

Not Enough Resources: How Law Student Pro Bono Can Help Your Program

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Law student pro bono work provides a wealth of resources to help your program fill the justice gap. This presentation will highlight innovative urban and rural law student volunteer projects, ways to use technology to cut costs, and time-saving training resources. Presenters will help you explore ways to implement projects and collaborate with law schools and law students, even if you are not close to a law school. Law students will leverage resources and their enthusiasm will breathe new life into your program.

Topical Outline:

- I. INTRODUCTION
 - a. Panelist introductions: panel includes law students, attorneys working with the Public Interest Clearinghouse and law school professor.
 - b. Audience survey and presentation roadmap
 - c. Law students' prospective – why is law student pro bono work important?

- II. SUCCESSFUL LAW STUDENT PRO BONO MODELS
 - a. Externships: students working for law school credit
 - b. Law school term break service-learning: Lessons From Katrina
 - i. Projects students worked on for one week
 - ii. Amount of work accomplished in one week
 - iii. What can students do for your program in one week?
 - iv. Lessons learned – law school faculty will train students prior to arrival
 - c. Rural pro bono
 - i. Justice Bus™ trips
 1. Daytrips and community partner collaboration for clinics
 2. Overnight trips to more secluded rural areas
 - ii. Research service
 1. Short-term and semester-long projects
 2. Outreach and managing students' work
 - d. Urban pro bono
 - i. Local Law Student Pro Bono Project
 - ii. Short-term & long-term placements
 1. Legal Clinics (e.g., APILO Family & Immigration Clinic, LARC & CDDEC Clinics, CRLA Employment Law Clinic)

2. Special Projects & Community Collaborations (e.g. GA Mass Defense Project, De Marillac Academy)
3. Student-Initiated Projects (e.g. Human Rights Watch, ALDF research projects, Tax-aid Clinics)
- iii. Substantive & Skills-based Trainings
- iv. Law Student Outreach
 1. Office Hours
 2. Attending student group meetings and school sponsored events
 3. Bulletin Board
- v. Student Recognition
 1. Pro Bono Publico Award
 2. Pro Bono Honors Society
 3. Tracking (e.g. hours, clients served, etc...)

III. GROUP BRAINSTORMING – areas/projects where law students could help your program?

Notes:

IV. MAKING YOUR IDEAS WORK: Collaboration and Implementation
In this section we will work through some ideas from brainstorming session.

- a. Media
 - i. Print (e.g. press releases, newspapers, journals, websites...)
 - ii. Radio
 - iii. TV (e.g. local news)
- b. Technology – how can you use technology to create, improve and expand your pro bono program?
 - i. Outreach
 - 1. Probono.net
 - a. www.lawstudentprobono.org
 - b. www.CAlegaladvocates.org
 - 2. Newsletters
 - a. Constant Contact (Pro Bono News of the Week)
 - b. GGU's Public Interest Newsletter
 - 3. Online networking tools
 - a. Facebook
 - 4. Law school listservs
 - ii. Substantive and skills-based training
 - 1. Gotowebinar
 - 2. Vimeo
 - 3. Vyew
 - 4. The West Education Network
 - iii. Managing and motivating volunteers
 - 1. Google
 - a. Google docs
 - b. Google calendar
 - c. Picasa
 - 2. Survey Monkey
 - 3. Base camp

V. CREATE CHECKLIST OF NEXT STEPS

- a. Final tips for working with law schools
- b. Creating a legacy of pro bono service

VI. QUESTION & ANSWER

Notes:

Bibliography & Website Links:

1. Justice Bus™ program information available at www.pic.org/REAL
2. Pro Bono Net available at <http://www.probono.net/>
3. Constant Contact will help you create bulk emails and electronic newsletters available at <http://www.constantcontact.com/index.jsp>
4. Facebook available at <http://www.facebook.com>
5. Gotowebinar online meeting and training platform available at <http://www.gotomeeting.com/fec/webinar?Portal=gotowebinar.com>
6. Vimeo is a free video hosting website see <http://vimeo.com/>
7. Vyew online free live webcasting available at <http://vyew.com/site/>
8. Google docs is a host sight for documents that can be viewed and edited by invitees. This services is available to Google mail users. To sign up for a gmail account go to www.gmail.com.
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