What is the Georgetown Pro Bono Project?

The Georgetown Pro Bono Project provides Georgetown Law students, including 1Ls, with opportunities to engage in hands-on, law-related volunteer work from their very first semester at Georgetown Law. Participating in the Pro Bono Project is a great way to serve the community, gain exposure to the world of lawyering opportunities, begin making connections in the community, and accumulate hours towards the Pro Bono Pledge, if you choose. OPICS has identified law-related volunteer opportunities that range from 5-10 hours/week to 5 hours over the course of the semester, and are appropriate for 1, 2 and 3L students. Students identify which opportunities they are interested in, and we do our best to match students with the projects that they want.

What kind of work will I do if I volunteer?

Pro Bono Project placements cover a wide range of substantive law and law-related activities. Students are needed to assist with tasks including: conducting intakes and interviewing clients, answering hotlines, investigating cases, performing outreach in the community, teaching legal concepts to high school students or community members, evaluating court proceedings, and undertaking legal or policy research. Some are one-time projects and some ask for a recurring commitment. Many projects can be completed remotely.

I’m interested! What do I do next?

Below is a complete list of organizations and a description of the projects. If you are interested in signing up to participate in a project, visit: http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/forms/index.cfm?formid=991. After taking a realistic look at your workload and other obligations, fill out the signup form by Monday, September 15th and rank the projects for which you want to volunteer in order of preference. We ask volunteers to rank their preferences so we can find the best match for you and for participating organizations. If you are equally interested in volunteering for more than one placement or project, please indicate that so we can try to match volunteers with their first choice projects.

How do I find out about my placement?

You will be notified of your placement by e-mail by Friday, September 19th. The email will contain the contact information to get you started. If for some reason you are not able to be matched with one of your ranked choices, please contact Sara Jackson as soon as possible at skj27@law.georgetown.edu to discuss alternate opportunities.

Anything Else?

You are welcome to stop by OPICS (McDonough Hall, Room 212) anytime to speak with Sara Jackson, Pro Bono Coordinator, about the Pro Bono Project, the Pro Bono Pledge or other pro bono opportunities. You can also email Sara at skj27@law.georgetown.edu or call her at (202) 661-6641.
The Pro Bono Projects are organized by area of substantive law (e.g. immigration, criminal justice). Please see below for a list of projects, followed by detailed project descriptions in the pages that follow.

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PROJECT CODING
Projects have also been coded according to the following identifiers:
• DS – direct services (includes client, potential client, or community member interaction)
• PR – policy & research (research and writing on policy, advocacy, or education projects)
• IL – impact litigation (research, writing, and strategizing for litigation)
• NL – non-legal (not explicitly legal work, but supporting a legal org/purpose)
• RW – remote work (some or all work can be completed remotely)
• 4+ – requires a commitment of 4 or more hours a week

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CIVIL RIGHTS

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW
Equal Justice Under Law is a non-profit civil rights organization founded in 2014. Its co-founders, Phil Telfeyan and Alec Karakatsanis, were the recipients of the first ever seed grant from the Harvard Law School Public Service Venture Fund. The organization brings systemic and novel civil rights cases to make the legal system more equitable for impoverished people, especially people caught in the criminal system. The organization is currently working, among other things, to challenge the rise of debtors’ prisons in the South, the unjust bail system in California, the over-criminalization of homelessness, prosecutorial abuses in the war on drugs, and the increasing militarization of DC police.

→ **Project 1: Police Abuse Investigators (2 or more volunteers needed)**. We are looking for dedicated students who care about civil rights abuses by police to help us with several projects documenting and challenging abuses by DC police. The position would involve investigating incidents of police abuse and interviewing community members and families who have suffered civil rights violations at the hands of police. DS

→ **Project 2: Website and Social Media Assistance (1 volunteer needed)**. We are looking for a student with web skills and a passion for social justice who could help with various internet-related projects, including helping the organization design and update certain features of its website. NL

PUBLIC JUSTICE
Public Justice is a national public interest law firm dedicated to pursuing justice for the victims of corporate and government abuse. Public Justice is involved in a broad range of high-impact, cutting-edge litigation on issues including consumer and victims’ rights, the environment, civil rights and civil liberties, public health and safety, workers’ rights, government and corporate accountability, and the protection of the poor and powerless.

→ **Project: Impact Litigation Legal Research & Case Development (1 3L volunteer needed)**. The volunteer will research and develop new cases in conjunction with Public Justice’s staff attorneys, law fellows and cooperating counsel, as well as provide assistance to attorneys in ongoing litigation. Interest in impact litigation strongly preferred. Hours are flexible and work can be completed remotely. IL, RW
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES/POVERTY LAW

BREAD FOR THE CITY LEGAL CLINIC
The mission of Bread for the City is to provide vulnerable residents of Washington, DC with comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Bread for the City has two locations in the neighborhoods of Shaw in NW and Anacostia in SE. The legal clinic assists clients with legal matters in the areas of housing law, family law, and public benefits.

