

Annual Report 2022–2023



Letter from the Program Director



Hannah Marion '23

Student Director, Pro Bono Program

It has been an honor to serve as the Director of the Pro Bono Board this year. While this year has been challenging, I have had the opportunity to witness the amazing work of our students and board members.

Our board spent a lot of time thinking about ways we could improve and define who we are as a Pro Bono Program.

We spent time gathering feedback from students and thoughtfully brainstorming together ways that we can improve based on that feedback.

We also took steps to put those ideas into action.

I am excited to see the ways that our program continues to grow and exemplify our values next year.



2022-2023 marked the 25th year of the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program. To celebrate, the Pro Bono Board planned a 90s themed National Celebrate Pro Bono Week and incentivized student participation with pro bono hats for each student logging 25 or more hours during the school year. At the Practically Transitioned dinner, graduating students with 75+ hours had the opportunity to hear from Candice Wooten Brown '01, a board member from one of the first Pro Bono Boards.

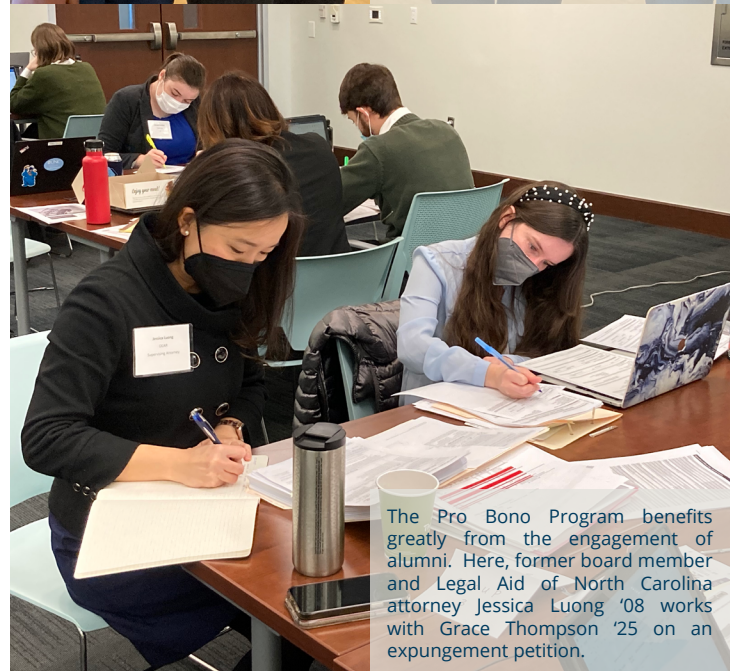
In 25 years, Carolina Law students have logged roughly

170,000
pro bono hours.

Class	Total Hours	Participation Percentage
Class of 2023	14,419	100%
Class of 2024	7,056	91.71%
Class of 2025	5,935	59.04%



Sarah Dobbs '25, Juliana Bird '25, Aubree Cosper '25, and Mandy Mericle '25 each logged over 25 hours of pro bono and received a 25th anniversary hat.



The Pro Bono Program benefits greatly from the engagement of alumni. Here, former board member and Legal Aid of North Carolina attorney Jessica Luong '08 works with Grace Thompson '25 on an expungement petition.



Program Founder Sylvia Novinsky and Candice Wooten Brown '01 reminisced about the early days of the Pro Bono Program at the Practically Transitioned dinner in May.

Research & Writing Opportunities

WINTER BREAK PROJECTS



Kacie England '24

Homeless Veteran Legal Needs Assessment with Warrior Legal Services Organization

I loved getting to work both virtually and in person with Warrior Legal Services Organization.

I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to speak directly with potential clients and get a better sense of what legal services might be needed in the area I will be living in after graduation.

Being able to volunteer in my future community was a wonderful way to spend part of break!

58

Winter Break Projects

89

Student Participants

93

Project Slots Filled

ATTORNEY PROJECTS

46

Attorney Projects

79

Student Participants



Though Attorney Projects are largely done remotely, the Pro Bono Board organized several co-working sessions to provide students an opportunity to share space and encouragement as they work on individual projects.



Emancipate NC was named our Partner of the Year in recognition of the many projects they posted for students throughout the year and the high-quality of supervision their attorneys provided.

