NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Pro Bono Volunteer Interest Form

The College of Law has developed an innovative partnership involving our law students, practicing attorneys, and non-profit legal or social service agencies. This pro bono initiative will pair students and mentoring attorneys in nearby counties, and soon DuPage and Cook Counties, who are willing to engage in legal work on behalf of persons of limited means or underserved populations, charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, and educational organizations for various purposes, and individuals or groups who wish to secure or protect civil rights, etc. The pro bono mentoring program will hopefully match up to twenty to thirty students with lawyer partners this year.

Student pro bono work may involve a broad spectrum of civil matters, such as domestic relations, immigration, tax law, wills and other personal planning documents, veterans’ rights, consumers’ rights, the rights of the disabled or homeless, and legal advice and assistance “on-line.”

Some pro bono programs are available for 1Ls. Most are available to 2Ls and 3Ls. All students may volunteer for pro bono activity at any time. For more information, please contact Greg Anderson at ganderson@niu.edu or call (815) 753-9604.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out this Interest Form and return it to Lisa Hoebing or LeAnn Baie in the Faculty Suite, Swen Parson Room 190.

Thank you for your interest,
Professor Schlam

Name: ___________________________________________ Exp. Grad. Year: ____________

Phone No: __________________________ Cell Phone No: _____________________________

E-mail Address: ________________________________________________________________

County of Most Interest for a Pro Bono Intern Placement: ________________________

AREAS OF INTEREST
Please “x” all of the following areas in which you might be interested:

( ) Adoption  ( ) Consumer Law
( ) Consumer Protection Cases – Contract, Fraud  ( ) Family Law (Divorce & Post-Decree)
( ) Small Claims  ( ) Grandchild & Kinship Custody
( ) Real Estate Litigation/Homeownership  ( ) Juvenile Court Matters
( ) Real Estate Transactions/Homeownership  ( ) School Law/Special Education/Discipline
( ) Foreclosures/Mortgage Re-Negotiation  ( ) Immigration - Naturalization
( ) Financial Exploitation or Other Abuse of Elders  ( ) Tax Transactional Work
( ) Housing: Landlord/Tenant Issues  ( ) Non-Profit Organizational Transactions
( ) Probate Conflicts  ( ) Simple Wills, Living Wills, and/or Powers of Attorney
( ) Supplemental Security Income and Disability Claims