



Host Site: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Newark Office

Number of Fellows: 1

Location: Roseland, NJ

Description of Fellow Project:

KIND is seeking a Student Fellow to assist in providing services to unaccompanied minors in the Union, Hudson, Essex, and Bergen counties of New Jersey.

The Student Fellow will assist attorneys with legal casework by preparing merits filings (e.g. Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions) and State Court filings for unaccompanied children, drafting briefs and client affidavits for KIND attorneys, meeting with clients to prepare for court hearings and asylum interviews, updating case summaries, and tracking court dates and deadlines. The student will also assist with the initial screening of unaccompanied children to make referrals and assess with KIND's intake team the legal relief available to the minor. Some of the Fellow's work will involve researching trends in immigration law, family law, country conditions, and other federal laws to assist in case preparation. The Fellow will also assist in preparing training materials, pro bono guides, and practice advisories for use both throughout New Jersey and nationwide.

Percentage breakdown of Student Fellow's time:

- 40% direct legal services
- 25% intake interviews
- 25% legal research and writing
- 10% preparation of training materials

Applicant Qualifications:

Preference will be given to students with professional Spanish fluency.