



AmeriCorps Attorney Member: _____ (name)

Program Start/End Date: 9/1/19 to 9/1/20 Members may be eligible to continue their service for two additional one-year terms.

Schedule: Full Time

Education Level: JD/Law Grad

Seattle Pacific University has received a multi-state grant from AmeriCorps to host one-year AmeriCorps members to facilitate the medical-legal partnership (MLP) program serving American Indians and Alaskan Natives throughout the US. 21 members will be recruited throughout the US as follows: Alaska Legal Services Corp: 10, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma: 4, New Mexico Legal Aid: 3, Community Legal Services: 1, DNA-People's Legal Services: 1, Michigan Indian Legal Services: 1, Montana Legal Services Assoc: 1. The attorney selected will be housed at: Michigan Indian Legal Services. AmeriCorps Member will ideally begin between September and October, 2019 and in place for one year. Members may be eligible to continue their service for two additional one-year terms.

Practice Areas: Children's Rights, Consumer Protection/Debt/Bankruptcy, Disability Law/Rights, Education, Elder Law, Employment/Labor, Family Law, General Legal Services, Health Law, Housing/Landlord-Tenant, Juvenile Issues, LGBTQ, Litigation, Native American/Indian/Tribal Law, Poverty, Probate/Trust & Estate Issues, Public Benefits/Social Security, Racial Justice Issues, Women's Rights

Member Description

AmeriCorps member will offer trainings for health providers and comprehensive legal assistance for low-income patients at partnering hospital or health clinic serving tribes. By focusing on cases that promote income growth, housing stability, and personal safety, the MLP uses legal advocacy as a tool to address social determinants of health. The AmeriCorps member position is open in Traverse City, Michigan with the Michigan Indian Legal Services.

The AmeriCorps Member will provide direct legal assistance to low-income patients at tribal health clinics in northern Michigan (LTBB, and potentially GTB and LRB). Areas of legal advocacy include public benefits, housing, special education, domestic violence, elder law, family law, and consumer law. The AmeriCorps Member will be an attorney authorized to practice in state and/or tribal court, and before administrative agencies. The AmeriCorps Member will be responsible for providing periodic trainings and presentations to providers at medical facilities, as well as for regularly consulting with medical providers.

Although AmeriCorps members will work independently at their local location, member will be part of a national collaborative network of members to improve social determinants of health for American Indians and Alaskan Natives. All AmeriCorps members will attend the week-long MLP Boot Camp in Albuquerque, NM in December 2018. The MLP Boot camp will train each member on vision of the project and arm each member with the tools to nurture each new attorney-hospital partnership. Each member will have a local litigation supervisor for day-to-day activities. Project support will be provided by the MLP Project Director, including monthly conference calls and AmeriCorps updates.

Qualifications

- Michigan bar membership or eligibility to waive into the Michigan bar

- Please note that if you are not bar certified in the state of your service, your continued AmeriCorps service is contingent on passing the bar on the first available date.
- LTBB (and possibly GTB and LRB) bar membership or eligibility to take the next bar exam, if applicable
- Demonstrated commitment to public service
- Legal experience assisting persons with low incomes (may include student legal clinics, internships)
- Knowledge of the legal issues impacting persons with low incomes
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts
- Prior experience in managing independent projects or assignments
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft products, CMS software systems, etc.
- Valid Driver's License
- Ability to travel throughout the surrounding region
- Those with experience regarding Indian Law strongly encouraged to apply
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Living Allowance:

The AmeriCorps Member will receive an annual living allowance (\$27,464). Additionally, members will receive health insurance, eligible for child care benefit program and other benefits. Upon successful completion of term of service, members will receive the Segal Education Award (\$5,920). Interested applicants should contact Michigan Indian Legal Services with any follow up questions.

Other Benefits Provided:

- Health and dental insurance provided
- Life and disability insurance provided
- Parking provided
- Position related travel reimbursement and bar dues provided
- Travel to initial Boot Camp for week long training in Albuquerque, NM

Member placement is contingent upon ability to pass AmeriCorps, State and Tribal-mandated criminal background checks

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, coverletter, writing sample, and references to Cameron Fraser at Michigan Indian Legal Services or online at MyAmeriCorps.gov

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Contact Information:

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Why become and AmeriCorps Member?

Help your community: Know that you are giving your time, talent, wisdom, and experience to your community and neighbors who need you.

Help yourself: Through service, you can add to the quality and health of your life. Research indicates that volunteers enjoy better health, make new friendships, stay active and involved in the community, and learn new skills.

Make a difference: Be part of a national movement to transform America through the involvement of its citizens.

Save money for the organizations you serve: By donating your time and skills, you help make funds go farther for organizations that address critical needs in your community.