

# Equal Justice Program

Texas Wesleyan University  
School of Law

# Why Pro Bono?

- To bolster each student's legal experience in three ways.
- Ensures every student has an opportunity to practice lawyering skills.
- Provides opportunities to make contacts in the legal community.
- Instills the appreciation and commitment to the importance of giving back to the community and improving access to justice.

# Requirements

- 30 hours of pro bono legal work.
- Can begin after the first year of school.
- Must be law related, uncompensated, and not for credit.
- Some placements require more than 30 hours – check first.

# Hours

- You may split the hours between placements.
- You may do MORE than 30 hours.
- To date our students have given 31,000 hours to the community.
- This speaks well of our students!
- Award given to student who gives the most hours in excess of 100 hours.

# Selecting a Placement

- Equal Justice Day is Feb.28th  
12:00 – 1:30 pm in the new  
Conference Center upstairs.
- Please come and meet the  
attorneys who offer the services.
- On-line listing of placements.
- Notebook on Student Services  
Desk.

# How do I set up the placement?

- Simply call the contact listed on-line or in the Pro Bono/Equal Justice book.
- Set up the time you want to begin.
- Take an Equal Justice Placement packet and have the confirmation signed when you begin.
- Track your hours in the packet and turn the packet in to Tammy Hubbard.
- All the rules are on the web site.

# Special Requirements

- Tarrant County District Attorney isn't listed because they require more than 30 hours, but many students do their pro bono at the DA's office.
- Simply call them to become a volunteer.
- Some federal placement require more than 30 hours.
- Some placements require criminal background checks.

# Equal Justice Packet

- Download from the web or find a packet on the wall outside of student services.
- Keep track of all your hours, have the supervising attorney sign off on your hours.
- Be sure to complete the evaluation.

# Unapproved Placements

- You may work with a private attorney as long as she has taken the case pro bono and is not paying you.
- You must have placements pre-approved by Dean Turner.
- You may hold-over from an approved externship or clinic placement once you have fulfilled the class requirement.