Access to Justice in Atlanta
Alternative Law Spring Break 2017

DESCRIPTION
The Access to Justice in Atlanta alternative law spring break trip is a collaboration between Georgia State University’s Panther Breakaway program and the College of Law’s Center for Access to Justice. Selected students will devote spring break to learning about housing justice issues and engaging in pro bono legal service on behalf of low-income tenants. In partnership with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, students will interview tenants, observe dispossession proceedings, participate in mediation, and assist tenants in filing answers to evictions. Students will discuss the legal and social issues experienced during service with fellow participants, professors, attorneys, and judges. As time and the needs of clients allow, students may also visit rental housing, investigate housing conditions, and educate tenants on their rights.

All students (1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, full-time, part-time) are encouraged to apply. Students will not engage in legal work requiring registration under the Student Practice Rule.

DATES
The trip begins on the morning of Saturday, March 11, and concludes on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Participants will spend the morning and afternoon of Saturday, March 11 at AVLF’s Saturday Lawyer Program. The trip kicks off with dinner on Sunday, March 12 and concludes on Friday afternoon, March 17. Participants should tentatively hold the afternoon of Saturday, March 18 for a final service opportunity.

PANTHER BREAKAWAY, ALTERNATIVE BREAKS MISSION
To challenge Georgia State University students to become agents of social change in cultural and social awareness through education, strong direct service and reflection.

The Alternative Breaks program challenges students to:
• Learn about and critically examine social issues.
• Take thoughtful, meaningful action towards the resolution of the social issues.
• Listen to and understand the community needs, recognize community strengths and work toward a reciprocal community relationship.
• Continue a commitment to service and social change while building new partnerships.

GSU COLLEGE OF LAW, CENTER FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE MISSION
The Center for Access to Justice seeks to shine a light on the obstacles to access facing lower-income people in the South and to convene regional stakeholders — including academics, legal practitioners, government actors, and other policymakers — committed to increasing access to justice. The center connects Georgia State University faculty and students with those working in the field to engage in collaboration, research, and education to improve access to justice across the South.

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT
Participants commit to fully participate throughout the week. The trip runs from 8:30am-3pm on March 11, from 6-9pm on March 12, from 9am-9pm on March 13-16, from 9am-5pm on March 17, and from 12-5pm on March 18. Prior to the trip, participants commit to reading the book *Evicted*.

TRIP COST
The cost per participant is $50. The trip payment pays for dinners, activities, and liability insurance. In addition, participants are independently responsible for lunch each day, transportation to and parking at service sites, and one required reading.

Please direct all questions concerning the application process and the trip to Andrew Navratil at anavratil1@student.gsu.edu or McKinley Anderson at manderson38@student.gsu.edu.