



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LAW  
PRO BONO PROGRAM SUMMARY

The essential parameters of the program are:

- A) Twenty hours of civil pro bono service to be completed during the second or third year of law school.
- B) Activities that are expressly permitted are uncompensated:
  - 1) Work in conjunction with an individual lawyer, law firm or organization on behalf of:
    - a) a disadvantaged minority
    - b) the victim(s) of racial, sexual, or other forms of discrimination
    - c) those denied human and civil rights, or
  - 2) Other work on behalf of the public interest including:
    - a) class actions in the public interest
    - b) suits broadly affecting the public that seek to enjoin action by the government or by private interests
    - c) actions before administrative boards and agencies, broadly affecting the public
    - d) test suits in which the private interest is small
    - e) the like
- C) Activities that are expressly excluded are:
  - 1) direct representation of litigants between private persons or corporations
  - 2) representations of litigants in which the financial interests at stake would warrant representation from private legal sources
  - 3) work on behalf of industry groups, trade associations and labor unions

All Florida State University law students are required to complete 20 hours of pro bono service as described above in order to be eligible for graduation.