

# CELEBRATE

# PRO BONO

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# National Pro Bono Celebration

## October 25-31, 2020

The Pro Bono Program is taking this week to sponsor just a few special opportunities for students to engage in our community.

Monday- Friday      *Best Class Food Drive*

Tuesday, 9-12      *Virtual Pro Bono Reading Day*

Friday, 9-12      *Virtual Pro Bono Reading Day*

Friday, 2-5      *Virtual Friday Blitz*

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The **Best Class Food Drive** is the USC School of Law effort to support **Harvest Hope Food Bank**. During this week donations may be made in several ways:

**Venmo**

- 1L Matthew Hicks, @Matthew-Hicks96
- 2L Nicole Pares @Nicole-Pares
- 3L Renique Robinson, @Renique-Robinson

**Cash or check**

Deliver to Room 386, Pamela Robinson

**Amazon Smile**- use Charity List and have delivered directly to Harvest Hope Food Bank

Non-Perishable food (special needs- tuna, peanut butter, mac/cheese, dried beans)  
Designated boxes in front of the Cafe

Updates, daily tally, etc. on 386° View Blog, Pro Bono Facebook, Instagram

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## Food Facts

1 in 6 people in SC struggle daily to put food on the table

This includes 100,000 children

The average person only uses the Emergency Food Pantry 3 times

Harvest Hope distributed 33 million lbs of food last year



## Virtual Pro Bono Reading Days

The Pro Bono Program has teamed up with the Midlands Reading Consortium to sponsor two mornings of law school volunteers reading to local k-2nd grade classes. The Cat in the Hat knows a lot about that! The benefits of reading to these classes is a win-win. The kids learn and you have a great time sharing your time!

Sign up now for a 30 minute slot on either Oct. 27 or Oct. 30. If the 1st slot is filled; plenty of room for subs. We are also gauging future interest. Yes, the reading will be done virtually but the books are real! **SIGN UP NOW!** Open to everyone who wants to read to kids!

## Virtual Friday Blitz

The [SC Bar](#) hosts an online forum where the public can post legal questions and seek answers. This forum is: [www.SC.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://www.SC.FreeLegalAnswers.org).

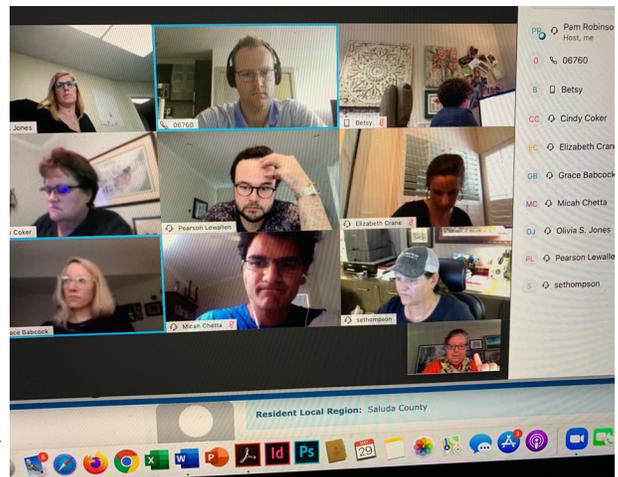
From time to time a backlog queue of questions develops. The **Friday Blitz** is our way of helping to reduce that backlog and get accurate responses to those seeking advice.

**How does it work?** Right now teams of volunteer lawyers and law students are joining up virtually. Using the chat feature each team reviews a question and discusses optional responses. The student then drafts an answer, locates possible resources. Once the draft is reviewed and approved by the attorney, it is posted back to the client! Check one off the list and move on to another! Topics range from landlord-tenant, bankruptcy, probate, family law, benefits, employment and others. The site is not for questions about criminal issues but some sneak in.

**Why would a 2L or 3L want to participate?** Everyone talks about getting real experience. It can't get any more real than this! It is a great networking opportunity and a chance to learn about what resources are available in SC. Some day you will have real clients and you never know what might be useful and make you a hero!

**How do you sign up?** Right [here](#)

The Oct. 30th **Friday Blitz** welcomes pets and since it will be close to Halloween, costumes are encouraged!



**The USC School of Law Pro Bono Program celebrates 31 years of making a difference!**