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Pro Bono Program

Annual Report 2019–2020



• **Kisha Patel 3L**

Pro bono has given me the opportunity to apply what I learned in the classroom to practicing tangible legal skills to help people across North Carolina...One of my most memorable experiences is helping start a pro-bono project for the Broun National Trial Team in using our mock trial and litigation skills to train sexual assault nurse examiners in rural NC about the importance of evidence preservation.

Letter from the Program Director

Contained in these pages are highlights from Carolina Law's Pro Bono Program. We have a proud history and culture here of giving back to the Tar Heel State, and as future attorneys, take seriously our duty to help serve those with unmet legal needs.

It is amazing to reflect on all that Carolina Law students have accomplished, for example—if one were to add up the pro bono hours of every current student, it would total over 28,300 hours! We have helped serve clients in need in nearly every area of law, all over North Carolina. As a public institution, it is part of our culture to give back to the people of our state who helped fund our legal education—and here at Carolina Law we have had the privilege to learn in an environment inculcated with this public service mission.

Our unifying motto this year was "Pro Bono Reaches Poverty." Part of the reason pro bono work is so fulfilling is that it helps those who do not have the resources to hire an attorney, and students keep serving because of the unique feeling of being able to put newly acquired legal skills to such good use.

I sincerely hope that by the time you are reading this, we have emerged from the COVID-19 crisis. As the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, our school, nation, and world are immersed in the pandemic. This has brought to the surface many underlying legal issues, which might be able to be handled during normal times, but can easily become crises in times of hardship. Already, there are thousands of people out of work in North Carolina—unable to pay rent, utilities, or other necessities. While evictions are temporarily halted, we know that when courts reopen, not only will there be many people fighting to stay in their homes, but the court system will also be working through a backlog of other cases. This makes the work done by Carolina Law students all the more important, and I am so grateful that there is a team in place ready to work together to coordinate the school's efforts to help those in need this coming school year.

Thank you for engaging with the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program and for helping those in our state who need legal assistance.



—Alex Rutgers 3L
Director, Pro Bono Program



Left: Professor Gene Nichol stands with the Pro Bono Board after giving an exceptional keynote address during the Fall Pro Bono Week to inform students and faculty about poverty in North Carolina and the legal needs of our communities.

Pro Bono At-a-Glance

*Based off national value of volunteer time, found at:
<https://independentsector.org/news-post/new-value-volunteer-time-2019/>

All Classes

90.09% Participation
28,394 Hours
\$722,059*

3L

100% Participation
16,103 Hours
\$409,499*

2L

91.12% Participation
8,730 Hours
\$222,003*

1L

78% Participation
3,561 Hours
\$90,556*

Attorney Projects Continue to Provide Students with Diverse Opportunities



Students partnered with the Innocence Inquiry Commission to listen to jail calls for potential innocence claims during the Fall Pro Bono Week.

Attorney Projects provide students with the opportunity to gain real, hands-on legal experience and tangible skills that they cannot find in a classroom. Throughout this year, 65 students completed over 55 projects that have ranged from researching privacy policy to searching through microfiches for records involved in pending litigation. The Pro Bono Program continued to work with previous partnerships and also formed new relationships, expanding our network of organizations.

Sasha Telyukov has enjoyed participating in attorney projects because they allow him to be involved in the community.

"[Attorney Projects gave me] the opportunity to do substantive immigration law work in my first year of law school and to provide some small amount of assistance to people struggling against a fundamentally flawed and broken system. This work has consistently been the highlight of my weeks and has kept me in touch with the reasons that I came to law school in the first place.

My favorite project was probably the naturalization clinic that I took part in. It felt amazing to sit down with families and help them begin the final step on their long road to American citizenship. From my own family's experience and that of my immigrant friends, I know how much naturalization means. Besides the legal privileges that it bestows, it also gives people a sense of validation—the knowledge that they belong here and are being recognized as belonging here. Getting to help others with that process was an honor."

Grace Lempp has also enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community and has participated in attorney projects during all of her three years at Carolina Law.

"My favorite pro bono work I've done this year has been serving as a Guardian ad Litem for children in Durham County. The best pro bono projects are those where we get to build relationships with people, and I'm lucky to work with amazing kids and families while also gaining

valuable experience. Pro bono has given me the opportunity to grow as an advocate, counselor, researcher, and human, and I am thankful for all of the experiences!"

