



SCHOOL OF LAW

Pro Bono Program

## Annual Report 2021–2022

### Letter from the Program Director

This year at UNC School of Law was slated to be the “return to normal.” In many ways, “normal” did return: students attended classes in person, pizza was served at lunchtime events, and the Rotunda was again buzzing. However, after being away from the law school for over a year, returning to “normal” brought its own challenges.

For two days over the summer, the Pro Bono Board discussed what worked well in last year’s remote setting, what parts of “normal” we wanted to bring back, and in what areas we still could improve. We continued to prioritize addressing unmet legal needs and developing a lifelong commitment to pro bono in all Carolina Law students, but also we knew “returning to normal” meant we again needed to adapt to reach our goals. Although these conversations were just the beginning, they set us up for a successful year.

Throughout this year we have asked how we can make pro bono accessible and inclusive of all in the Carolina community. We have balanced the ability to work together virtually with the desire to connect in person with others involved in pro bono. For example, both our Fall Break Trip and many of our Fall Pro Bono Week activities were held in a hybrid model.

We have also sought to build relationships with all students this year. Coming back to campus meant not only meeting first year students for the first time, but also meeting second year and transfer students. At the beginning of the year we hosted a Pro Bono Open House where board members were available to answer questions about pro bono and law school generally. In April, we held a Spring social event with the Pro Bono Alumni Board in which students could meet alumni and work on pro bono.

Finally, we have recognized the need for compassion and flexibility during these uncertain times. Class coordinators have used weekly newsletters to intentionally share messages of encouragement as well as the “normal” pro bono information. Likewise we have offered ongoing projects like the new Expunction Project which have allowed students flexibility as well as numerous opportunities to engage in pro bono.

It is my hope as Director that this year as the school and the Pro Bono Program returned to “normal” we did so in a way that continued the good work that the program is founded on while continuing to ensure that there were pro bono opportunities for everyone. I’m extremely proud of the work we as a board and as a school community have done this year and I am pleased to be able to share it with you here.



Julie Leopold '22  
Student Director, Pro Bono Program

### Pro Bono At-a-Glance

#### All Classes

**26,439**  
hours

#### 1L Class

4,209 hours

74.04%  
participation

#### 2L Class

10,757 hours

93%  
participation

#### 3L Class

11,473 hours

100%  
participation

# Keeping Our Commitment to Community

## Student Group Projects

Student groups play a key role in creating and promoting opportunities for law students to serve their communities. This year, each of the following student organizations volunteered their time and energy on pro bono projects:

- Carolina Law First-Generation Professionals (CL1GP)
- Child Action
- Death Penalty Project
- Environmental Law Program
- Innocence Project
- Lambda Law Students Association
- Law Students Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (LSASDV)
- National Lawyers Guild
- Veterans Advocacy Legal Organization (VALOR)
- Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA)
- Women in Law



VALOR students work together during their spring break pro bono trip to Asheville, NC. From left to right: Sara Cassidy '23, Kendall Williams '23, Will Meekins '23.

## VALOR Helps Veterans Take First Step Toward Upgrade

Over spring break, VALOR traveled to Asheville to volunteer with veterans at the Veterans Restoration Headquarters. Students conducted intake interviews and helped servicemembers fill out requests for military and healthcare records, which is the first step towards applying for a discharge upgrade and VA benefits. Supervising attorney Tod Leaven '10 will continue to evaluate these records and work on the cases.

*"Most of the veterans VALOR served during this trip have struggled with drug and/or alcohol addiction, PTSD, and homelessness, as well as the stigma of having received a "bad paper" discharge. We are grateful that*



*they trusted us with their life stories and hope that our work will contribute to positive outcomes in their respective discharge upgrade process."*

**Sara Cassidy '23**

## Attorney Projects

For multiple years, Tin, Fulton, Walker & Owen has provided several projects that have allowed students to learn about and assist in cases involving civil rights, criminal defense, juvenile justice, and constitutional law.



