



Host Site: The Immigration Justice Project

Number of Fellows: 1

Location: San Diego, CA

Description of Fellow Project:

The Immigration Justice Project (IJP), a project of the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration, is seeking a Student Fellow to assist in providing services to its detained clients at the Otay Mesa Detention and Center and its non-detained clients in the greater San Diego area. The Student Fellow will help IJP facilitate due process for detained immigrants who have been subjected to the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP).

The Student Fellow will be instrumental in preparing presentation materials that will teach pro se applicants how to pursue relevant relief, such as how to pursue emergency stays of removal or petitions for review. The student will also provide assistance to in-house and pro bono attorneys by conducting legal research to keep abreast with new case law as it relates to MPP asylum seekers and immigrants. In this capacity, the student would participate in issue spotting, brief writing, and developing and maintaining a database of legal issues and country-condition research.

Finally, the Student Fellow will assist IJP's pro bono program as it relates to MPP. The student will support the recruitment efforts of IJP's in-house Pro Bono Coordinator to recruit and train volunteer attorneys. This support will include providing volunteers with a knowledge-base specific to MPP, connecting with nonprofit legal services organizations to strategize on pro bono recruitment, and screening cases at Legal Orientation Programs so that cases can be flagged for these volunteers.

Percentage breakdown of Student Fellow's time:

- 50% analysis and response to systemic barriers
- 30% legal research and writing
- 20% building community partnerships & addressing community needs

Applicant Qualifications:

Preference will be given to students who are proficient in at least one foreign language. While Spanish is highly preferred, students who are proficient in Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Urdu, Dari, Mandarin, Haitian, or Creole are encouraged to apply.

Students should either have taken an Immigration Law course or should have at least a basic familiarity with immigration law and the removal process.