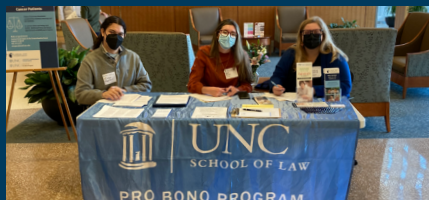
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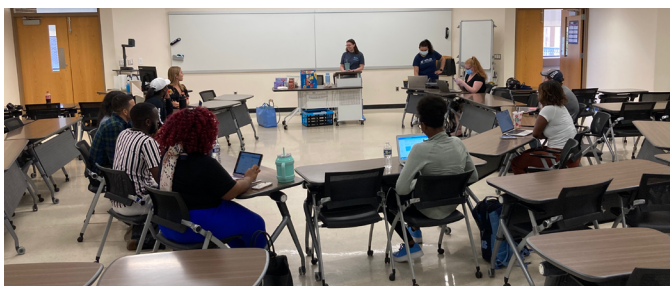
FALL BREAK

Chapel Hill, NC
Special Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project Clinic
at NC Basnight Cancer Hospital

Durham, NC
Better Together Expungement Project in
Conjunction with Duke Law and North
Carolina Central University School of Law and
the Durham Expungement and Restoration
(DEAR) Program



Student Groups



This year, BLSA participated in the standing expunction clinic and partnered with the Land Loss Prevention Project to do a wills clinic at the Jackson Center on Rosemary Street. These projects gave students the chance to work on court documents and interact with clients. Outside of these projects, members have committed to pro bono through participation in the UNC Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project and various other projects.

STUDENT GROUPS WHO COMPLETED PROJECTS

Broun National Trial Team
Law Students Against Sexual and
Domestic Violence (LSASDV)
Black Law Students Association
(BLSA)
Christian Legal Society
Environmental Law Project

Hispanic Latino Law Students
Association (HLLSA)
Veterans Advocacy Legal
Organization (VALOR)
Child Action
Innocence Project
OutLaw
National Lawyers Guild



Before their March meeting, Pro Bono Alumni Board members collaborated with students on a lunch-time pro bono project.

The Pro Bono Alumni Board, led by Chair Ashley McAlarney '14 and Vice-Chair Ramona McGee '14 provide opportunities for students to connect with alumni, provide a diverse range of projects, and learn valuable lessons for practice.

This year, our Coffee Chat series expanded, providing 8 different coffee chats to 34 students. Topics included intellectual property, regulatory compliance, working as in-house counsel, prisoner rights, healthcare, privacy, and more.



Deonta Woods '24 hosted a coffee chat where Brooks Pierce attorney Sarah Saint shared how she incorporates LGBTQ impact litigation with her regular practice.

Alumni Engagement

WINTER BREAK

Marion, NC

Wills, Durable Power of Attorney Documents, and Advanced Directives at the McDowell County Senior Center with Legal Aid of NC-Foothills

The Winter Break clinics in Marion, NC had a great turnout, and our clients emphasized the importance of hosting clinics in geographically underserved areas across the state. When not working at the clinic, we also got the marvelous opportunity to explore the gorgeous Blue Ridge Parkway and visit the Southern Highland Craft Guild in nearby Asheville.

SPRING BREAK

Cherokee & Bryson City, NC

Wills and Power of Attorney Documents with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office and Expungements with Legal Aid of North Carolina



Expunction Project



Brianne Megahan '23 poses with project leader Laurena Grissett '21 from Legal Aid of NC.

Brianne Megahan '23

Community Services Coordinator

The Expunction Project is a collaboration with Legal Aid of North Carolina's Second Chance Team. Students that volunteer with the project are able to assess client's criminal records and draft petitions for those clients to get their records expunged.

Clients that are helped have been charged with crimes, and either had the charges dismissed or were

convicted of an expungeable offense and have fully served their sentence. Having a criminal record can impact a person's ability to get education, proper housing, public benefits, and employment.

In recognition of the disproportionate impact criminal records have on people of color, the Expunction Project teamed up with the Black Law Students Association for a clinic in the Fall that was attended by 19 student-volunteers.

14 Expunction Clinics

39 Student Volunteers



Paul Brown '25

Working with the Expunction Project has helped me to understand difficulties

that arise in the justice system that I was not aware of prior to law school.

