**Law School for Non-Lawyers Content update 2020**

<https://www.scbar.org/public/public-programs/law-school-for-non-lawyers/>

Law School for Non-Lawyers is a project of the SC Bar Public Services Division. The seven-week course is taught by local lawyers using a SC law book. The original material was drafted by a series of experts in the different fields. Law student volunteers will review the contents of a section and make recommendations of updates, Under the supervision of a lawyer this may include drafting any new topics that have developed in the specific area of the law.

**Purpose of pro bono opportunity**

 1) To provide opportunities for law students to work along side attorneys

2) To provide skills development for law students by reviewing contents, consulting with the original author and making suggestions for additional information.

3) To build awareness of the issues and law of interest to the general public

4) To research and update material for a teaching manual.

**Requirements or qualifications**

Law students must

 1) be a good academic standing

 2) complete and submit the Volunteer Enrollment Form

 3) have an interest in research and drafting content

**Responsibilities of the project:**

The SC Bar lawyers and must:

 1) agree to properly supervise the work of the law student

 2) provide clear and timely instructions

 3) seek opportunities to expose the students to various tasks

 4) provide feedback when possible.

**Responsibilities of the students**

The students must:

 1) communicate effectively and efficiently with the supervising attorney

 2) complete tasks in a timely and competent manner

 3) seek assistance when needed

 4) perform duties professionally

 5) treat this volunteer opportunity as if it was a paying or for-credit position

**Skills Opportunities:**

The following Core Skills may be associated with this particular volunteer opportunity. Not all tasks will contain all of these skills. See the complete Core Competencies & Skills Inventory for more details.

Core Skill: Oral Communication and Listening Abilities

Core Skill: Writing Skills

Core Skill: General Research Skills

Core Skill: Critical Reading Abilities

Core Skills: Professionalism

**Next step?**

This “Volunteer Opportunity Description” should help provide you with a general sense of this particular organization or project and how you would make an impact. If after fully considering your options you have decided you want to enroll or if you have additional questions go to one of these links, enter your information and submit.

 Volunteer Interest Form

<http://support.uofsclaw.org/pro-bono-program/volunteer-interest-form/>

Volunteer Enrollment Form

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The Pro Bono Program will follow up with any necessary forms or will set up a time to respond to questions or concerns.

The Pro Bono Program has an open-door policy- come by anytime to talk.

**M.Y. Pro Bono Managing Your Pro Bono**

The primary focus of M.Y. Pro Bono is about students managing their pro bono time. Is your pro bono activity meshing with the goals of the Program as well as what you want to accomplish? Keeping track of your time and your reflection fits with our ongoing paradigm that pro bono is personal. Hours of service performed is not the best measurement of progress, but it does give you an idea of how you are balancing your work, school and life.

**What can you do with M.Y. Pro Bono?**

You can easily enter the number of hours you have volunteered; a great habit to master! You can also record your reflections on how you are doing in meeting your personal and career goals.  M.Y. Pro Bono also helps the Program gather important data for funding options and marketing material.  A win-win for all and easy to do.

**How easy is it to use?**

* Simple! Head to the Pro Bono Program Website, click on [M.Y. Pro Bono](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/law/internal/department/pro_bono/my_pro_bono.php), click on the link and answer the questions on the form. Hint: Bookmark the link and it will be even easier to enter next week.
* You can respond multiple times and at any time. Consider getting into the habit of recording time every week!

**Why would I want to do this?**

* Record your time/involvement (skill — Time management)
* Monitor your progress in meeting goals (skill — Task Management and Strategy Development)
* Program Development (skill — Professionalism)