

# Yale University

## President's Public Service Fellowship

### Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

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#### Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization (“LSO”) at Yale Law School
<i>Full street address</i>	127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	<a href="http://www.law.yale.edu/lso">www.law.yale.edu/lso</a>

#### PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

*The supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis.*

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<i>Title</i>	Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization
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**Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)**

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**Are placement dates flexible? Are there any dates on which your Fellow must work?**

The placement start date is flexible, but the end date is not flexible.

**Proposed work schedule (*work week should equal and not exceed 37.5 hours per week*)**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Mon.-Fri.) although evening meetings do occasionally occur.

**Organization description (*mission statement, population served. 1,000 characters or less*)**

LSO is the main organization at Yale Law School providing legal representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal assistance but unable to afford private attorneys. Law students work closely with clinical faculty members to represent clients in a wide range of litigation and non-litigation matters, helping to fill a critical need in legal services delivery for poor and marginalized communities in Connecticut.

**Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (500 characters or less).**

Students, supervised by Law School faculty members and participating attorneys, provide legal representation to clients by writing briefs, interviewing clients, preparing witnesses, trying cases, negotiating settlements, drafting documents, participating in commercial transactions, drafting legislation and regulatory proposals, and arguing appeals in state and federal courts, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Connecticut Supreme Court.

**Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.**

After LSO's internal candidate selection process is completed (anticipated in January 2023), the successful Yale Law School student will work in one or two of the clinics described below.

LSO's summer work is divided into six main 'projects': (1) Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic, representing clients in federal sentencing proceedings and Connecticut state parole hearings; (2) Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic, handling matters such as state parole reform projects and federal supervised release revocation hearings; (3) Mental Health Justice Clinic, representing individuals and community groups in mental health-related local or state-level advocacy projects; (4) Housing Clinic, representing individuals facing mortgage foreclosure and eviction, with an added focus on fair housing legislation and policy issues; (5) Veterans Legal Services Clinic, representing veterans with legal needs related to their military service or return to civilian life; and (6) Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, representing immigrants, low wage workers, and their organizations in labor, immigration, criminal justice, civil rights, and other matters.

All LSO clinic work involves close collaboration among students and supervising clinical faculty. Investigating, developing, and using facts are essential elements of lawyering and, therefore, of LSO's work. LSO also devotes special attention to issues of professional responsibility and client-centered lawyering. Cases brought by LSO and its legislative efforts have helped make new law protecting the rights of clients in the various projects.

**List specific skills/experience required for the project**

Eligible candidates must be currently enrolled Yale Law School students not in their final year of study, and must have completed one semester of law school. Candidates must first apply, and be accepted to participate in the 2023 LSO Summer Fellowship program.

**Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement.**

Weekend working hours are not anticipated, but may be required occasionally. Access to rental vehicles provided for approved clinic-related travel. Expense reimbursements also permitted.

**Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.**

Yale PPSF Fellows at LSO have participated in wide range of LSO clinic cases and activities, such as representing clients in federal sentencing proceedings and Connecticut state parole hearings; and in non-litigation work including the representation of grassroots organizations, labor unions, and other groups in regulatory and legislative reform efforts, media advocacy, strategic planning, and other matters.