

Contract Social Worker: University of New Mexico School of Law Clinic

Position Overview

The University of New Mexico School of Law Clinic seeks to contract with one or more qualified social workers to provide broad social work support for clients of the Clinic, including individuals and families facing challenges related to their legal and unmet basic needs.

This contractor role focuses on integrating social work practices by collaborating with student attorneys and their faculty supervisors to address Clinic client needs through case navigation and management, identifying and assisting with access to public benefits and other nonlegal resources, crisis referrals and systems advocacy, and educating student attorneys on trauma informed approaches to client engagement, conflict resolution and the benefits of interdisciplinary practice and support.

The Clinic will seek the contractor's input to develop the contractor's role to maximize the benefit to Clinic clients of a social worker in the law office setting.

The contractor will report to the Associate Dean for Experiential Learning.

Key Responsibilities

- Holistic case management and advocacy for clients of the Clinic
- Collaborate with Clinic students and faculty supervisors to identify and address Clinic client needs that would benefit from social work interventions.
- Formulate Individual Service Plans that address client needs across multiple domains.
- Provide advocacy, referrals, and resource coordination for clients in need of immediate and long-term assistance.
- Follow professional standards and Clinic policies

Compensation and Hours

Compensation is commensurate with experience. The number of hours contracted for will be determined by arrangement with the Associate Dean for Experiential Learning.

If interested, please contact Associate Dean Serge Martinez at serge.martinez@law.unm.edu