



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA
LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS

Equal Justice America Immigration Post-Graduate Fellowship at Ayuda

Ayuda is pleased to announce a post-graduate fellowship for graduating or recently graduated Georgetown University Law Center students, in partnership with Equal Justice America. Since 1993, Equal Justice America has provided opportunities for law students and lawyers to work with legal aid programs across the country. Ayuda has provided free and low-cost legal representation to the low-income immigrant community in the greater metropolitan D.C. area since 1973. Ayuda's staff, attorneys, and volunteers support the community holistically by providing legal representation in immigration, domestic violence, family law, and immigration services fraud (or *notario* fraud) matters, by providing social services and therapy, and by advocating to ensure language access across the metropolitan region.

WHAT WILL THIS FELLOWSHIP ENTAIL?

Equal Justice America is funding a two-year fellow from Georgetown University Law Center to serve as an attorney in Ayuda's Immigration Legal Services program. This position will begin Fall 2018 and will conclude Fall 2020. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting legal intakes and providing ongoing legal representation to immigrant victims of crime in matters including SIJS, asylum, VAWA petitions, U and T Visa applications, family petitions, and removal proceedings;
- Providing direct legal representation before USCIS, ICE, DOS, and EOIR to clients in immigration matters, and before DC-area family and juvenile courts to obtain SIJS predicate orders;
- Conducting legal intakes and providing direct legal representation for clients who have been victims of *notario* fraud, including but not limited to consumer complaints, demand letters, and immigration representation, under the supervision of Project END staff;
- Mentor non-Ayuda attorneys representing clients on a pro bono basis as experience permits;
- Representing Ayuda at local coalition meetings and participate in local and national advocacy initiatives concerning victims of crime or victims of immigration-related consumer fraud;
- Participating in trainings and conferences to maintain up-to-date knowledge of immigration laws and policies;
- Conducting trainings for area service providers, including law enforcement agencies, and outreach presentations to potential clients; and
- Collaborating with Ayuda's Social Services and Legal staff to ensure the provision of holistic services.

The fellow will also be required to provide quarterly reports to Equal Justice America and to share the fellowship experience at Ayuda with the Equal Justice America community through frequent blog articles and other means.

Competitive salary equal to a first-year attorney at Ayuda, plus generous benefits package.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *Applicants must graduate with a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2018, or must have graduated from Georgetown University Law Center May 2017 or later;*
- Applicants must be admitted or have an application for admission pending to the Maryland (preferred), Virginia, or D.C. bar, prior to starting the fellowship;
- Applicants must be **bilingual in English and another language**, with a preference for Spanish, Amharic, or Arabic (speaking, oral comprehension, reading and writing);
- Strong writing and communication skills; and
- Previous experience working in immigration law, with immigrant communities or with survivors of trauma is highly desired.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications must include a resume, three references, and a detailed cover letter describing how you would contribute to Ayuda's work and desired start/end dates. Submit applications **via email only** to: Josh Doherty at josh@ayuda.com. Please use "EJA-Ayuda Fellowship" as the email subject line. Please cc Dan Ruben, Executive Director of Equal Justice America at dan@equaljusticeamerica.org.

The deadline for applications is January 15, 2018.