



RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS

Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Host Site

Alaska Legal Services Corporation
Anchorage, AK

Experience/Description

Alaska Legal Services (ALSC) has a Pro Bono Training Academy (PBTA), which is a training system for pro bono attorneys. The PBTA has three components: 1) designing comprehensive distance learning webinars on five specific topics faced by the rural Alaska poverty community (public benefits, bankruptcy, housing issues, elder law, and consumer issues); 2) creating a mentorship program matching newer pro bono attorneys with more experienced mentors; and 3) working with law students who will both assist in the PBTA and represent rural clients.

The Rural Summer Legal Corps fellow will work on the PBTA project, developing bankruptcy content and coordinating with private bankruptcy attorneys to design a bankruptcy clinic and resources. The fellow will work with rural office attorneys offering direct services to clients, and will work with rural Alaska Native Elders to draft and execute wills. He or she will spend time each week assisting with the PBTA, which will involve designing attorney training, creating and updating volunteer attorney templates and manuals, and designing and implementing the materials library on alaskaadvocates.org. The fellow will spend time each week interviewing new clients in rural communities and reviewing the information gathered with a supervising attorney. Where appropriate, the fellow will provide direct services to the rural client. The fellow may also appear in court, telephonically or in person. He or she will travel to a rural area office and provide community education. During this outreach trip, the fellow will also lead an informal meeting with other area service providers to explore offering a holistic approach to client services through referrals, community coordination and communication, etc. If time allows, the fellow will also conduct a community education meeting outlining ALSC's services.

Applicant Qualifications

N/A

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