➤ Project: Client Walk-Ins and Short legal research projects (1-2 Spanish-speaking volunteers needed). This project is based in our NW Center (7th & P Street NW) and requires Spanish fluency. Students will speak with clients who walk in for legal assistance and help screen their legal issues. Required time commitment is one 4-hour shift per week, any day on Monday through Thursday from 9-12pm, or 1-5pm. Students will also be assigned short research and writing assignments to complete during slow periods. DS, 4+

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK
Catholic Charities provides first-rate access to legal services for low-income individuals in the District of Columbia and Maryland in the following areas: family law, employment rights, landlord/tenant and related housing matters, public entitlements, consumer/bankruptcy, wills & probate, guardianship and conservatorship matters. Catholic Charities is located at 924 G Street, in convenient walking distance from Georgetown Law and easily accessible from the Gallery Place and Metro Center subway stations.

➤ Project: Client Intakes and Case Matching (1-2 volunteers needed). Students will assist with client intake and processing cases to match clients with volunteer attorneys, as well as general office support. Ideal time commitment is one 4-6 hour shift per week at Catholic Charities’ office, which is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5:30pm (please note, Wednesday mornings are unavailable due to space limitations). DS, 4+

CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (CLADC)
Christian Legal Aid for the District of Columbia exists to provide free or reduced-cost legal services to low-income individuals, families and non-profit organizations from a faith-based perspective. Utilizing a network of volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law students, CLADC organizes monthly legal clinics at various locations around the District of Columbia.

➤ Project: Volunteer at CLADC Legal Clinics (unlimited volunteers needed). CLADC hosts legal clinics at four sites each month (3 in Northwest DC and one in Anacostia). The clinics offer an opportunity for legal professionals and law students to help the District’s poor and homeless community. Volunteers meet with clients and help attorneys provide free legal advice. Legal issues that may be addressed include: debt/bankruptcy/foreclosure; family law; domestic violence; landlord/tenant law; expungement of criminal records; social security insurance; and identification issues. DS

DC CONSORTIUM OF LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
The DC Consortium is a network of legal service providers in the DC area whose mission is to coordinate the delivery, expand the availability, and improve the quality of legal services and advocacy for low-income and disadvantaged people in the DC area. In partnership with Columbus Community Legal Services, the DC Consortium is undertaking a “Community Legal Needs” project to better understand the needs of low-income DC residents.
Project: Administer Community Legal Needs Surveys (10-15 students needed). Student volunteers are needed to survey community members making less than 200% of the federal poverty level about specific legal needs and about challenges and concerns beyond traditional “legal” categories they have. Participating in this project will provide students with a greater understanding of unmet needs and play a key role in shaping the delivery of legal services in DC. Surveys are conducted in-person and take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Volunteers will ideally complete 5-10 surveys/each (approximate time commitment is 3 hours/total; can do more if desired). Training will be provided at GULC. DS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ABA DEATH PENALTY DUE PROCESS REVIEW PROJECT
The ABA Death Penalty Due Process Review Project conducts research and educates the public and decision-makers on the operation of capital jurisdictions’ death penalty laws and processes in order to promote fairness and accuracy in the death penalty system. The Project encourages adoption of the ABA’s Protocols on the Fair Administration of the Death Penalty; assists state, federal, international, and foreign stakeholders on death penalty issues; and collaborates with other individuals and organizations to develop new initiatives to support reform of death penalty processes.

Project: Updating State-Specific Reports on the Death Penalty (10-12 volunteers needed). Over the last decade, the Project has completed comprehensive studies of 12 jurisdictions’ capital punishment systems. These “State Death Penalty Assessments” have evaluated the states’ laws, procedures, and practices to determine whether they meet the ABA best practice standards and sufficiently ensure fairness and accuracy. Each Assessment culminated in the release of a report that made detailed recommendations for reform. The Project is now seeking to update its reports to determine how the states have responded to the ABA’s findings and what changes they have implemented in their administration of the death penalty. GULC volunteers will assist the Project by completing legislative, court rule, regulatory, and news research in a previously-assessed jurisdiction to determine which, if any, of the ABA’s recommended reforms have been (1) adopted and/or codified, (2) substantively considered but rejected, (3) introduced but not meaningfully considered, or (4) completely ignored by policymakers. Volunteers may also be asked to create short memos on particularly active or complex legislative histories. This research can be done remotely and on the volunteer’s own schedule following an initial meeting with Project staff to be held mid-September. More information about the Project can be found at http://www.americanbar.org/dueprocess. PR, RW

CLEMENCY PROJECT 2014
The ABA, the American Civil Liberties Union, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, the Federal Public and Community Defenders, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers have joined together under a working group they call Clemency Project 2014. Through the efforts of Clemency Project 2014, the participating organizations will identify potential clemency petitioners and recruit and train volunteer lawyers to assist them in securing their release from prison through executive clemency.

