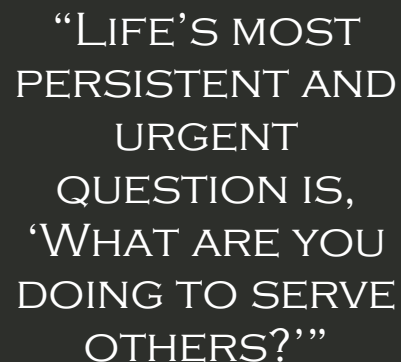




In its efforts to be an active and contributing member of the community, AJMLS's Office of Student Services and Pro Bono Programs strives to create and offer non-pro bono service opportunities for AJMLS students, faculty, and staff to participate. Non-pro bono opportunities will be offered and publicized periodically so the AJMLS family can unite and give back.



OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES AND PRO BONO PROGRAMS



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Effective 9.15.15

MISSION:

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ATLANTA'S JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM HONORS THE LAW SCHOOL'S MISSION TO PREPARE HIGHLY SKILLED, ETHICAL, AND PROFESSIONAL LAWYERS WHO POSSESS A STRONG SOCIAL CONSCIENCE AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

WHAT IS THE PRO BONO PROGRAM?

help students learn about representing the underrepresented, provide students with practical experiences and interaction with community attorneys and organizations, and build a positive identity that strengthens AJMLS' community ties.

While students are welcome to independently find appropriate pro bono placements, the Office of Student Services and Pro Bono Programs assists students with qualifying pro bono placements in private and nonprofit law firms, legal aid groups, and other organizations.

WHY PROVIDE PRO BONO SERVICES?

Through providing pro bono services students develop legal and professional skills, gain practical, hands-on experience in real work environments and explore their ethical responsibility to provide pro bono service.

In addition, students completing a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono service will be inducted into the Pro Bono Society while students completing at least 75 hours will graduate with pro bono distinction. Moreover, the student whose pro bono service has the greatest impact on the community will be awarded the prestigious Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears Pro Bono Award.

WHAT QUALIFIES FOR PRO BONO CREDIT?

To receive pro bono credit for service performed, the service must meet the following requirements:

1. Law-related. The service must be law-related.
2. Uncompensated. The service must be performed in a volunteer capacity and the student may not receive any compensation including stipends, academic credit, or fulfillment of academic or clinical requirements.
3. Supervision and Training. The service must be supervised by an attorney, law school faculty or staff member, or other licensed professional and the student must receive training from one of these respective parties.
4. Eligible Clients. The service must serve people of limited financial means or charitable or not-for-profit organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited financial means.

FAQ's

- What is the difference between pro bono service and other service?
 - Pro bono service meets the requirements for pro bono credit and includes service such as performing legal work for the public defender's office, the Legal Aid Society, or a private law office serving those with limited financial means. Other service does not meet the requirements for pro bono credit and includes service such as volunteering to serve food to the homeless, raise money, or build a home for those in need.
- Will I still receive credit for service completed prior to 9.15.15?
 - Students who completed service prior to September 15, 2015 will earn credit for their service if it meets the criteria of the policies previously in effect.
- How do I log and track my service hours?
 - You must log and track your service hours via Symplicity in order to earn credit.