

Law School Public Service and Pro Bono Programs[†]

175 Law Schools Represented – April 12, 2007

(Definitions Follow)

Curricular Public Service Graduation Requirements (18)	
Clinical Requirement (12)	Public Service Requirement w/Pro Bono Option (6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUNY* • District of Columbia* • Inter American University • U of Maryland* • U of Montana • U of New Mexico • U of Puerto Rico* • Santa Clara* • Southern New England* • Thomas Cooley* • Vermont • U of Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of Denver • Harvard • Loyola, LA • Loyola, NO • Northeastern • Touro
<p>*Indicates schools that also have a formal pro bono program</p>	

[†] The initial version of this document was first published by Cynthia F Adcock, then Director of the AALS Pro Bono Project, in 2001, and consisted of one chart of law school pro bono programs. The current version, now made up of multiple charts, incorporates data gathered since 2001 by Ms. Adcock in her capacities as Consultant to the ABA/AALS Law School Pro Bono Project (2001-2002) and as Senior Program Manager, Equal Justice Works (2004-2007).

Co-Curricular Pro Bono Programs
(141 Formal Programs)

Mandatory Pro Bono Programs (23)		Formal Voluntary Pro Bono Program (118)				Independent Student Pro Bono Group Projects (with no formal program) (24)
Pro Bono Requirement (19)	Community Service Requirement w/ Pro Bono Option (4)	Characterized by a Referral System with Coordinator(s) (91)		Characterized by Administrative Support for Student Group Projects (26)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charleston • Charlotte • Columbia • District of Columbia • Drexel • Florida International • Florida State • U of Hawaii • U of Idaho • U of Louisville • UNLV* • U of Penn. • Roger Williams • St. Thomas (Miami) • SMU • Stetson • Texas Wesleyan • Tulane • Valparaiso 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appalachian State • Barry • Gonzaga • U of St. Thomas (Minn) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of Alabama • American Univ. • Boston Univ. • U of Cal, Davis • U of Cal, Hastings (PIC) • UCLA • Cal-Western • Capital • Chapman • Chicago-Kent • U of Cincinnati • Cleveland State • U of Connecticut • Cornell • DePaul • Drake • Duke • Duquesne • Emory • Faulkner • U of Florida • Florida Coastal • Franklin Pierce • George Wash. • Georgetown • Georgia State • Golden Gate • Hamline (MJF) • Hofstra • U of Houston • Howard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana, Indy • U of Iowa • U of Kansas • U of La Verne • Lewis & Clark • Loyola, Chicago • U of Maine • Marquette • U of Maryland • McGeorge (PIC) • Mercer • U of Michigan • U of Minn (MJF) • U of Missouri, KC • UNLV • New York • U of North Carolina • NC Central • Northern Illinois • Northwestern • Nova Southeastern • U of Oklahoma • Oklahoma City U • U of Oregon • Penn State • U of Puerto Rico • Regent • Rutgers – Camden • Rutgers-Newark • St. John's • Samford • U of San Francisco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Clara • Seattle • Seton Hall • U of So Carolina • South Texas • U of Southern California • Southern New England • Southwestern • Stanford • Temple • U of Texas • Thomas Cooley • Thomas Jefferson • U of Toledo • U of Tulsa • U of Utah • Vanderbilt • Villanova • U of Virginia • Washington U • West Virginia • Western New England • Western State • Whittier • Widener • Willamette • William Mitchell (MJF) • Yeshiva 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of Arizona • Arizona State • U at Buffalo • Boston College • BYU • Brooklyn • U of Cal, Berkeley • Catholic • CUNY • U of Colorado • U of Dayton • Fordham • U of Illinois • U of Miami • New England • NYU • Ohio State • U of Oklahoma • Pepperdine • Saint Louis • St. Mary's • U of San Diego • Syracuse • U of Tennessee • Wayne State • William & Mary • Yale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akron • Albany • Campbell • Case Western • U of Chicago • Creighton • U of Indiana, Bloom. • Louisiana State • U of Memphis • Mississippi College • U of Nebraska • U of North Dakota • Notre Dame • Ohio Northern • U of Pittsburg • Quinnipiac • So. Dakota • So. Illinois • Suffolk • Texas Tech • Vermont • Wake Forest • Washington & Lee • U of Wisconsin

