



# PRO BONO PROGRAM

## Remarks from Dean John Charles Boger '74

The Pro Bono Program started 10 years ago, with two students, Sylvia Novinsky and the generous support of Betty Quick '74. Betty was then President of the NC Bar Association. What has emerged a decade later is a remarkably sophisticated program run by an 11-member student board, that places dozens of Carolina Law students in individual placements each year.

Many of you may know that Carolina Law's Pro Bono Program has long been nurtured by Sylvia Novinsky. Her commitment and devotion has continued to buoy the program to this very day. Indeed she recently conceived, sold, and assumed a newly-created position – Assistant Dean for Public Service Programs – to further institutionalize Carolina Law's commitment to pro bono and public service work.



Current and former Pro Bono Program Directors cut the cake.

Not long after the initiation of the Program, the Law School began formally recognizing pro bono service with a letter from the dean, special notation on the student's transcript, and recognition at graduation for students with more than 100 hours of work. That transcript recognition was initiated by a group of students who petitioned the faculty for its approval—the entrepreneurial spirit we celebrate in our students today. The program now has an electronic tracking system, a website, winter and spring break programs, and scores of individual placements to which we send students year round. We also host an annual reception each Spring to recognize all of the pro bono and public interest accomplishments of our students.

Indeed, the pro bono accomplishments count more than I have time to name. I did a crude calculation of the total number of pro bono hours logged through the Program over the past 10 years and when the class of 2008 graduates this Spring we will come very close to the 60,000 hour mark!

We're proud of who you've become and what you all represent. Happy 10th anniversary to us all. May we ever strive for a time when "justice [will roll] down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream."

## Chris Lam '02 Receives First Annual Alumni Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award

On March 5, the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program bestowed its inaugural Alumni Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award to Christopher C. Lam '02, an associate in Kennedy Covington's litigation practice. Lam was recognized at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the law



Award winner Chris Lam '02 with presenter Elizabeth "Betty" Quick '74 at the Program's 10th Anniversary event.

school's Pro Bono Program. The award was established to recognize the outstanding pro bono work of a Carolina Law alumna/us who has demonstrated a commitment to the delivery of pro bono legal services to a group or individual and provides these services on a complimentary or reduced fee basis.

Among many other accomplishments, Chris played an integral role in the firm's nationally recognized representation of two economically

distressed counties in eastern North Carolina in their lawsuit against the United States Navy over its decision to build an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) within five miles of a national wildlife refuge. He dedicated more than 1,250 hours to the case which was closed favorably this year with a permanent injunction in favor of the counties.

"Chris Lam represents the finest example of our profession and its continuing call for all of us," said Raymond Owens, partner in Kennedy Covington's litigation department and a 1978 graduate of Carolina Law.



# UNC School of Law 2007-2008

## Pro Bono Publico Awards



### Graduating Student of the Year

#### Amily McCool

Amily McCool has shown her passion for helping the underserved through her dedication to pro bono work. She dedicated over 350 pro bono hours in her three years at Carolina law in settings as diverse as District Attorney offices, Glenn,

Mills & Fisher, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the UNC Innocence Project. In addition she served on the Pro Bono Board as class coordinator for two years and put her concern for domestic violence into action as coordinator of the Domestic Violence Action Project's 50b pro bono program, providing victims of domestic violence with representation at restraining order hearings.



### 2L Student of the Year

#### Hilary Cooper

Hilary Cooper, a 2L from Raleigh, NC, has given over 200 hours of free legal services to those in need. In the past two years, Hilary has volunteered with the Center for Civil Rights, Legal Aid, and the Orange County DA's office. Of her

experiences, Hilary says, "The UNC Pro Bono Program and its staff have been invaluable at putting those with the desire to do public service in touch with those in need of volunteers to achieve mutually beneficial results." Hilary, a double Tarheel is a model of public service in the Carolina community.



