’s goal is to serve those with nowhere else to turn due to their income, type of case, status and lack of resources. Legal Aid continually pioneers ways clients receive direct representation by working closely with state and local community agencies, courts, law schools, law firms, hospitals, and other legal service providers who rely on Legal Aid to fill the gaps in services.</p> <p>Placement Location: 123 NW 1 Avenue, Miami, FL 33128</p> <p>Supervisor: Bruce Levine</p>	<p>Legal Aid's Community Economic Development Project ("the project") will recruit, engage and facilitate referrals to local and statewide attorneys who participate in Put Something Back Pro Bono Project (“PSB”). The project will provide greater civil legal representation in a wide range of matters affecting the greater community. The target population of the project will include undocumented individuals, victims of domestic violence, the elderly, persons with disabilities, those from rural communities, nonprofits serving the indigent, and the homeless, among others, who need an attorney's assistance navigating the complex process of the legal system. The project's goal is to harness pro bono attorneys to help reduce financial strains on clients, preserve their homes from eviction and foreclosure, and avoid further debt. The project currently sees 50-60 new clients each week. The project will remove barriers to social justice resulting in positive outcomes promoting greater economic impact throughout the community by helping clients pay taxes, save homes, obtain permits and licenses, gain employment, open bank accounts and find housing. The project will aid victims of domestic violence in obtaining restraining orders necessary to improve not only their safety but also economic self-sufficiency and economic benefits for their families. The project also serves low-income adult disabled clients and families in securing Guardianship to prevent clients, including older foster teens, members of the LGBTQ community, and immigrants, from becoming homeless, exploited, discriminated against or victimized by unscrupulous predators. The project will work tirelessly with partners and other agencies to serve these and other local disadvantaged communities resulting in improved social conditions. Due to a huge surge in client referrals from the courts, community agencies, and other local and statewide organizations, this project is necessary to fill the gaps in unmet needs of the community and to promote economic development by providing free civil legal services that revitalize low and moderate income communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred

The FBF summer fellow will work zealously with staff and pro bono attorneys during the summer to improve community economic development via the provision of high-quality civil legal assistance. Duties will include:

- conducting client intake in person, telephonically and electronically under the supervision of a licensed attorney or staff paralegal;
- conducting legal research for project staff and pro bono attorneys to advance their cases;
- drafting legal documents and memorandum of law for staff and pro bono attorneys;
- attending court hearings with staff and pro bono attorneys in state, federal and administrative court proceedings;
- creating materials and conducting community education workshops;
- aiding in the recruitment and placement of cases for clients facing homelessness, foreclosure, abuse and other social injustices;
- mobilizing volunteer attorneys to accept cases;
- improving the number of referrals to pro bono attorneys;
- attending and representing Legal Aid/PSB at attorney trainings, firms and seminars;
- participating in a variety of enlightening summer activities to educate and engage law students hosted by PSB partners:
 - Podhurst Orseck Josefsberg law firm- annual summer law clerk networking event;
 - Hogan Lovells law firm- annual Getting a Jump Start on Pro Bono Reception;
 - Federal Courts - Law Clerk Court Observing Program; and
 - Bankruptcy Bar Association - annual bankruptcy conference for the Southern District of Florida.