Assisting with expunctions reminds me why I chose to come to law school and makes me feel like I am making a difference.

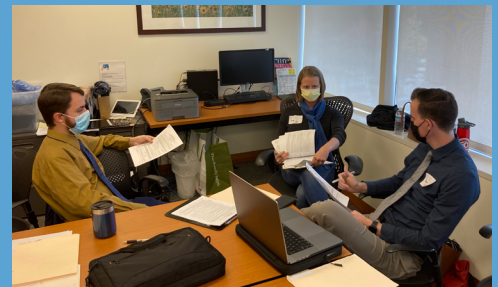
CANCER PROJECT

The UNC Cancer Pro Bono Project brings law student and attorney volunteers to the NC Basnight Cancer Hospital to draft Financial Power of Attorney documents for cancer patients and their caregivers in partnership with Legal Aid of North Carolina.

This important document allows an individual to designate a trusted person to handle their financial matters if and when they are unable to do so themselves.

After two years of remote client interviews, the UNC Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project finally returned to the hospital this year, and we were able to serve our clients while forging meaningful connections through the in-person interview process.

Over the course of six clinics, the UNC Cancer Pro Bono Legal Project served 24 clients and hosted over 70 student and



attorney volunteers. We are so thankful for the opportunity to contribute to our healthcare community in this small but impactful way, and we can't wait to continue this valuable work next year!

6 Clinics

24 Clients Assisted

54 Student Participants

18 Attorney Volunteers

Student Recognition

CLASS OF 2023

600+

Hannah Corinne Marion

300+

Sofia Verónica Montez
Richard-Vinh Nguyen-Le
Sawyer Davis
Sarah E. Henning
Brienne E. Megahan
Elijah John Moffe

200+

Wynter M. Wolff
Kate Elizabeth Giduz
Sara R. Cassidy
Jared A. Mark
Kate Jacquelyn Shurtleff
Mary Olivia Clark
Courtney May Coppage

100+

Carly Amatuzzo
Gabrielle Mangru Delgado
Julius Crosby Brittman
Margaret H. Hay
Isabel J. Rose
Adam C. Gillette
Madison R. Gladwell
Taylor Denise Osborne
Meagan Alexis Watson
Nina Theresa Ganti
Sara Irene Margolis
Maggie Callahan
Alexa N. Frades
Katherine M. DeAngelis
Rachel Allore
Tyler James Ventura
Reaghan R. Wooster
Sara Catherine Markov
Anna J. Beck
Meredith Paige Yates

Fiona Garver Craig
Jacob Isaac Brooks
Marcus W. Brown
Allison C. Quigley
Fatmeh Basma
Sydney Welch
Daniel Jordan Rios
Michelle A. Bauer
Siarra Kaur Deol
Austin Tyler Futrell
Ashley Haynes
Michael Stuart Wilson
Allison H. Gray
James B. Huey
Sarah Katherine Cheeley
Pearson Gustave Cost
Hannah Morgan Daigle
Morgan E. Mumford
Kendall Danielle Williams
Meagan Lynnsey Jackson
Ralph William Meekins
Mercedes Arianna Miles
Jake Schindler

75+

Chyanne Flores
Avery E. Aulds
John Sutherland Gray
Alessandra L. Deiorio
David Kenji Katahira
Michael J. Kenney
Jason N. Davidson
Anyia Katherine Hovanich
Grayson William Sotir
Dorothy Chen
Joseph Lucas Taylor
John Chambers

50+

Leslie Brooke Baledge
Mary Stewart Wilson
Alexandra Michelle Lawson

Jacob M. Perrone
Steven M. Constantin
Rachel A. Holtzman
Huimeng Ren
Diana Kathleen Fairweather
Mason P. Butner
Dylan O'Ryan Jones
Kasey Amalia West
Aurora L. Jaques
Rebekah Dare Guin
Ellenor Reid Brown
Elisabeth Tidwell
Duma Ali
Katherine L. Mansoor
John G. Monroe
Elizabeth Grey Poole

