

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship
Summer 2021

Proposal for Fellow working remotely for organization

- Organization: **Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization (“LSO”)**
- Full street address of organization: **127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511**
- Website: **www.law.yale.edu/lso**

- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor:

Muneer Ahmad, Deputy Dean for Experiential Education, and Director of LSO, oversees the program. A direct supervisor will be determined after a student (fellow) is hired for a particular LSO law clinic.

- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:

203-432-4800/ muneer.ahmad@ylsclinics.org

- Placement dates:

May 25 - August 13, 2021 (tentative).

- Are placement dates flexible? Are you able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone?

Start and end dates are flexible during our proposed summer fellowship tentative program period (May 25 to August 13, 2021). Yes, we can accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone.

- Proposed 37.5 hour per week work schedule: **9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Mon.-Fri.)**

Organization description:

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization (LSO) provides legal representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal services but unable to afford private attorneys.

- Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:
 - **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**
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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 2021), 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) Criminal Justice Clinic, representing indigent clients in misdemeanor and felony cases in the New Haven court system; (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 involve 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 this work: **eligible candidates must be currently enrolled Yale Law School students, and must have completed one semester of law school.**
 - Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work: **Business email and access to Yale Law School IT and Administrative support services.**
 - Briefly describe the 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 have participated in wide range of LSO clinic activities. The attached news articles highlight two cases involving two of LSO's clinics: Housing Clinic, and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC).**
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