### Faculty Member of the Year

#### Professor Maxine Eichner

Professor Eichner joined the faculty of the UNC School of Law in January 2003 and currently teaches a wide-range of courses including Torts, Family Law, Employment Discrimination and Sex Equality. After graduating from Yale Law

School in 1988, she held a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship through Georgetown and practiced civil rights, women's rights, and employment law at the law firm of Patterson, Harkavy, and Lawrence. Recently, Professor Eichner has been involved in a landmark same-sex co-parent custody dispute. Working alongside Karen Davidson of Epting and Hackney and a number of UNC law students, she has devoted over one-hundred hours of pro bono service on behalf of the plaintiff, the non-biological mother. The case, *Heatzig v. MacLean*, succeeded at the district court level on the question of standing and established that the plaintiff should be treated equally with the biological mother on the issue of custody. The North Carolina Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on the appeal in February 2008 but has yet to issue a final opinion.



### 3L Student of the Year

#### Matt Kain

Matt Kain has demonstrated exceptional commitment to pro bono service throughout his law school career, logging over 125 hours of pro bono work. He has focused his efforts with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

In the past, Matt has served as a VITA volunteer and site supervisor. This year, he has served tirelessly as VITA's head coordinator. As head coordinator, Matt's vision has been to increase VITA's impact within the community by recruiting more student volunteers, increasing publicity, and offering more volunteering sessions. The result: VITA is on pace to assist over 125 local families and individuals, over double the number of taxpayers helped the previous year.



### 1L Student of the Year

#### Sonal Raja

Since starting at UNC Law in the fall, Sonal Raja has devoted more than 100 hours to pro bono work with various organizations in North Carolina including the Center for Death Penalty Litigation and the North Carolina Justice Center. She

also traveled to New Orleans over winter break to work on property succession cases. For Sonal: "My pro bono work reminds why I came to law school. It is really easy to lose perspective, and it is great to be able to see how the things we are learning in class can be practically applied and result in positive change in people's lives." Sonal hopes to eventually work in the realm of international human rights or immigration.

### Student Group of the Year

#### Immigration Law Association

This year, Immigration Law Association (ILA) has undoubtedly furthered the organization's goal of cultivating student interest in the field of immigration law. Vice President for Pro Bono, Tana Liu Beers, President, Justine O'Connor-Petts, and members of ILA have worked determinedly to develop a new pro bono project that provides legal information to groups of noncitizens about the increasing immigration raids in homes and workplaces by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency of the Department of Homeland Security. ILA has given presentations all over the Triangle to groups of noncitizens at churches, schools, ESL classes, and other community centers. Student presenters educate noncitizens about what their rights are, how they can assert their rights in the event of a raid, and how they can protect their ability to apply for a visa or citizenship. ILA is applauded for its tireless work and success in addressing fears facing North Carolina's immigrant population and in raising awareness of rights regarding this important issue.

# The Pro Bono Program's Continued Commitment to New Orleans

Over Winter Break, the Pro Bono Program sent a group of law students to help the people of New Orleans for the fifth time since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. Twelve UNC Law students spent the week of December 16th helping the New Orleans Pro Bono Project with its caseload.

Our students worked on succession cases, aiding the Pro Bono Project's low-income clients to get rightful title to their homes after the death of a loved one. Often this transfer of title is the critical roadblock to people receiving the funds they need to get back on their feet. After wading through stacks of bills, deeds, bills of sale, and death and marriage certificates, students prepared a set of pleadings to be presented to the court for approval.

On the trip the students were supervised by two magnificent attorneys in Brian Corgan and Maria Baratta. Both Brian and Maria took time out of their busy schedules as attorneys for Kilpatrick Stockton to mentor the students as they worked on their cases. The Pro Bono Project's staff attorney



UNC School of Law students work on succession cases with the New Orleans Pro Bono Project at the law firm of Jones Walker.



Students visit New Orleans' Ninth Ward. Pictured from left to right, Matt Liles, Megan Cavendar, Willie Spruill, Suzanne Buckley, Meredith Flowe, Kyle Kaplan, Nana Atsem, Carmen Boykin, Sonal Raja, Julie Zibulsky, Stephanie Lewis, and Seema Kakad.

and UNC Law graduate Christopher Coty '02 also directed all of the law students during the week helping with wills and successions.