CLASS OF 2024

300+

Deonta Raheem Woods
Emily Rachel Zoffer

200+

Alex Goodin

100+

Allison Cronin
Morgan Michelle Louise Schriner
Cecilia Barreca
Halie Mariano
Taylor S. Culver
Katherine Ellen Bock
SJ Smith
Benjamin Wood
Robin P. Bleiweis
Xavier Dyer
Jess Errico
Sunny Khan Frothingham
Allison E. Kraynek
Kate Alexandra Loan Kozain
Meghan Garrett Rankins

Alex Spratley
Dvimidha Muniappan
Hayfa Ayoubi
Margaret M. Roman
Blythe Riggan

75+

Audra I. Goldstein
Mckenna A. Fono
Daniel Emerson Stainkamp
Kayley Carpenter
Melanie Jane Kennedy
Acton Henley
Elisa Suzanne Sturkie
Sofia Ester Louise Hnatzuk-Escobal
Amy R. Price
Laura Fisher
Annalise Connelly Graves

50+

Kayla N. Chargois
Jennifer M. Kuipers
Abigail M. Perdew
Ariel Wynne Freedman
Reece W. Porath
Juliette M. Lafargue
Kacie England
Andrew Woodall Kragie
Alexis Charlene Benson
Mallory P. Verez
Sharis Molly Manokian
Katrina Louise Hauprich
Kathryn Paige Robinson
Ruth Elia Kintzele
Amber R. Knepper
Lauren Hubbard
Ashley Trobaugh Loveless
Lauren S. Pless
Robert M. Porter
Connor Wallace Green
Jodie Jackson

CLASS OF 2025

200+

Juliana K. Bird

150+

Mandy Mericle

100+

Gabrielle Anna Schust
Brynn Anders Cameron Story

75+

Eve Chung
Taylor P. Cole
Dylan T. Jones
Morgan W. Lee
Emma Grace Schambach
Aprie'La Charmea Warren

50+

Drew T. Alexander
Madeleine Grace Clahane
Aubree M. Cosper
Manasi Neeraj Deorah
Chloe Leann Nichols
Grace Elizabeth Roberts

2022 - 2023 PRO BONO BOARD

Director

Hannah Marion '23

3L Class Coordinator

Taylor Osborne '23

2L Class Coordinator

Taylor Culver '24

1L Class Coordinator

Aprie'la Warren '25

Alumni Outreach Coordinator

Deonta Woods '24

Break Projects and Attorney Projects

Sawyer Davis '23

Cancer Clinic Coordinator

Alex Goodin '24

Community Services Coordinator

Brienne Megahan '23



Special Trips Coordinators

Sofia Verónica Montez '23
Xavier Dyer '24

Student Group Projects Coordinator

Halie Mariano '24

Director of Pro Bono Initiatives

Allison Constance '09

Pro Bono Publico Awards

The Pro Bono Program is pleased to celebrate the outstanding pro bono service of members of the UNC Law community at the Pro Bono Publico Awards Reception in April. Below are this year's winners.



AWARD WINNERS

Rich Nguyen-Le '23 *Sylvia K. Novinsky Award*

For his commitment to serving marginalized communities and meaningful work on a variety of pro bono projects.

Hannah Marion '23 *Sylvia K. Novinsky Award*

For her unwavering commitment to pro bono during her time at UNC Law.

Kate Giduz '23 *3L Student of the Year*

For her impact on communities in North Carolina through pro bono, including her work on the Juvenile Parole Project.

Elijah Mofte '23 *3L Student of the Year*

For his considerable contributions to pro bono this year, including his work with Forward Justice.

Emily Zoffer '24 *2L Student of the Year*

For her incredible work coordinating and participating in the Text Abby project.

Juliana Bird '25 *1L Student of the Year*

For her tireless commitment to pro bono throughout her 1L year and her efforts to involve other 1Ls in pro bono work.

Black Law Students Association *Student Group Project of the Year*

For their dedication to offering multiple pro bono projects, including expunction and wills clinics.

Beth Posner '97 *Faculty Member of the Year*

For supervising the Text Abby project and training and inspiring students to support teens seeking a judicial bypass.

Tod Leaven '10 *Alumnus of the Year*

For his work on behalf of veterans seeking discharge upgrades and partnership with VALOR.

Emancipate NC *Partner/Organization of the Year*

For the wide variety of social justice opportunities provided to students and excellent attorney supervision.

