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	American Gateways	Austin	Remote ONLY	3	3	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Bilingual English and Spanish proficiency required	TENTATIVE DESCRIPTION: American Gateways, Austin: Proficiency in English and Spanish required. American Gateways AG is a nonprofit organization that provides immigration legal services and education to families in Central Texas. AG's numerous programs provide assistance to the Central Texas immigrant community in the form of legal orientations and representation for asylum seekers detained in detention centers. Pro Bono Spring Break participants will help AG complete pro se asylum applications for asylum seekers in detention and related translations and other discrete tasks. They will also be able to observe AG's one-on-one individual orientations where asylum seekers rights in immigration court are explained and we help them prepare for court hearings.
	Boat People SOS	Houston	In-Person ONLY	6	3	3	laptop required	Bilingual student strongly preferred: English AND Vietnamese, Spanish or Mandarin	Boat People SOS – Houston provides education, information, and direct assistance to immigrant and refugee families on potential health and legal issues prevalent in the immigrant communities. BPSOS services range from health awareness prevention programs, legal services for low-income families and victims of violence and crime, youth advocacy and senior services programs to encourage community engagement, advocacy, and volunteerism.
	Catholic Charities-Dallas	Dallas	In-Person ONLY	8	4	4	cell phone	Bilingual students preferred: English and Spanish; or English and Urdu, Pashto, Dari, or Arabic	Strongly prefer students who are bilingual in English and Spanish or English and Urdu, Pashto, Dari, Arabic. Catholic Charities Dallas is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life for people in need. CC-Dallas serves as some of the first responders to the community's most vulnerable, helping those in crisis move toward a better life. Immigration Legal Services work may include but will not be limited to helping clients with Family Visa petitions, Adjustment of status applications, Consular Visa Processing, Representation of survivors of domestic violence/victims of violent crimes, Representation of minors and adults in removal proceedings, drafting motions for immigration hearings, Naturalization/Citizenship applications, Applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Permanent resident applications for refugees and asylees, and/or Document renewals and replacements.
	Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program	Dallas	HYBRID: 2 days in office, 3 days remote	2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Bilingual students preferred in English and Spanish, but not required	Bilingual Spanish-speaking students not required but beneficial to work performed. Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), Dallas: The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program provides free, civil legal help to low-income people in Dallas County. PBSB participants will assist with drafting case summaries, observing case staffing, assisting with Continuing Legal Education programs and recruiting events, and assisting with intake and interviews at various virtual legal clinics. Participation with DVAP will be hybrid: two days in the office and three days remote. Details to be discussed with supervising attorneys.

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	Disability Rights Texas-Austin	Austin, 78758	EITHER: in-person (Austin) or remote	up to 2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	Disability Rights Texas (DRTx): Bilingual English and Spanish-speaking students preferred but not required. DRTx's Juvenile Probation Education Advocacy team advocates for and protects the rights of justice-involved youth with disabilities through special education advocacy. Students will participate in Travis County special education cases through drafting legal documents, researching legal issues, and interacting with clients. In person (Austin, TX) or virtual. Laptop required.
	Disability Rights Texas-Fort Worth	Fort Worth	Remote ONLY	2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Any bilingual language proficiency is always helpful	Disability Rights Texas, (DRT): Bilingual English and Spanish-speaking students preferred but not required. DRT advocates for and protects the rights of individuals with disabilities and handles special education cases for K-12 students who have disabilities, including special education and 504 cases. In addition to special education issues, students may possibly assist with other teams. Students will likely participate in projects such as drafting federal administrative complaints, research of legal issues, and interaction with clients. Reliable cell phone, laptop, and wifi required.
	Disability Rights Texas-Lubbock	Lubbock, 79424	Predominantly REMOTE; If student is located in Lubbock, managing attorney can meet in-person	up to 4	2	2	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	The Disability Rights Texas Employment, Voting, and Accessibility (EVA) team handles disability discrimination in several areas. A Spring Break participant in the Lubbock office will most likely work on issues related to employment discrimination or various issues related to denial of access due to disability. Employment issues may include issues like failure to provide appropriate job accommodations, failure to hire, or termination based on disability. Accessibility issues occur in many different situations. Examples might be failure of a business or professional office to provide an interpreter for effective communication, denial of access for an individual with a disability who uses a service animal, or even a problem with the physical structure of the building such as lack of a ramp or inaccessible parking. Students may be involved in researching legal issues or drafting documents related to complaints. The student may have an option work in a combination of virtual work and in-person work if the student is located in Lubbock.

