



Host Site: Montana Legal Services Association

Project: MLSA Poverty Law Summer Fellow

Location: Helena, MT

Description of Fellow Project:

The MLSA Poverty Law Summer Fellow will provide legal services to eligible clients throughout remote rural Montana through the provision of telephone legal advice, and by providing support to MLSA attorneys including legal research and drafting primarily in the areas of housing law and public benefits law.

The Fellow also will be exposed to other poverty law areas, including crime victim rights, consumer law, self-help legal assistance, domestic violence family law, and Indian law. All telephone advice will be provided under the supervision of a licensed attorney. In 2018, MLSA's RSLC Fellow devoted 80% of their service (non-training) hours to providing direct legal services to clients through telephone advice appointments and by conducting legal research and litigation support for MLSA's staff attorneys. They assisted 20 clients with legal issues ranging from SSI and SNAP benefits disputes, to evictions from subsidized housing and parenting plans.

