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PRO BONO

COLLABORATIVE

Mobilizing Rhode Island Law Firms, Law Students, and the Community in Legal Service

The Pro Bono Collaborative brings together Rhode Island law firms, law students, and community organizations. In partnership, we provide legal assistance within the community.



With generous support from The Rhode Island Foundation, the key to our success is the dedication of our partners to the vision of a more just and inclusive Rhode Island.

Current Partnering Law Firms

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP

Hinckley Allen Snyder LLP

Motley Rice LLC

Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP

Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.

Current Partnering Community Organizations

Casey Family Services

Children's Friend & Service RI

Church Community Housing Corp.

George Wiley Center

Housing Network of Rhode Island

Institute for the Study & Practice
of Nonviolence

Mariposa Center

Meeting Street School

Women's Center of RI

The Pro Bono Collaborative offers Rhode Island attorneys and Roger Williams University School of Law students a uniquely rewarding opportunity to serve the community through a new and innovative model.

How

The Pro Bono Collaborative Works

We are in the community daily, meeting with social service providers and learning about the lives — and challenges — of their clients. Questions about special education, housing, immigration, and family law abound.

We meet with attorneys from Rhode Island law firms and corporate in-house counsel offices. Together, we explore the firms' and participating attorneys' skills and interests.

We propose potential matches, identifying projects that resonate.

We recruit Roger Williams University law students, ambitious young attorneys-to-be who are dedicated to public service, and connect them with the project most suited to their experience and personal passions.

We arrange for targeted legal training and provide expert consultants.

We oversee all projects and facilitate constructive communication among the partners.

Why

Choose The Pro Bono Collaborative

The Pro Bono Collaborative is cutting edge. We take the law school-law firm partnership one step further by including community-based organizations that are trusted by the individuals and families they serve.

By offering members of the community information about their legal rights — in their language and in a safe place — we empower them to ask questions, to know where they can go for help, and to avoid legal problems in the future. By helping community members navigate complex administrative systems and courts, we enhance their ability to advocate for themselves and their loved ones.

The Pro Bono Collaborative offers attorneys a unique opportunity to serve the Rhode Island community. We emphasize *prevention* by working toward *systemic* change, providing legal rights education, intervention, administrative and legislative advocacy, and direct representation. Our mission is to empower people, to remediate issues, and to avoid the need for court involvement.

Together, we are making a difference.

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"The Pro Bono Collaborative is a welcome addition to Rhode Island's pro bono community."

The Honorable Frank J. Williams
Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court

"Knowledge is power."

Children's Friend & Service RI client
(following a Pro Bono Collaborative legal rights education workshop)

"The Pro Bono Collaborative is an efficient and creative way of providing pro bono legal services to individuals and entities in need, and an excellent training program for students."

Joseph D. Whelan, Esq.
Partner, Hinckley Allen Snyder

"I know the work I did with the Pro Bono Collaborative will have a lasting and significant impact on the local community."

Casey Williams, J.D., 2007
Graduate, Roger Williams University School of Law

"It was great to look into their eyes and know we were helping."

Robert E. Baute, Jr., Esq.
Associate, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge

At the Pro Bono Collaborative, we are committed to increasing pro bono legal service and access to justice in the community.

Project Areas Include:

Affordable Housing
Domestic Violence
Family Law
Housing Rights
Immigration Rights
Income Tax Amnesty
Special Education
Utility Shut-off Prevention
Veterans' Rights
Workers' Compensation Rights

Services Include:

Administrative Advocacy
Advice and Counsel
Direct Representation
Legislative Advocacy
Non-Profit Incorporation
Rights Education
Transactional Services



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