“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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