

Pro Bono Service Program



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“I came to NKU Chase because of the school’s commitment to *pro bono* service and the opportunity afforded me to develop and administer an innovative *pro bono* program. I derive great satisfaction from collaborating with members of the legal community to develop *pro bono* opportunities for our students. Together we help Chase students ‘do well while doing good’.”

— MOLLY T. TAMI, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

What is *Pro Bono* Service?

Pro bono service is broadly defined as law-related work performed in public interest organizations, in the public sector, or with private attorneys when the work is performed at no cost or at a reduced fee on behalf of underrepresented clients. Student *pro bono* work will generally be supervised by an attorney or Chase faculty member.

At NKU Chase, we recognize the importance of instilling in our students a commitment to provide *pro bono* services as members of the legal community. The *Pro Bono* Service Program offers students the choice of a variety of *pro bono* opportunities throughout the region. In addition to providing needed law-related public service, the *pro bono* program serves as an educational tool, helping Chase students gain legal skills, exposing them to various areas of the law, and enhancing their contact with the legal community.

“NKU Chase’s *Pro Bono* Service Program provides students with an opportunity to get involved in the community, network with other attorneys and legal professionals, and grasp the responsibility that comes with being an attorney.”

– MICHELLE RIGDON, 3L STUDENT

Pro Bono Partners

- Legal aid offices
- Public defender offices
- Public-interest firms
- Non-profit organizations
- Firms or private attorneys performing *pro bono* work
- Government or quasi-governmental entities
- Legislators

NKU Chase *Pro Bono* Projects

- **The Chase Volunteer Income Tax Program** - provides students with the opportunity to assist low-income clients in preparing their tax returns.
- **The Chase Law Advocates Program** - a partnership between Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers and NKU Chase, allows students to assist clients at legal aid clinics.
- **The NKU Chase Street Law Program** - in partnership with Kentucky AOC Juvenile Services and with the support of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, affords students the opportunity to provide law-related education classes to juveniles who have been ‘diverted’ out of the court system and into a statewide program that promotes education and accountability.



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