



## **Summer Law Student Poverty Law Positions**

Pisgah Legal Services (PLS) seeks to pursue justice by providing legal assistance and advocacy to help low-income people in Western North Carolina meet basic needs and improve their lives.

PLS offers unpaid summer positions for first- and second-year law students. Students will learn about a wide variety of public interest law areas. Students will be matched with one or more teams (e.g. domestic violence, benefits, housing, immigration, disaster legal services, etc.) for primary work, and will also have learning opportunities with a variety of specialized legal practice areas and other wholistic services provided by PLS.

Students will work full-time (37.5 hours per week). While PLS is unable to pay a stipend, we will do our best to locate affordable housing solutions for the summer law students, though this is not guaranteed.

Come work with us to experience the amazing [impact of civil legal aid and wholistic support to the most vulnerable](#).

### **General Duties (specific assignments will vary by program area)**

- Legal research/memoranda
- Client intakes
- Drafting legal pleadings
- Trial preparation
- Attending client hearings
- Building relationships with community partners
- Connecting clients with local resources
- Community Outreach

### **Activities and Events**

- Attend virtual and in-person training sessions as offered.
- Meet local judges and attorneys as part of our Lunch & Learn program.
- Observe court proceedings in both district and federal court.
- Observe court diversion programs such as Veterans' Treatment and Sobriety Courts.
- Social activities as organized by staff and students

### **Qualifications**

- A demonstrated interest in public interest law
- Ability to exhibit initiative, self-motivation and deductive reasoning
- Basic computer knowledge (Microsoft Office and Legal Server skills desirable) and typing skills, excellent communication skills, comfort level speaking on the phone or in person with clients