



STETSON LAW

**Pro Bono Requirement  
(For J.D. students who entered between Fall 2010  
and Fall 2013)**

- A. **Required Hours:** All J.D. students who enter the College of Law in or after Fall 2010 (whether as a new or transfer student) are required to complete 60 hours of pro bono public service. At least 30 hours must be completed in legal-related activities; the 30 remaining hours may be completed in non-legal-related activities.
- B. **Completing the Hours:**
1. **Deadline to complete all hours:** Students must complete all 60 required hours before the end of their next-to-last semester in law school. Students who have not completed all required hours by this deadline will have their grades and transcripts held until they have completed the requirement. July graduates will be treated as May graduates for purposes of this policy.
  2. **Annual hours requirement:** Each student must complete at least 10 of the required hours each academic year, unless the head of the Office of Student Life grants an exception for extraordinary circumstances. A student may complete more than 10 hours in any given year; once a student has completed all 60 hours, he or she is not required to complete additional hours to meet this annual minimum. For purposes of this policy, an academic year ends on May 31.
- C. **Legal-Related Activities:** Legal-related activities are limited to:
1. Pro bono service for the indigent;
  2. Pro bono service for a public agency;
  3. Pro bono service for a private attorney on a case in which he or she is working pro bono;
  4. Pro bono service performed under the supervision of a faculty member, if the faculty member is engaged in a legal pro bono project and the student's work is more than mere research assistance; and
  5. 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).

- D. Non-legal Activities:** Non-legal activities must be approved by the head of the Office of Student Life. Non-legal-related activities exclude fundraising for the University and the College of Law. Students may not satisfy their non-legal pro bono requirement by volunteering for departments on campus.
- E. Publicity:** Pro bono activities will be promoted by the Office of Student Life. Any promotion will specifically categorize activities as either legal or non-legal-related. Students will be formally introduced to these requirements during New Student Orientation.

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

*Amended by the faculty on May 5, 2004, January 19, 2005, April 14, 2010.*