The Pro Bono Board also created new opportunities for students to do quick and accessible service through pop-up projects. The Board coordinated over 5 pop-up projects for students to complete in less than 3 hours on campus. We partnered with the North Carolina Bar Foundation and our Pro Bono Alumni Board to work on Free Legal Answers, the North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center to work on Driver's License Restoration, Legal Aid of NC Greenville to help with landlord-tenant issues, and drafted responses to letters from prisoners.

This Year's College Cup Goes to Aycock College

The 1L class competed in the College Cup to determine which of the three colleges, Brandis, Chambers, or Aycock, had the highest involvement in pro bono. This year, Aycock was victorious with a total of 1431 hours and an astonishing 93.6% participation. Aycock students were heavily involved in all of the program's events including our Pro Bono Weeks and special trips. Thank you Aycock for your commitment and dedication!

Over 150 Students Participated in Winter and Spring Break Projects



Participating in Winter and Spring Break pro bono projects is a tradition at Carolina Law and many students look forward to the opportunity to work on projects without the added pressure of classwork. This year, our students had unique opportunities to work with the Land Loss Prevention Project, take a trip to Atlanta to do archival research, and to contribute to efforts to expand a roof resiliency program for NC coastal residents. During Winter Break, 138 students participated in 57 projects and 21 students participated in 12 projects during Spring Break.

Top: Students sign up for Winter Projects with the help of Pro Bono Board Members.

Bottom: Students partnered with the NC Pro Bono Resource Center to work on driver's license restoration with alumni Leigh Wicclair '11 and Megan Bishop '18.

Students Traveled to Pembroke, Raleigh, Cherokee, Charlotte, Hickory, Morganton, and Lenoir

Many students will tell you that their most memorable and formative experiences in law school came during one of our trips into the community. This year, we were fortunate to continue our clinic trips throughout the state, returning to some familiar communities while also forging ties in new places.

During fall break, we sent two groups of students to provide pro bono service on one-day trips. One group of seven students, including four 1Ls, traveled to Pembroke, N.C., for a wills clinic in partnership with Legal Aid of North Carolina. Although most of our volunteers had only been in law school for about two months, we were able to assist nine clients and prepare a total of sixteen documents, including both wills and advance directives. Another group of twelve students went to Raleigh, N.C., to assist the North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center with their Driver's License Restoration Project. Sending out two student groups during the fall break was a terrific opportunity to get more students, especially 1Ls, engaged in pro bono service early in the school year.

For the eighth time, students went to Cherokee, NC to hold a wills clinic with Legal Aid of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office. Twenty students prepared wills and powers of attorneys at the Tsali Manor Senior Center. They also visited the Cherokee Court and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian to learn more about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and judicial system. The same students also held civil clinics in Swain County and Graham County to assist with divorces and criminal record expungements.

"For the past two years, the Winter Break pro bono trip has provided me with the phenomenal experience of working with real clients and providing critical legal services for North Carolinians in need," says Ryan Collins 2L. "It has also exposed me to the unique tribal law system of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, with whom we partner for our wills and advance directive clinic. I am grateful to the UNC Pro Bono program for this opportunity!"

Before the trip to Charlotte I had no idea there was such a major housing problem there.

• **Shannon White 2L**

Similar to winter break, our spring break trips are three days long, which allows us to reach areas across the state. This year, Carolina Law sent student groups to Charlotte and the Hickory area to assist with two different types of projects. Our Charlotte group helped forge a new partnership with the housing team of the Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte office, bringing five students to work closely with Legal Aid attorneys on research projects while also having the opportunity to serve clients. The smaller group size and focus on housing law provided an in-depth, specialized "mini-internship" that is not often available to law students.

"Before the trip to Charlotte I had no idea there was such a major housing problem there," says Shannon White 2L. "I had the chance to meet with a client with a LANC attorney and saw how devastating and life changing it can be to come home and find your electricity and water off and have to hurry to find somewhere else to live in a city with few options. I was really thankful for the opportunity to help out LANC and learn a lot about an area of the law I probably wouldn't have learned if I didn't on the trip."

Our Hickory group continued what has become an annual barnstorming of wills clinics alongside Legal Aid of North Carolina-Foothills, with clinic sessions in Morganton, Hickory, and Lenoir. Although every trip with our Morganton partners has run smoothly, this year's trip was especially efficient, with a group of only eight students and five attorneys preparing over 100 wills and advance directives for 39 clients.