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	Disability Rights Texas-Midtown Houston Office	Houston, 77004	EITHER: In-person in Austin or in-person in Midtown Houston	4	2	2	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	No language requirement other than English; we are open to students with disabilities.	Disability Rights Texas, (DRT): Bilingual English and Spanish-speaking students preferred but not required. DRT advocates for and protects the rights of individuals with disabilities and handles special education cases for K-12 students who have disabilities, including special education cases involving foster children and other students in psychiatric facilities. In addition to special education issues, students may possibly assist with other teams such as Community Integration/Healthcare, Social Security Rep. Payee, and HEAT (Housing, Employment, Accessibility, and Transportation). Students will likely participate in projects such as drafting federal administrative complaints, research of legal issues, and interaction with clients.
	Greater Waco Legal Services	Waco	In-Person Only	2	1	1	N/A	Bilingual in English and Spanish would be beneficial but not required	GWLS provides affordable legal services, holistic advocacy, and community-driven problem-solving so that all members of our community have equal access to justice and we help our community grow healthier, more educated, and more financially secure.
	Houston Volunteer Lawyers	Houston	In-Person Only	3	0	3	laptop, cell phone	N/A	Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL), Houston: Spanish proficiency preferred but not required. HVL is the largest provider of pro bono legal services in Harris County and the surrounding areas and provides free legal assistance on civil legal matters to eligible, low-income area residents. PBSB participants placed with HVL will be: 1) Speaking to clients, handing client interviews to verify client eligibility for free legal services, and helping gather all facts and client documents related to the legal issue(s) using interview guides and questionnaires. 2) "Issue spotting", evaluating necessary data and law to assist clients in the early stages of their cases to support a fast paced pro bono program.
	LANWT-Abilene	Abilene	Remote ONLY	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) is a non-profit public interest legal aid law firm that provides high-quality free civil legal services to low-income persons and groups from 25 offices and branches in 15 cities in North and West Texas. LANWT is the fifth largest legal aid firm in the United States. Students will have an opportunity to work directly with LANWT attorneys. Under attorney supervision, students may be asked to conduct legal and factual research, assist with preparation for hearings, and assist with community education and outreach. Students may also assist attorneys with preparing legal documents and provide support for administrative and/or court proceedings. The work may include many areas of Poverty Law including family/domestic violence, housing, consumer law, barrier removal, public benefits and community development.

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	LANWT-Amarillo	Amarillo	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT- Amarillo_Community Revitalization Program	Amarillo	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Brownwood	Brownwood	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT- Dallas_Community Revitalization Program	Dallas	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT- Dallas_Family Unit	Dallas	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT- Dallas_Housing, Consumer and Public Benefits	Dallas	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Dallas_Legal Aid Line	Dallas	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Farmers Branch_Home Preservation Project	Farmers Branch	WK I - Remote Only Wk II - In Person Only	3	1 (Remote ONLY)	2 (In-person ONLY)	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Fort Worth_Community Revitalization Program	Fort Worth	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Fort Worth_Family Unit	Fort Worth	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	4	2	2	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Fort Worth_Housing, Consumer and Public Benefits	Fort Worth	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	4	2	2	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene

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	LANWT-Legal Assistance for Survivors of Sexual Assault	Dallas	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Lubbock	Lubbock	In-Person ONLY	1	0	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Lubbock_Community Revitalization Program	Lubbock	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-McKinney	McKinney	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	0	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Midland	Midland	In-Person ONLY	1	0	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Odessa	Odessa	In-Person ONLY	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Plainview	Plainview	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	1 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-San Angelo	San Angelo	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Waxahachie	Waxahachie	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Weatherford	Weatherford	EITHER: In-Person or Remote	1	0	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene
	LANWT-Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls	In-Person ONLY	2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	see description included for LANWT-Abilene