Agency, Firm & Organizational Partners

Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys
 Allyn Sharp Law
 Army Jag
 Association of Administrative Law Judges
 Beldock Levine & Hoffman LLP
 Bradley
 Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP
 Carolina Abortion Fund
 Carolina Common Enterprise
 Catawba County District Attorney's Office
 Center for Death Penalty Litigation
 Center for International Environmental Law
 Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
 Chatham County Public Defender's Office
 Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina
 City of Durham
 City of Port Angeles
 Colorado State Public Defender Dillon Regional Office
 Compass Center for Women and Families
 Contra Costa Public Defender
 Council for Children's Rights
 Dauphin County Bar Association
 Durham Expungement and Restoration (DEAR) Program
 Democracy NC
 Disability Rights North Carolina
 District Court 10th Judicial District
 Dorn Law, PLLC
 Durham Housing Authority
 East Carolina University
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legal Assistance Office
 Emancipate NC
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Federal Public Defender - Eastern District of North Carolina
 Firelands Workers Action / Acción de Trabajadores
 Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
 Fort Bragg and XVIII Airborne Corps, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
 Forward Justice
 Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
 Georgia Capital Defender Office
 Georgia Innocence Project
 Gregory Goad
 Guardian ad Litem - North Carolina
 Administrative Office of the Courts

Guardian Ad Litem District 15B
 Harnett and Lee Counties District Attorney's Office
 InterAct
 Judge James Ammons
 Juvenile Parole Project
 Kimberly Hoppin, Attorney at Law
 Land Loss Prevention Project
 Law Offices of F. Bryan Brice, Jr.
 Warrior Legal Services
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Durham)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Fair Housing Project)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Medical Legal Partnership)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Foothills)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina (Smoky Mountain)
 Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.
 Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
 Management Information Exchange
 Mark Montgomery, Attorney
 McGuireWoods
 Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office
 Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office
 NC Department of Justice
 National Veterans Legal Services Program
 NC Bar Association
 NC Basnight Cancer Hospital
 NC Center on Actual Innocence
 NC Court of Appeals
 NC Domestic Violence Commission
 NC Innocence Inquiry Commission
 NC Justice Center
 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 Supreme Court
 New Hanover County Public Defender's Office
 New York Legal Assistance Group
 Nicholson Pham, PLLC
 North Carolina Bar Foundation
 North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law
 North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 North Carolina Court of Appeals - Judge Jefferson Griffin
 Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Office

Orange County District Attorney's Office
 Orange County Public Defender's Office
 Orange County VITA
 Piedmont Defenders
 Pisgah Legal Services
 Professor Emeritus Richard Rosen
 Public Defender Services of Washington D.C.
 RTI International
 Scharff Law Firm
 Southern Center for Human Rights
 Southern Coalition for Social Justice
 Southern Environmental Law Center
 Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
 Tin Fulton Walker & Owen, PLLC
 Two Families Law
 U.S. Attorney's Office (E.D.N.C.)
 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
 U.S. District Court (D.C.)
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
 U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
 UNC - Child Action
 UNC - Death Penalty Project
 UNC - Driver's License Restoration Project (DLRP)
 UNC - Faculty/Staff
 UNC - Innocence Project
 UNC - Law Students Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
 UNC - National Lawyers Guild (NLG)
 UNC Center for Media Law and Policy
 UNC Charlotte Student Legal Services, Inc.
 UNC Clinical Programs - Startup NC
 UNC Greensboro
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Community Development
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Domestic and Sexual Violence Clinic
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Immigration/ Human Rights Policy
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Intellectual Property Clinic
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Military and Veterans Law
 UNC Law Clinical Program - Youth Justice
 UNC Law Clinical Programs - Immigration Clinic
 UNC School of Government
 UNC SOGIESC Human Rights Initiative
 UNC: Institutional Integrity and Risk Management
 United States Coast Guard
 United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit
 Uptown People's Law Center
 US District Court for the District of New Mexico
 US District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
 Utah Central Association of REALTORS
 Veterans Advocacy Legal Organization (VALOR)
 Victim Rights Law Center
 Voter Protection Hotline
 Wake County District Attorney's Office
 Wake County Public Defender's Office
 Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Right and Urban Affairs
 Wilder Pantazis Law Group
 Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law