The students will rightfully admit that they gained as much as they gave, if not more. Over the week students got to experience the unique Cajun culture, in addition to being inspired by a resilient city on the rebound. However, one of the most rewarding aspects of the trip is that students got the opportunity to put their legal training to good use. First year student Sonal Raja said, "it was great to be able to see how what we learn in class actually applies to everyday people and can effect positive change in their lives."

Two years after Katrina, the city of New Orleans is on its way back, but there still is a mountain of work facing the legal community. The students who went on the Winter Break trip bring back to UNC Law both substantive legal experience and a unique perspective on how lawyers can directly affect people's lives in times of crisis.

## UNC Law Students Winter Break Information

**115**  
Students  
Participated

**40**  
Different  
Organizations

**11**  
Different  
States

**30**  
Areas of  
the law

# 2007-2008 Pro Bono Program Participating Students

## Class of 2008

### 25+ Hours

Elias Adamassu  
Stacy Bergendahl  
Ellinor Coder  
Emily Day  
Diane DePietropaolo  
Elliot Dube  
Leslie Grab  
Elise Hamilton  
Lanetta Holloway  
Eric Huang  
Erin Hupp  
Benjamin Iddings  
Eric Johnson  
Catherine Joo  
Rebecca Key  
Caroline Koo  
Steve Litner  
Melody Manning  
Pricilla Mori

Patrick Morgan  
Nolen Morton  
Dana Popkave  
Ruby Powers  
Cody Rifkin  
Joshua Saliba  
Amita Sanghvi  
Kelly Sayed  
Michael Scherger  
Oni Seliski  
Jessica Skillman  
Mike Smith  
Nicholas Thornton  
Rebecca Williford

### 50+ Hours

Dauna Bartley  
Katherine Brooks  
Alena Buitrago  
Duke Chen

Luke Everett  
Bianca Gomez  
Courtney Harris  
Andrew Howle  
Rachel Hundley  
Elisha Johnson  
Daniel Kluttz  
Christy MacPherson  
Carolyn Pratt  
Jennifer Smith  
Josephine Tetteh  
Sarah Weed  
Erin Wynia

### 75+ Hours

Cynthia Baldwin  
Lorrie Bradley  
William Browne  
Rachel Gage  
Rebekah Goncarovs

Eric Iverson  
Elizabeth James  
Ann McMillin  
Mindy Nunez  
Michael Roessler  
Thomas Schwedler  
Christiana Tugman

### 100+ Hours

Sarah Byrd  
Caroline Elliot  
Adam Foggia  
Erica Franke  
Elizabeth Hartnett  
Nicole Jones  
Matthew Kain  
Sarah Krishnaraj  
Luis Lluberas-Oliver  
Jessica Luong

Magdeline McAllister  
Nefertari Rigby  
Giovanni Seawood  
Lindsey Guice Smith  
Reita Smolka  
Lisa Stifler  
Stacey Ames Vandiford  
Justin Witt  
Meredith Woods

### 200+ Hours

Suzanne Buckley  
Stephanie Carowan  
Heather Crews  
Matt Liles  
Amily McCool  
Rebecca Moriello  
Marty Rosenbluth

## Class of 2009

### 25+ Hours

Corrine Belt  
Sam Bickett  
Marta Brown  
Kris Bryant  
Sumeet Chugani  
Patrick Cleary  
Sara Coughlin  
Laura Erb  
Thomas Floeter  
Elizabeth Gingold  
Evelyn Griggs  
Allison Hager  
Cory Haller  
Cara-Ann Hamaguchi  
Jessica Holmes  
Stephanie Kelly  
Chavi Khanna  
Mia Lindquist

Sarah Lord  
Neil Magnuson  
Jennifer Marsh  
Alicia McClendon  
Caroline Meek  
Andrea Miller  
Che Mock  
Justine O'Connor- Petts  
Brian Powell  
Jennifer Ramirez  
Tram Rattanavong  
Sarah Raynes  
Jamison Sites  
Lisa Stewart  
Tracy Stewart  
Heather Tonelli  
Jason Wedekind  
Rebecca Williford  
Paige Worsham

