At NKU Chase College of Law, we recognize the importance of instilling in our students a commitment to provide pro bono services as members of the legal profession. Beginning with the fall 2008 entering class, all students will perform a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono legal service as a graduation requirement. The NKU Chase 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.

**PRO BONO PARTNERS**

Our “pro bono partners,” or placement sites for student pro bono service, include: 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, and legislators. Organizations, programs or individuals interested in becoming a partner for the Chase Pro Bono Service Program are encouraged to contact the program director to discuss the pro bono opportunity and to learn more about the program.

**NKU CHASE PRO BONO PROJECTS**

Chase students may also participate in several pro bono projects at the law school. Each year the Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides students with the opportunity to assist low-income clients in preparing their tax returns. The Chase Law Advocates Program, which is a partnership between the Northern Kentucky Volunteer Lawyers and NKU Chase, allows students to assist clients at legal aid clinics. Also, in partnership with Kentucky AOC Juvenile Services and with the support of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, the NKU Chase Street Law Program 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.
Michele Rigdon, 3L – “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.”

Christi Perri, 3L – “The Chase Street Law Program has definitely increased my interest in doing pro bono or public service work, especially work involving juveniles. I felt a great sense of personal satisfaction and fulfillment by donating my time to help these at-risk kids. This program reinforced the reasons I chose to become a lawyer in the first place.”

Phillip Cahan, ’09 – “I enjoyed volunteering for the Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, because it allowed me to take a few hours each weekend during tax season to break away from focusing on myself and my studies and instead focus on helping community members in need. With this experience, I benefited as much as I contributed. I interacted with clients, learned about income tax filing and worked with a great group of volunteers that included Chase students, faculty and alumni.”
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 NKU Chase students ‘do well while doing good.’

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