Project: Help Identify Clemency Applicants (up to 10 volunteers needed). Volunteers help review prisoner surveys and identify those who may be eligible for pro bono assistance with their clemency applications. Volunteers will help make sense of the information provided by prisoners by using publicly available legal documents to clarify their answers. This work will lay the foundation for clemency petitions for thousands of prisoners. Flexible hours and work can be completed remotely. DS, RW

GEORGETOWN LAW PRISONER LEGAL RESOURCE ASSISTANCE
As part of Georgetown Law’s institutional commitment to help provide justice to all, regardless of their means, the Law Center Library provides copies of primary and select secondary sources to prisoners across the country free of charge.

Project: Respond to Prisoner Resource Requests (6-8 volunteers needed). Student volunteers are needed to help review and respond to more than 50 requests per month, utilizing a combination of print and online materials. Hours are flexible and work can be conducted on-campus from the Law Library. Training will be provided. DS
RCM OF WASHINGTON

RCM of Washington (http://rcmofwashington.com/) is a DC residential and day services provider that provides services to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. RCM provides their clients with the critical services they need to set attainable goals and develop action plans toward maintaining stable, safe and affordable housing, gaining sustainable employment and living productive lives within their community.

➡️ Project: Staff RCM’s Human Rights Committee (1-2 volunteers needed). RCM is looking for 1-2 law students to participate on their internal Human Rights Committee (HRC). Through the committee, the Department of Disability Services and RCM safeguard the human rights of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by working to ensure that they are supported with the most proactive, least restrictive, and effective interventions. HRC meetings are held once a month on Mondays, usually from 10:30am to approximately 1:00pm at RCM’s Headquarters (900 2nd Street NE, Suite 8, Washington, DC 20002). Training will be provided. This opportunity is especially well suited to students with an interest in disability law or services. DS

UNIVERSITY LEGAL SERVICES

University Legal Services is a private, non-profit organization that serves as the District of Columbia’s federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal and service rights of people with disabilities. Services provided by ULS include information and referral; education and training; investigation of reported or suspected instances of abuse or neglect; legal counsel; litigation services; and technical assistance regarding legislative and policy concerns. All services are offered free of charge to eligible individuals in accordance with ULS’ available resources and policies.

➡️ Project: Help with ULS’s Litigation Agenda & Strategies (1 volunteer needed). ULS is working on a project to improve secondary transition for students with special needs in DC Public Schools. They are working with individual students and on systemic efforts to address problems with DCPS’ educational response. ULS seeks a student to help develop the evidence and answer research questions related to this effort. The student will assist with due process proceedings and other litigation efforts and strategies. 2L or 3L students preferred. IL
ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE AND EDUCATION
Advocates for Justice and Education provides representation, advocacy and support to the parents of public school children with special needs. The mission of Advocates for Justice and Education is to educate parents, youth, and the community about the laws governing public education, specifically for children with special needs. They seek to empower youth and parents to be effective advocates on behalf of their children to ensure that they receive an appropriate education.

➔ Project 1: Work at the Advocates for Justice and Education Office (2 volunteers needed).
Volunteers come in on a day where they can work at least 4-5 hours to assist the attorneys in the office with intake, drafting letters, and short quick research assignments. AJE’s office is located within walking distance from Georgetown Law at 25 E Street NW. DS

➔ Project 2: Assist at the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings (unlimited volunteers needed).
One volunteer is needed for each shift (M-W-F) from 9am-12pm. Volunteers assist at an advice and counsel clinic within the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Resource Center. Lawyers provide on the spot legal advice to unrepresented parents and students who appear before administrative law judges for school disciplinary hearings. Students assist with conducting the intake and providing basic general information to parents and students while they wait to speak with the attorney. OAH is located at 441 4th Street NW, within walking distance from Georgetown Law. Note: If you select this project you must indicate which morning(s) you are available to participate. DS

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) employs volunteers to expand and develop human rights learning in DC public and private schools. In pairs of two, they conduct weekly classes using AFSC’s Human Rights Learning Curriculum, which is based on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

