

2023 PAID SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IN HOUSING LAW - LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

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Job Type: 2023 Summer Fellowship in Housing Law - Legal Services of the Hudson Valley - All Offices

Schedule Type: Full-time Summer

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About Us

For more than 50 years, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has been providing free, high-quality legal counsel in civil matters when basic human needs are at stake including: eviction and foreclosure prevention, domestic violence, disability, elder law, healthcare, consumer fraud and more. Our services support almost 600,000 poor and low-income families and individuals who cannot afford an attorney in our seven-county service area. With the gap separating those who can and cannot afford legal representation widening each day, we work to ensure that everyone has equal access to justice, regardless of their ability to pay. As the only provider of comprehensive civil legal services in the lower and mid-Hudson Valley (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan), LSHV is proud to have handled 12,000 cases impacting over 27,000 household members including over 9,000 children last year. LSHV is made up of ten offices, and a dedicated and highly skilled staff of attorneys, paralegals, and administrative professionals.

Legal Services of Hudson Valley is dedicated to building a highly skilled workforce that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to bring their authentic selves to work. We are committed to racial justice and promoting equity for all, and we continuously review and strengthen our processes and practices to empower our staff, clients and the communities we serve. Respect is a cornerstone of relationships among our staff. Our affinity groups are self-directed and provide a space for members to support one another and their shared vision. We encourage applications from people of all identities.

Fellowship Description

In Hudson Valley, thousands of tenants experience the legal system every year in dire need of representation. Many of these tenants are low-income and are facing eviction from their homes. LSHV attorneys provide direct representation and advice and counsel to low-income tenants being sued for eviction and/or in housing administrative proceedings, with a focus on preserving protected and affordable housing. We strive to improve the reach, quality, and effectiveness of eviction and homelessness prevention through legal representation.

As part of our mission to help bridge the housing justice gap, we are delighted to announce the establishment of our inaugural ***LSHV 2023 Summer Fellowship in Housing Law***.

Ten law student fellows will receive training, mentorship, support, and skill development in housing law practice as they assist and represent clients to maintain the basic human and legal right to live in habitable housing and protect individuals and communities from the high costs of homelessness. At the same time, the fellows will become a support in building tenant power, challenging landlord intimidation and harassment, and supporting the fight against gentrification and displacement.

Details

- 10 fellowships to be awarded in March 2023
- 10-week summer fellowship; 35 hours per work week
- \$8,000 summer stipend
- Fellows will be placed in LSHV offices throughout our service area, including White Plains, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Goshen, Nanuet, Monticello, and Kingston.
- Housing, transportation, work-related, and other fellowship expenses will be the law student's responsibility. LSHV will provide office parking where applicable.

- At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the recipient may be required to produce a summary that may be reproduced in full or part in LSHV materials.

Eligibility

- Open to current enrolled law students who will have completed at least one semester of law school by May 2023
- Must be enrolled in a U.S. law school
- Must be able to work several days per week in-person in the office where placed (our offices are hybrid), subject to disability-related reasonable accommodations.
- Ability to travel to the office where placed and other locations such as courts as needed.

Deadline

- All materials must be submitted 11:59pm (ET) on **Friday, January 13, 2023**

Required Submissions

Applications will be evaluated based upon review of the following:

- **Unofficial Law School Transcript**
- **Current Resume**
- **Two References** (names and contact information)
- **One legal writing sample on any topic**
- **Statement of Interest** (typed, double-spaced)
Describe your commitment to public interest law and/or direct legal services, and what you hope to gain from LSHV's summer fellowship program.
You may include information such as personal experience, prior jobs, volunteer experience or internships and what you learned from them, as well as future career plans and professional goals. (750-word max)

Please apply by following this link:

[LSHV 2023 Summer Fellowship in Housing Law- White Plains, NY](#)

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