



FALL 2019 - RESEARCH ASSISTANT

RURAL LAW INITIATIVE

The Government Law Center (GLC) is now accepting applications for a Research Assistant to support the diverse and engaging work of the Rural Law Initiative. The Rural Law Initiative offers legal assistance and education to rural entrepreneurs, small businesses and farmers in Upstate New York. Additionally, the Initiative develops trainings and educational programs on emerging law topics unique to rural communities, such as agricultural law, solar energy, and farmland preservation. Scholarship focuses on studying and understanding the extent and causes of the shortage of legal services pervasive in rural communities in New York State and beyond.

The Research Assistant will work directly with Taier Perlman, Staff Attorney of the Rural Law Initiative (RLI). Assignments will be diverse in scope (much like the RLI's docket of projects), and may include the following:

- Conducting research for the diverse legal issues that clients seek RLI consultations for
- Developing educational materials on law topics relevant to rural business' to be featured on the RLI Resource page.
- Assisting in the program development of RLI's emerging podcasts series, including topic selection, investigative research, interviewee selection, and podcast recording/editing.
- Assisting with telephone surveying of rural legal practitioners for a publication highlighting legal service gaps in rural communities throughout NYS.

The ideal candidate will be a 2L or 3L (or equivalent) who can demonstrate a commitment to public service work. The position requires a minimum commitment of 6 hours per week. This is a non-federal work study position, payable at the work study rate, and is contingent on the student maintaining a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

To apply: Submit a brief cover letter describing your interest in the position and noting your availability. Please also include a resume and a copy of your transcript. Materials can be emailed to: Jordyn Conway, jconw@albanylaw.edu.