

# The Difference

News and updates from the Pro Bono Program

Have you entered your time on M.Y. Pro Bono today?

## Time...

We all want more! Everyone can continue to learn to maximize the free time they have. Those who volunteer have made time to make a difference. It is now easy to keep track of the time spent on pro bono projects. Check out [M.Y. Pro Bono](#) (Managing Your Pro Bono) Drop by the office and pick up a button as a reminder to log in, enter time, log out.



In 2020, COVID spoiled our **30th Year of Pro Bono Celebration** but not this time! Come to the Courtyard on Oct. 20th between 12:45 and 2 for cake and ice cream! And help us fill in our [30+ Reasons to Love Pro Bono Poster](#)

**Are you controlling your email or does it own U? Take back your inbox!**



We are trying to bring several food trucks to the Law School but have run into road blocks! Watch this space!!

## Afghan Refugees

The Pro Bono Program has been in touch with Lutheran Refugee Services in regard to what is expected to be the imminent arrival of about 200 Afghan families. Initially their needs are not legal but personal. If you speak **Pashto or Dari** and would be willing to assist please contact the Pro Bono Program today. This is a most urgent need.

We will continue to monitor the need for assistance and will let you know how you can help. Future projects may include tutoring, mentoring and outfitting apartments with kitchen supplies, etc.



The **NAACP Housing Navigator Program** is in need of patient volunteers who are willing to contact clients and walk them through their housing options. Online training and virtual contact are available. With moratoriums on eviction gone, options are even more complicated for folks. You can make a huge difference and also learn first-hand about the effect of the justice gap in SC.


We have worked with this program since its inception 9 months ago. The issue of housing insecurity has not gone away and is a major concern for many families.

The SC Access to Justice Commission

recently reported on the [SC Justice Gap](#) and highlighted the need for improved legal services in eviction cases. Several groups are working on trying to address the problem but it takes time and money.

Today, you can do your part by becoming a **Housing Navigator**. Providing honest answers to difficult questions is a good start. Contact the Pro Bono Program TODAY. We can connect you quickly and answer your questions. [A great project for 1L's](#)

**Do you have a crockpot?**  
**Are you willing and able to make soup?**  
**Will you help raise \$ for Harvest Hope?**

If your answer is to all of these questions is YES, then you should sign up NOW to cook and serve at "Hunger in NOT a Crockpot" on Nov. 3rd.   
Chefs sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445a8a82ea1fc1->



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

It's the halfway point in the semester, can y'all believe it? A lot of our well intentioned plans for the semester have fallen by the wayside as we become overloaded with the demands of being prepared for class, working, spading, and maintaining relationships with our friends and family.

But there is always time to hit the reset button! This ABA [article](#) gives major insight into the illusive "work life balance" law students and attorney's alike struggle with. The article is worth the read if you want a refreshingly honest take on what work life balance really means, how obtainable it is, and why it matters.

As always, remember that [Omne Bonum](#), the Pro Bono program, and the law school as a whole is here for its students and alumni. Please reach out if you are in need of a helping hand or friendly advice. We all do better when we work together.

My email is [dcompton@email.sc.edu](mailto:dcompton@email.sc.edu) and there are also countless other faculty and staff ready to speak with you if you are in need.

*Darcy Compton*



**Reminder**  
**Fall Forward 1 hour on Oct. 7**

## On the road with the **Palmetto LEADER**



The **Palmetto Leader** has been on the road and after a full day of helping clients with legal documents and information we often stop for a bit of SC history, i.e. Pearl Fryer garden.

On September 24th the team of volunteer attorneys and law students stopped at the [Cecil Williams SC Civil Rights Museum](#). Mr. Williams is a noted photographer who has documented many of the major civil rights efforts in SC history including the Briggs v. Elliott case and the Orangeburg Massacre. His museum is crammed with memorabilia and many surprises. "Wow" "I never knew" "I can't wait to refer to this is class" frequent comments heard during the visit. More photos [here!](#)

Definitely worth a stop in Orangeburg.



## "in the best interest of the child"

Abuse and neglect happens! It is not a problem with a stereotype. It crosses racial, ethnic, cultural, financial and social lines. It is not just a big city issue. You could be the voice for that child caught in the middle.

Richland County CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocates is constantly seeking new volunteers. Not everyone can do this job, it can be frustrating, emotional and yet rewarding. Training includes 6 2-hr sessions, an online application and background check. **Good news! The training is now online and can be viewed on your schedule!**

Oct. is a great time to apply and complete the training, then after exams you can be ready to take your first case. For more information please contact any Pro Bono Program Board member or drop by the office! With just a click we can get you connected but even more importantly we are here to help as you accept cases.

**You can make a huge difference!**

Get early [notice](#) of  
**Palmetto LEADER** trips