*"One of our interns worked on a case involving a client who claimed he was wrongfully convicted in 1994. In that case, we were able to uncover 30-year-old fingerprints, taken from the scene of the crime, that were never turned over to the defense and did not match our client. They helped draft a Motion for Appropriate Relief in that case which is currently pending in Pitt County. We hope that that client will soon have his conviction overturned."*

**Abraham Rubert-Schewel**

Attorney at Tin, Fulton, Walker & Owen



*"One student has worked with me on a clemency petition to the Governor on behalf of an adult client. The process involves interviewing clients, communicating with family members, and drafting an advocacy letter. It is rewarding work no matter the outcome, and the clients are enormously appreciative. And of course, if we are successful, students have the rare opportunity to help secure someone's freedom while in law school."*

**Emily Gladden**

Attorney at Tin, Fulton, Walker & Owen

## Free Legal Answers Project

Carolina Law First-Generation Professionals members worked to answer legal questions submitted by members of the community. Thanks also to Nihad Mansour '16 and Sierra Lyda '19 who supervised remotely via Zoom!



Benjamin Axelman '24, Michael Hall '23



Kacie England '24, Gloria Kim '24, Brittany Akers '24, Meghan Fernandez '24, attorney supervisor Nicolas Eason '19.



*"I'm committed to a career in public interest law and I'm especially interested in civil rights litigation aimed at challenging and dismantling systems of mass incarceration. Through Attorney Projects with the Center for Death Penalty Litigation, I got to support attorneys working on capital cases, even in my first semester of law school."*

*I went through the process of changing my own legal first name last year, and I know how confusing it can be. Volunteering with the name change clinic enabled me to gain training and experience with client counseling and draw on my own experiences to support queer and trans North Carolinians navigating a complex legal process."*

**Sunny Frothingham '24**



# Winter and Spring Break Trips Stay Close to Home

## Winter Break

This Winter Break, we partnered with the NC Cancer Hospital's Patient and Family Resource Center to draft healthcare power of attorney documents for patients. Over three days, student volunteers drafted healthcare power of attorney documents and living wills. Students gained direct experience with client contact as well as formal legal drafting.

The highlight of this trip was having the opportunity to produce valuable legal documents for individuals in need.



Winter Break Pro Bono Trip participants Julie Leopold '22 and Amy Price '24 work on advanced directives for NC Cancer Hospital patients.

## Spring Break



Back row left to right: Sabrina Greer '22, Colin Shronts '24, Elvis Mugisha '24, Chris Little '24, Deonta Woods '24, Alex Goodin '24, Enzo Codella '23. Front row left to right: Julie Leopold '22, Kate Shurtleff '23, Cece Barreca '24.

During Spring Break, we partnered with the Marian Cheek Jackson Center and Legal Aid of North Carolina to assist residents of the historically Black Northside Neighborhood in Chapel Hill with wills. This community has been experiencing a loss of homeownership for several decades and an increasing pressure from the demand for student rentals.

Our trip sought to assist property owners to protect their interests upon their death by ensuring their property remains in the possession of their loved ones instead of external investors or other entities, acknowledging the historical difficulties of property owners of color in retaining and passing their wealth across generations. Student participants saw first-hand how legal services can help keep a house a home and preserve the Northside neighborhood.

## Break Projects

This year we continued to offer many pro bono opportunities for students during our Winter and Spring Breaks. We had 164 students participate in Winter Break Pro Bono Projects and 24 students participate in Spring Break Pro Bono Projects. We continued to utilize an online Winter Break sign up process for both break projects.

While this process was created because of COVID, it also is more equitable than the previous process offering greater access for all UNC Law students. This year, we incorporated feedback forms for students to receive specific feedback from their supervising attorneys. We feel fortunate to have so many incredible attorney partners and students that participated in Break Projects!

### Winter Break BY THE NUMBERS

82 Projects

164 Student  
Participants

169 Slots Filled

### Spring Break BY THE NUMBERS

25 Projects

24 Student  
Participants

26 Slots Filled

*"Working with Appalachian State's General Counsel over Winter Break was an incredible experience. It was rewarding giving back to my alma mater through a project that I was intimately involved with as a student. Being a part of UNC's pro bono project allowed me the opportunity to learn through practice and leave a legacy for the next generation of scholars."*

Jared Mark '23



## Pro Bono Program Returns to Cherokee

For nearly a decade, the Pro Bono Program traveled to Western NC for a winter break trip. This year's trip was rescheduled to May, allowing us to enjoy some beautiful mountain weather. Our 7-person volunteer team included 3 2022 graduates, and we served over 20 clients in 2 days, completing wills, power of attorney documents, and expungement petitions. We held clinics in Cherokee and Murphy--the farthest west our program has ever gone. We appreciate partnering with Legal Aid of North Carolina-Smoky Mountain and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office.



