



NEW MEXICO IMMIGRATION CORPS

New Mexico Immigration Corps Attorney Fellow

Host Site

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, Albuquerque, NM

Experience/Description

This project seeks a Fellow to assist our team respond to the overwhelming demand for services for immigrants in New Mexico, helping to overcome the barriers that geography and distance can pose to obtaining effective legal services. The Fellow will work collaboratively with our staff attorneys and help grow NMILC's litigation and advocacy work on issues related to access to justice and immigrant rights.

The Fellow will provide direct representation, assist with pro se clinics, mentor and train pro bono attorneys, develop pro se materials, and engage in community outreach and partnership. This project will provide the Fellow with an opportunity to engage in legal writing, including pleadings and know-your-rights educational handouts, advise clients on available remedies, and gain expertise in immigration law and advocacy. The Fellow will also work closely with other New Mexico immigrant rights groups, legal services programs, and coalitions to improve access to justice throughout the state. The Fellow's work will be responsive to the rapidly changing immigration climate. Areas of focus are likely to include immigration enforcement, deportation defense, and detention. The Fellow will represent NMILC at community events, coalition meetings, press conferences, and with the media.

This position is recommended for applicants from historically marginalized communities with a commitment to work in the public interest law field in New Mexico. Applicants interested in providing support and mentorship to law students and paralegals from historically disadvantaged communities with aspiration to enter the legal field are also highly preferred.

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center is a social justice organization whose mission is to advance equity and justice by empowering low-income immigrant communities through collaborative legal services, advocacy and education.

Applicant Qualifications

- J.D. from an Equal Justice Works [member law school](#) and commitment to take the New Mexico Bar Exam within one year of applying.
- Bilingual. Spanish and English fluency preferred; other bilingual fluency will be considered.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- Ability to travel state-wide as needed.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to immigrant rights, social justice issues and public interest law.
- Equal Justice Works Fellowships are designed to create new public interest legal positions and launch new public interest careers. For that reason, Equal Justice Works will not fund an applicant who has had a previous postgraduate legal Fellowship through Equal Justice Works or any other major fellowship program (e.g. Skadden, Soros, Echoing Green). However, Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellows are eligible to apply as well as those candidates who were awarded a law school or law school clinical fellowship.

Contact for Questions:

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Deadline to Apply:

April 17, 2017 by 11:59 p.m. EDT.

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