



Host Site: Neighborhood Legal Services Association

Project: Clean Slate for Housing and Employment Project

Location: Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties, PA

Description of Fellow Project:

NLSA proposes to utilize a Rural Summer Legal Corps member to provide legal representation to low-income clients in removing legal barriers to employment and/or housing through expungements or a Clean Slate petition. The law student will also represent clients facing eviction in private housing cases where availability of civil legal aid in private landlord/tenant matters is extremely scarce or does not exist. Pennsylvania recently enacted a new Clean Slate Law, so we anticipate that the law student will conduct outreach about this new law, educate potential clients about the new petition process for criminal record sealing, and provide legal representation as appropriate. By hosting a student working out of our Beaver and Lawrence County offices, NLSA will be able to assist clients resolve barriers that prevent clients from obtaining employment and housing. The project will also provide representation in private landlord/tenant matters to low-income families facing eviction.

