

MAP Summer 2018 Law Clerks

Michigan Advocacy Program (MAP) is seeking applicants for the position of Summer Law Clerk in all of our offices:

1. **Legal Services of South Central Michigan:** LSSCM provides civil legal representation to low income persons, with an emphasis on homelessness prevention, domestic violence prevention, and access to needs-based governmental benefits. LSSCM has offices in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Jackson, Lansing, and Monroe. lsscm.org
2. **Family Law Project:** FLP, located in Ann Arbor, represents low-income survivors of domestic violence in family law and other matters. lsscm.org
3. **Farmworker Legal Services:** FLS, located in Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor, provides direct representation to indigent migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents with an emphasis on employment-related claims including wage disputes, unsafe working conditions, inadequate housing, illegal evictions, issues related to their immigration status, denial of access to education and other public services, and discrimination. The majority of the FLS interns will be in Kalamazoo. To work at FLS, conversational Spanish is required. farmworkerlaw.org
4. **Michigan Poverty Law Program:** MPLP, located in Ann Arbor, provides state support services to legal aid attorneys and other poverty law advocates throughout Michigan. These services include case consultation, research and drafting support, co-counseling and other case assistance; planning and managing statewide skills and substantive law trainings and task forces; legislative tracking, interpretation, education and lobbying to protect the rights of the legal aid client base; and representing the interests of legal aid advocates and clients in statewide task forces, state bar sections and committees, and other advocacy-oriented groups. mplp.org
5. **Michigan Immigrant Rights Center:** MIRC provides direct services to immigrant clients focusing on domestic violence and victims of crimes, citizenship, unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings, migrant farmworker law, and impact representation. MIRC also provides technical and co-counsel assistance and training to Michigan legal aid and pro bono attorneys handling immigration and immigrant rights matters, systemic advocacy on behalf of Michigan's low-income immigrants and their families, legislative and legal development tracking and analysis, coalition-building among immigration assistance providers and immigrant advocacy organizations statewide, and support and training for domestic violence survivor attorneys and advocates regarding the rights of battered immigrants. Conversational Spanish ability is preferred. MIRC hosts summer interns in Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo. michiganimmigrant.org
6. **Michigan Elder Justice Initiative:** MEJI, located in Lansing, advocates for low-income older adults and people with disabilities on issues related to healthcare, benefits, long term care, elder abuse, and individual rights. MEJI has a number of grant funded projects including serving as the ombudsman for residents of long term care facilities and beneficiaries enrolled in the MI Health Link project, promoting the rights of Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries, and engaging in elder abuse prevention efforts. In addition, MEJI provides advice and support to legal services lawyers and other advocates serving low income elders and people with disabilities across the state. MEJI also undertakes systemic advocacy efforts, often in collaboration with state and federal advocacy partners. meji.org

- 7. Michigan Legal Help:** MLH, located in Ann Arbor, helps people who have to handle simple civil legal problems without a lawyer. One primary product of MLH is an interactive, statewide website that provides legal information and referrals to self-represented litigants. MLH also opens and supports affiliated Self-Help Centers around the state, where litigants can use the website on public computers and get additional help and legal information assistance from trained Navigators. Students will assist with content development and maintenance (reviewing & updating existing legal information content according to Quality Assurance Protocols; conducting research and drafting new legal information content for the website; learning plain language writing skills; etc.); participate in the testing of new Do-It-Yourself form tools; and assist with staffing LiveHelp (chat-based to website visitors); and engage in other projects that are active during the course of their clerkship including triage and online intake. michiganlegalhelp.org

Job Description: Law clerks work under the supervision of our staff attorneys on all aspects of our work. Depending on the office, a law clerk's work may include conducting client interviews, drafting pleadings, legal research, appearing in court hearings under the Michigan student practice rule, assessing legal problems, conveying legal advice through oral and written communication, conducting outreach to migrant labor camps, conducting educational seminars for clients and migrant agency staff, legal research and writing related to individual cases and broader policy issues, legislative tracking and analysis, other systemic advocacy projects in one or more poverty law areas (housing, public benefits, consumer, foreclosure, and family law), MLH content development and maintenance, and assisting with staffing LiveHelp.

Qualifications for all positions: Law students must have at least one year of law school completed by June 2018. It is helpful if applicants have experience working with low-income persons and a commitment to assisting underserved populations. MAP is an equal opportunity employer. All interested individuals, including people of color, women, LGBT persons, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Funding: Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for outside funding (e.g. law school fellowships, Equal Justice America), but these positions may possibly paid if outside funding is not available.

To apply: In your cover letter, indicate which offices you are interested in.

1. Submit this application form:
<https://docs.google.com/a/lsscm.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTiMiXOJ6X19LSbltCNGIBcbhda2arsY-TC5-qHW-dyPcpgA/viewform>
2. Send a resume and cover letter as an attachment(s) to jobs@lsscm.org with "Summer 2018: Your Name" as the subject. In your cover letter, please indicate which offices you are interested in for Summer 2018.

Questions: Email Alyson Robbins, Manager of Outreach & Development, at arobbins@lsscm.org