

ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR *PRO BONO* WORK

Funding is not the only answer to surviving as a volunteer intern or extern. You can reduce housing costs by living with friends or relatives, in campus housing or sublet your apartment. Some students have obtained part-time work to supplement their summer legal work. Also, do not under value the importance of the experience, contacts and networking you can accomplish during your internship or externship.

EXTERNSHIPS

- Students participating in legal work without compensation at approved non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, or for judges can earn academic credit for their work. The students must work under the direct supervision of an attorney and complete assignments such as interviewing clients and witnesses; researching legal questions; preparing pleadings; drafting discovery motions and briefs; and, in some instances, trying cases.
- To gain credit for an externship, students must have approval of the College of Law Clinical Externship Director before beginning work. Student must complete hourly work requirements and externship evaluations to receive credit. For more information about externship credit requirements and an application, contact Assistant Dean Virginia Vermillion in the Office of Career Services.

***PRO BONO* NOTATION**

- The College of Law offers an optional “pro bono” notation on its transcripts for students who perform 60 hours of pro bono service during their three years of law school. The notation will appear on the official and unofficial transcripts of qualified students. It will also appear on the report card for the semester in which the Pro Bono Notation is earned. On official transcript and report cards, the notation will read, “Pro Bono Service.”
- More detailed information about the *pro bono* notation and an application are available in the Career Services Resource Room.