



Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT
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CRP offices in Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Lubbock

CLERKSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

POSTION: Law Clerks (Unpaid)
CLOSING DATE: Closed When Filled
LOCATIONS: Dallas, Fort Worth, Amarillo, and Lubbock

Description: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) is a non-profit public interest law firm that provides high-quality free civil legal services to low-income persons and groups from 15 offices in North and West Texas. LANWT is the fifth largest legal aid firm in the United States.

OVERVIEW: LANWT seeks dynamic, self-starting law students who have vision, initiative, and a demonstrated commitment to public interest law benefiting low-income communities for its Community Revitalization Project (CRP) at various locations throughout its service area. Law clerks will be responsible for assisting attorneys in providing legal services, advocacy, and transactional work in the following areas of community revitalization:

- **Affordable Fair Housing-** increasing access to fair housing, removing barriers to developing and maintaining affordable housing for individuals; educating communities regarding fair housing issues; eliminating discriminatory housing practices and ensuring the affordability, accessibility, and integration of public housing, subsidized housing, and private housing.
- **Environmental Justice-** addressing environmental injustices, including exposure to high levels of pollution, health impacts related to exposure of pollution, resulting community deterioration; and protecting low-income communities from environmental hazards.
- **Community Development and Advocacy-** ensuring the right to meaningful input on matters affecting the community; advocating to promote economic justice; ensuring fair allocation of infrastructure resources; combatting predatory lending practices; and addressing displacement, substandard housing, high crime, and other public safety issues in low-income communities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Law clerks work with attorneys on case development, outreach, and litigation. Under the supervision of an attorney, a law clerk's primary responsibilities are to perform legal and factual research, assist with community education, and to develop case strategies and legal theories. Law clerks may also have the opportunity to assist attorneys with preparing legal documents, attend administrative and/or court proceedings, and to meet with clients and experts. Clerks will be afforded the opportunity to work alongside the state's most prominent advocates in the fields of affordable fair housing, environmental law, and community development.

TO APPLY: Candidates can apply online at <https://internet.lanwt.org/careers>. Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three references.

Bringing justice to North and West Texans since 1951

Volunteer Law Clerks needed in North and West Texas

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas invites applications for volunteer law clerk positions for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do legal work with poor communities in Texas in our North Texas offices in Dallas and Fort Worth and in West Texas in Lubbock and Amarillo.

LANWT is a private, non-profit law firm that works to promote and defend the rights of the poor. We provide high quality legal services and have been successful in establishing important rights for our clients through administrative advocacy and representation in individual lawsuits and impact litigation. Interested applicants should review the law firm's web page at www.lanwt.org. Law clerks will work on a broad range of cases while also being assigned to assist on a specific impact project.

Texas has 13.6% of its population below the poverty guidelines, with many communities and colonias in our service area that far surpass that rate.

The law clerks will report to the Community Revitalization Project and will participate in advocating the legal and constitutional rights of poor community groups concerning community development, affordable and fair housing and environmental justice. They will be part of a dynamic legal aid program that is the 5th largest in the country and covers Northwest Texas from Dallas to the top of the Texas Panhandle down to the Trans-Pecos area. The successful applicant should possess a sense of outrage at injustice, strong interest in poverty issues and Constitutional law, ability to develop and implement non-litigation strategies, self-motivation and ability to work under pressure.

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