	<p>In addition to the above, the fellow will be immersed in informative opportunities with partnering agencies and firms, mobilizing volunteers to accept cases through the project. The fellow will follow up with attorneys who attend trainings to assign cases for clients/communities in need with legal matters adversely affecting their lives.</p> <p>Legal Aid/PSB continues to be a beacon of hope in Miami-Dade and serves to assist large numbers of indigent clients in the circuit with obtaining direct legal representation lifting clients out of poverty. The FBF summer fellow will most definitely lift clients out of poverty by helping to screen, process and assign clients to newly recruited and seasoned pro bono attorneys.</p>	
<p>Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society</p> <p>Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society, Inc. (HOFLA) serves low-income clients in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties. Our case priorities are family law and immigration cases with a focus on victims of domestic violence & violent crimes and relief for undocumented children. Our main office is in Bartow, FL, near Lakeland. HOFLA was incorporated in 1968 under the name of Polk County Legal Aid Society. In 1998, the organization's name changed to Heart of Florida Legal Aid Society when our service area grew to include Hardee and Highlands counties. In 2007, HOFLA expanded its legal services to include immigration assistance with an emphasis on helping victims of domestic violence or violent crimes reach economic self-</p>	<p>HOFLA’s primary practice areas are family law and immigration for low-income clients in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties. The Fellow will shadow HOFLA’s staff attorneys and assist on child support, divorce, and domestic violence cases. The Fellow may also assist on immigration cases related to work authorizations and relief available to immigrant victims of crime or domestic violence. The projects the Fellow will be serving prioritize economic outcomes and sufficiency for each client, including efforts to increase household income and job credentials; assisting the client in obtaining lawful work authorization; obtaining child support and/or spousal support awards; and working with partner agencies to encourage clients to participate in financial education.</p> <p>After the Fellow completes orientation and is trained on conducting client interviews and cultural competencies in dealing with poverty law issues, the Fellow will conduct intake interviews, draft pleadings, conduct legal research, call clients, draft letters and other correspondence, and attending court hearings. The Fellow will also attend community outreach and education events. HOFLA is an organization with 8 staff members. As a small office we all perform administrative tasks like typing, copying, scanning, emailing, and making telephone calls. The Fellow will be expected to perform administrative tasks and assist both HOFLA’s staff attorneys and support staff. Depending on the Fellow’s skills and his/her ability to manage their time and workload, s/he may be asked to assist with social media posts and website content development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLI Preferred • Spanish Speaker Preferred

<p>sufficiency. Everyone deserves justice regardless of socioeconomic status, and HOFLA’s mission is to work collaboratively with donors, clients, and partner agencies to protect survivors of domestic violence, promote economic self-sufficiency, and foster stability for low-income families through quality and strategic legal advocacy.</p> <p>Placement Location: 550 E Davidson Street, Bartow FL 33830</p> <p>Supervisor: Carly Wohl</p>		
<p>Legal Aid Service of Broward County</p> <p>Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc., (Legal Aid) - Founded in 1974, is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, providing free direct civil legal services to residents of Broward County which includes the urban city of Fort Lauderdale. Leaders of the Broward County Bar Association recognized the critical need to provide high quality free civil legal services to the economically disadvantaged population in Broward County and led the effort to establish legal aid services for the poor. Legal Aid’s mission is to provide free high quality holistic civil legal services through advice, representation and education to people in Broward County who are</p>	<p>The student will be working with the Mission United Veterans Pro Bono Project to help develop and implement alternative methods to the delivery of family law services to low-income Veterans in Broward County.</p> <p>These methods include pro-se empowerment clinics and collaborative divorce as described below.</p> <p>The pro-se empowerment clinic allows the Veteran to meet one-on-one with a pro bono or Legal Aid staff attorney to discuss the Veteran’s family law issues and have all questions answered. If the attorney determines that the case has mainly procedural roadblocks with limited legal issues then the attorney will assist the Veteran with completing the appropriate forms and provide verbal and written instructions regarding where to file the forms, how to set for hearing, and other expectations surrounding the next steps. Additionally, information on who to contact at Legal Aid will be provided to the Veteran if legal assistance is later needed. If a legal issue arises, the Mission United Veterans Pro Bono Project will either represent the Veteran in the family matter or assist with connecting the Veteran to a pro bono attorney.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred

