

YALE LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS

in the Mental Health Justice Clinic and Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic

Yale Law School seeks applicants for two clinical fellowships in the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, within Yale Law School's clinical program. These Fellowships are two-year positions with a third-year option, beginning on or about July 1, 2024, and are designed for lawyers with at least three years of practice who are considering a career in law school teaching. Each Fellow will work with a different clinic. Responsibilities include representing clients, supervising students, assisting in teaching classes, and pursuing a scholarship agenda. Candidates must be prepared to apply for admission to the Connecticut bar (candidates may qualify for admission without examination). All work will be conducted with the support of the clinical faculty and will focus on providing legal assistance to low-income and civil rights clients and organizations.

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization is committed to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and staff to teach and work in a multicultural environment. Candidates must be able to work both independently and as part of a team and must possess strong written and oral communication skills. Experience in creative and community-driven advocacy is a strong plus. The annual salary is \$93,600. In addition, Fellows are eligible to participate in Yale health plans and have access to university facilities.

Email a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to Osikhena Awudu, Assistant Director of Clinical Operations, The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, clinical.fellow@yale.edu. Please indicate the clinic or clinics to which you are applying. **Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2024 but will be reviewed on a rolling basis (early applications encouraged).**

More details about each fellowship follow below.

Mental Health Justice Clinic

MHJC is a semester-long, in-house clinic in which students represent individuals with mental disabilities in litigation under mental health, civil rights, and administrative laws in addition to engaging in policy advocacy and other non-litigation matters on mental health issues.

Illustrative cases include representation of individual seeking state disability benefits in initial applications, administrative appeal, and judicial review in state court; representation of individuals subject to civil commitment, involuntary mediation, and conservatorship proceedings in probate court; and representation of a local organization seeking policy changes on community-based mental health services. Students also engage in advocacy on topics around evidence-based substance use and mental health policies in the family regulation and prison systems.

The principal supervisor for the position will be Professor Marisol Orihuela.

Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic

WIRAC is a year-long, in-house clinic whose students represent immigrants, workers, and their organizations in litigation under labor and employment, immigration, civil rights, and administrative laws; state and local legislative advocacy; and other non-litigation matters.

Illustrative cases include class action habeas litigation challenging the prolonged detention of noncitizens with criminal convictions; nation-wide class action litigation on behalf of immigrant youth challenging the termination of DACA; habeas, mandamus, and damages lawsuits in federal court on behalf of two households in which parent and child were forcibly separated at the southern border; federal civil rights litigation for a noncitizen with disabilities who was mistreated while in ICE custody; representation in immigration court, before the Board of Immigration Appeals, and in federal court of individuals resisting removal or seeking release from custody; representation of recently-arrived Afghan asylum seekers; representation of low-wage workers in administrative wage-and-hour and employment discrimination claims, requests for immigration relief, and in federal court on claims of wage theft and racial discrimination; representation of an organization of ride-share drivers in legislative advocacy for improved pay and working conditions; representation of a Connecticut interfaith organization in legislative advocacy to advance “clean slate” legislation to automatically expunge criminal records; and representation of local labor unions and grassroots worker organizations in strategies to enforce collective bargaining agreements, negotiate contracts, organize new workers, and protect the rights of union members under labor, employment, and health & safety laws.

The principal supervisors for the position will be Professors Muneer Ahmad and Michael Wishnie.

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