



**Public Service Requirement  
(For J.D. students who enter in or after Fall 2018)**

Pro bono work is an important part of being a lawyer, and Stetson University College of Law is committed to training students to fulfill the professional responsibility to give back to their communities. All J.D. students who enter the College of Law in or after Fall 2018 (whether as new or transfer students) are required to complete sixty (60) hours of pro bono work, up to thirty of which may be non-legal public service volunteer work.

- A.** Pro bono and public service volunteer hours must be completed in a timely manner, as are all graduation requirements. All work must be pre-approved, and hours must be submitted, on the College of Law's Hatter Sync program.
- B. Legal/Pro Bono:** Legal-related activities include:
1. Pro bono or public service for the indigent;
  2. Pro bono or public service for a public agency;
  3. Thirty (30) of the hours required for academic credit in public service opportunities in designated clinics and externships as designated by the Director of Clinical Education or the Social Justice Advocacy faculty;
  4. Pro bono service for a private attorney on a case in which he or she is working pro bono;
  5. Pro bono service performed under the supervision of a faculty member, if the faculty member is engaged in a legal pro bono project; and
  6. Pro bono service performed 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 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. Non-Legal Public Service Work:** General volunteer work may include:
1. Volunteering at any non-profit organization or government agency by engaging in general community service work that helps to fill a community need that would otherwise be unmet.
  2. Non-legal-related activities exclude fundraising for the University and the College of Law.

**Cross-reference:** Requirements for Degree and Maximum Time to Complete J.D. Degree

*Approved by the faculty on November 13, 2018.*