PRO BONO MATTERS
& EXPERIENCE COUNTS
You’ll step into real-world legal practice.

Tulane was the first national law school to institute a pro bono service requirement, ensuring all students the opportunity to share their legal skills with the community. Founded in 1987, Tulane’s pro bono program has continued to grow, and graduates typically contribute more than 15,000 public service hours annually. Tulane offers multiple avenues to explore public interest law. Our pro bono program mutually serves the legal needs of the community and the educational needs of our students.

By empowering students to engage in pro bono legal services, we produce lawyers who bring a keen sense of public service into their practice and the profession. The program gives students the opportunity to step outside the theoretical realm of classroom discourse and into real-world legal practice, allowing them to hone professional skills while benefitting their community. The program holds an annual placement fair for students to meet attorneys and directors of legal aid organizations throughout the New Orleans area, to explore different public service options and choose the best work to complete their pro bono requirement.

Tulane currently offers eight clinical programs: Civil Rights & Federal Practice, Criminal Justice, Domestic Violence, Environmental Law, Juvenile Law, Legislative & Administrative Advocacy, Immigrant Rights, and First Amendment. These clinics provide not only invaluable experiences for our students but also vital services to the city of New Orleans. Tulane offers additional service opportunities throughout New Orleans through externships in federal district court, bankruptcy court, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and federal administrative agencies, including the National Labor Relations Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The law school also provides externship placements in a variety of non-profit and government organizations serving the public interest.

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