As we continue to reach out into new communities while returning to familiar ones, we look forward to continuing the important mission of providing legal services to those in need.



Twenty students visit the Tribal Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



Five students visit Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte.



A group of seven students traveled to Pembroke for a wills clinic.



A group of five students traveled to Charlotte in February to volunteer at the Charlotte Social Justice Expunction Clinic, which served 69 people in only six hours.

Pro Bono Special Projects

Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project

Since 2013, the UNC Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project has been serving cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers at the North Carolina Cancer Hospital by preparing necessary end of life documents such as living wills, healthcare power of attorney documents, and financial power of attorney documents. Partnering with Legal Aid of North Carolina's Medical Legal Partnership and the NC Cancer Hospital's Comprehensive Cancer Support Program, the UNC Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project hosted six in-person clinics and served 24 clients this year.

The Cancer Clinic has been the most meaningful pro bono activity for me in law school. The clients are diverse, delightful to work with, and I leave knowing that I was able to bring a small bit of comfort and certainty to them and their families during a very difficult time in their lives."

• **Rebecca Howell 3L**

Lawyer on the Line

During the 2019-2020 academic year, 32 students served 45 clients in 23 different counties working with our Lawyer on the Line program. UNC works with Legal Aid of North Carolina to assist North Carolinians with criminal record expungements and housing issues. This program is unique in that it connects students in Chapel Hill with people across the state to provide legal assistance that they would otherwise go without. Lawyer on the Line provides students the opportunity, with the help of dedicated supervising attorneys, to assist the legal needs of people facing unjust living situations or with barriers to housing and employment because of old or dismissed criminal charges.

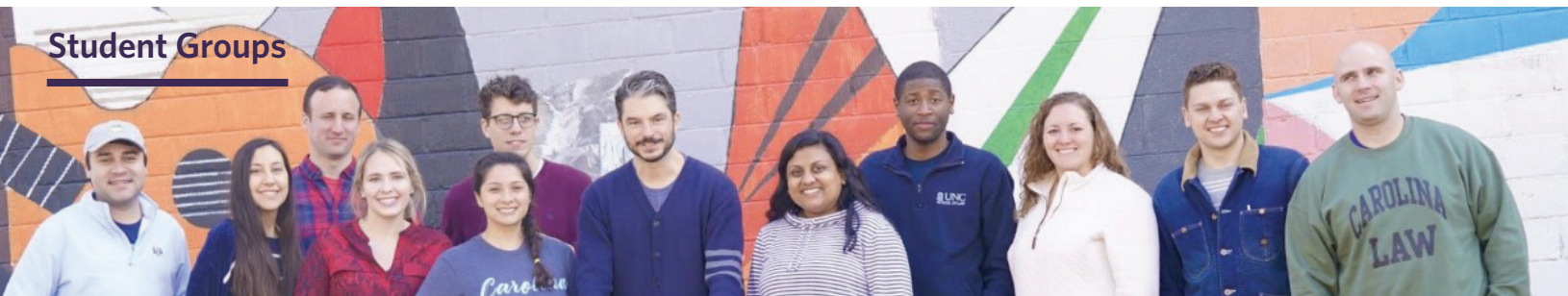
Haley Tanner enjoys working with Lawyer on the Line and has used it as an opportunity to make connections with clients during her 1L year. "Lawyer on the Line is my favorite pro bono project. I am so happy UNC partners with Legal Aid of North Carolina to provide the housing and expunction clients with much needed help. Also, as a student it is a great learning experience. The volunteer attorneys are very knowledgeable, and I enjoy working with them."



Wills for Heroes

Wills for Heroes is an event that is co-hosted with the NC Bar Foundation to provide first responders with the ability to get a will and other legal documents such as advanced directives and power of attorney documents completed free of charge. This allows police officers, emergency medical responders, firefighters, and other first responders with the much-needed legal help to protect themselves and their loved ones by helping them secure their assets. This program gave the opportunity for 21 students to assist their community and provide them with the ability to use their legal skills outside the classroom.

Student Groups



Student groups have continued to provide pro bono services while allowing their members to explore their legal fields of interest. Over the course of this year, 14 student organizations coordinated and completed a total of 17 projects. These projects covered a wide range of legal fields from the Carolina Intellectual Property Association working with the NC Museum of Art Project to the Child Action organization working on training for social work students. This year, Veterans Advocacy Legal Organization (VALOR) was honored with the Robert E. Bryan award. VALOR was selected for the award because of their outstanding 2020 Spring Break Pro Bono trip to Asheville to provide legal services to homeless veterans.