### 50+ Hours

Vernetta Alston  
Taniel Anderson  
Rob Brown  
Marta Brown  
Dan Conrad  
Saurabh Desai  
Uttam Dubal  
Jenn Dunlevy- Duncan  
David Elliott  
Cara Gardner  
Sabrina Gardner  
Kelley Gondring  
Betty Hunt- Sanchez  
Kate Joyce  
Nancy Kim  
Bill Kroll  
Meghan McClure  
Matt Modell

Kelly O'Connell  
Katie Ploghoft  
Diana Santiago  
Katrina Serrat  
Mallory Silberman  
Stephanie Steiger  
Liz Tillotson  
Emily Tseng  
Joanna Yu

### 75+ Hours

Hannah Albertson  
Anne Chen  
Justin Flores  
Cassandra Foster  
Kelley Gondring  
Miriam Haskell  
Will Hendrick  
Kate Lavoie

Stephanie Lewis  
Amy Mackin  
Kellie Mannette  
Melissa Michaud  
Lauren Newton  
Travis Packer  
Liz Troutman

### 100+ Hours

Tana Liu Beers  
Katie Carmon  
John Derrick  
Ashley Erickson  
Lauren Joyner  
Allison Standard  
Laura Stephens

### 200+ Hours

Hilary Cooper

## Class of 2010

### >25 Hours

Donna Ackermann  
Imogen Jayne Baxter  
Lauren Nicole Beverly  
Megan Black  
Sarah F. Blumenthal  
Evan Bolick  
Michelle M. Brown  
Alexis C. Chappell  
Jacob Thomas Clauson  
January Anne Clifton  
Stephanie Delgado  
Nicholas A. Farr  
John D. Fitzpatrick  
Rebecca Claire Fleishman  
Erin Funderburk  
Kristopher M. Gould

Vanessa Hernandez  
Emma Jane Hodson  
Timothy S. Howard  
Paula Kweskin  
Maria Elena Lapetina  
David Allen Luzum  
John Patrick McCrary  
Frank Martin  
Scott Frederick Murray  
Virginia Adele Neisler  
Jennifer E. Nicholls  
Jessica Pearce  
P.J. Puryear Jr.  
Nicole M. Quallen  
Emily Elizabeth Reardon  
Skye W. Smith  
Brian A. Soja

Julie Cleverdon Solms  
Jessica A. Vance  
James West  
Allison L. Whiteman  
India Chiles Lesley-Whedbee  
Augustus D. Willis

### 25+ Hours

Daniel Chun  
Ryan Gorman  
Michelle Allean Greene  
Dave Hansen  
Kim Howes  
Teri Hutchens  
Rusty Jacobs  
Casey J. Jennings

Chiqueena A. Lee  
Sara A. Needles  
Meredith C. Ritchie  
Daniel Smith  
Jonathan Sundheimer  
Jeremy Moloney Tarr

### 50+ Hours

Stephanie Horton  
Kyle J. Kaplan  
Wendi M. Lucas  
Annie E. Nelson  
Willie Spruill II  
Michael Osborne Young

### 75+ Hours

Daniel J. Behrend  
Carmen A. Boykin  
Meredith Austen Flowe  
Phong T. Dinh  
Angela Valez

### 100+ Hours

Vivian Doran Intermont  
Seema Kakad  
Sonal Raja  
Julie I. Zibulsky

# Participating Student Organizations, Law Firms & Organizations

## Student Organizations

Carolina Street Law  
Carolina Teen Court Assistance Program  
Community Legal Project  
Death Penalty Project  
Disability Law Organization  
Domestic Violence Action Project  
Hispanic and Latino Law Students Association  
(Latino Legal Initiative)  
Immigration Law Association  
UNC Innocence Project  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

