

Northern Illinois University College of Law Approved Pro Bono Service Recognition

Graduating students who have performed at least 60 hours of *Approved Pro Bono Service* will receive a notation upon their transcript indicating “successful completion of at least 60 hours of *Approved Pro Bono Service*” and a certificate of recognition.

Pro Bono Service is defined as work for the benefit of under-served populations and may include:

-) Legal or law related work for public agencies;
-) Legal or law related work for public interest or *pro bono* organizations; and,
-) Legal or law related work for charitable or other nonprofit groups or corporations.

Pro Bono Service includes only voluntary work, uncompensated and for which academic credit is not received. Receipt of scholarships, stipends or other grants designated for the support of students performing voluntary services shall not be considered compensation.

Successful completion of *Approved Pro Bono Service* shall include:

- A. Prior approval of the proposed placement, including supervision to be received, and tasks to be performed.
- B. Compliance with record-keeping requirements as such may relate to attendance, hours worked, and timeliness of performance.
- C. Receipt of a satisfactory performance report from placement supervision.
- D. Academic good standing during the period of *pro bono* placement.
- E. Compliance with all rules and regulations of the College of Law and Professional Responsibility.

Students wishing to pursue *Approved Pro Bono Service* recognition must obtain prior approval of the service the students seek to perform by completing the attached form. Recognition of *Approved Pro Bono Service* will be given only for placement sites that have been pre-approved by this process.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Greg Anderson, Director of Pro Bono Initiatives at ganderson@niu.edu.