"VALOR's pro bono is focused on giving back to our community in two ways. First, students provide legal services to the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. Specifically, our Spring Break trip in Asheville serves one of the most vulnerable

communities: homeless, prior military service members. Second, whether it is the VALOR Spring Break Trip or the Retiree Appreciation Day hosted by Fort Bragg, our pro bono events provide students with an opportunity to meet practicing attorneys within the community and to learn valuable skills that will be applicable in practice and throughout their careers." Isabelle Stevens 2L, VALOR President.

Additionally, student groups have created new projects and partnerships to further their commitment to pro bono service. The Carolina Christian Legal Society (CLS) continued to expand its participation in projects since the organization launched their first project with Apex Immigration Services in 2018.

"[O]ne of Carolina Christian Legal Society's goals is to encourage its members to foster a commitment to service," says Jonathan Dickerson 2L, president of CLS, "The faith background of the organization takes

to heart the claim that Christ lived a life of service. We believe service should also mark our own lives—even when it is inconvenient or cuts against profits to do so. Regardless of the faith-background or beliefs of those we serve, our hope is that our communities are better off as a result of that mindset.

We know that law students are busy, but so are practicing attorneys. While it might be tempting for law students to focus solely on doctrinal classes or building their resumes, our hope is that being part of a community that emphasizes service will create a life-long commitment to pro bono work that the members of our organization will carry with them into their legal careers. There is rarely an ideal time to serve, but creating a habit of service in law school will hopefully make it easier for our alumni to seek out avenues for creating accessible pro bono legal service in their post-graduate communities."

Pro Bono Publico Awards & Recognitions

Every year, we celebrate the Pro Bono Publico Awards to recognize Carolina Law's most outstanding contributors to pro bono work for their passion and dedication. This year, we were unable to celebrate in person due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and instead, honored our award recipients through video.

Sylvia K. Novinsky Award



Miranda Goot 3L

For her continued commitment to pro bono work and the pro bono program throughout her three years at Carolina Law. She has taken on a diverse array of projects with organizations ranging from the Juvenile Parole Project to the VALOR and Cherokee trips, completing over 38 projects and 563 hours.



Grace Lempp 3L

For her depth and breadth of pro bono work throughout her three years at Carolina Law. She has dedicated 137 hours to serving as a Guardian Ad litem and she has participated in over 27 different projects, completing 567 hours.



3L Student of the Year

Mara Howard-Williams

For logging more than 514 hours during her law school career and being active with the Adam Walsh Act Federal Rights Project and the CDC, logging 144 and 314 hours with each project respectively.



2L Student of the Year

Sarah Ammons

For logging more than 214 pro bono hours through her time at Carolina Law and over 75 hours in her 2L year alone. Additionally, she has participated in over 15 different projects and has contributed significantly to the Juvenile Parole Project.



1L Student of the Year

Sasha Telyukov

For his significant personal commitment to pro bono work, logging more than 150 hours of pro bono service with a passion for helping underserved immigrant communities, Sasha signed up for nearly every immigration project that was offered this year.



Faculty Award

Maria Savasta-Kennedy

For her continued work in creating opportunities for students to improve the world they live in, organizing the Well Water Research Project, and empowering students to be further involved in environmental justice.



Alumnus of the Year

Andrew Cogdell '85

For providing students with opportunities to work with communities in Boone, Hickory, Lenoir, and Morganton, his commitment to serving low income people throughout western North Carolina, his dedication to Legal Aid of North Carolina, and his significant support of our program in partnering for special trips.



Special Recognition

Alyssa Leader 3L

For creating a network of 3,000+ law school students, paralegals, and attorneys around the country to respond to COVID-19 related legal needs. She has committed herself to serving the needs of the most vulnerable, and she has provided the opportunity for others to do so as well.