➔ Project: Teach Human Rights in D.C. Public Schools (up to 10 volunteers needed; APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED). Volunteers are expected to teach at least one class a week. The 2014-2015 Human Rights Learning Internship Program will start in September 2014 and conclude in June 2015. It will include a day and a half of training, one day class observation (if possible), and additional weekly training sessions throughout the semester. Potential participants should have an interest in human rights as foundation for peace and social justice, and a strong desire to work with diverse populations of middle and high school students. Teaching experience is a plus! Volunteers for this project will need to undergo a short training on working with juveniles and a background check. IMPORTANT: If you select this project, you will be required to submit an application through AFSC. An application will be emailed to you within a day of your submitting your project preferences. DS

EAST OF THE RIVER LAW CLUB
East of the River Law Club is a diversion program that uses restorative justice to give high school students who have committed their first minor offense a second chance with a clean record. The youth served by this program are referred by MPD, and volunteers from Ideal Public Charter High School and Friendship Collegiate Academy. Volunteers for this project will need to undergo a short training on working with juveniles and a background check.
Project: Assisting Juveniles Involved with East of the River Law Club (4-6 dedicated 1L or 2L volunteers needed; 1-PAGE STATEMENT OF INTEREST REQUIRED). The Law Club takes place every other Wednesday from approximately 3:45 – 5:45 PM at Friendship Collegiate Academy (across from the Minnesota Avenue Metro stop on the orange line). Volunteers help high school students develop an understanding of trial practices and the criminal justice system. More specifically, volunteers will help students conduct mock trials involving actual school conduct violations, with the volunteers shadowing students as they play the roles of prosecutor, defense counsel, judge, and juror. The Law Club is put on by the Washington, DC U.S. Attorney’s Office, and involvement is especially encouraged for those who have interests in trial advocacy and criminal prosecution or defense. There will be a one-time training required. Note: If you apply for this project, you will be required to submit a one-page statement of interest detailing why you think you would be a good fit for the program. Please email this statement to: skj27@law.georgetown.edu no later than Monday, September 15th. DS

THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH (TA Center)
The TA Center, which is part of the Georgetown Medical Center Biomedical Graduate Research Organization, is dedicated to working in partnership with families and leaders across the country to transform systems and services for children, adolescents, and young adults who are at risk or have mental health problems and their families. Since 1994, the TA Center, through its child welfare initiative, has improved system integration and collaboration between mental health and child welfare systems at local, state and national policy levels.

Project 1: Federal Consent Decrees (up to 5 volunteers needed). For this research project, students will analyze applicable federal legislation, court documents, and other related information and data to: (1) provide a national scan of child welfare consent decrees involving deficiencies in mental health services; (2) determine the intended outcomes of these settlements and the level of progress; (3) identify the barriers to implementing mental health services in these child welfare systems; (4) and highlight lessons learned and best practices in these child welfare systems or other systems from which they could benefit. The team will develop recommendations to lead to sustainable child welfare reform in several specified mental health areas. Through this analysis, it will also determine if class action litigation is achieving the intended outcomes and driving sustainable change in the mental health and child welfare systems. Hours are flexible and much of the work can be completed remotely. PR, RW

Project 2: Update Child Welfare Publication (1-2 students needed). A Family’s Guide to the Child Welfare System was first published in 2003. Since that time, several significant pieces of federal legislation have been enacted which impact various areas of the child welfare system not included in the current edition. Using the 2003 Guide as the framework, the student(s) involved in this project will be responsible for updating the current publication and will work with the Youth and Family Advisory Publications Board to receive input and feedback. Hours are flexible and most work can be completed remotely. PR, RW
AARP LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE ELDERLY
For over 35 years, AARP LCE has championed the dignity and rights of Washington DC’s elderly by providing free legal and social work services to those in need — empowering, defending and protecting vulnerable seniors. LCE’s staff and volunteers assist more than 5,000 elders each year, with monetary benefits totaling over $5 million. More than ninety percent of older neighbors receiving help from LCE are persons of color, and three quarters are low-income women.

➔ Project 1: Property Tax Credit Project (up to 5 students needed). Students will help low-income seniors who have high housing costs to obtain a DC property tax credit. Students screen clients for eligibility, guide clients to assemble documentation, and meet with clients completing the DC tax form. Students also follow up with clients to determine whether the credit was received and advocate with the Office of Tax Revenue when the credit has been wrongfully denied. Ideal time commitment is 5-10 hours/week. Training provided (no prior experience with tax law required). DS, 4+

➔ Project 2: Systemic Reform Project (1 volunteer needed). The Systemic Reform Project identifies possible legislative changes that would benefit low income seniors and develops resource guides for older persons. The volunteer will assist in developing legislative proposals and educational materials for the elderly. Anticipated projects for the fall include legislation protecting seniors from fraud and abuse of power of attorney documents, legislation regarding home modifications to enable seniors with disabilities to remain in their homes, and a manual regarding nursing homes and long-term care in the home. 5-10 hours/week. PR, 4+