Jennifer Kuipers '24, Julius Brittman '23, Julie Leopold '22, Erica Day '22, Allison Constance '09, and Brooks Peterson '24 enjoy the views on the drive to Murphy.





### Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project

The Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project is a hallmark program that consists of a partnership between Legal Aid of North Carolina, the NC Cancer Hospital, and UNC School of Law’s Pro Bono Program. Traditionally, the project is held at the NC Cancer Hospital monthly, allowing students the opportunity to work with attorneys to provide financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney, and advanced directive documents to cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. Last year, due to the pandemic, the Pro Bono Board developed a fully remote version of this project that focused exclusively on financial power of attorney documents. The virtual format allowed students, attorneys, and patient clients to connect remotely. The flexibility of the virtual format allowed the project to reach more patients and provided opportunities for volunteer attorneys and students who otherwise would not be able to participate.



Students and attorneys work together during the spring Cancer Clinic. Taylor Culver '24, Allison Cronin '24, Erin Bennett '20 LANC Attorney, Mary Irvine '11 Volunteer Attorney.

This spring, we held the first in-person Cancer Clinic event since 2020. Attorneys from Legal Aid of North Carolina, supervising attorneys from the community (including several alumni), and students were able to provide financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney, and advanced directive documents for almost ten patients. We value the accessibility and flexibility virtual appointments provided to clients, students, and attorneys, but we were excited to work with clients in person again as well. We are excited to continue with both in-person and virtual opportunities to make even more of an impact for the cancer patients we assist.

1 In-Person Clinic	14 Student Volunteers	18 Clients Assisted
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### Expunction Project

The Expunction Project is a partnership with Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC). LANC assists clients across North Carolina by filing petitions to expunge certain eligible charges from clients’ criminal records. When an expunction is successfully filed, the charges or convictions are removed from the criminal record and the state’s records related to the charge are sealed or destroyed. When someone is charged with a crime, whether the charge gets dismissed or results in a conviction, there are collateral consequences for the person charged. Having this charge on their criminal record can impact a person’s ability to engage in employment, housing, education, public benefits, and other key aspects of modern life. These expunctions help lighten the burden that having a criminal record puts on millions of people impacted by the criminal legal system.

In 2020, student volunteers assisted LANC in getting feedback from the expunction clients and informing clients on changes in expunction law in North Carolina. This year, students transitioned into assisting LANC clients by drafting the petitions for expunctions. Students assessed the criminal records of clients, decided which charges and convictions were eligible for expunctions, and prepared the relevant petitions. These petitions were reviewed by LANC staff, then clients filed their petitions and sought relief from the courts. This project had an incredible impact on North Carolinians seeking expungement relief.



Students and Alumni work together on expungement petitions at a special alumni board event on April 1st.

15 Clinics	28 Student Volunteers	122 Clients Assisted	456 Petitions
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Over fall break, we hosted our expungement project in person at the law school. Top row from left: Alex Slawson '24, Anna Fraser '24, Enzo Codella '23, Daniel Stainkamp '24, Julie Leopold '22, Daniel Kale '19 (Legal Aid NC), Megan Laney '23, Allison Constance '09. Bottom row from left: Josh Cox (Legal Aid NC), Emily Zoffer '24, Jennifer Kuipers '24, Gabrielle James '22, Brianne Megahan '23, Maggie Callahan '23, Daniel Linares (Legal Aid NC).

*“Volunteering with the Expunction Project was an incredibly rewarding experience. Helping clients expunge their criminal records in order to better their lives was an amazing experience. I was able to help clients in need while also improving my drafting skills. My participation in this project has made me want to continue to do this type of pro bono work once I graduate.”*

Michah Rubin '22



# Pro Publico Awards

Each April, the Pro Bono Program celebrates the outstanding pro bono service of students, student groups, faculty, alumni, and community partners at the Pro Bono Publico Awards Reception. Below are this year’s winners.

## 3L Student of the Year

J Hallen '22



For their dedication to legal observing and supporting the right to protest. J has consistently worked and advocated for people in our community while sharing their passion with others.