Student Group Project Award

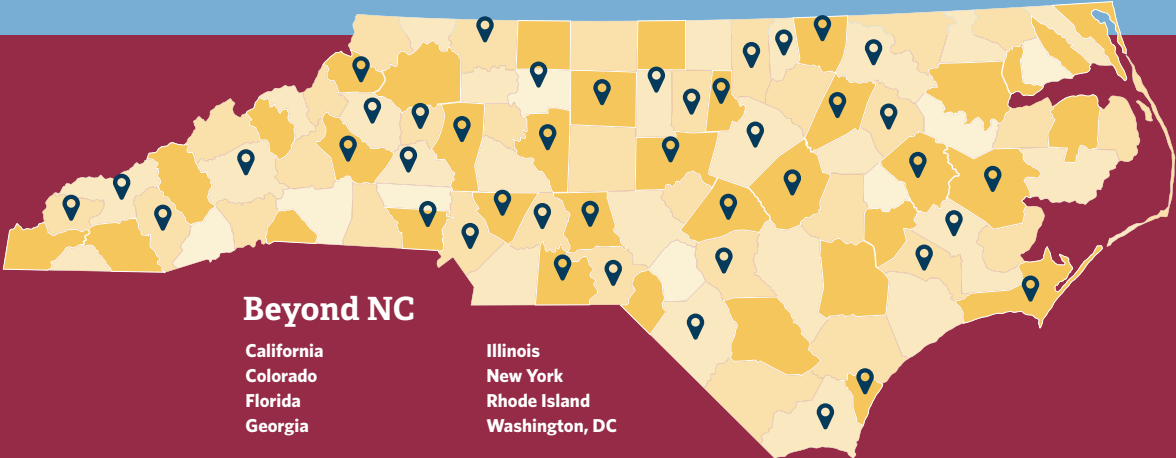
Broun National Trial Team

For beginning a new project partnering with the UNC School of Nursing to help train sexual assault nurse examiners in rural NC, putting on a mock trial and training nurses, contributing over 172 hours to the project.

Agency, Firm and Organizational Partners

ACLU Capital Punishment Project	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	NC Museum of Art
ACLU of North Carolina	Just Futures Law	NC Prisoner Legal Services, Inc.
Advocates for Children's Services	Kalouris Law Firm	NC Pro Bono Resource Center
Advocates for Justice	Land Loss Prevention Project	NC Sierra Club
Aequitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women	Law Office of F. Bryan Brice, Jr.	NC Solicitor General
Alaska Office of Public Advocacy	Law Office of Lisa Miles	NC Supreme Court
American Constitution Society	Legal Aid of Nebraska	NicholsonPham, PLLC
American Red Cross	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Battered Immigrant Project	Orange County Sherriff's Office
Brunswick County Teen Court	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte	Orange County Teen Court
California Policy Lab	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Fair Housing Project	Patrick, Harper & Dixon
Carolina Common Enterprise	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Farmworker Unit	Perry, Perry, & Perry
Cary Town Attorney's Office	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Fayetteville	Pisgah Legal Services
Center for Death Penalty Litigation	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Foothills	Scott Holmes
Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Greenville	Self Help, Inc.
Center for Responsible Lending	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Lawyer on the Line	Shurat HaDin
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Medical Legal Partnership	Sidley Austin, LLP
Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Pembroke	Southern Coalition for Social Justice
Church World Service	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Raleigh	Southern Environmental Law Center (Asheville)
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Senior Law Project	Tarlton Polk PLLC
Colorado State Public Defender, Dillon	Legal Aid of North Carolina-Sylva	The Justice Collaborative
Compass Center for Women and Families	Legal Aid Service of Broward County	Tin, Fulton, Walker, and Owen
Council for Children's Rights	Loftin & Loftin, P.A.	UNC Athletics Department
Democracy NC	Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	UNC Greensboro
Disability Independence Group, Inc.	Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P.A.	UNC School of Government
Disability Rights Oregon	McGuireWoods	UNC School of Law Clinical Programs
District Attorney's Office, Cumberland County	NALEO Educational Fund	UNC School of Law Faculty:
District Attorney's Office, Iredell County	National Health Law Program	Professor Kaci Bishop
District Attorney's Office, Orange County	National Lawyers Guild	Professor John Brooker
Durham County Guardian ad Litem	NC Administrative Office of the Courts	Professor Deborah Gerhardt
Durham Expungement And Restoration Program	NC Asian Americans Together	Professor Andy Hessick
Durham Rescue Mission	NC Bar Foundation	Professor Don Hornstein
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	NC Cancer Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Support Program	Professor Maria Savasta-Kennedy
Legal Assistance Office	NC Center on Actual Innocence	Professor Deborah Weissman
Equality NC	NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault	UNC School of Nursing
Families Moving Forward	NC Conservation Network	UNC School of Social Work
Federal Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina	NC Court of Appeals	United States Coast Guard
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	NC Department of Justice	US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
Fifteenth Circuit Public Defender, South Carolina	NC Division of Public Health	US Department of Commerce
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education	NC Equal Access to Justice Commission	US Department of Education, Office of the General Counsel
Good Solar Organization	NC Innocence Inquiry Commission	US Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor
Grimes Teich Anderson, LLP	NC Insurance Underwriting Association	US District Court, Louisiana
Guardian Ad Litem, District 15B	NC Judicial Fellowship Program	US District Court, Rhode Island
Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.	NC Justice Center	US District Court, CD California
Hopler, Wilms, and Hanna, PLLC	NC Office of Indigent Defense Services-Forensic Resource Counsel	US Securities and Exchange Commission
Human Rights Watch	NC Office of Indigent Defense Services-Office of the Appellate Defender	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
Immigration Equality		Wake County Public Defender
International Justice Mission		Womble Bond Dickinson LLP