➔ Project 3: Ombudsman Project (1 student needed). Assist with updating and completing a comprehensive publication for DC residents about all types of long-term care services and supports available. Approximately 5 hours/week. PR, 4+

DC BAR PRO BONO PROGRAM: PROBATE RESOURCE CENTER
The Probate Resource Center provides legal information and assistance to unrepresented parties who need assistance with issues in large estate administration in the District of Columbia. The services provided at the Resource Center include counseling customers about the probate process; working with customers to prepare the Petition for Probate and related documents; helping customers understand how property should be distributed to beneficiaries; or helping customers with the transfer of property to beneficiaries. The Resource Center is located in Building A of the DC Superior Court, Room 319.

➔ Project: Staff the Probate Resource Center (1 volunteer needed on Tuesday afternoons). The student volunteer will commit to staff the Resource Center weekly. The student will pre-screen resource center customers before they meet with a volunteer attorney; this includes meeting with customers and providing information to volunteer attorneys to help them determine the appropriate services and/or referrals to provide to each customer. A training manual is available and the student will undergo training in probate law and procedures. The Center is open for business every Tuesday from 12:30-4:30PM. The student volunteer should arrive by 12:00 PM and stay until all customers are served (usually by about 3:00 PM). DS
WHITMAN WALKER HEALTH

For nearly four decades, Whitman-Walker Health has provided health care services for the LGBT community. In the 1980s, Whitman Walker became a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Today, Whitman Walker has evolved into a full-service community health center, providing medical, mental, legal and community health services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people living in the DC metropolitan area.

➤ Project 1: Medicare Enrollment (2 volunteers needed). Whitman-Walker Health seeks student volunteers to assist throughout the fall semester with a focus on Medicare enrollment. Volunteers will conduct client outreach, work directly with clients and attorneys on enrollment issues, and take on other assignments relating to healthcare and public benefits access (particularly for LGBT individuals and people living with HIV). Please note: Volunteers are also asked to attend at least three Medicare enrollment clinics over the course of the semester, which are currently scheduled for: 10/28 from 9am-12pm, 11/5 from 1-4pm, 11/13 from 10am-2pm, 11/19 from 5-8pm, and 12/1 from 1-4pm. DS

➤ Project 2: LGBT Healthcare Policy Research (1 volunteer needed). Whitman-Walker Health’s Equal Justice Works Fellow is seeking a volunteer to conduct research and analysis on healthcare policy and LGBT rights. The volunteer will assist in analyzing the latest developments in these fields and in developing advocacy strategies and policy proposals to advance LGBT rights and healthcare access. Flexible hours and the majority of work can be completed remotely. Can be semester or year-long commitment. PR, RW
HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

DC BAR LANDLORD-TENANT RESOURCE CENTER
The Resource Center informs pro se litigants on how to obtain continuances and retain counsel; makes referrals to legal service providers in appropriate cases; informs pro se litigants on how to present their cases in court; assists litigants with preparing pro se pleadings; helps pro se litigants understand Landlord-Tenant Court proceedings; and informs low-income litigants regarding the financial and other social-service resources that might be available to them and refer such litigants to the appropriate resources. The Resource Center is located in Room 115 of Building B of the DC Superior Court, just outside the Landlord and Tenant Courtroom.

→ Project: Staff the Landlord-Tenant Resource Center (5 volunteers needed; one for each day of the week). Student volunteers will commit to staff the Resource Center weekly. Students will pre-screen resource center customers before they meet with a volunteer attorney; this includes meeting with customers and providing information to volunteer attorneys to help them determine the appropriate services and/or referrals to provide to each customer. A training manual is available and each student will undergo training in D.C. landlord tenant law and procedures. The Center is open for business from 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM. Students should arrive by 9:00AM and stay until all customers are screened (usually by about 12:30PM). IMPORTANT: If you select this project, please indicate which morning(s) you are available to staff the center so we can ensure full coverage and avoid scheduling conflicts. DS

WASHINGTON LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS
The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless’ mission is to use the law to make justice a reality for our neighbors who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Combining community lawyering and advocacy to achieve our clients’ goals, our expert staff and network of volunteer attorneys provide low barrier, comprehensive legal services at intake sites throughout the District of Columbia, helping our clients to access housing, shelter, and life-saving services.