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	Legal Hospice of Texas	Dallas, 75207	HYBRID: In-Person <u>and</u> Remote	1	0	1	laptop, wifi, cell phone	reliable transportation	Since 1989, Legal Hospice of Texas has been providing timely and compassionate legal services, at no cost, to low income individuals with terminal illnesses or HIV disease. The program's services cover the areas of Estate Planning, Employment, Credit, Housing and Public Benefits. Legal Hospice of Texas staff will utilize the Microsoft Outlook application to send over documents for required work. The PBSB participant may be asked to come into office at least one day of the week to meet or for a signing of a Will with a client, so transportation at least one day of the PBSB week may be needed. The PBSB participant must have a reliable cell phone and laptop and access to wifi.
	Lone Star Legal Aid-Waco	Waco, 76701	Remote ONLY	2	1	1	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) serves 76 counties by providing free advocacy, legal representation, and community education that ensures equal access to justice. Some of the civil legal matters involve but are not limited to consumer issues, legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, evictions, active military members & veterans, family law, environmental matters, probate & probate alternatives, and estate planning.
	Lone Star Legal Aid-Houston	Houston	HYBRID: Some in-person events <u>and</u> "office work" will be remote	10	5	5	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Reliable transportation; Bilingual in English and Spanish would be helpful but is not required	Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) serves 76 counties by providing free advocacy, legal representation, and community education that ensures equal access to justice. Some of the civil legal matters involve but are not limited to consumer issues, legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, evictions, active military members & veterans, family law, environmental matters, probate & probate alternatives, and estate planning.
	Texas Advocacy Project	Austin	Remote ONLY	12	6	6	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Bilingual in English and Spanish would be helpful but is not required	Texas Advocacy Project, Austin: Spanish proficiency is preferred but not required. TAP works to prevent domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking throughout Texas through advice and counsel, assistance with protective orders including MOEP's, assistance in pro se matters, and direct representation. It also provides assistance with general civil issues that impact power-based abuse cases such as housing, employment, education, and immigration (where assault has occurred).
	Texas Legal Services Center	Austin	In-Person	2	2	0	reliable cell phone	N/A	Founded in 1977, Texas Legal Services Center is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advice, advocacy, representation, and education to underserved people across the state. With more than a dozen practice areas, our work touches almost every aspect of civil law that impacts low-income Texans.

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	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	Remote ONLY	1	1	0	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	N/A	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) provides free civil legal services to residents in 68 Southwest Texas counties, and represents migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout the state and in six other southern states. TRLA also operates public defender programs that serve 14 Texas counties, representing low-income and indigent people accused of felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile crimes.
	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid-El Paso	El Paso, 79901	Remote ONLY	Up to 2	2 EITHER week/ Not Both	2 EITHER week/ Not Both	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Bilingual in English and Spanish strongly preferred	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) provides free civil legal services to residents in 68 Southwest Texas counties, and represents migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout the state and in six other southern states. TRLA also operates public defender programs that serve 14 Texas counties, representing low-income and indigent people accused of felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile crimes.
	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid-El Paso	El Paso, 79901	In-Person Only	3	0	3	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Bilingual in English and Spanish strongly preferred	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) provides free civil legal services to residents in 68 Southwest Texas counties, and represents migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout the state and in six other southern states. TRLA also operates public defender programs that serve 14 Texas counties, representing low-income and indigent people accused of felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile crimes.
	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid-Laredo	Laredo, 78040	In-Person Only	5	0	5	laptop, reliable wifi, cell phone	Spanish preferred, not required; Bar Card STRONGLY preferred	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) provides free civil legal services to residents in 68 Southwest Texas counties, and represents migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout the state and in six other southern states. TRLA also operates public defender programs that serve 14 Texas counties, representing low-income and indigent people accused of felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile crimes.
	YMCA of Greater Houston (International Services)	Houston	In-Person Only - EITHER week, not both weeks	2	2 EITHER week/ Not Both	2 EITHER week/ Not Both	reliable transportati on, cell phone	Bilingual in English and Spanish strongly required	A PBSB Participant must be bilingual in English and Spanish and have dependable transportation. YMCA's Immigration Department ("YMCA") has provided free or low-cost immigration legal services for over 40 years. Our staff delivers client-centered programs to refugees, detained adults, unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable populations in an effort to advance their economic independence, social integration and civic participation. The legal staff includes a team of experienced immigration attorneys, Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representatives and immigration case managers. Our services range from basic consultations to complex appeals in the areas of asylum, permanent residency, family petitions, naturalization, relief for victims of human trafficking and crimes, and removal/deportation defense.