

2014 Lane Evans Home Court Fellowship

Program Description

The Home Court Fellow Program

The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless is looking to select up to 5 dedicated and qualified Georgetown Law students to serve as **Home Court Fellows** during the spring semester. These students will gain experience working with the legal and political issues facing people who are homeless in Washington, D.C. by assisting the clinic in a variety of projects and assignments.

Potential Projects for Home Court Fellows

- Helping Legal Clinic attorneys and members of the community prepare testimony for upcoming legislation, City Council budget meetings, and other advocacy
- Assisting with client outreach and monitoring of the District government's homeless services during hypothermia season
- Conducting interviews, home inspections, and other fact investigation for clients with severe housing conditions problems
- Developing materials for and participating in know-your-rights trainings on shelter, disability rights, and other legal topics

Commitment

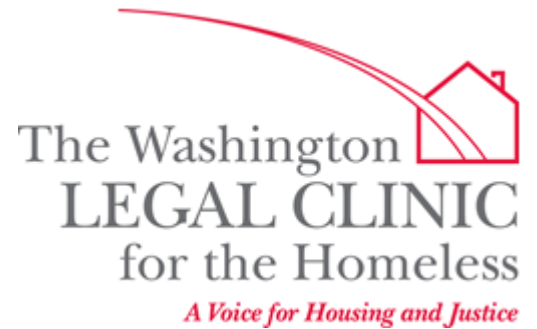
Participants are expected to dedicate thirty (30) hours during the spring semester working on projects for the Legal Clinic prior to the Home Court game. Each fellow will be matched with a Legal Clinic staff member who will supervise the fellow's work. The thirty hour commitment can be scheduled at the Fellow's and the clinic staff's convenience, and there is no expectation that Fellows will work during winter or spring break. The WLCH office is located at 1200 U Street, NW, near the U Street- Cardozo Metro stop on the green line. All hours of legal work will count towards the Pro Bono Pledge, and all Home Court Fellows will be honored at the Home Court basketball game.

About the Clinic

Founded in 1986 by a group of local attorneys that included several GULC graduates, the Legal Clinic is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free legal services to individuals and families who are homeless in the nation's capital. The Legal Clinic helps over a thousand individuals each year deal with issues ranging from appealing denials of public benefits to accessing emergency shelter, and securing permanent, affordable housing. It is involved in broader advocacy efforts on these and other issues. For more information about the Legal Clinic, visit its website at www.legalclinic.org.

About Home Court

Home Court was started by a group of Georgetown University Law students in 1987 and has grown into a successful annual fundraiser for the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. The game features members of Congress battling Georgetown Law faculty, and is organized by Georgetown Law students, with all proceeds going to support the Legal Clinic. The Home Court Fellows program was crafted in 2006 to afford Georgetown students further opportunities to be involved with the Legal Clinic, and the chance to gain additional experience working with issues facing people who struggle with homelessness and poverty.



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Application

Deadline to Apply: Friday January 17, 2014

Use additional pages if necessary.

Email the completed **application**, along with a copy of your **resume** to misty.thomas@legalclinic.org (please note "Home Court Fellowship" in the subject line)

by **Friday, January 17, 2014**.

Apx. Half-hour interviews will be conducted on campus on January 24-29, with decisions likely announced by Friday, January 31.

Name: _____ Year (1L/2E/etc): _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

1. **Describe your work in up to three public interest or community service projects (legal or non-legal). Please include the organization's name and your title, if applicable.**
2. **Do you have any specific experience working with people who are homeless or living in poverty?**
____ No, that is why I am interested in this program. ____ Yes. Please list that experience here.
3. **What specific strengths and skills will you bring to the Lane Evans Home Court Fellowship?**
4. **What excites you most about the opportunity to be a Lane Evans Home Court Fellow?**