STETSON
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College of Law

Pro Bono Requirement

A. All students are required to complete twenty (20) hours of pro bono public service. A minimum of ten (10) requisite hours must be completed in legal-related activities.

Students must complete their required hours of pro bono service prior to the deadline to register for their final semester in law school. Accordingly, students who have not completed all required hours before the pre-registration deadline for their graduating semester will not have their registration bids included in the lottery process. July graduates will be treated as May graduates for purposes of this policy.

B. Legal-related activities are limited to:
1. Pro bono service for the indigent;
2. Pro bono work for a public agency;
3. Pro bono work for a private attorney on a case in which he or she is working pro bono;
4. Pro bono work done under the supervision of a faculty member, if the faculty member is engaged in a legal pro bono project, as long as the work done by the student is more than mere research assistance; and
5. Pro bono work done for a law school project pursuant to a grant or other funding, where the work is supervised by someone other than the faculty member overseeing the project, and as long as the work is not used by the faculty member for activities that would generally be supported by research assistance (such as scholarship or speeches).

C. The students may complete the remaining ten (10) hours in non-legal related activities.

D. Non-legal activities must be approved by the Associate Dean of Students' office. Non-legal related activities exclude fund-raising for the University and the Law School. Students may not satisfy their nonlegal pro bono requirement by volunteering for departments on campus.

E. Pro bono activities will be promoted by the Associate Dean of Students' office. Any promotion will specifically categorize activities as either legal or non-legal related.

F. Students will be formally introduced to these requirements during the First-Year Orientation Program.

Amended by the faculty on May 5, 2004 and on January 19, 2005.