



Organization: Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc.

Fellowship: Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps

Legal Aid of Arkansas is a public interest, not-for-profit law firm dedicated to assuring equal access to justice in civil matters for low income Arkansans. Legal Aid's advocates provide wraparound legal services in housing preservation, domestic violence prevention, economic justice, and consumer protection.

Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc. will host a fellow for the next seven months as part of the Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps. The fellowship will begin immediately and end May/June 2020. This is the completion of a fellowship commenced in June, 2018.

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps is a legal fellowship program designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. A cohort of approximately sixty fellows are placed at nonprofit organizations across the country to provide direct representation to victims of crimes, including human trafficking, fraud/identity theft, campus sexual assault, and hate crime, and immigrant victims of crime with meritorious claims for immigration relief, and outreach, and education to community partners. All fellows will incorporate crime victims' rights enforcement into their practice and will receive training from the National Crime Victim Law Institute and other training and technical assistance providers.

This program is supported by an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, Award Number 2017-MU-MU-K131, and private funding.

The fellow will be supervised by Legal Aid of Arkansas and based in the Springdale office.

Fellowship Description

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow will:

- Provide direct legal services to campus sexual assault victims to address the range of civil legal issues that arise from the victimization
- Provide crime victims' rights enforcement
- Conduct outreach and education activities and college campuses throughout the Legal Aid of Arkansas service area, provide referrals, and leverage *pro bono* resources
- Contribute to programmatic reporting required under the federal award

- Collaborate with other Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellows
- Actively participate in mandatory in-person training programs including learning event at the end of the Fellowship; annual three-day Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in October/November 2019 in Washington, DC; and training calls with the National Crime Victim Law Institute
- Integrate into the Legal Aid of Arkansas Prevention of Domestic Violence workgroup

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Arkansas or eligible for reciprocity
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and desire to assist crime victims
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- An ability to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent legal assistance to crime victims/survivors
- An ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts and with multiple organizations to facilitate comprehensive services to crime victims/survivors
- Ability to begin the fellowship by on or about June 1, 2018 and serve for 2 years
- Those with legal experience in crime victims' rights enforcement and victim service are strongly encouraged to apply
- Minimum of two years' law practice and community education and outreach experience preferred
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation

Salary, Benefits and other support

The Fellow will receive an annual salary of \$42,000 to \$48,000, depending on experience. Legal Aid of Arkansas offers health and dental insurance, retirement, Supreme Court and bar association dues, CLE, position-related travel reimbursement and per diem, Student Loan Repayment Assistance, and other benefits.

Application Instructions:

To apply please email resume, writing sample, and three references to lrichardson@arlegalaid.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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