<p>economically disadvantaged. Legal Aid’s goal is to assist in improving their lifestyle and living conditions and to encourage self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Legal Aid has an experienced staff of 111, including 44 attorneys. The program’s Executive Director has been at the helm of the agency for over 43 years. Legal Aid is the legal arm of the local nonprofit community, providing legal services to nearly 10,000 unduplicated clients each year. Client needs are met in these areas: Homeless Legal Rights, Children’s Advocacy, Consumer, Housing, Immigration/Domestic Violence, the HIV/AIDS Law Project, the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Education & Employment Project, the Mission United Veterans Pro Bono Law Project, Legal Empowerment and Assistance Project (LEAP) for Women and the TANF/LIFT Sanctions Project for victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Placement Location: 491 N State Road 7, Plantation, FL 33317</p> <p>Supervisor: James Heaton</p>	<p>Additionally, Veterans with legal issues will be encouraged to participate in the collaborative divorce process.</p> <p>Since December 2015, the Mission United Veterans Pro Bono Project has been piloting a clinic-based program where pro bono attorneys, neutral financial professionals, and a licensed mental health professionals work together to resolve the Veteran’s family law matters in an amicable and collaborative setting as outlined in section 61.57 of the Florida Statutes. Both parties are provided pro bono attorneys in this process.</p> <p>These projects will help low-income clients access the court system while limiting the need for expensive and time-consuming litigation and helping to alleviate the family law court’s backlog. Additionally, the programs help demystify the court process and empower our Veterans to take action on their own with the confidence that our program is available for guidance if necessary. Additionally, these programs provide unique and efficient ways for attorneys to provide pro-bono assistance to those most in need. If successful, this program will be scalable to other Legal Aid Populations and will have materials that can be shared with programs across the state.</p> <p>The student will coordinate client meetings, attend and participate in initial client intake meetings. Additionally, the student will draft pleadings (including those to be used as forms based on our Veteran’s needs), research areas of family law pertinent to these projects such as Florida’s collaborative family law statute and the Florida Bar rules of ethics. The student will also attend collaborative divorce meets, court hearings (if necessary), and work with Legal Aid to recruit and educate attorneys on the importance of these projects and the unmet needs in our community.</p> <p>Additionally, the student will assist with developing, compiling, and publishing materials that will allow us to share practice tips, forms, materials, and information with other Legal Aid programs that wish to implement a similar project.</p>	
<p>Americans for Immigrant Justice</p> <p>AI Justice's mission is to protect and promote the basic human rights of</p>	<p>The student fellow would work with the Family Defense Program (FDP). FDP focuses on educating immigrants across South Florida about their rights in the United States and changes in immigration policies, as well as providing legal screenings, connection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish Speaker Required

<p>immigrants through a unique combination of free direct services, impact litigation, policy reform, and public education at local, state, and national levels. Our vision is to bring about an American society where immigrants are not subjected to abuse or injustice; are not afraid to seek help; have a fair opportunity to make their case in the system that governs them; and have their contributions valued and encouraged.</p> <p>Placement Location: 6355 NW 36th St., Ste. 2201</p> <p>Supervisor: Adonia Simpson</p>	<p>to pro-bono attorneys for representation, and direct representation in more complex immigration matters. Given the frequently changing immigration policies, the need to provide accurate and up-to-date education and advice to immigrants is overwhelming. The FDP conducts at least two legal screening events each month in which staff and reputable volunteer attorneys provide advice and counsel to immigrants.</p> <p>Florida’s populations of undocumented immigrants or immigrants with temporary immigration status that is liable to be terminated face an uncertain future with the possibility of removal due to increased enforcement and the implementation of the anti-sanctuary law SB-168. FDP activities stabilize the community by ensuring these individuals are prepared for enforcement activities and receive screenings to determine if they are eligible for relief. Identifying individuals who are able to apply for legal status or more permanent legal status and linking them to attorney representation stabilizes not only the individuals, but their families who often depend on them, allowing them to obtain work authorization or residency, and be more productive members of their communities. Providing screenings, even for clients who are not eligible for immigration relief, provides them with important information about their rights, how to protect their families, and ensures they will not be victimized by unscrupulous attorneys or “notarios” who would make false promises of documentation they cannot access, further destabilizing these families.</p> <p>The Fellow would assist the FDP by preparing and participating in Know Your Rights presentations, outreach, screening clinics, and individual screenings, as well as follow ups with clients. Additionally, the Fellow would help prepare and research cases in which AI Justice is providing representation</p>	