→ Project: Conduct “Know Your Rights” Outreach to Homeless Families (unlimited volunteers needed). The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless (WLCH) provides outreach at the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (FRC) to homeless families year-round, with particular emphasis during hypothermia season (November – March). Volunteers inform families of their legal right to shelter and to appeal the denial of shelter. Volunteers will be provided the necessary information to assist consumers, including information about how to contact the WLCH Attorney of the Day if shelter has been denied and contact information for local elected officials so that families’ concerns may be voiced at a systems level. Outreach at the FRC is conducted from 8-9:30AM or 3-4:30PM, Monday through Thursday. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a shift once every 2 weeks, although an alternate arrangement may be made if you want to volunteer but can only do so less frequently. Location: The Virginia Williams Family Resource Center, 920 Rhode Island Avenue, NE. Closest metro is the Rhode Island metro station (red line). A volunteer training will be provided at GULC. DS
IMMIGRATION

CAPITAL AREA IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS (CAIR) COALITION
Provides advocacy, education, representation and outreach to the immigrant community of the Washington metropolitan area. **Students volunteering with CAIR Coalition will be required to attend a training at GULC on Friday, September 26th from 1:30-3:30pm prior to beginning their pro bono work.**

- **Project 1: Staff a Detention Hotline (Any language abilities are welcomed but not necessary; up to 12 volunteers needed).** Volunteers will staff the Detention Hotline. Detainees wishing to contact the CAIR Coalition may call the detention hotline for free Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm. Volunteers will staff this hotline on a 2-hour slot basis. The volunteers will be in charge of answering phones and helping detainees connect with their attorney free of charge using our conference system, conduct phone intakes, or provide information about our upcoming jail visits, procedures, and follow up messages. DS

- **Project 2: Conduct Detention Center Visits (unlimited volunteers needed).** Volunteers, under the supervision of attorneys from CAIR Coalition in Washington, DC, will visit the federal immigration detention facilities in Virginia (Hampton Roads, Farmville, Rappahannock) and meet with a few hundred immigrant detainees and assist with conducting Legal Orientation “Know Your Rights” Presentations and individual intakes. As volunteers of the program, students will be able to speak to individual detainees and assist the organization with conducting legal intakes. This one-day only volunteer opportunity provides students the opportunity to observe the conditions and understand the reality and limited options for incarcerated immigrants. The visits are not scheduled yet but will be communicated to volunteers after they have been trained. DS

- **Project 3: Credible Fear Interviews. (Any language abilities are welcomed but not necessary; unlimited volunteers needed once or on a recurring basis).** Law student volunteers, trained by CAIR Coalition, will attend Credible Fear Interviews conducted by the Asylum Office at the USCIS Fairfax office near the Dunn Loring Metro Station. Credible fear interviews are conducted for recently arriving people detained in ICE custody who express fear of persecution or torture. Students will appear for the detainee as a volunteer representative during the interview process. Students will be required to observe and take notes as the Asylum Officer interviews the detainee. This volunteer opportunity usually lasts about half a day in the morning. The visits are not scheduled yet but will be communicated to volunteers after they have been trained. DS

CASA DE MARYLAND
The work of CASA de Maryland’s legal program fills an essential gap in the landscape of legal services offered in the state of Maryland. CASA’s constituents face serious linguistic, economic and cultural barriers to seeking legal representation and education. CASA works with a fluid network of screened legal service providers who share an interest in offering legal help to these otherwise marginalized populations. CASA’s legal department provides direct legal representation in the areas of immigration, housing and employment, assists people with filing pro se applications for immigration benefits, and recovers some $200,000 in wage theft cases each year.

- **Project: Staff a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Clinic (unlimited volunteers needed).** Over the past two years CASA has held over 70 DACA Clinics and helped over 2,500 young undocumented students gain access to deferred deportation (pursuant to President Obama’s executive order). CASA relies on the support of volunteers to help complete the initial filling out of the application with the students who attend the clinics. In the days following the clinic, CASA’s legal staff conduct a detailed revision of each application and perform any
necessary follow-up. DACA Clinics are held monthly and include a training session provided by an immigration attorney immediately preceding the Clinic. DS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
Immigration Legal Services (ILS) focuses on the provision of direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families. Last year, ILS worked on more than 4,400 cases, ranging from consultations to full representation. ILS has represented individuals from more than 135 countries around the world needing legal assistance with an immigration matter. ILS also focuses on training lawyers to provide pro bono services and educating community groups on the latest immigration issues.

⇒ Project: Work at Catholic Charities’ Immigration Legal Services Office (2 Spanish-speaking volunteers needed) Silver Spring, MD, metro-accessible. Volunteers are needed to work at least 5 hours on Thursdays (MUST be available on Thursday morning from 9am-12pm). Primary responsibility is screening clients for immigration relief, but volunteer will also draft client declarations, and research immigration legal issues. ILS is currently working with a large number of unaccompanied children who have recently entered the United States, and volunteers will have an opportunity to work with this population. 2L or 3L students preferred. DS

HOGAR IMMIGRANT SERVICES
As a program of Catholic Charities, Hogar Immigrant Services’ goal is to help immigrants to become self-sufficient and productive members of American society through bilingual outreach programs, including a continuum of networking, immigration legal services, citizenship classes, and English as a Second Language classes.