## 2L Student of the Year

Kate Giduz '23



For her continuing work on the Juvenile Parole Project, Teen Court, and Child Action. Kate also supports other students doing pro bono.

## 1L Student of the Year

Deonta Woods '24



For his consistent time and effort throughout his 1L year on a variety of projects but especially the Innocence Project. Deonta’s classmates say he got right to work on pro bono and inspires them to do the same.

## Sylvia K. Novinsky Award

Jaazaniah Catterall '22



For his commitment to pro bono throughout his three years at UNC. Jaaz has been a tireless advocate not only of the clients for whom he works, but also of the program. He spreads his passion

for pro bono and welcomes all to serve as he does.

## Student Group Project of the Year

Death Penalty Project



For their work with the Center for Death Penalty Litigation (CDPL) on post-conviction death penalty cases. The Death Penalty Project has completed over 300 hours of pro bono this year

helping attorneys evaluate cases and synthesizing all of the information required to litigate a death penalty case.

## Faculty Member of the Year

Holning Lau



For his tireless work providing meaningful pro bono opportunities to students which better the lives of LGBTQIA+ people around the world. Projects included researching

medically-unnecessary surgeries for intersex youth and reviewing personnel policies for compliance and best practices.

## Alumnus of the Year

Stephen Robin '18,  
Sherman & Howard



For his work with the Young Lawyers Division Board at Colorado Lawyers Committee organizing Denver Legal Night , a free legal clinic that served clients who cannot afford legal

services. His dedication to Denver Legal Night helped serve over 1200 clients in the past year.

## Partner Organization of the Year

Legal Aid of North Carolina  
Statewide Expunction Project



Led by Josh Cox, for providing an amazing year long project. The LANC Expunction Team have gone above and beyond in their project and provided excellent mentorship to student volunteers.

# 2021-2022 College Cup



College A students celebrate winning the college cup. Left to right: Halie Mariano, Sophie Vouvalis, Ashley Boutte, Weston Barker, Alex Slawson, Josh Almond.

## College A Wins College Cup

The 1L class competed in the College Cup to determine which College had the highest involvement in pro bono—measured by total hours and participation in pro bono. This year, College A completed 1,138 pro bono hours with 76.92 percent participation within the College. That totals an average of 21.88 hours of pro bono per student! Congratulations to College A, and thank you for your commitment to pro bono service throughout the year!



# Student Recognition

## Class of 2022

### 1000+

Megan Kahane

### 500+

Jaaz Catterall

### 300+

J Hallen  
Julie Leopold  
Nicole Litvan  
Alec Suttle

### 200+

Sabrina Greer  
Courtney Goldston  
Elise Jamison

### 100+

Shauna Baker-Karl  
Bruce Ballard  
Sarah Benecky  
Jacob Brooks  
Hannah Caison  
Rowan Conybeare  
Meredith Doswell  
Veronica Edmonds  
Trey Ellis  
Jacob Farrell  
Gabrielle James  
Laura Johnson  
Avery Locklear  
Hanna Long  
Mitchell Lucas  
Adhitya Mahesh  
William Metcalf  
Erica Miller  
Olivia Perez LaBore  
Caroline Randive  
Carson Sanders  
Allison Shaughnessy  
Gabby Supak  
Sasha Telyukov

### 75+

Hahn “Jake” Choi  
Marissa Flack  
Lucy Green  
Madeline Guise  
Le Ho  
Dakota Lipscombe  
Hannah Simmons  
Anna Turner  
Montana Vaughn

### 50+

Tracy Ayotte  
Bonnie Ballard  
George “Dylan” Boan  
Lauren Boone  
Elizabeth Bryan  
Nicholas Carter  
Carolina Christman  
Courtney Cohen  
Madeline Colvin  
Anna Comer  
Keenan Conder  
Jericho Cook  
Andrew Coyle  
Erica Day  
Brian Fleming  
Imani Johnson  
Samantha LeJune  
Stephanie Long  
Aaron “Roger” Love  
Matthew Marlowe  
Dreshawn McFadden  
Krista Peace  
Kevin Poursaied  
Rebecka Reibe  
William “Bill” Rubin  
Colin Russell  
Adreanna Sellers  
Christie Shaw  
Adam Skrzecz  
Haley Tanner  
Parker Williams

