

# The Difference

News and updates from the Pro Bono Program



**Resumes!**  
**Pro Bono!**  
**Jobs!**  
**Oh My!**

Updating your resume and engaging in the job market search are rites of passage for all law students. If you have been an active volunteer with the Pro Bono Program, it is important that you reflect that information on your resume. Make sure you refer to the project by the correct name. Easy to do, look at this [list](#).

Now would also be a good time to do some personal reflection and consider your reasons for volunteering, what you learned from the experience and how you plan to incorporate your interests into your future career. To help with these deep questions you could start with a review of the [Core Competencies and Skills Inventory](#). Each Pro Bono project has links to these important aspects of your professional identity.

Need help? Your experienced Career Services office is ready, willing and able to help you present the best side of you. The Pro Bono Program can also help you voice your desire to incorporate pro bono values into your interviews. The ABA has published a folder that might be of interest to help ask those challenging interview questions. Check out the [Path to Pro Bono: An Interviewing Tool for Law Students](#).



*Working with the Richland County Public Defender's office and the Homeless Court has been such a rewarding experience in just a short period of time. I have seen how the Homeless Court has given many people in the local community their lives back by removing charges from their records that substantially inhibits their ability to gain employment, housing, and other necessities. The homeless population has always been near and dear to my heart, so I am happy to not only work with RCPD but with many other local agencies like Transitions shelter, M.I.R.C.I, and the public library. The work that is being done through this program will help the state of South Carolina as a whole.*

Destinee Wilson. Class of 2021

Check out how to get more information about volunteering with the [Homeless Court](#)

*"No body cares how much you know, until they know how much you care"*

## Resumes (continued)

You never know what item on your resume will be of interest to the interviewers. You might just connect in a unique way because you both have experience in a particular project. I have often said, "At least 9 of you have almost the same resume; what have you done to be different?"

There is still time to enhance your experiences and get engaged with the Pro Bono Program. Let's talk soon!

## SUMMER WILL BE HERE....SOON!

What are your plans for the summer? Have you considered exploring a career in public interest law? Summer might be a great time to test your thinking!



One option might be the **Konduros Public Service Fellowships**. These 12 week jobs provide an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in public interest law with a SC organization. You draft your personal and professional goals for the summer and work with a supervising attorney to meet those goals. Here are the [details and the Fellowship application](#). Deadline, Mar. 1st

*"When your heart and your mind are engaged, you cannot go wrong."*

YoYo Ma

# CONNECTIONS

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

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

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Roses are red!  
Violets are blue!  
He got evicted!  
and so can you!



This is not the love poem you want to receive on Valentine's Day! We hear a lot about eviction moratoriums but what do they really mean? Are there loopholes? Is it real or just talk?

The **NAACP Eviction Navigators** is a new project with a goal of helping local citizens navigate the eviction and re-housing process. Not only will you gain valuable, practical knowledge but you can be a huge help to others who cannot work their way through a complex system. Life has become overwhelming for many of these people and living in their car or couch surfing seems to be their only option.

For more information on this virtual project, check out this [job description](#). Interested? Follow up with an email to [Robinspd@law.sc.edu](mailto:Robinspd@law.sc.edu) who will put you in touch with the trainers and project organizers.

You could be the person to provide the keys to a successful housing outcome!



### **Probate Court Guardianship Project training set for Feb. 4th -9:30-Zoom**

What better way to spend a Wellness Day than training so you can reach out a helping hand? Contact the Pro Bono Program TODAY. **Time is of the essence** as you need to pick up training manual prior to the 4th.

## **Omne Bonum .**

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

DO SOMETHING  
TODAY  
THAT YOUR  
FUTURE SELF  
WILL  
THANK YOU FOR.

### **Self-Empathy**

A sentiment that may seem like common knowledge is the idea of self-empathy. Everyone seems to know what it is, but do we practice it in our day-to-day lives? Not only should we be more empathetic with others, but we should also be compassionate with ourselves. Studies show that you increase your chances of success and improve your mental attitude when you are more gentle and self-compassionate after making a mistake, missing a deadline, or forgetting an assignment. A mistake you cannot fix is a mistake that should not be obsessed over. Instead, think about how you would respond to a colleague or friend who made the same mistake. Chances are you'd react very differently. You might suggest they look for the lesson in the mistake, so they don't repeat it. You may tell them to make amends to anyone who suffered because of their error. Then you'd likely say they are still a valuable, intelligent, and capable person.

Moreover, a good rule of thumb that typi-

cally helps me if I make a mistake—big or small—is to contemplate briefly, avoiding rumination, the long-term impact it may have on my life. If the truthful answer is it will have little to no long-term effect, then my best option is to move past it. If the mistake may have a more considerable impact, I try to problem-solve effectively and then let the issue go. While some may find the above suggestion obvious, it can be challenging to put it into practice, especially when a person is under a large amount of stress regularly.

I encourage *Omne Bonum* readers to practice showing empathy and kindness to themselves so that they can pass along the positive effects to others.

Interview conducted by Darcy Compton, 2L and Pro Bono Program Board member

For more information about maintaining positive mental health and wellness, check out the resources on the **Omne Bonum** portion of the [386° View Blog](#)

### **Phi Delta Phi Virtual Auction Set for March**

The auction raises funds for Public Interest Summer Grants but needs your help in donating items, services to be auctioned off. Information and donation form [here](#)

Babysitting, yard work, carpentry, music lessons, dinners? if you have a skill and are willing to help your fellow classmates now is the time to sign up. FYI- how do you feel about homemade pasta, meatballs? A perfect Italian meal for 2 with a great bottle of red wine, the higher the bid, the better the wine! Grazie!