

Eastside Legal Assistance Program

2018 Domestic Violence Family Law Fellowship

OUR MISSION — SAFETY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

The Fellowship is a 6-month intensive program that focuses on training new attorneys on domestic violence prevention, family law, and starting a law practice. Under the supervision of staff attorneys, Fellows work directly with low-income survivors of domestic violence. Fellows provide high quality representation to survivors in court and receive experience securing Domestic Violence Protection Orders, filing family law petitions, filing and arguing motions for temporary family law orders, drafting parenting plans, declarations, and more.

The Fellowship works in partnership with community domestic violence agencies, King County Protection Order Advocacy Program, and King County Prosecuting Attorney's Project Safety program to provide legal assistance to survivors.

Programs highlights

- Orientation focusing on Domestic Violence prevention and advocacy for survivors
- Regular trainings on how to start a law practice.
- Assigned family law mentor in the community
- Behind-the-scenes tours of King County Superior Court in Seattle and Kent, including opportunity to meet with court personnel and commissioners.
- Access to over 45 hours of CLE credit
- Weekly case conferences
- 600 hours of pro bono service to low-income DV survivors
- Practical experience working in a legal aid office including working with support staff and volunteers

Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide direct legal advice, counsel, and represent domestic violence survivors in protection order and family law hearings
- Conduct legal research, draft legal pleadings, and prepare other legal documents
- Commit to 600 pro bono hours over the course of the program year under the direction of the Domestic Violence Staff Attorneys
- Build and maintain relationships with partner domestic violence agencies and advocates
- Work side-by-side with ELAP Staff Attorneys and partner agencies

Qualifications

- Admitted to practice in the State of Washington
 - ❖ New graduates are encouraged to apply pending bar exam results. Final acceptance into the Fellowship is subject to Washington state bar passage
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and serving low-income people
- Outstanding research, writing, and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Proven ability to multitask
- Ability and commitment to engage effectively with diverse communities
- Commitment to ELAP's mission in assisting low-income domestic violence survivors



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Class Start Date:
November 5th, 2018

Application deadline:
October 1st, 2018

To apply, please send
cover letter, resume,
references, and a
short writing sample
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