

J.D. Public Service Graduation Requirement

(Class of 2020 and beyond)

The UW Law Public Service Graduation Requirement has three main goals:

- 1) To educate students about the attorney's ethical responsibility to provide pro bono legal assistance, particularly to those who would not otherwise have access to the legal system;
- 2) To foster in students a lifelong commitment to public service by providing the opportunity and training vital to the development of such a commitment; and
- 3) To develop students' lawyering skills by providing them with work experience under the supervision of a judge, attorney, or otherwise qualified individual.

J.D. students must perform at least *50 hours of uncompensated public service legal work*, during their second and third year of law school, in a pre-approved course or program, under the supervision of a judge, attorney, or otherwise qualified individual. It is preferred that students fulfill this requirement by providing legal assistance to individuals who would otherwise be without access to such assistance. Students may also fulfill this requirement by participating in other law-related public service activities as described below.

For purposes of satisfying this requirement, public service legal work is defined as:

1. Providing legal services to:
 - a. Persons of limited means; or
 - b. Charitable, religious, civil, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters which are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means; or
2. Providing law-related public service by:
 - a. Helping groups or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties, or public rights;
 - b. Helping charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, and educational organizations not able to afford legal representation;
 - c. Participating in activities providing information about justice, the law or the legal system to those who might not otherwise have such information; or
 - d. Engaging in activities to enhance the capacity of the law and legal institutions to do justice.

The public service requirement can be fulfilled in any of the following ways (see documentation requirements on the back side of this form):

- A. By satisfactorily completing one of the following approved courses (no documentation required beyond enrollment and course completion):
 - a. Clinics
 - b. Public Service Externships (B530, B535, B538, B539, B560)
 - c. Street Law (B514)
- B. By participating in one of the following UW Law-based public service programs:
 - a. Rural Alaska Tax Program
 - b. Moderate Means Program
- C. By participating in a pre-approved student-led pro bono project (see listing on back of sheet)
- D. By participating in a community-based pro bono program (see requirements on back of sheet)

Documenting fulfillment of the Public Service Requirement

1. If you fulfilled your public service requirement through a **Clinic, Public Service Externship, or by enrolling in Street Law** **NO ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED.**
2. If you fulfilled your public service requirement through any method besides clinics, externships or street law please fill out the following form and submit it to Academic Services completed and signed. **This form must be submitted before the end of classes for your graduating quarter.**

Name: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I attest that I completed at least 50 hours of law related *pro bono* work through one or more of the following programs:

UW Law-based public service programs:

- a. Rural Alaska Tax Program

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- b. Moderate Means Program

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

Student-led pro bono projects:

- a. Immigrant Families Advocacy Project

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- b. Incarcerated Mothers Advocacy Project

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- c. Street Youth Legal Advocates of WA & Record Sealing Clinic

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- d. CHRJ Asylum Application Assistance Project (aka "App Help")

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- e. Environmental Law Society Pro Bono Research Projects

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

- f. Day-long Washington Vets Wills Clinic

Hours Completed _____ Supervisor Signature _____

Community-based pro bono program:

**Please note that all community-based pro bono programs used to satisfy the PSL requirement must meet the definition of "public service legal work" provided on the front page, and be pre-approved by a staff member of the Gates Public Service Law Program (located within SCS).*

Organization Name: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Email address and phone number: _____

Brief description of work: _____

Hours Completed: _____ Supervisor Signature: _____

Sign-off by Gates PSL Program Staff Member: _____