## The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization



## 2021 Summer Fellowship Program

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization of Yale Law School (LSO) invites applications for its 2021 Summer Fellowship program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. LSO is the main organization at Yale Law School providing legal representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal assistance but unable to afford private attorneys. During the academic year, law students work closely with clinical faculty members to represent clients in a wide range of litigation and non-litigation matters, helping to fill a critical need in legal services delivery for poor and marginalized communities in Connecticut. LSO seeks to hire 16-20 Summer Fellows to work with clinical faculty in order to continue this client representation. These are paid positions, with a salary of \$7,080 for 12 weeks of full-time work (\$14.75/hour). The Fellowship program will run from May 25 to August 14, 2021, with some flexibility as to individual start and end dates. Part-time work or full-time work for a portion of the Fellowship period may also be possible. The program is open to students who have completed at least two semesters of law school. Students graduating from law school prior to the summer of 2021 are also eligible to apply, as are LLM students. Please note that this is not a course, but a program of summer employment. Due to the pandemic, the program is likely to be online only; Summer Fellows will be advised if in-person work becomes possible.

Summer Fellows can expect to have a range of challenging and rewarding lawyering experiences during the course of their time at LSO, including client interviewing and counseling; factual development of cases; researching and writing legal memoranda; drafting of contracts and other legal instruments; interacting with opposing counsel, government actors, and community stakeholders; and negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. In several of our clinics, students will make court appearances to argue motions or present evidence. Fellows will work under the direct supervision of clinical faculty members and supervising attorneys, and will have significant responsibility for each case or project on which they work. In addition, faculty members will host a weekly series of presentations and discussions for the Fellows on the work of the clinics, public interest lawyering, and other topics of interest.

LSO clinics perform a wide range of exciting work, including litigation in state and federal court and before administrative agencies, transactional work on behalf of community organizations, and policy and legislative advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. For 2021, LSO seeks Summer Fellows for the following clinics:

- Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic
- Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic
- Ludwig Community and Economic Development Clinic
- Criminal Justice Clinic
- Housing Clinic
- Veterans Legal Services Clinic
- Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic

For more information on the work of each of these clinics, please visit www.law.yale.edu/lso.

Students who are eligible for summer funding from their own sources and who need an early decision on their LSO application to qualify for outside support are encouraged to advise LSO of their situation and to request expedited review of their candidacy. Interested international students are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the necessary immigration status with work authorization.

Interested students should email a cover letter <u>specifying the clinic(s)</u> in which you have an interest (with ranking), a resume, writing sample, unofficial transcript, and contact information for two references to <u>lso.fellowships@yale.edu</u>. (Transcripts, if not immediately available, can be sent after the initial application, but before the submission deadline.) The final deadline to submit application materials is **February 26, 2021**. Early applications are encouraged.

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