

Stetson Immigration Law Fellowship

Position: Immigration Law Fellow, Fall 2025

Supervising Entity: Americans for Immigrant Justice

Start Date: August 2025

Primary Location: Tampa Law Center, Stetson University College of Law
1700 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33602

Americans for Immigrant Justice:

Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice), www.aijustice.org, is an award-winning not-for-profit legal services organization founded in 1996 to protect and promote the basic human rights of immigrants.

Fellowship job description:

Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice) and Stetson University College of Law invite passionate and committed students to join AI Justice's **Family Defense** and **Detention Programs** as Fellow(s). The Family Defense and Detention programs work in tandem to protect and empower immigrant communities across Florida—particularly long-time residents, mixed-status families, and individuals impacted by immigration detention.

Fellow(s) will gain hands-on experience in a dynamic legal services environment, supporting efforts that include **direct representation, legal screenings and clinics, Know Your Rights presentations**, and **rapid response outreach**. Students will assist with case preparation, conduct legal research, draft legal documents, and may have opportunities to engage directly with clients.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about immigration law, family unity advocacy, and detention defense, while contributing to systemic change and access to justice for underserved communities. The Fellow(s) will work alongside experienced attorneys, staff, and a broad network of pro bono partners dedicated to keeping families safe and together.

Fellow(s) will have the opportunity to:

- Engage in direct legal representation, including conducting intake screenings and interviews, preparing court filings, and participating in legal clinics.
- Meet with clients to hear their story and draft personal declarations.
- Visit detention shelters to meet clients and attend hearings.

- Support impact litigation with research and legal filings to protect rights of immigrant community.
- Represent clients in legal proceedings before immigration courts.
- Prepare and file applications for immigration relief, including but not limited to asylum, TPS, family petitions and stays of removal.
- Engage in rapid response efforts, outreach initiatives, and Know Your Rights presentations to support and inform immigrant communities.
- Receive training and mentoring from AI Justice's expert immigration counsel and/or Stetson's law faculty.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Current enrollment at Stetson University College of Law, expressed commitment to immigration advocacy, and ability to work five (5) hours per week, with a maximum of twenty hours per month.
- Fellow(s) will receive *pro bono* hours that will count towards their graduation requirements.
- Work will primarily occur at Tampa Law Center, Stetson University College of Law, 1700 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602, under direction and supervision of AI Justice attorneys and staff.
- Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Kreyol preferred.
- Ability to pass background check, including FBI, statewide repository, and sex offender registry check.

To Apply:

E-mail your resume and cover letter to careers@aijustice.org with the subject line "2025 Fall Stetson Immigration Law Fellowship." Applications considered on a rolling basis.

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