

...Spending time working for those who cannot afford legal counsel is a humbling opportunity and plays a part in moving justice forward.”

– MORGAN WILLIAMS, CLASS OF 2007



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TULANE LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM

“I was very happy to give my time...”

OVER 150,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



## BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Tulane Law School is proud to be the first ABA-approved law school in the nation to institute a program of mandatory community service. In 1987 the faculty voted unanimously to require all students to perform pro bono work on behalf of indigent clients. In the following year, the Community Service Program was implemented by Assistant Dean Julie H. Jackson. The program has now been adopted in whole or in part by law schools throughout the nation.

The number of hours contributed by each student and the clients served has increased steadily. Each student is now required to contribute a minimum of thirty hours as a prerequisite to graduation. Most choose to contribute more. The result is more than **150,000 hours of legal assistance donated to our local community and across the nation since 1987.** Thanks to the participation of volunteer attorneys, this number continues to grow.

## THE ESSENTIAL PREMISE

The requirement is designed to instill in law students a sense of their responsibilities to the community when they become members of the bar. Tulane Law School was also compelled to adopt mandatory pro bono service because of the importance of providing experiential educational opportunities to law students combined with the law school's desire to address the many unmet legal needs in our community.

## PRO BONO ON MANY FRONTS

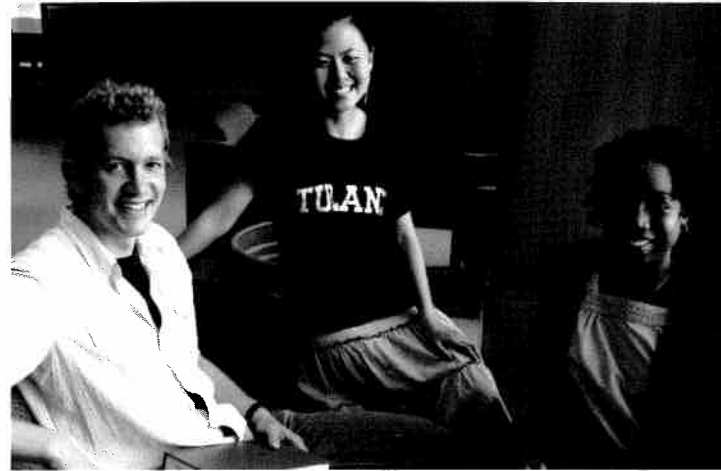
### Transformative Time

Just as the needs of the poor and disadvantaged cover a broad range, students encounter a wide array of opportunities to draw upon the knowledge and the skills they acquire in the classroom to do good for the underserved members of the community. Each student must complete a minimum of thirty hours of uncompensated, law-related public interest service. Students may assist private practitioners or non-profits in representing persons of limited means. They may volunteer in the public sector on behalf of government

entities. Students may also opt to assist a Tulane Law School student-led organization which serves public interest goals. Or students may work with a Tulane Law School sponsored pro bono program, such as Project for Older Prisoners or Entertainment Law Legal Assistance. Pro bono placements are found both within the civil and criminal justice system. Students often design their own pro bono projects.

### Partners in Pro Bono

Student pro bono work must be supervised either by an attorney or law professor who provides guidance and the benefit of experience. Thanks to the students' contributions,



*Left to right, Morgan Williams, Jia Yu and Ayanna Lee*

the pro bono attorney can extend the reach of his or her donated hours. Students bring energy and enthusiasm to the casework which complements the expertise of the attorney supervisor.

### CONTACTING THE TLS PRO BONO PROGRAM

Interested organizations and individual attorneys should contact Julie Jackson, Assistant Dean for Public Interest Programs, Tulane Law School, (504) 865-5733, [jjacks01@tulane.edu](mailto:jjacks01@tulane.edu). Law student availability varies according to class and exam schedules. Students volunteer for pro bono work during the fall, spring and summer terms. *Please contact us for further information.*

“I feel so happy for actually being able to help people. It was time well spent.”

- JIA YU, CLASS OF 2007

“My experience reinforced being professional and thorough, because you can see firsthand what a difference you can make.”