⇒ Project: Citizenship Workshops (unlimited volunteers needed). Volunteers are trained to assist applicants for U.S. citizenship with filling out the requisite documents and preparing to submit their applications. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to shadow attorneys as they finalize the application and address corresponding legal issues (e.g. criminal records). Workshops are once a month on Saturdays, and training will be conducted at 9:00am on the day of the citizenship workshops. DS

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE
KIND was founded by Angelina Jolie and the Microsoft Corporation to create a pro bono movement of law firms, corporations, nongovernmental organizations, universities and volunteers to provide quality and compassionate legal counsel to unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children in the United States. KIND serves as the leading organization for the protection of unaccompanied children who enter the US immigration system alone and strives to ensure that no such child appears in immigration court without representation.

⇒ Project: Spanish Interpretation for Deportation Defense Cases (3-5 volunteers needed). KIND seeks Spanish-speaking students who can serve as interpreters on cases working with pro bono attorneys. KIND works primarily with Central American youth facing deportation, who are typically pursuing asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Sometimes they need an interpreter for a single meeting or interview at the Department of Homeland Security, a 2-3 hour commitment; other times interpretation is needed for a series of meetings with the child. No specific length of time commitment is required for the volunteer interpreter opportunity. DS
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

DC EMPLOYMENT JUSTICE CENTER
Founded on Labor Day 2000, the mission of the DC Employment Justice Center is to secure, protect and promote workplace justice in the DC metropolitan area. Since its founding, the EJC has successfully used a combination of strategies to protect the rights of low-income workers, including legal services, policy advocacy, community organizing, and education. In the past eleven years, the EJC has returned more than $7,000,000 to the pockets of low-wage workers, achieved many legislative victories that have touched the lives of countless workers, educated thousands of workers about their rights and responsibilities on the job, and launched several vibrant community organizing groups.

➜ Project 1: Conduct Intakes at Workers’ Rights Clinics (unlimited volunteers needed).
Volunteers assist lawyers with intake at two locations described below. Volunteers can attend clinics weekly or as available. Training will be provided. DS
  o SE Location: First, second and third Fridays of the month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This location is not Metro-accessible, but can be reached by Buses D6 + 92 towards Congress Heights, and is a short drive from GULC. Many of our past volunteers have carpooled.
  o NW Office: Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shaw/Howard University Metro (Green line). We have a particular need for Spanish-speaking volunteers at this location.

➜ Project 2: Support EJC’s Initiative for Job-Seekers with a Criminal Record (1 volunteer needed).
Seeking a motivated student to draft program materials, assist job seekers in conducting criminal records research, and perform informal advocacy with local and federal court and law enforcement agencies. The goal of this initiative is to allow job-seekers to successfully search and obtain their complete criminal record, to correct mistakes in those records, and to identify and pursue legal options for sealing and expunging their arrest or conviction records. The student will also participate in intake meetings and follow-up interviews with workers at one or both of EJC’s clinics in Southeast DC at least twice a month, optionally on weekdays, weeknights or Saturday mornings. 15-20 hours/month, and work will be completed remotely, in the field, and at EJC’s Worker’s Rights Clinics. One semester commitment (with option to extend). Training and supervision provided. DS

MOTHERS’ OUTREACH NETWORK
Mothers’ Outreach Network is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that helps low-wage and chronically unemployed DC residents address barriers to full employment through education and outreach, training, legal screening and referrals, and advocacy. Mothers’ Outreach Network focuses upon low-skilled women and men who are transitioning into the workforce after periods of unemployment due to child care responsibilities or incarceration.

➜ Project 1: Civic Education Legal Research Associate (1 volunteer needed). Work to develop a civic education curriculum (which will include editing current program materials, as well as original research and drafting), drawing on current employment discrimination curriculum. Flexible hours; time commitment is 6 to 8 hours per month for one semester. Supervision will be provided remotely with monthly check-ins. PR, RW
AMARA LEGAL CENTER
The Amara Legal Center, founded by two Georgetown Law alums, provides free legal services to individuals whose rights have been violated through commercial sex. Amara serves survivors of sex trafficking and any other individual harmed by commercial sex in the Washington, DC metropolitan area by raising public awareness of the legal issues facing their clients, connecting clients with other vital social services, and fighting tirelessly to provide excellent legal representation to all of their clients.

