

# The Difference

News and updates from the Pro Bono Program

## Hands-on Experience Drafting Wills

Sitting alongside an experienced lawyer as they interview and discuss the contents



of a client's will is a real- life experience that you can only get by volunteering with the Pro Bono Program *My Will Project*. Held once a month on Friday from 9-12. Sign up is online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445a8a82ea1fc1-mywill>

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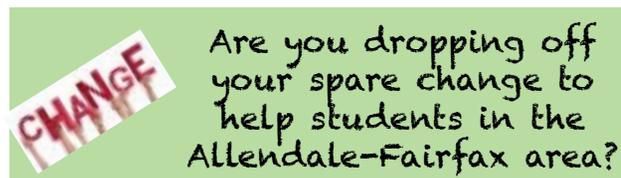
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## Justice Sotomayor did it at Princeton, you can at USC

What is "it"? Data Entry! The Pro Bono Program and the Richland County Bar are in need of one volunteer to enter the data from the HELP Clinic into a database. Flexible hours and the only skills needed are basic computer skills and reading lawyer handwriting!



Are you aware that all Pro Bono projects are built around 1 or more of the Core Skills or c\ Competencies that every law student should master before graduating?

Compare your skills to the list!  
How do you measure up?

1. Oral Communication and Listening Ability
2. Writing
3. General Research
4. Critical Reading
5. Task Organization and Management
6. Professionalism

More details on the web. Need help in one or more Core Competency? All volunteer projects list the skills you might gain, all you have to do is volunteer

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*"VITA provides an excellent opportunity to solidify and build on your understanding of tax concepts introduced in your income tax course, while gaining experience with client interaction that will serve you well whatever your chosen area of practice. In VITA, for example, clients give imperfect or incomplete information, as they will in real life, and it is up to you and the team to address that challenge. You'll improve your interpersonal skills, expand your knowledge of the law, and help individuals navigate an important and challenging responsibility of citizenship. It's an incredibly worthwhile endeavor. "*

Tessa Davis  
Assistant Professor of Law

## Friday Blitz Open to All Students



It's not nice to laugh at the public but sometimes they ask the craziest things?

The Friday Blitz is an opportunity to team up with pro bono lawyers and respond to a myriad of questions posted by the public to the SC Bar's online site [www.sc.freelegalanswers.org](http://www.sc.freelegalanswers.org).

One minute you may be responding to a question about common law marriage, the next questions may be about a rental lease but no matter what the question is there are always a few humdingers that bring the entire group to tears.! It may be can I own a sloth in SC? Or my ex-wife stole my guns, how do I get my 2nd Amendment back? Always interesting and never dull. The Friday Blitz is conducted 1 x a month from 2:30-5. To sign up go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445a8a82ea1fc1-friday>



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