

# Pro Bono Project

## WHAT IS THE PRO BONO PROJECT?

The Project provides you the opportunity to gain practical work experience, build your resume and network with attorneys while addressing the legal needs of the under-served in our community.

Projects can range from preparing youth for trials in Teen Court to filing appeals on behalf of prisoners for post-conviction relief. Volunteer opportunities expose students to diverse areas of practice such as administrative, criminal, environmental, family, and immigration law, as well as children's issues and impact litigation.

## WHERE CAN I WORK?

If you are interested in participating, please see the attached list of pre-approved site organizations. If you wish to volunteer with a **government agency, court, or non-profit organization** other than those listed, the following five criteria must be met and communicated in writing to Samara Sarno ([sarno@law.ufl.edu](mailto:sarno@law.ufl.edu)) to request approval of the organization.

1. You must be doing work that is legal in nature (Organization name? Type of work?);
2. Your work must be with a government agency, court, or non-profit organization;
3. You must be supervised by an attorney (What is his/her name? Contact information?);
4. You cannot receive pay or academic credit for your work, and;
5. Your work must benefit the under served, under-represented, or those with limited resources.

After you have arranged your internship with an approved site organization, you must complete the attached **commitment form** which defines the professional and ethical commitment you will be making when you participate in the program. The commitment form should be turned in to the Career Services office prior to beginning a pro bono project.

When you return your commitment form, you will receive an **hours log**. You must return the hours log (with a supervisor's signature or initials) at the **end of each semester**, as well as the evaluation form at the end of each project, to receive recognition for your work. All of the above information is available online at [www.law.ufl.edu/career/probono/](http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/probono/).

## RECOGNITION FOR YOUR PRO BONO WORK

This is a Certificate Program - you are eligible to receive a Certificate of Recognition for your service if you devote a minimum of **35 hours** of pro bono work during the course of your law school career. Additionally, we honor our certificate awardees at an annual Pro Bono Banquet in April. At graduation, the College will list on the graduation program that you received a pro bono certificate.

Please note that only those students who apply for the pro bono certificate, turn in their commitment forms and complete at least 35 hrs. of service will be mentioned in the graduation program.

Thank You for Your Interest in the Pro Bono Project!!  
We Look Forward to Working with You!