Counties Where We Worked



Student Recognition

Class of 2020

500+

Miranda Goot
Grace Lempp
Alexander Rutgers

Emily Monnett
Erin Neely
Alexander Newkirk
Kylie Norman
Cooper Norris

Sean Placey
Sean Rafferty
Joshua Smith
William Thomas

400+

Sam Spalding

Liliya Oliferuk
Darpan Patel
Lisette Payne
Olivia Perry
Hannah Petersen
Rachel Posey
Adam Renkiewicz
Zachary Shufro

50+

Nakia Arrington
Rachel Brinson
Ryan Bullard
Brad Cheek
Havan Clark
James Clarke
Aaron Dalton
Luke de Leon
Matthew Farley
Ashley Longman
Chen Lu
Isabel Macguire
Lena Madison
Alex Mercolino
Jessica O'Brien
Brett Orren
Margaret Perry
Chelsea Pieroni
Charles Plambeck
Jill Refvem
Joshua Renz
Daniel Root
Morgan Schick
Lindsay Seventko
Shannon Smith
Samantha Taylor
Kendall Thielemann
Matthew Yelverton
Carlos Zapata

300+

Mara Howard-Williams
Yang Liu
Kisha Patel

Claire Smith
Timothy Sookram
Rachel Stephens
Maya Weinstein
Erin Wilson
Steven Wilson
Alyssa Wright
Evelyn Yarborough

200+

Abigail Christoph
Rachel Geissler
Wilson Greene IV
Alexis Intriago
Laura Medlin
Ashle Page

100+

Tanner Caplan
Louisa Clark
Jennifer Cofer
Alexander Cook
Sarah Dorr
Miles Duncan
Cameron Ervin
Rebecca Fisher
Erin Grubbs
Rebecca Howell
Nur Kara
Christine Kidd
Steven Leger
Clarke Martin
Brandon Mayes
Mollie McGuire
Jaelyn Miller

75+

Anza Abbas
Nick Bogdash
Sebastian Brana
Marion Brown
Vanessa Canuto
Kyle Compton
Courtney Cornelius
Sloane Echevarria
Eric Fisher
Noah Ganz
Anna Gillespie
Evan Hockenberger
Briana Kelly
Alyssa Leader
Michael Peretz

Class of 2021

200+

Sarah Ammons
Gina Balamucki
Maria Carisetti

75+

Andrew Benton
Lindsey Byers
Ryan Collins
Kyle Compton
Lauren Davis
John Fallon
Sabrina Gamero
Laurena Grissett
Samatha Jackson
Elisabeth Jones
Julia Meister
Frank Qin
Cayla Rodney
Sydney Teng
Merriweather Vaughan
Kelsi Williams
Nathan Wilson

100+

Chloe Altieri
Nicole Angelica
Chennell Coleman
Dale Davis
Jonathan Dickerson
Robert Didomenico
Hannah Dionne
Rachel Grossman
Sterling Gutierrez
Wilson Hayman
Athina Hinson
Sarah Hoffman
Holden Hughley
Olivia Koontz
Anastasia McKettrick
Carly O'dell
Isabelle Stevens
Zachary Tooman
Shannon White
Janet Witchger

50+

Jacob Brannon
Alessandra Carlton
Sarah French
Joseph Gerber
Maureen Gleason
Zachary Gorelick