## Firms and Organizations

15B Guardian Ad Litem Program  
ACLU of North Carolina  
ACLU Racial Justice Project  
Alliance For Justice, DC  
Army Trial Defense Service  
Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard  
Center for Child and Family Health  
Center for Civil Rights, UNC School of Law  
Center for Death Penalty Litigation  
Central Jersey Legal Services  
City of Durham Attorney's Office  
Disability Rights North Carolina  
Durham County Attorney's Office  
DLA Piper  
Family Court Administrator's Office, Charlotte  
Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services with  
Criminal Justice Task Force of Chatham County  
Glenn, Mills, Fisher & Mahoney  
Hunton and Williams  
Immigrants Legal Assistance Project  
James T. Bryan, III, Attorney at Law  
Justice Center, Louisiana Capital Appeals Project

Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs  
Kilpatrick Stockton  
Kuniholm Law Firm  
Land Loss Prevention Project, Durham  
Law Office of Kristen D. Parks  
Law Office of R. Hunter Bradley  
Legal Aid Justice Center, Richmond Office  
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Battered Immigrant Project  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (Durham)  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (New Bern)  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (Pittsboro)  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (Raleigh)  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (Smithfield)  
Legal Aid of North Carolina (Winston-Salem)  
Mecklenburg County Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program  
National Health Law Program, Chapel Hill  
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys  
North Carolina Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division  
North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence  
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services  
North Carolina Justice Center  
North Carolina NAACP  
North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services  
Northern Mississippi Rural Legal Services, Inc.  
North Penn Legal Services  
Office of the Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of North Carolina  
Orange County Rape Crisis Center  
Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe  
Pisgah Legal Services  
Public Defender's Office of Orange/Chatham Counties  
Smith Moore LLP  
Southern Coalition for Social Justice  
UNC Center for Civil Rights  
UNC School of Law – Public Service Programs  
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice

## Your gift can make a difference!

All gifts to the Pro Bono Program are used to fund programming, students' travel expenses to assist with Katrina relief efforts, and start up costs for future pro bono projects.

We are grateful to our many supporters over the last ten years. We are especially grateful to Kilpatrick Stockton for funding need-based scholarships for students who volunteered over the December 2007 winter break in New Orleans. Please join them, and all of our supporters, by making your donation today.

If you would like to make a gift, please send a check made payable to "UNC School of Law" using the enclosed envelope.

## Organization Spotlight

Glenn, Mills, Fisher & Mahoney is a small firm in Durham that specializes in injury, disability, death, discrimination and unfair treatment claims. This year more than twenty students have worked with attorneys Stewart Fisher and Carlos Mahoney on a variety of pro bono projects. Students completed legal research and factual investigation in a wide range of cases, including sexual harassment, race and age discrimination, and retiree benefits claims. Students have also helped in developing CLE materials for sexual orientation civil rights issues. We would like to thank and recognize this firm for their continued dedication to pro bono work.

# Partners in Access to Justice Series Teaches and Inspires Students

## Role of Pro Bono in Addressing the Legal Services Crisis: A Conversation



On Thursday, February 14, Janet Ward Black, President of the North Carolina Bar Association, joined roughly 40 Carolina Law students for a discussion of the state's present legal services crisis. In her presentation, which was the first in a two-part series entitled "Partners in Access to

Justice" sponsored by the Pro Bono Program, President Black emphasized North Carolina's desperate legal services situation. Specifically, under federal poverty guidelines, 2.9 million North Carolinians are eligible for Legal Aid of North Carolina's services, but due to their lack of resources, for every two clients they accept, Legal Aid must turn down 8 qualified persons. President Black also introduced the North Carolina Bar Association's signature project entitled "4ALL" – after the last line of the Pledge of Allegiance – "With Liberty and Justice for All." 4ALL addresses the legal services crisis in four concrete ways: (1) **Educate:** by promoting public awareness on poverty and emphasizing the legal profession's moral obligation to act; (2) **Legislate:** by persuading the North Carolina legislature to increase Legal Aid's financial support; (3) **Donate:** by striving to raise \$1 million for the LANC fund; and finally, (4) **Participate:** by facilitating a statewide service day on April 4, 2008, when the North Carolina legal community took part in pro bono activities across the state.