## Class of 2023

### 400+

Hannah Marion

### 200+

Sara Cassidy  
Enzo Codella  
Sawyer Davis  
Kate Giduz  
Sarah Henning  
Brianna Megahan  
Richard-Vinh Nguyen-Le  
Wynter Wolff

### 100+

Carly Amatuzzo  
Marcus Brown  
Margaret Callahan  
Olivia Clark  
Courtney Coppage  
Fiona Craig  
Hannah Daigle  
Katherine DeAngelis  
Gabriele Delgado  
Alexa Frades  
Nina Ganti  
Margaret Hay  
Ashley Haynes  
Jared Mark  
Elijah Moffe  
Taylor Osborne  
Sara Ramseur  
Isabel Rose  
Jacob Schindler  
Tyler Ventura  
Meagan Watson  
Michael Wilson

### 75+

Avery Aulds  
Fatmeh Basma  
Anna-Jamieson Beck  
Julius Brittman  
Sarah Cheeley  
Sierra Deol  
Chyanne Flores  
Adam Gillette  
Madison Gladwell  
Audra Goldstein  
John Gray  
James Huey  
Sara Margolis  
Mercedes Miles  
Morgan Mumford  
Juan Carlos Pacheco  
Kate Shurtleff  
Sydney Welch  
Samantha White  
Meredith Yates

### 50+

Rachel Allore  
Leslie Baledge  
Ellenor Brown  
Mason Butner  
Dorothy Chen  
Pearson Cost  
Jason Davidson  
Alessandra Deiorio  
Dylan Jones  
David Katahira  
Michael Kenney  
Alexandra Lawson  
Will Meekins  
Jacob Perrone  
Elizabeth Poole  
Allison Claire Staley Quigley  
Huimeng Ren  
Grayon Sotir  
Kendall Williams  
Mary Wilson  
Reaghan Wooster

*“Pro bono has been my favorite part of law school. I’ve worked on over 20 projects in various practice areas. I’ve been able to remember where I started out while assisting student advocates at Orange County Teen Court. I volunteered with a similar program in high school and am grateful that I have been able to once again volunteer with such an important program.*

*I’ve become a Guardian ad Litem, which I had considered doing for years. As a court-appointed advocate for a child in the care of DSS, I’ve gained*

*the unique perspective of advocating for a child as a witness. That experience allows me to understand and relate to clients and witnesses in a way I never would have otherwise.*

*I am also passionate about domestic and sexual violence work. Through several pro bono projects, including the Juvenile Parole Project and the Jail Calls Project, I’ve begun to understand the aftermath of those cases on multiple parties. Through pro bono work, I have discovered how to utilize my passion and skills to help those who need it most.”*

**Megan Kahane ’22**

*First Ever Recipient of the 1000 Hour Award*



## Class of 2024

### 150+

Deonta Woods

### 100+

Allison Cronin  
Sunny Frothingham  
Alex Goodin

### 75+

Katherine Bock  
Taylor Culver  
Kate Kozain  
Allison Kraynek  
Halie Mariano  
Dvimidha Muniappan  
Morgan Schriener  
Emily Zoffer

### 50+

Hayfa Ayoubi  
Cecilia Barreca  
Kayley Carpenter  
Jess Errico  
Jodie Jackson  
Melanie Kennedy  
Amy Price  
Katherine Robinson  
McGee Roman  
Alexandra Spratley  
Elisa Sturkie