William Harris
Kendra Hickman
Morgan McNeil
Marissa Mugan
Alexis Pendergraft
Sydney Plummer
Shayshari Potter
Caroline Reinwald
Jordan Briggs
Taylor Rodney
Camila Rohena
Maldonado
Anastasia Urian
James Whalen

Class of 2022

100+

Jaazaniah Catterall
Hannah Marion
Olivia Perez
Sasha Telyukov

50+

Sarah Benecky
Hannah Caison
Courtney Cohen
Rowan Conybeare
Mitchell Lucas
Dreshawn McFadden

Allison Shaughnessy
Hannah Simmons
Montana Vaughn

75+

Megan Kahane
Avery Locklear





2019-2020 Leadership

Student Board, from top left, Jacob Brannon 2L, Sam Spalding 3L, Wilson Greene 3L, Andrew Benton 2L, Dean Kasprzak '05, Chennell Coleman 2L, Cameron Ervin 3L, Allison Constance '09, Chloe Altieri 2L, Maria Carisetti 2L, Liliya Oliferuk 3L, Alex Rutgers 3L, Cayla Rodney 2L, Laura Medlin 3L

Pro Bono Alumni Board Provides Continued Support and Opportunities for Students

Chaired by Lauren Katzeff and Jared Smith, the Pro Bono Alumni Board provided enriching pro bono opportunities for UNC School of Law students this year. The Direct Services Committee and other members were instrumental in volunteering and recruiting volunteers for Lawyer on the Line. PBAB also supervised Free Legal Answers for both the fall and the spring pro bono weeks. In the fall, the Free Legal Answers Pop-Up marked the highest participation by PBAB on a single project at the same time! PBAB was also instrumental in supervising students and recruiting other supervising attorneys for our winter and spring break projects and our spring break trips. Tod Leaven led the VALOR trip to Asheville to help homeless veterans apply for discharge upgrades and Ashley McAlarney led the eviction clinic in Charlotte. In addition, alumna Jasmine Plott '19 volunteered as a supervising attorney for the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir wills trip.

PBAB supported law students individually by giving law students who participated in a winter break project a handwritten note and treat bag, as well as serving as mentors to members of the Pro Bono Board. The Alumni Board has also continued to grow the Pro Bono Endowment, which helps law students participate in projects without worrying about financial need. Finally, PBAB published a Transition to Practice Guide for graduating students that outlines why new attorneys should do pro bono, important practical and ethical issues to consider when engaging in pro bono work, and how to find pro bono projects in practice. This valuable resource will be continually updated by PBAB in years to come to remain relevant for future graduates.



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1L Class Coordinator: Jaazaniah Catterall 1L

2L Class Coordinator: Cayla Rodney 2L

3L Class Coordinator: Wilson Greene 3L

Alumni Outreach Coordinator: Laura Medlin 3L

Attorney Projects Coordinator: Andrew Benton 2L

Public Relations Coordinator: Chloe Altieri 2L

Special Trips Coordinators:

Maria Carisetti 2L & Sam Spalding 3L

Special Projects Coordinators:

Jacob Brannon 2L & Liliya Oliferuk 3L

Student Groups Coordinator: Chennell Coleman 2L

Winter & Spring Break Projects Coordinator:

Cameron Ervin 3L

Staff

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Allison Constance '09

Assistant Dean for Student Development:

John Kasprzak '05

Alumni Board

Chair: Lauren Cranford Katzeff '12, *Sidley Austin*

Vice Chair: Jared Smith '16,

NC Equal Access to Justice Commission

Past Chair: Sarah Hill McIntyre '14,

North Carolina Justice Center

Kaci Bishop '04, *UNC School of Law*

Rachel Blunk '11, *Forrest Firm, P.C.*

David Boaz '12, *Replacements, Ltd.*

Amanda Colley '15, *McGuire Woods LLP*

SJ Hightower '14, *Legal Aid of North Carolina-Wilson*

James Jolley '14, *Smith Anderson*

Erika Jones '12, *North Carolina Department of Justice*

Tod Leaven '10, *Grimes Teich Anderson LLP*

Nihad Mansour '16, *Pro Bono Institute*

Ashley McAlarney '14, *Legal Aid of
North Carolina-Concord*

Hillary Dawe Nisbet '16, *K&L Gates*

LaToya Powell '05, *North Carolina Administrative
Office of the Courts*

Megan Bishop '18, *North Carolina Pro Bono
Resource Center*