➔ Project: Research and Program Development Assistance (1 – 2 volunteers needed). Amara pro bono volunteers help with legal research and writing and organizational development projects. Expected duties include: researching available resources on providing trauma-informed legal services to victims of sex trafficking; compiling the above information into legal memos and training manuals for Amara pro-bono volunteer attorneys; and assisting with organizational development projects, based on the student’s interest. **Volunteers must be available to work roughly 2-5 hours/week for the Fall 2014 semester, with the option to extend into the Spring 2015 semester if both Amara and the volunteer agree. PR**

DC SAFE COURT WATCH
Court Watch is a volunteer-staffed project in which trained observers record information about Civil Protection Order court hearings. The Court Watch Project provides advocates with information about how the court deals with domestic violence and provides feedback to the Court regarding its treatment of domestic violence survivors. The goals of this project are to improve the court experience for those seeking relief, and to give survivors a larger voice in the court system.

➔ Project: Watch and Assess Court Proceedings (unlimited volunteers needed). Volunteers are trained to sit in Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order court and review how the Judges are judging by filling out questionnaires for each case. Shifts are usually 3 hours long, in the morning or afternoon. Students should ideally be able to commit to at least 2-3 shifts per month for a couple of months. **DS**

NETWORK FOR VICTIM RECOVERY OF DC (NVRDC)
NVRDC aims to change the impact of victimization by providing holistic, comprehensive services to all crime victims in DC. NVRDC provides civil and criminal legal services, advocacy, and case management. NVRDC also runs the Sexual Assault Crisis Response Project, offering advocacy and case management to all sexual assault survivors in the District.

➔ Project 1: “Know Your Rights” Clinics at American University (2 volunteers needed). NVRDC holds monthly "Know Your Rights" legal clinics at American University. These presentations discuss the rights for victims of crime within the criminal, civil, and campus administrative processes. Volunteers will receive training from NVRDC’s legal staff on the three areas of law and participate as co-presenters. Additionally, clinic attendees are given an opportunity to sign-up for confidential advice from NVRDC attorneys. Volunteers can assist NVRDC attorneys in offering brief advice or referrals for the attendees seeking assistance. **DS**

➔ Project 2: Crime Victims Pro Se Guide (1 volunteer needed). NVRDC is looking for a student who is interested in developing a crime victims’ rights pro se guide for victims of crime who are navigating the criminal justice system in DC Superior Court. NVRDC staff attorneys will advise the project and provide shadowing opportunities that offer a real-world perspective on crime
victims’ rights legal representation. Flexible hours and work can be completed remotely. PR, RW

Project 3: Community “Know Your Rights” Clinics (up to 3 volunteers needed). NVRDC regularly conducts “Know Your Rights” community presentations at area community centers, libraries, schools, and partner organizations. Presentations cover information on legal resources and crime victims’ rights, as well as service providers in the DC area. Student volunteers will be trained to give presentations and to answer questions about crime victims’ rights. 2-hour training required; volunteers are asked to commit to giving at least 2 presentations over the course of the semester (presentations will be coordinated & scheduled through NVRDC’s Know Your Rights Volunteer Coordinator). DS

THE RENEWAL FORUM
The Renewal Forum participates in policy, research, and advocacy to promote respect for human dignity. Currently, the Renewal Forum focuses primarily on the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Project 1: Research on Child Prostitution (1 volunteer needed). Volunteer will conduct legal research related to the legal age of consent as it relates to child prostitution. The Renewal Forum has completed introductory research on this topic, but additional help is needed to determine the various charges that may or may not result depending on a child’s age and whether money is involved. Flexible hours and work can be completed remotely. Expected time commitment is around 5 hours/week over the course of the semester. PR, RW, 4+

Project 2: Research on Girls’ Court Diversion Programs (1-2 volunteers needed). Volunteers will investigate models of “Girls Courts” that are being established for minor prostitution offenders to divert them to services for sex trafficking victims. At least 5 jurisdictions already operate such programs, and Renewal Forum would like help researching: how they implement their services; what methods and procedures are used; and how these programs compare with other juvenile detention alternative initiatives. Flexible hours and work can be completed remotely. This project is especially well suited for 2L or 3L students with an interest in juvenile defense work. PR, RW
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Project Listings by Type of Work/Logistical Considerations

- **DS** – direct services (includes client, potential client, or community member interaction)
- **PR** – policy & research (research and writing on policy, advocacy, or education projects)
- **IL** – impact litigation (research, writing, and strategizing for litigation)
- **NL** – non-legal (not explicitly legal work, but supporting a legal org/purpose)
- **RW** – remote work (some or all work can be completed remotely)
- **4+** – requires a commitment of 4 or more hours a week

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