# Agency, Firm & Organizational Partners

ACLU Capital Punishment Project  
 Advancement Project  
 Alleman Law Firm  
 American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi  
 Appalachian State University  
 Atlanta Legal Aid Society  
 Bessemer City  
 Brooks Pierce  
 Carolina Student Legal Services, Inc.  
 Cary Town Attorney's Office  
 Case Law Ltd.  
 Center for Death Penalty Litigation  
 Center for Responsible Lending  
 Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy  
 Charns Law Office  
 Children's Advocacy Centers of NC  
 Children's Law Center of Central NC  
 City of Durham  
 Compass Center for Women and Families  
 Council for Children's Rights  
 Cranfill Sumner LLP  
 Dare County Public Defenders Office  
 Dean Jack Boger  
 Death Penalty Information Center  
 DeKalb County District Attorney's Office  
 Delaware-New Jersey National Lawyers Guild  
 Deputy Staff Judge Advocate  
 Disability Rights NC  
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office  
 Elliot Morgan Parsonage, PLLC  
 Emancipate NC  
 Environmental Justice Initiative  
 Equality NC  
 Federal District Court, Middle District of NC  
 Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of NC  
 Forrest Firm  
 Forward Justice  
 Foundation for Individual Rights in Education  
 Future of Privacy Forum  
 Gaston County Public Defender  
 Georgia Capital Defender's Office  
 Grimes Teich Anderson LLP  
 Guardian Ad Litem  
 Guardian Ad Litem District 15B  
 Guilford County Public Defender's Office  
 Health in Justice Action Lab at Northeastern University School of Law  
 HIAS  
 Hometown Strong - NC  
 Hotline for Refugees and Migrants  
 Judge Joe L. Webster  
 Judge Louis Trosch  
 Judicial District 22A  
 Juvenile Parole Project  
 Kilpatrick Townsend  
 King Law Offices  
 Land Loss Prevention Project  
 Law Office of Christopher J. Heaney  
 Law Office of Javá O. Warren  
 Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin

Law Office of Lisa Bakale-Wise  
 Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
 Legal Aid of NC- Battered Immigrant Project  
 Legal Aid of NC- Central Intake Unit  
 Legal Aid of NC- Disaster Relief  
 Legal Aid of NC- Durham  
 Legal Aid of NC- Fair Housing Project  
 Legal Aid of NC- Medical Legal Partnership  
 Legal Aid of NC- Pittsboro  
 Legal Aid of NC- Raleigh  
 Legal Aid of NC- Senior Law Project  
 Legal Aid of NC- Smoky Mountain  
 Legal Aid of NC- Wilson  
 Legal Aid Society of Cleveland  
 Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia  
 Lively Law Firm  
 Mark Montgomery, Attorney  
 McGuireWoods  
 Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office  
 Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office  
 Mecklenburg County Superior Court  
 Moore & Van Allen, PLLC  
 Movement Law Lab  
 National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys  
 National Health Law Program  
 National Police Accountability Project  
 National Veterans Legal Services Program  
 NC Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division  
 NC Bar Foundation  
 NC Cancer Hospital  
 NC Center on Actual Innocence  
 NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
 NC Department of Justice  
 NC Department of Justice - Environmental Division  
 NC Department of Public Safety, Office of General Counsel  
 NC Department of the Secretary of State  
 NC Division of Aging and Adult Services  
 NC Domestic Violence Commission  
 NC Equal Access to Justice Commission  
 NC Governor's Office, General Counsel  
 NC Innocence Inquiry Commission  
 NC Justice Center  
 NC Museum of Art  
 NC National Guard Legal Assistance  
 NC Office of Indigent Defense Services - Forensic Resource Counsel  
 NC Office of the Capital Defender  
 NC Prisoner Legal Services, Inc.  
 NC Pro Bono Resource Center  
 NC State Bureau of Investigation  
 NC Supreme Court  
 NCCU School of Law Name Change Clinic  
 New York Legal Assistance Group  
 Northeastern University School of Law Health in Justice Action Lab  
 Notre Dame - Athletics Department  
 Office of Defense Services - Delaware  
 Office of the Solicitor, US Department of Labor  
 Orange County Clerk of Superior Court  
 Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Office  
 Orange County District Attorney's Office  
 Orange County Public Defender's Office  
 Orange County Sheriff's Office  
 Pisgah Legal Services

