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A nonprofit organization protecting and advancing the legal rights of people with mental disabilities.

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A FELLOWSHIP?

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) provides free legal services to people with mental health disabilities. MHAS advocates for children and adults to obtain government benefits, protect rights, and fight discrimination. MHAS provides training and technical assistance to community members, including attorneys and service providers. MHAS also participates in impact litigation to improve the lives of low-income people with mental health disabilities and engages in legislative advocacy and other policy work. MHAS legal service areas include the following:

- Government benefits,
- Housing,
- Special education, and
- Access to mental health services.

MHAS is proud of its history as a home to graduating law students seeking a place to begin their legal careers through a fellowship project. Law fellows have found a home for diverse projects at MHAS. Some of the past fellowship projects that MHAS has sponsored are as follows:

- A project funded by a Skadden Fellowship concerning the challenges faced by adults with mental illness who face a revolving door of treatment and receive little or no discharge planning;
- A project funded by a Skadden Fellowship involving the response of schools to children, particularly teens, with serious behavior issues, applicable school discipline policies and expulsion proceedings; and
- A project funded by Equal Justice dealing with the challenges of immigration detainees with mental health issues and the deportation process.
- A medical-legal partnership funded by a Skadden Fellowship helping veterans to maintain stable housing and obtain housing subsidies to which they are entitled.

Since MHAS practice areas cross a broad spectrum of disability rights, MHAS has had success working with graduating students who seek to find a home for their disability rights fellowship projects. If you are looking for a home for a fellowship project in the area of disability rights, feel free to contact MHAS c/o pmarx@mhas-la.org.