



Host Site: Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LawNY)

Number of Fellows: 1

Location: Rochester, NY

Description of Fellow Project:

LawNY increases access to justice through excellent legal representation, advocacy and service. This Fellowship will focus on assisting low-income refugee families. The services provided to refugees will be within LawNY's established practice areas (which includes employment, public benefits, housing, and health law). Legal services will be provided at LawNY's Rochester office, in administrative and court forums, and at community locations. The Fellow will be onsite for office hours and/or legal clinics at Refugees Helping Refugees (RHR), a local agency that assists refugees.

The Student Fellow will focus on improving LawNY's ability to meet the needs of refugees in Monroe County, especially those living within the city of Rochester. Utilizing a multi-prong approach, the Fellow will promote economic self-sufficiency through direct legal representation and community collaboration. The Fellow will work on the development and coordination of legal information presentations and training and participate in community outreach. The Fellow's work will be supported and supervised by LawNY attorneys. The Fellow will receive training, information, supervision, and support related to best practices related to working with refugee populations.

Percentage breakdown of Student Fellow's time:

- 65%: Direct services.
- 15%: Development and distribution of outreach materials
- 25%: Training and Support.

Applicant Qualifications:

Somali, Nepali, Karen, and/or other language skills preferred but not required. Fellow will receive training in cultural competency and working with interpreters and LEP clients, in addition to core competencies training.