*Also has a voluntary pro bono program

Selective Pro Bono and Community Service Requirements (23)
 (as reported in *The E-Guide to Public Service at America's Law Schools 2006*)

Public Interest Scholars/Fellows Program (13)	Public Interest Certificate Program (5)	Journal (1)	Financial Award Eligibility (3)	All Student Organizations (4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American • U at Buffalo • Drake • Georgetown • Golden Gate • Gonzaga • Hofstra • Loyola, Chicago • U of Miami • Northeastern • U of Oregon • Santa Clara • Villanova 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Kent • Drake • Hofstra • New York Law • Thomas Jefferson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgetown (Journal on Legal Ethics; Journal on Poverty Law & Policy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of Florida (Florida Bar Foundation PI Fellows) • Rutgers--Camden (all federal scholarship recipients) • U of So. California (PILF grantees) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quinnipiac • UNLV • U of San Diego • Widener

Curricular and Co-Curricular Public Service and Pro Bono Programs in Law Schools

Clinical Graduation Requirement: These schools have a graduation course requirement that either 1) requires students to complete one or more clinical or externship courses or 2) requires students to complete a skills course and offers substantial clinic and externship offerings that satisfy this requirement.

Public Service Graduation Requirement w/Pro Bono Option: These schools require students to perform law-related public service or to be exposed to poverty law through a class or independent study. The ways in which the graduation requirement can be met vary from school to school but always includes *pro bono* service. Other possible service options include the completion, in a public interest setting, of an externship, clinic, and/or paid internship.

Pro Bono Graduation Requirement: These schools require students to perform a set number of hours of law-related public service. The number of hours required by these schools ranges from 20 to 70. The students' service is *pro bono* as they receive neither academic credit nor pay for their service. Receipt of funds to offset costs, however, does not preclude a placement from being *pro bono*.

Community Service Graduation Requirement w/Pro Bono Option: These schools require students to perform a set number of hours of public service. Eligible service options include both law and non-law related placements. The students receive neither pay nor academic credit for their service.

Formal Voluntary Program Characterized by a Referral System with Coordinator(s): These schools have a formal *pro bono* program designed to match students through a referral system with law-related *pro bono* opportunities in the community. These programs have a designated *pro bono* coordinator/advisor, or group of coordinators/advisors, who has the responsibility of developing, promoting and/or coordinating *pro bono* placements. In some schools, these coordinators/advisors also provide administrative support to in-house and collaborative student group projects. Students participate voluntarily.

Formal Voluntary Program with Administrative Support for Student Group Projects: These schools promote *pro bono* service primarily through the provision of administrative support for student groups engaged in law-related *pro bono* work. The student groups often work in collaboration or partnership with outside organizations. The type of support provided by the school ranges from full-time staffing of a center where the *pro bono* projects may locate to administrative assistance in tracking hours volunteered. Students participate voluntarily.

Independent Student Pro Bono Group Projects: These schools have no formal program for school-wide *pro bono* coordination and support, but individual *pro bono* projects--usually student organized and run--do exist. These group projects generally target a particular legal need or a particular segment of the population. Most groups work with a faculty supervisor and/or in collaboration with an outside organization.

Selective Pro Bono and Community Service Requirements: These schools report that some students at their schools are required to do *pro bono* or community service. The most common programs to require *pro bono* or community service are public interest scholars/fellows programs and public interest certificate programs. Most requirements attach to the student. At some schools, however, the requirement attaches to an organization. In these cases, every student organization is required to sponsor at least one service project a year. Some financial aid programs require service *before* a student can be eligible for receipt of funds.