

# The Difference

News and updates from the Pro Bono Program



## Phi Delta Phi Virtual Auction!

**Bid on unique items from your law faculty and staff as well as from local businesses!**

All proceeds benefit the *Public Interest Summer Grant Program* which offers a stipend to law students working in public interest over the summer. This opportunity allows students to gain invaluable experience in a field of interest that they otherwise might not be able to due to financial constraints. It also provides service organizations who cannot afford to hire summer associates with much-needed legal assistance.

From **March 15-19, 2021**, Phi Delta Phi will join with law school faculty and staff to auction off exciting experiences and items to support the 2021 Public Interest Summer Grants.

Check out the auction items  
<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341697464>

If you have questions contact Catherine Catoe  
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## M.Y. Pro Bono

Managing Your Pro Bono

What takes just 3 seconds to do, does not hurt and helps the Pro Bono Program?

Answer- M. Y. Pro Bono. Yes, we have a winner! Click on this link <http://bit.ly/2KikRvD> and log in the time you have spent on pro bono activities. Simple!



## Pro Bono Award Nominations

Each year the Pro Bono Board recognizes ten *Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteers* and one *Volunteer of the Year*. Are you one of those dedicated people who has demonstrated your commitment to the ethic of service through pro bono activities? Do you know someone who quietly goes about doing great work just because? Time to step up and show your stuff. Open to all students. Criteria and a simple application located online at: <http://bit.ly/2tEuugi> **Deadline: March 22**

**Seeking Unsung Heroes!**

## Seeking New Pro Bono Board Members

Each Spring the current members of the Pro Bono Board select new leaders who will take the Program to the next level. If you believe you have the skills, interest and time and meet the criteria you should apply. Application/Information Online: <http://bit.ly/2tmFpLB> **Deadline: March 22**



Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers-  
Miles and miles of Irish  
smiles  
For golden happy hours-  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that  
never ends  
Each day your whole life  
through!

# CONNECTIONS

386° View (blog) <http://probono.scschooloflaw.org>

WEB <http://bit.ly/2RsaQgTPROBONO>  
TWEN Pro Bono Opportunities

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 LinkedIn Group USCLawProBono

# Omne Bonum.

Mindfulness Matters.  
We all benefit from looking after our mental health.

## Avoiding the slump!

Dean Hubbard's most recent email stating the University's intention of resuming in-person teaching this Fall was likely met by many with a mixture of excitement, relief, and apprehension. For some students, they have yet to experience what non-pandemic learning looks like. For other students, it will be a huge adjustment. Studying from the comfort of your home can be both helpful and distracting—depending on each individual student's environment and ability to focus. It is important to remember that we all have the tools necessary to readapt this coming fall, no matter how you currently feel towards the coming change.

In the meantime, it is important to continue to combat the second semester slump that can often happen at this time of year. The weather, feelings of loneliness incurred by a pandemic, and the stress of school can often accompany a general feeling of burnout. Maybe you are finding it more difficult than usual to focus in class. Maybe you are struggling to find that internal motivator you need to push you through the remainder of your time as a law student. If this describes you, just know that you are not alone. It is okay

not to know exactly what law you want to practice. It is okay to struggle connecting with material or to focus in class. There is no perfect solution to these struggles. From personal experience, I have found talking to my peers and professors to be extremely helpful. Additionally, it can be helpful to look back at your admission essay. What drove you to apply to law school in the first place? Has your outlook changed since beginning this journey? Reflect on those things and try to find your own internal motivator to help drive you forward when you feel isolated or unmotivated.

Help is only a click away! Check out these resources

[Law school stress: It's not about you, and it's all about you](#), by Jeff Fortgang and Shawn Healy (Before the Bar Blog, ABA Law Student Division, Feb. 27, 2018)

Just can't read another word? How about listening to a TED Talk? [Dealing with stress!](#)

*Darcy Compton, 2L*  
Pro Bono Board member



## Excellent Masking!

Remember

2 in a study room= 2 masked student  
1 in a study room= 1 (optional)  
masked student



## VIRTUAL VARIETY SHOW

Has been a hit!

It is award season and we think we deserve a Golden Globe!

Still time to watch and donate to the fund to support our custodial staff.

Here is the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/c7lo7kOYFto> Donations should be sent to the Pro Bono Program. So far we have collected \$500!