There is no doubt that President Black's compelling presentation, the staggering statistics and the 4ALL campaign, worked to move, inspire and motivate students to not only continue their pro bono service while in law school, but to one day incorporate pro bono as a fixture in their practice as attorneys. After her presentation, those students who participated in pro bono projects over their Winter Breaks were given special recognition.

## Pro Bono Board Hosts Annual Social Work Collaborative

On Saturday, February 2, the Pro Bono Board and the UNC School of Social Work presented its annual Social Work Collaborative. Over 80 social work students from all over the state attended this training to prepare to testify in Juvenile Court proceedings in cases related to abuse, neglect and dependency. Ten law students prepared direct and cross-examination questions in mock trials and social work students practiced testifying in a simulated courtroom setting. Durham District Court Judge Ann McKown presided over the courtroom with local child protective attorneys Judith Guilbert and Sydney Batch assisting law students throughout the mock examinations. Alisa Huffman, NC Court Management Specialist, presented the basics of abuse, neglect and dependency court cases to social work. Students received substantive feedback from professionals that will ultimately make them better lawyers and social workers.

## Incorporate Pro Bono into Your Career

On Wednesday, February 27, over fifty law students gathered in the Rumpus Room to talk with alumni panelists about how they incorporate pro bono work into their lives as private practitioners. This panel was the second in a two-part series designed to help students appreciate the overwhelming need for access to the legal system among the poor and learn how to incorporate pro bono into their post-graduation legal careers.

The event's four panelists, Neil Bagchi '04 from Kennedy Covington, Rob Maitland '97 from The Maitland Law Firm, Diane Standaert '06 from the Center for Civil Rights, and Rob Van Arnam '02 from Hunton & Williams, each spoke about their pro bono experiences and the challenge of including pro bono into their careers at private firms and in the public sector. The panelists acknowledged the difficulties of finding ways to fit pro bono into their lives as young attorneys but noted that there are many opportunities to get involved, from volunteering at your local Legal Aid office to working with your firm's pro bono coordinator to take on cases.

Importantly, each panelist shared how rewarding their own pro bono work has been in their professional and personal lives. Van Arnam commented, "My pro bono work helps to keep me grounded as an attorney." Bagchi added, "Don't forget why you came to law school! Pro bono allows you to really make a difference in your community and at the same time, provides you with opportunity to gain hands-on, real world experience." Panelists also stressed the value of the personal connections they have made through their pro bono work. Whether they were assisting a victim of domestic violence, or helping an individual sue their landlord for the continual flooding of her apartment, these connections and the resolutions achieved have had powerful impacts on their lives.

### Advice from Pro Bono Alumni

- Identify pro bono allies and partners at your firm that share your commitment to pro bono service and talk with them about how they've worked pro bono into their careers.
- Take advantage of the community and firm-based resources in your area. Often firms and organizations will sponsor trainings, CLE programs, and other opportunities to get involved in pro bono work.
- As a young attorney, pro bono can be a great way to get to know other members of the legal profession and collaborate with attorneys in different practice areas.
- Look for opportunities that allow you to strengthen the core research, writing, and drafting legal skills needed as a new associate.



## Reflections from the 2007-2008 Board

We are proud to celebrate our 10th anniversary—an important milestone. There are many folks that have helped us along the way—too many to name here. Suffice it to say, that every dean has supported us not only in spirit but financially—including Dean Wegner who was brave enough to authorize our birth even when we weren't so detailed in our description. Our faculty have been modeling pro bono service and including students in their work. Our staff has been incredibly supportive and thoughtful in their ways to highlight the Program. There is not one administrator who has not found a way to help spread our message.

The legal community has embraced our students and found time to supervise and incorporate them in to their cases—not always easy for busy lawyers. The NC Bar Association partnered with us in recognizing our students' work, both individually and through our student group projects. And, it is our students who have truly made this program a success and ensured its place at the School of Law. Students have continued to find time, in the midst of their class schedule and other demands, to incorporate pro bono service into their lives.

