

*“Everyone can be great,
because everyone
can serve.”*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

A list of pre-approved site organizations is available in Career Development.

To volunteer with a government agency, court, or non-profit organization not listed, you must request advance approval of the organization. Submit the written request to the Pro Bono Coordinator in Career Development showing the organization meets all of the following criteria:

Work must be legal in nature—

- with a government agency, court, or non-profit organization;
- while supervised by an attorney;
- no pay or academic credit may be received, and;
- work must benefit the under-served, underrepresented, or those with limited resources.

FREDERIC G. LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW

CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

224 BRUTON-GEER HALL
2500 S.W. 2ND AVENUE
P.O. Box 117630
GAINESVILLE, FL 32611-7630

careers@law.ufl.edu

TEL. (352) 273-0860
FAX (352) 392-4640

www.law.ufl.edu/career/

PRO BONO PROJECT

INFORMATION AND FORMS AT
www.law.ufl.edu/career/students/probono/

Center for Career Development THE PRO BONO PROJECT



*“Be Somebody!
Do good.”*

-Chesterfield Smith
UF JD '48
Founder Holland & Knight, LLP



UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

What is

THE PRO BONO PROJECT?

The Project provides students the opportunity to gain practical work experience, build their resumes 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, and family law, as well as children's issues and impact litigation.

A REWARDING FUTURE!

Doing great work does beyond doing what you do in the office, it relates to the passion you feel surrounding the issues with this type of work. It also affords law students the opportunity to explore different interests, to see where their passions lie.

Pro Bono work can generate a wide variety of rewards, such as:

- **Gathering Experience**

Any chance for hands-on work in the legal arena affords budding lawyers invaluable practical experience before leaving law school.

- **Networking**

Volunteering with like minded people enhances opportunities when searching for employment

- **Building Your Resume**

Legal experience gained during law school shows potential employers that you made the most of your time.

- **Pro Bono Celebration**

Every year Career Development honors students who have dedicated a minimum of 35 hours of their busy schedules to pro bono work.

HOW IT WORKS

Beginning Fall 2008, students earning 35, 70, or 105 hours of pro bono work will receive a general certificate, an excellence certificate or an outstanding achievement certificate respectively.

Certificates will be awarded to graduating 3Ls, while qualifying 1Ls and 2Ls will be invited to the celebration, and encouraged to continue their good work.

Pro Bono Project Registration and Hours Reporting now ONLINE!!!

Simply log on to Symplicity. Click on "Profile" and then "Pro Bono/Community Service." Accept the Volunteer Pledge and then you can submit an Intent to Participate and/or report hours on the "ITP/Hours Reporting" tab.

- To submit an Intent to Participate, click "Add New," complete the Intent to Participate section and click "Submit."
- To add hours to a previously submitted Intent to Participate, select "Edit" next to the agency name for which you want to add hours, then click "Add Hours" in the Hours Log section. Be sure to include the date, daily total, and a brief description of the work, then select "Submit."

Hours must be entered and verified by your supervisor. As a graduating 3L, final verified hours must be submitted by an announced deadline to qualify for a certificate.

