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Why the Paperwork?

Recognition: Your commitment to public interest work is valued. It provides an opportunity to gain hands-on legal experience, while serving the public in accordance with your professional responsibility. The American Bar Association encourages every lawyer to perform *pro bono* legal services annually. See ABA Model Rule 6.1. The Public Interest Initiative (PII) wants to recognize your *pro bono* service based upon the amount of time that you have contributed to public interest work while in law school. If you have volunteered sixty (60) hours in a public interest practice area after your first two semesters of law school, then you may be recognized at your commencement ceremony for *pro bono* distinction. In order to be eligible for this recognition, your work must be *pro bono*, that is, you must receive neither money nor academic credit for the hours that you volunteer at “charitable, religious, civic community, governmental or educational organizations in matters which are designed to primarily address the needs of persons of limited means.” ABA Model Rule 6.1(a)(2). In addition, recognition will be afforded only to graduating law students who complete this log form in a timely manner *and* satisfactorily meet their placement’s expectations.

Feedback: PII seeks to maintain qualifying relationships with all *pro bono* placement providers. In this packet, there are survey forms that you will provide PII with critical input regarding your experience. Please take the time to complete your questionnaire with care, and be certain to give the attached supervisor’s assessment to the attorney(s) who most closely monitored your *pro bono* service work.

Instructions

The attached forms, completed by you and your supervisor, must be returned to PII according to the following deadlines:

If you volunteered during the...	Then your form is due by...
Fall Semester	The last day of Fall Semester classes.
Spring Semester & are not graduating this year	The last day of Spring Semester classes.
Spring Semester & are graduating this year	March 22, 2019
Summer	the first week of Fall Semester classes

- Failure to adhere to these deadlines may render you ineligible for recognition at graduation.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that supervisors submit the assessment forms on or before the appropriate deadlines.

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Anticipated Graduation Date:

Placement Data				
Student Name:				
Year:	1L	2L	3L	4L
Division	Regular		Extended	
Email Address:				
Phone Number(s):				
Placement Name:				
Supervisor's Name/Title:				
Dates/Semester of Service:				
How did you learn About this <i>pro bono</i> opportunity? (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> PII <input type="checkbox"/> Career Development Office <input type="checkbox"/> Job Fair: (where/when) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Digest <input type="checkbox"/> On-line (list site) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) <hr/>			

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Student Log

You may log only volunteer hours: hours for which you received neither money nor academic credit.

Please log all of your volunteer hours – not just the minimum required for graduation recognition.

You may be eligible for other awards based on the total number of hours you volunteered.

Note – your supervisor must sign this log form.

Date	Description of Pro Bono Work Performed	Hours
	Continued on next page...	

Date	Description of Pro Bono Work Performed	Hours
	TOTAL HOURS:	

(You may add additional sheets when needed. Provide the final total at the end.)

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature **Date**

Supervisor Signature **Date**

Law Student Questionnaire

Pro Bono Placement: _____

Supervisor: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Did you become a certified legal intern under the Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rule 321? Yes No

Are you enrolled in the Widener Law and Government Institute Certificate Program? Yes No

Primary Practice Area (Please indicate all that apply):

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Alt. Dispute Resolut'n. | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking | <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Econ. Dev. | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Techn'gy. | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Child Welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor/Employ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Communic'n |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners' Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate | <input type="checkbox"/> Probation/Parole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Comp | |

Other: _____

(Please specify)

Type of Work Performed (Please indicate circle all that apply):

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Client Intake/Interviewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Analysis/Policy Interpretation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Preparation/Investigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting at Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting Documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Memoranda of Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiating Settlement |

Other: _____

(Please specify)

1. Nature of Assignments:

Too Simple

1

2

At My Level

3

4

Too Challenging

5

Comments:

2. Volume of Work Assignments:

Too Simple

1

2

At My Level

3

4

Too Challenging

5

Comments:

3. Adequacy of Training:

Too Simple

1

2

At My Level

3

4

Too Challenging

5

Comments:

4. Adequacy of Supervision:

Too Simple

1

2

At My Level

3

4

Too Challenging

5

Comments:

5. Do you believe your *pro bono* service commitment has enhanced your legal skills? If so, how?

6. Do you believe your *pro bono* service has enhanced your understanding of the “justice deficit” or legal needs of poor or under-served populations?

7. What effect, if any, do you believe your *pro bono* service commitment had on your client(s) or on the capacity of your legal placement to have on its client(s)?

8. Would you recommend this placement to other law students?

Yes

No

9. Please comment further on the strengths and weaknesses of the placement.

10. PII will use this questionnaire to counsel other law students. May we keep your questionnaire on file to be viewed by other law students seeking information about this placement?

Yes

No

Law Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Law Student’s Printed Name: _____

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Supervisor's Assessment

Thank you for taking the time to supervise a Widener student volunteer. Your feedback is essential to the success of this program. We would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete this form and return it by mail or fax to:

Office of Student Affairs
 Public Interest Initiative
 Widener University Commonwealth Law School
 3737 Vartan Way
 Harrisburg, PA 17110
 Phone: 717-541-3952 Fax: 717-541-3999 Email: dakoncar@widener.edu

Supervisor Contact Information	
Name & Title:	
Address:	
Phone/Fax Number(s):	
Email Address:	
Name of Law Student Supervised:	
Time Period of Supervision:	

Please circle your answer:

1. Have you reviewed the law student's time log: YES NO
2. Are the hours reported in the law student's log accurate to the best of your knowledge?
 YES NO
3. Are the number of hours reported in the law student's log appropriate to the tasks performed?
 YES NO
4. Was the law student's performance satisfactory? YES NO
5. Did the law student's work help you, your client, and/or your organization?
 YES NO

6. Was the student professional, responsible, and appropriate at all times?

YES NO

7. How would you characterize the level of supervision this law student required?

a) About expected b) Less than expected c) More than expected

8. Based on your experience with this law student volunteer, would you be willing to continue to supervise students from Widener University Commonwealth Law School in the future?

YES NO

9. Please comment candidly on your experience supervising this law student volunteer:

10. Please suggest how this experiential learning program may be improved in the future:

Supervisor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Thank you for taking the time to help us assess our program.
We look forward to working with you again.**