<p>Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association</p> <p>The Legal Aid Society began in the early 1960s as a volunteer organization and was created by attorneys who were members of the Orange County Bar</p>	<p>The fellow will be supervised by our immigration attorney and will primarily work on assisting immigrants in obtaining documents and legal relief that will enable the client to work in the US. The fellow will also work on assisting clients seeking to seal or expunge a record that prevents them from obtaining housing and employment. These two areas of law will improve community economic development locally by removing a barrier to employment for local residents who want to work and improve their lives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 3L Preferred • Spanish Speaker Required

<p>Association. The volunteer attorneys agreed to take referrals in civil and criminal cases for local residents who could not afford an attorney. In 1967, the organization was formally incorporated in Florida as a not for profit under the name Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc. It hired its first director and full-time staff and offered free civil legal services. Currently, Legal Aid employs about 45 staff including 16 attorneys and coordinates the contributions of time and money from over 3000 volunteers’ attorneys and non-attorneys. Legal Aid remains a local program with core support from volunteers whose dedication enables it to provide civil legal services primarily in Orange County. Legal Aid is especially proud of its many Pro Bono Programs. The primary purpose of the Legal Aid Society is to provide quality legal services for the low-income residents, the working poor, children, and disadvantaged groups with special legal needs in Orange County, Florida, and to assist in providing legal aid services to similarly situated residents of neighboring counties through an effective and fiscally sound program through the combined efforts of staff and pro bono attorneys.</p>	<p>Additionally, the student will get to work with our tax clinic attorney as she prepares taxes for low income workers. Our tax clinic focuses on the Earned Income Tax Credit which typically provides a much-needed cushion for emergencies for our clients. The final area of law that the fellow will work on will be consumer. The consumer work will be focused on preventing wage and bank account garnishment and defending debt collection in an effort to preserve assets. Removing barriers to employment, generating assets through tax programs, and preserving assets are all aspects of improving community economic development locally.</p> <p>The fellow will conduct client intake interviews, draft pleadings, fill out immigration forms, conduct legal research, draft client correspondence, attend community education events, and will observe court hearings. The fellow will also attend local bar association meetings and lunches with staff attorneys and will attend office wide staff attorney meetings. The fellow will have opportunities to interact with local pro bono attorneys on a variety of legal topics.</p>	
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<p>Disability Independence Group (DIG)</p> <p>Disability Independence Group (DIG) advocates and litigates on behalf of the rights of persons with disabilities to further their fair housing rights, and provide them equal access to testing and educational accommodations, employment, physical accessibility despite architectural barriers, access for the Deaf and hard of hearing and those visually impaired, civil rights and the right to assistance animals and alternative treatments. DIG has two major components: The first component is Legal Advocacy and services in a wide range of areas of the law including Americans with Disabilities Act, Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Fair Housing and Educational Rights. The second component is Training: DIG trains and educates persons with disabilities and their families, agencies, local and state government, attorneys and Judges on Federal Laws, State protections, and administrative and local regulations, and</p>	<p>The student will be working with Disability Independence Group (DIG) on the Florida Bar Foundation funded Florida Community Development Legal Project (FCDL), a multi program, statewide approach, to affordable housing, economic stability and wealth creation. By representing non-profit organizations engaged in the development and rehabilitation of housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income Floridians, FCDL contributes to an increase in affordable housing in the communities it serves. By providing legal services that are essential to helping low income entrepreneurs and non-profits in low income communities establish, sustain and grow their businesses and capacity to serve residents of low-income communities, FCDL participants create opportunities for low income individuals to increase their income and assets and move out of poverty. This also creates employment opportunities and strengthens neighborhoods and their business institutions. As a partner in the FCDL, DIG provides a wide variety of consulting services that support the Project’s strategies of impact work, policy work and counseling of