Pitt County District Attorney's Office  
 Professor Andy Hessick  
 Professor Deborah Gerhardt  
 Professor Donald Hornstein  
 Professor Holning Lau  
 Professor Kaci Bishop  
 Professor Maria Savasta-Kennedy  
 Professor Ruth Ann McKinney  
 Promise of Justice Initiative  
 Scharff Law Firm  
 Senter Stephenson Johnson  
 Sidley Austin LLP  
 Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP  
 Southern Environmental Law Center  
 Student Press Law Center  
 Sustainable Economies Law Center  
 The Brewington Law Firm, PLLC  
 The Community Legal Project  
 The Law Office of Derrick J. Hensley, PLLC  
 The Law Office of Sarah Holladay  
 The Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History  
 Thurgood Marshall State Law Library  
 Tin Fulton Walker & Owen, PLLC  
 Triage Cancer  
 Truth or Err Education Blockchain Protocol  
 U.S. Attorney's Office - Maryland  
 U.S. Attorney's Office- Baltimore  
 U.S. Attorney's Office- Eastern District NC  
 U.S. Attorney's Office- N.D. Illinois  
 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants  
 U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division  
 U.S. Department of Treasury  
 U.S. District Court- Western District NC  
 U.S. Navy JAG Corps  
 UNC Athletics Department  
 UNC Child Action  
 UNC Domestic & Sexual Violence Clinic  
 UNC Greensboro  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Community Development  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Domestic Violence Clinic  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Immigration Clinic  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Intellectual Property Clinic  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Startup NC  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Youth Justice  
 UNC Law Clinical Programs- Critical Race Lawyering Civil Rights Clinic  
 UNC Law Institute for Innovation  
 UNC National Lawyers Guild  
 UNC School of Government  
 UNC SOGIESC Human Rights Initiative  
 UNC Teen Court Assistance Program  
 UNC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
 UNC-Charlotte  
 United States Coast Guard  
 United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit  
 Wake County District Court  
 Wake County Public Defender's Office  
 William Massengale  
 Williams Mullen  
 Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law  
 Winston & Strawn LLP  
 Zola, Wegman, and Associates

## Note from Director of Pro Bono Initiatives



Allison Constance '09

The 2021-22 school year was a time of growth and resetting for the Pro Bono Program. New projects and partnerships like the Eviction project with Disability Rights NC and the Expungement project created opportunities for students to help individuals live sustainable, independent lives.

For the second year in a row, our break trips program did not leave Orange County, yet students found meaningful opportunities to serve clients as we traveled across campus to UNC Hospitals and across town to the Marian Cheek Jackson Center.

At the same time, our long-time partnerships remain continuous and steady, and for that, we are truly grateful. One of those continuous partnerships is with

our friends in Cherokee and Western North Carolina, and although it took until after graduation to go, we are so happy to have returned for two pro bono clinics in May.

The outstanding dedication of Carolina Law students to do pro bono work and to meet unmet legal needs withstands the tests of time, and each year, our students show passion, commitment, and a deep understanding of their obligation to use their skills to help others.

While the need for legal services is overwhelming in our community and our world, our hearts are a little lighter knowing that Carolina Law students will be there to help in the present and as they incorporate pro bono work in their practice for years to come.





## 2021-2022 Student Pro Bono Board

Top row from left: Allison Constance '09, Hannah Marion '23, Enzo Codella '22, Sawyer Davis '23, Sabrina Greer '22, Brianne Megahan '23, Jaaz Catterall '22. Bottom row from left: Sarah Henning '23, Julie Leopold '22, Courtney Goldston '22, Maggie Callahan '23, Halie Mariano '24, Taylor Osborne '23.

### A Note from the Pro Bono Alumni Board

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the Pro Bono Alumni Board over the past year. Even in the midst of the various challenges created by the pandemic, the Pro Bono Alumni Board's commitment to providing legal services for the most vulnerable communities has never wavered.

The Pro Bono Alumni Board has worked diligently this year to support the next generation of lawyers by mentoring student pro bono board members, facilitating pro bono experiences for students, and supervising pro bono projects like the spring break trip to Asheville to assist veterans with VA benefits.

The Alumni Board has continued to foster and promote a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion by educating its members on ways to create an affirming environment for historically marginalized groups. Additionally, the Alumni Board has launched efforts to raise money for the Pro Bono Endowment Fund and to recognize UNC Law alumni for their pro bono work.

As we return to a new normal, the Pro Bono Alumni Board will adapt as necessary to continue supporting law students' development while also supporting projects and organizations that bridge the gap and provide needed legal services to vulnerable and marginalized communities.



**Erika Jones '12**  
Chair, Pro Bono Alumni Board



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## Student Board

**Student Director:** Julie Leopold '22

**3L Class Coordinator:** Courtney Goldston '22

**2L Class Coordinator:** Taylor Osborne '23

**1L Class Coordinator:** Halie Mariano '24

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