

GET INVOLVED NOW

PILS | January | 2016

Save the Date:

Pause for a Cause sponsored by PILS and SBA will be held on March 11 from 1 to 5 PM. Lunch will be provided and we will host a pizza and beer party after!

PILS Career Week is March 7-11 and will include public interest employers interviewing interested students, presentations on loan forgiveness and using the internet to find public interest jobs, fellowship information, coffee talks with employers, PILS sponsored social and fundraising events, and so much more! More information to come soon.

Fellowship information is posted on the PILS website. Interviews will be conducted April 11-13.

For a complete calendar of PILS events, check out our website:

www.lsupils.com

3L's Want a Cord?

Here are some pro bono projects you can get involved with **TODAY**. All of our pro bono programs, including these, are explained in the attached document starting on page 3.

- ♦ BR Bar Assoc. Thirst for Justice Program
- ♦ BR Bar Assoc. Ask A Lawyer Program
- ♦ Teen Court

Don't be the only one of your friends without the awesome pro bono cords in all of the graduation pictures!

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY:
provide free tax prep. services

February 23, 24, 25
March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10
6 - 8 PM

Join the **Tax Law Society** for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Law student volunteers provide free tax preparation services to foreign students, teachers & researchers.

Mandatory Training:
Feb. 17 & 18 6 - 8 PM



PILS Needs You!

In order to build a **#betterPILS**, we need your help! Be on the look out for a social fundraiser at SkyZone!

In the meantime, RSVP for our Jason's Deli fundraiser night on February 18 here:

<http://www.groupraise.com/events/9120>

As always, you can donate Lexis Nexis points to your favorite PMH organization, PILS! Use Lexis for your legal research and earn points along the way. Then you can log on to your account and go to your points page. Click "charitable donations" then "local charities" and then "Louisiana state u - public interest law society." Your 230 points is \$4 to a **#betterPILS**!

PILS is also hosting a bake sale during Career Week! Bring your sweet tooth and some dollar bills for a treat you know you deserve.

Community Service Event: Dance Marathon



Fundraising event benefiting Our Lady of the Lake, our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital

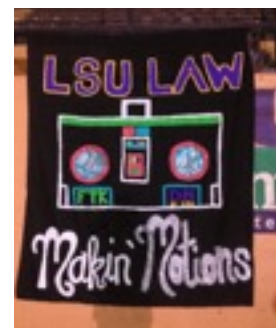
*March 4th 6pm until
March 5th 8pm*

12 or 26 hour shifts

to get involved, contact:

Caila (cclear3@tigers.lsu.edu)

Liz (lizwong36@gmail.com)



Community Service Event: Food Bank

Tomorrow: 1 - 4 PM

Meet at law school at 12:30pm to carpool

Contact Sara to sign up: Sara.Richard19@yahoo.com

Pro Bono Opportunity: Teen Court

Teen Court is a **voluntary diversion program** in which teens sentence their peers for first time misdemeanor offenses such as shoplifting, school altercations and damage to property. **Volunteers perform the roles of prosecuting and defense attorneys, bailiff and jurors.**

Teen Court volunteers will serve as jury monitors and guide the teen prosecutors and defense attorney in carrying out their duties properly.

To get involved, contact Josh at jcox48@lsu.edu

GET INVOLVED WITH LSU LAW PILS PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM		DESCRIPTION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Baton Rouge Bar Association (BRBA)	Family Court Pro Se Help Desk	Help pro se litigants with forms to file petitions and motions in Family Court T/TH shifts : 10am–2pm **There are only a few spots left for this semester! If you are interested, please contact Colton Acosta as soon as possible!!**	Student Chair(s): Colton Acosta Lsupils.brba@gmail.com
	Ask a Lawyer	Observe attorneys give free legal advice; assist with client intake/ filing http://www.brba.org/Web/Public_Resources/Pro_Bono/Ask_A_Lawyer/Web/Public_Resources/Ask_A_Lawyer.aspx?hkey=10cbaf76-3823-423f-b430-0b8a00d5adb8	
	Thirst for Justice	Observe attorneys give free legal advice; assist with client intake/ filing W/TH shifts : 3pm–5pm	
Southeastern Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)		Work for individual attorneys, in the areas of family law, employment law, evictions, social security/disability *If interested in volunteering, contact the student chair with your year, availability, and resume. *Your student chair will then email SLLS, which will then contact you. SLLS may request an interview before you can begin volunteering www.casabr.org	Student Chair(s): Caroline Delahaye Lsupils.slls@gmail.com
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)		*Represent the best interests of a child in foster care. Help be one of the few consistencies in the child's life—a familiar face and strong voice! *Gain exposure to the juvenile court system *Your student co-chairs will advertise the orientation dates for the Spring and Summer trainings. You must attend an orientation in order to attend the CASA training.	Student Chair(s): Heather Crabtree Ashley Herman Lsupils.casa@gmail.com

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Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR)	Mission: To support survivors of sexual trauma, improve systems response, and create social change to end sexual violence. Opportunities: -Research for the legislative session (students can research at home, but it's always good to get to know the staff and be a part of the culture at STAR when possible) -Write informal legal memos on issues that arise for the attorneys -Write short publications for survivors (discuss their rights, etc.) -Assist with starting the STAR pro bono project (help recruit and train volunteer attorneys; help assemble a list of attorney referrals for survivors who want to pursue tort litigation against third parties or the perpetrators) -Grant Writing (STAR will provide a grant writing class for law students, then in return the law students find grants that they apply for [with STAR's help & supervision] for the legal program... examples: foundation grant that pays for office supplies or something bigger. -Court Accompaniment for survivors (attend court and sit with survivors) -Criminal Justice Interview Accompaniment with Survivors -Non-legal volunteer work: assemble care packages for survivors at the hospitals, hotline advocate (trained hotline advocates provide crisis intervention and support to callers on 24/7 basis); hospital advocacy (hospital advocates provided crisis intervention and support to survivors at the hospital during a forensic medical exam) *Any volunteer service directly with survivors (such as court accompaniment or criminal justice interviews) would require a background check and a mandatory 40 hour training.	Pro Bono Co-Chairs Lsupilsprobono@gmail.com
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Association (VITA)	Law student volunteers provide free tax preparation services to foreign students, teachers, & researchers. Dates and times: February 23, 24, 25 & March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 from 6-8pm. *Training Required: 2 trainings will cover everything the volunteers need to know to participate in VITA; will have to complete a multiple choice test and will receive a certificate for doing so. They will have to turn their certificate in to Vivian in order to participate. (Feb. 17th & 18th, 6-8pm)	Vivian Jeansonne (3L) LSU Tax Law Society President vjeans2@lsu.edu