

Welcome... to the **USC School of Law**

10th Annual Incoming Law Students Community Service Project

On August 24, 2018 over 200 USC Law Students along with members of the staff and faculty will take part in a very special annual event. Simultaneously everyone will spread out over the Columbia community to provide volunteer services to local area organizations.

Why? The ***10th Annual Incoming Law Student Community Service Project*** is an opportunity for new USC School of Law students to get to know the needs of our community while serving as a team building exercise for peer mentor groups and faculty members. We want you to start Law School with the idea that service is a fundamental aspect of becoming a lawyer.

Who are the sponsors? The Office of Student Affairs, the SBA and the Pro Bono Program organize this event

When? The ***10th Annual Incoming Law Student Community Service Project*** will be held on Friday, August 24th. Everyone is to meet in the Lobby after their morning class, have lunch, and receive your t-shirt, assignment /map before heading out to work!

Where? Each Peer Mentor group has been assigned a location where the group will engage in a variety of activities. You will get your assignment from your peer mentor on Friday. **You should meet your group in the Lobby for lunch at 12 or 12:30. Everyone departs by 1 with plans to be onsite by 1:15 and ready to work!** You should be finished by 4.

What will you be doing? Good question. Each organization has different needs to be addressed. Some of you may be moving furniture, painting, cleaning out files, sorting food, doing yard work, or entering data. You can be assured that you will work hard and be making a difference but you won't need to use any "legal knowledge". With just two days of classes under your belt we don't think you are ready for that, yet!

Photos! A Pro Bono Board member will be assigned to each of the service projects as a "reporter". They will be interviewing everyone at the worksite as well as documenting the project with photos. SMILE! You can check out the photos on your class and the Pro Bono Program Facebook pages.

Rules? Yes, there are a few simple rules.

1. **No flip-flops; closed toed shoes are required! It would be embarrassing to arrive at the work site and be sent home! Oops!**
2. **Wear old clothes;** you will probably get dirty. Some of you may even be outside. The slogan for Columbia is "Famously Hot" so be prepared. No short shorts-you know why! Not to worry how you look for class, your faculty member will be joining you!
3. **Be on time at your assigned project location.**
4. **Have fun!** This is a great opportunity to de-stress and enjoy being with those who will share your law school adventure. Remember members of the faculty and staff may be working alongside you.
5. **Learn something!** Learn about the needs of our community, who is trying to address the needs of our citizens, the ethic of service and most of all learn more about your classmates and members of the Law School community.