

Gonzaga Law in Action 2020: Nogales

The Immigration Clinic is seeking Spanish-speaking law students to provide legal advice to asylum seekers in Nogales, Mexico over spring break. The Immigration Clinic will arrange and cover housing and travel costs for students selected to participate and will provide them with a daily meal stipend.

Changes in asylum law and policy are adversely affecting asylum seekers at the U.S. Mexico Border. About 60,000 people fearful of persecution have been sent back to Mexico during the past year, where they wait for their asylum court proceedings in the United States. Less than 5% of these asylum seekers are represented by a lawyer, significantly reducing their chances of success. You can help, even without immigration law experience. The Immigration Clinic will provide training here, and the Florence Project will further prepare us in Nogales. Professors Megan Ballard and Megan Case plan to provide supervision in Nogales as well.

- Travel from March 8-14, 2020
- Stay in Nogales, AZ
- Provide consultations March 9-13 in Nogales, Sonora, in conjunction with the Florence Project and the Kino Border Initiative.
- Work alongside Gonzaga alumni for a day and debrief with them afterwards [in the works].
- Count your hours as pro bono or public service hours.

Application deadline: Noon, February 7, 2020

Application process:

1. Submit a brief email to Megan Ballard and Megan Case explaining why you are interested in this opportunity.
2. Be available for short interview by either Megan Ballard or Megan Case.

Additional requirements for students selected to participate:

1. Participate in pre-trip trainings.
2. Submit informational forms and a waiver to the Center for Global Engagement.
3. Be in Academic Good Standing (GPA of 2.2 or higher).
4. Possess a valid U.S. passport or other travel documents authorizing travel between Mexico and the United States.

Contact Megan Case or Megan Ballard for additional information.