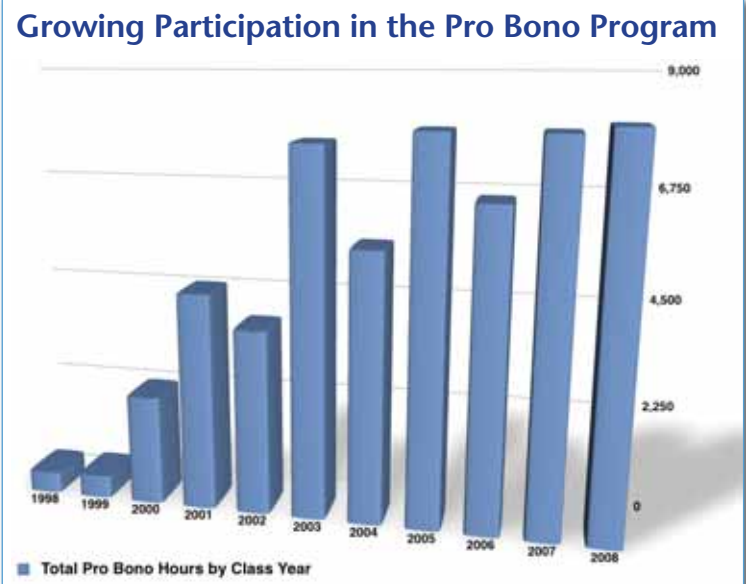
The goal for this year's Pro Bono Board was to strengthen the building blocks of our program. The Board improved our use of technology by revamping our website and implementing a new database where students can track their pro bono hours on-line, provided more opportunities for student dialogue and reflection, and set the stage for an alumni network to highlight the pro bono efforts of former students in all areas of the legal professional.

Each member of the Board has worked diligently to recognize and encourage the important work of their fellow students and to improve the availability of pro bono opportunities in all areas of law. We are proud to say that, with the help and support of the legal community, we were able to involve the largest number of students in our program's history over Winter Break. Similarly, the Class of 2010 pledged to complete close to 5000 hours of pro bono over the next two years, continuing the strong tradition of pro bono services among the students of our law school.

We are confident that in looking back at our 10 years, we look ahead to our legacy and to the mark we leave behind:

- We have added the term “pro bono” to every law student’s vocabulary.
- We are providing another avenue for our students to stay true to the mission of the University of North Carolina in giving back to those who work every day to subsidize our education.
- We are helping to continue this law school’s tradition of leadership in the profession by helping to train student leaders who care about their community.
- We are helping to highlight and reinforce the priceless value of a law degree and how this unique training can help others simply by saying “no” or “I can help you resolve this.”
- We are helping to educate a generation of attorneys who will go on to spread the ethos of pro bono service and fight for the poor and underrepresented.

Thank you all for your generous support of our Program.  
We look forward to what lies ahead.



## 2007–2008 Pro Bono Board

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**Special Trips Coordinator:** Matt Liles  
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## About the UNC Law Pro Bono Program

The mission of the UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program is to assist attorneys who provide high quality, low-cost legal services to individuals in need and to create a life long commitment to pro bono work among UNC Law Students. The Program began in the fall of 1997 and since then has filled hundreds of placements with attorneys in non-profit organizations, private practice, and North Carolina's legal services organizations. The program is administered by eleven law students who work to match students with placement needs.

The program is the central point for all pro bono activities at the law school and maintains a database to keep track of student pro bono work. When students complete 50 hours of pro bono service, they receive a Letter of Recognition from the Dean. Students performing over 75 hours of pro bono service receive a certificate from the North Carolina Bar Association and the law school acknowledging their service at the end of their third year. At graduation, the law school recognizes students who have performed over 100 hours of pro bono service. Furthermore, all students with more than 50 hours of pro bono service earn a notation on their transcripts. The Pro Bono Program operates primarily from August to April, with special projects occurring during the Winter and Spring Breaks.

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