

# WHY DO PRO BONO?

**MAKE AN IMPACT:** Close the **justice gap** and work with low-income clients who really need you. Pro bono work need not be a significant time commitment. You will use your education to help those who face difficulty navigating the legal system alone.

**SKILL BUILDING:** Work with **real-world clients** and get the safety net of both **mentorship** by more experienced lawyers, and **malpractice insurance coverage**; some pro bono experiences can lead to you developing a practice in a particular area of law.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Get in the courtroom, get to **be a lawyer** right away, regardless of employment status: even if you do not have a job, you can hit the ground running using your legal skills and develop practical experience.

**EXPANDING HORIZONS:** Learn other **areas of law**; represent people you would not regularly meet or represent. Work with clients more quickly as a new lawyer.

**NETWORKING:** Meet **public interest groups**, other lawyers, as well as the judiciary. Get involved in the courthouse and build a reputation for yourself.

**RECOGNITION:** Be recognized by your peers and various outlets during several pro bono service awards and **public interest awards** for your dedication to serving others.

**SATISFACTION:** **Feel good!** Most lawyers say their pro bono cases are their most **rewarding** and they feel good about making such a difference. They also believe it is their obligation as a licensed lawyer to ensure that the system works for all.

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO SERVE PRO BONO?

Take a webcast or training through Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC), OR volunteer for one of our legal clinics:

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