advocacy groups, that promotes preservation, rehabilitation or development of affordable housing. This includes providing training and professional development to Project attorneys, Project partners, and advocacy groups. The trainings focus on how to build concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion into all aspects of their work. DIG will also be working with developers to review their current policies, amend those policies when necessary, and create new policies that promote equitable, sustainable and inclusive communities. DIG will be consulting with affordable housing entities being assisted by the Project on the development of policies for best practices that ensure equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in the programs and services they offer. DIG will encourage them to tailor their programs so that persons with disabilities have an equal opportunity, as well as train them on methods to prevent homelessness for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness. Here is an example of how DIG’s expertise can assist in development of affordable housing. In order to obtain funding, not only must affordable housing</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>the use of those laws as tools to challenge exclusion and discrimination.</p> <p>Placement Location: 2990 SW 35th Avenue</p> <p>Supervisor: Sharon Langer</p>	<p>providers comply with guidelines for accommodating tenants with disabilities, they must provide additional programs within their housing facilities. These programs range from wellness and education to employment assistance. Many affordable housing providers have no experience in developing nor providing these additional programs. DIG has the expertise to assist them in designing those required programs and promoting them in their funding applications making those applications more competitive. We also offer technical legal assistance in design and construction details so that developers can comply with the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and all Fair Housing laws. The goal of these efforts is universal design and inclusion. The consulting and education services that DIG provides gives project partners the inclusion tools needed to create equitable and sustainable pathways to build, retain, and stabilize economic self-sufficiency and are practical, replicable solutions that will help attain social, community, and economic justice for persons with disabilities and mental illness throughout the State of Florida.</p> <p>The fellow will become a member of the Disability Independence Group (DIG) team for the summer and participate in the following activities and responsibilities of the FCDL project. The Foundation fellow will assist DIG in developing curriculum for statewide trainings and delivering those trainings. They will attend any FCDL meetings, participate in all trainings and consultations with community homeowners' associations, affordable housing developers and other groups in the targeted low-income communities and assist in establishing new community partnerships.</p> <p>They will also be working on ongoing federal litigation centered on defining and enforcing legal rights under the ADA, Rehabilitation Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Civil Rights Act. The fellow will develop expertise in federal trial practice and procedures under the direction of DIG's Litigation Director Matthew Dietz who has over 250 reported decisions, 23 appeals in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and 17 appeals in various Florida Appellate Courts.</p> <p>The Fellow will: conduct client intake/interviews, draft pleadings, research legal issues, and attend depositions and court hearings. Fellows will become familiar with the entire case they are working on from initial pleadings. The fellow will also participate in case strategy sessions with DIG attorneys.</p>	
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<p>Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society</p> <p>We provide free legal services in vulnerable residents of Seminole County to improve their quality of life, enhance their self-sufficiency and secure their safety and stability. We strive to provide quality legal services to residents despite their economic circumstances. We have a staff of 4 dedicated staff attorneys and enhance the reach of our legal services with the help of the generous assistance of pro bono attorneys.</p> <p>Placement Location: 101 W. Palmetto Avenue, Longwood</p> <p>Supervisor: Sue Selsky</p>	<p>The fellow shall be working on the John Hamilton Domestic Violence Prevention Legal Project. The goal of the project is appropriately respond to the emotional and physical needs of victims, assisting victims in stabilizing their lives after their victimization, helping victims to understand and participate in the justice system, and providing victims with a measure of safety and security through a provision of legal service. The project reduces the societal cost associated with domestic violence and enhance the financial resources of victims by obtaining child support, alimony, equitable distribution of assets and debts.</p> <p>The fellow's work will include completion of intake applications for victims, conducting research, assisting attorney in litigation preparation, preparing pleadings and orders, assisting attorneys at trial and hearings in circuit and administrative proceedings. The fellow will be invited to all bar association functions and luncheon and community fairs and events.</p>	<p>None</p>
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