

## Certificate in Public Interest Law Pro Bono Requirement Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Degree Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To obtain the Certificate, a student must perform 50 hours of pro bono work (legal volunteer work done without pay or school credit) before they graduate. Pro Bono work can be completed during the school year or during the summer. Pro Bono hours **MUST** be reported to the CPDC Program Assistant and are subject to verification.

For the Public Interest Certificate, pro bono work means:

- Assisting public service organizations in work directly related to the delivery of legal services to indigent individuals; or
- Assisting attorneys employed by organizations, to which donations qualify as deductions under state or federal tax laws (typically 501(c)(3)'s); or
- Law-related work for federal, state, or local government, including government agencies, courts, and judges but not including law enforcement; or
- Assisting attorneys directly related to the delivery of legal services to indigent individuals or nonprofits, where the retainer agreement specifies the attorney or attorneys are performing the work pro bono; and
- The student receives no remuneration of any kind, either monetary or for credit. Work performed by a student under a stipend, partial stipend, externship, or work-study is **NOT** eligible under the Program. Hours volunteered for an organization after a stipend has been used, after full Clinic hours have been completed, and after an externship ends **DO** count as pro bono. Volunteer work for on-campus organizations ( *e.g.* , PILP, EJA, etc) does **NOT** qualify as pro bono.

The above student has submitted proof of \_\_\_\_\_ hours of pro bono work.

Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_