



Pro Bono Program

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STUDENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The pro bono program was developed to help address the unmet legal needs of disadvantaged persons and non-profit organizations, as well as to inculcate the ongoing professional responsibility of lawyers to perform public service. Students volunteer, under supervision of an attorney, in a wide range of settings and perform tasks ranging from client counseling to legal and factual research to legislative advocacy.

The Law School defines Pro Bono broadly. Generally all legal and law-related work with non-profit organizations, government agencies, and courts qualifies (other than trade associations), regardless of the political orientation of the organization, provided it meets the program's administrative requirements. If you have any questions, check with Sofia Parino in Career Services.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Students who have completed at least one semester of law school are eligible.

PARTICIPATION

- Participating students agree to provide 50 hours of pro bono work with a non-profit organization, government agency, or court.
- The work must be professional legal work, performed under the supervision of an attorney or a member of the Law School faculty.
- Students must complete the attached application form and have it signed by their supervisor.
- Completed applications should be submitted to Sofia Parino in the Career Services Office.
- Students who fulfill the program requirements will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Dean, and transcript notation.
- Volunteer legal work may be counted toward both the Pro Bono Program and the Public Service Law Program requirements.
- Work done for pay or for school credit may not be applied toward pro bono hours.
- Up to ten hours training time may count toward the 50 hours of service.
- Transportation time may not be counted.

THE COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER WORK IS A SERIOUS ONE.

Students are expected to perform all assignments in a professionally responsible manner and in accordance with the American Bar Association Model Rules and California Rules of Professional Conduct. With respect to competence and diligence, students must prepare thoroughly, avoid procrastination, avoid undue delay, and avoid undue emphasis on personal convenience. Further, students must carry an assigned matter through to conclusion.

It is the responsibility of the student to read the most up to date versions of the ABA Model Rules and California Rules of Professional Conduct. The ABA Rule 1.1, requiring competence, Rule 1.3, requiring diligence, and Rule 1.6, requiring confidentiality, are especially important. The ABA Model Rules are available online at: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html. The California Rules of Professional Conduct are available online at: <http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/Rules/RulesofProfessionalConduct.aspx>. You can also check with the reference desk in the law library for both the ABA model rules and California Rules of Professional Conduct.



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Name: _____ Class Year: _____ Student ID #: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

A minimum of 50 pro bono hours are required to complete the program. Please record all pro bono hours even if more than 50 hours are worked. Submit a separate form for each organization. Upon completion, submit signed form(s) to Sofia Parino in the Career Services Office.

Week	Hours	Cumulative Hours

Please provide a summary of tasks/accomplishments.

Student Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date