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Micronesian Legal Services is a community based nonprofit law firm with 8 offices throughout Micronesia. We are interested in supervising students, including law students, in several topical and geographical areas. This is a sample, but we welcome inquiries regarding other projects as well.

Climate change--In Yap or in Majuro: interview clients and other community members affected by climate change and rising sea levels (including those who have been forced to relocate from their low-lying islands); document how they have dealt with these problems; identify and develop a range of possible legal strategies for assisting both individual persons/families and the local community for responding to the effects of rising sea levels. (Watch these short videos about the problem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4fdxXo4tnY> ; <https://vimeo.com/91254678> . )

Human trafficking--In Saipan or Palau: study the latest Trafficking in Persons Report ( <https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2016/index.htm> ) and learn about human trafficking first hand through the lens of legal services. Based on your experience and interests, write a report about local human trafficking that would be suitable for publication. The report should be calculated to raise awareness of the problem; change perceptions so that trafficking is more visible and less tolerated; and/or highlight the value of legal services in reducing human trafficking.

Community lawyering to reduce health disparities—Probably in Saipan, but possibly another of our regional offices: work closely with a community health center/hospital to identify and describe unique factors affecting health and health care in Micronesia; write a report suitable for publication illuminating and illustrating some challenges and opportunities for community-based lawyering to improve health outcomes. For background, see <https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=bnBhLXJoZWmub3JnfHJIZ2lvbjl8Z3g6MzhkNGZkMjgwZGVkOGMwYw>.

Community needs assessments---out of any of our regional offices: Using our existing needs assessment “toolkit,” work with the directing attorneys in each of our seven offices to plan and conduct a community needs assessment; to analyze and synthesize data obtained from the needs assessment, and to help prepare a series of reports from throughout the region describing the needs assessment process and the results.

