



## 2027 EJW Fellowship Opportunity

**Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC)**, the legal aid provider serving 23 counties in Northern California, invites applications from 2L law students and recent legal graduates returning from federal clerkships who are interested in developing a proposal for a two-year Equal Justice Works fellowship commencing in Fall 2027. This is an opportunity for candidates committed to public interest law, access to justice, and rural advocacy to design and implement an innovative legal project serving low-income rural communities.

Through eight field offices, LSNC provides comprehensive civil legal services in areas including housing, public benefits, employment, and health access. Since 1956, LSNC has advanced its mission to “provide quality legal services that empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty within their communities.” Fellows will be located in Chico, Ukiah or Redding, California, working directly with underserved populations where access to legal services is often limited.

### Who Should Apply

- Current 2L law students (graduating May 2027) or recent graduates completing federal clerkships
- Interest in access to justice gaps in rural communities and community-based advocacy
- Experience working with marginalized or underserved communities
- Demonstrated initiative, creativity, and the ability to design and implement a project

### Project Development

Applicants are encouraged to propose an original project idea and will work closely with LSNC leadership to refine and develop proposals grounded in identified community needs.

Sample project ideas include:

- Developing and implementing legal clinic models designed to serve the unique needs of rural communities
- Improving ADA accessibility of LSNC’s multilingual website and client-facing materials
- Preserving housing stability in mobilehome park and subsidized housing communities through eviction defense and community education

Successful projects should be sustainable and align with LSNC’s core practice areas.

EJW Timeline: EJW releases its application and timeline in May 2026. Historically, EJW applications are due

in September 2026. If approved and funded, the fellowship will begin in late August 2027.

LSNC will accept applications received by **July 15, 2026**. The selected candidate will begin developing a proposal with LSNC leadership to meet the September EJW application deadline. Applicants should submit a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, transcript and three professional references by email to:

**Amy Williams, Deputy Director**

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*A bilingual bonus is provided for staff members who speak English and a second language commonly spoken by LSNC clients, when that second language is used in the job for which the person is employed.*