

Gonzaga University School of Law

Graduation Public Service Requirement / Pro Bono Distinction Completion Form

Student
Name: _____

Expected Date
of Graduation: _____

Organization/Site of
Public Service Activity: _____

Description of Service
Activity: _____

Date(s) and Hours
of Service: _____

Be as specific as possible with dates and hours. A range of dates is acceptable; no dates is not.

Total Hours Submitted
from above activity _____

Academic Year when hours were completed:

Traditional: ☐ 1L ☐ 2L ☐ 3L

Accelerated: ☐ Terms 1 & 2 ☐ Terms 3 & 4 ☐ Terms 5 & 6

From the total hours, I would like to post:

_____ hours to the
Graduation Public Service Requirement

_____ hours to the
Pro Bono Distinction Program

- *Hours from a single completion form may be submitted to either program or split up and submitted to both the GPSR and PBD, as long as the hours meet the requirements for the program(s) requested.*
- *You must choose how to allocate your hours between GPSR or PBD. The same hours may not be submitted for BOTH programs.*

**Students performing pro bono legal service or public service in a legal capacity
must work under the direct supervision of an attorney.**

I certify that I performed the amount and type of public service/pro bono service for the recipient/site listed above. Further, I certify that I did not receive compensation, other monetary benefit or credit for the listed activity, and that it meets the definition of public service/pro bono service listed in the Gonzaga Law Student Handbook. I acknowledge that this certification is subject to the Gonzaga Law Code of Student Conduct.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I certify that the above student performed the activity on the dates for the hours detailed above. Further, I certify that he/she did not receive compensation for, nor otherwise benefit from, the public service/pro bono activity.

Public Service Recipient Printed Name & Title _____

Date _____

Public Service Recipient Signature _____

Email Address or Phone # _____

For official use only:

To Graduation Public Service Requirement:

Reg. Ofc. _____

Registrar _____

PS Liaison _____

To Pro Bono Distinction:

PS Liaison _____

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| <p>Gonzaga Law students are required to complete thirty (30) hours of public service for graduation. Transfer students must complete twenty (20) hours of public service (GPSR).</p> <p>GPSR is governed by Rule 2-7 in the Gonzaga University School of Law Student Handbook.</p> <p>Students may begin to work toward completion of the GPSR at the beginning of their 1st term of law school. The requirement cannot be satisfied by hours for which the student also receives compensation, other monetary value, academic credit, or hours that are submitted for Pro Bono Distinction.</p> <p>For purposes of the requirement, “public service” shall be broadly interpreted. It encompasses traditional <i>pro bono</i> legal work, but can also be satisfied by any of the following activities, so long as the student receives no compensation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering at a nonprofit charitable, civic or community organization (law or non-law related); • Assisting an attorney or law firm on a pro bono case; • Any work over & above your required Externship or University Legal Assistance (Clinic) hours; • Serving at a public agency. <p>The place of service should be in E. Washington/N. Idaho, with exceptions possible upon approval by the Public Service Liaison, who will consult with the Assistant Dean of Students (e.g., a student may fulfill the requirement while out of the area during a term break or distance externship).</p> <p>Service hours must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office within twelve (12) months of completion.</p> <p>Students are responsible for selecting a public service activity that will meet the requirement. Students may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. choose an agency on their own (new agencies should be pre-approved by student Public Service Liaison; 2. request placement assistance from Public Service Liaison; 3. find approved agencies/activities through Community Service Fair held on main campus each term; or 4. find approved agencies/activities via the Gonzaga University Service Learning website (in cooperation with the Center for Community Action & Service Learning (CCASL)). <p>Copies of the submission form may be found either outside the Registrar’s Office or on the Public Service Requirement page of the Gonzaga Law website.</p> <p>Graduate transcripts will reflect completion of GPSR.</p> | <p>The law school will confer the Pro Bono Distinction (PBD) for enrolled students who perform 30 hours of pro bono service during their 1st & 2nd terms, 3rd & 4th terms, and/or 5th & 6th terms.</p> <p>Hours completed during the early start program will be counted toward the 1st term. Hours completed by traditional students in summers after 1L year will be counted toward the next year.</p> <p>Students can earn the following additional Pro Bono Distinctions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st Level. Silver – earned PBD at least twice & performed 100-199 pro bono service hours during law school. 2. 2nd Level. Gold – earned PBD at least twice & performed 200-299 pro bono service hours during law school. 3. Top Level. Platinum – earned PBD at least twice & performed 300+ pro bono service hours during law school. 4. Dean’s Pro Bono Award of Distinction –earned PBD at least twice & accrued the highest number of pro bono hours in graduating class. <p>For purposes of earning the PBD, pro bono service is defined as providing law-related services, under direct supervision of an attorney, for which student does not receive academic credit or pay (including work-study, grant, fellowship, or scholarship money) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a non-profit organization or government entity; • a lawyer or law firm providing services that comport with Rule 6.1 of the American Bar Association’s Model Rules of Professional Conduct, “Voluntary Pro Bono Public Service”; • the Gonzaga Law Moderate Means Program; • pro bono service projects coordinated by Gonzaga’s Center for Civil & Human Rights; • Gonzaga’s University Legal Assistance clinic or an externship placement in excess of the work hours required for credit; • an entity that a student works for in compliance with the terms of a grant or scholarship, in excess of the terms of service required for the grant or scholarship, if the work otherwise meets one of the requirements above. <p>Students must document pro bono hours in the manner prescribed by Public Service Liaison. Spring/Summer graduating students must submit hours by March 15 in order to be recognized at commencement. Students graduating in any term other than spring must submit hours by the last day of classes of their final term in order to have distinction noted on transcript.</p> <p>Students who achieve the Pro Bono Distinction will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Dean, have distinction noted on their final transcript, and be recognized in May commencement program. Student who earns the Dean’s Pro Bono Award of Distinction will receive award at May commencement.</p> |
| <p>Please fill out the GPSR/PBD Completion Form & obtain signatures from all required parties, & submit to the wooden box outside of the Registrar’s Office, via fax to (509) 313-5710 or as a PDF via email for satisfaction of the requirements of either of these programs. Public Service Liaison may refuse to accept incomplete or unreadable forms.</p> <p>Please see the Gonzaga Law website for more information & specific deadlines for each of these programs:</p> <p>Graduation Public Service Requirement (https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-law/academics/curriculum/public-service-requirements) or Pro Bono Distinction (https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-law/clinic-centers/pro-bono-distinction).</p> | |