

The Difference

News and updates from the Pro Bono Program



Every Thursday from 1-2 you can drop in and hear not only the latest from the Pro Bono Program but a short interview from an alumnae who is a leader in their field and how they incorporate pro bono service into their practice. Plenty of time to exchange ideas and ask questions. And you can eat your lunch while catching up! We will connect on Blackboard Collaborate! Here is the [link](#)

Oct. Guests

The Honorable Barbara Wofford-Kanwat,
Richland County Magistrate

Molly Day, Bluffton, SC
SC Bar Pro Bono Board member

Olivia Jones, Columbia, SC
SC Bar Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year

The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine
Columbia City Councilwoman

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Racial disparities are pervasive and much of the **Justice 360** work focuses on identifying and addressing these disparities in their clients' individual cases and the system as a whole. Without facing racial inequities, we cannot have a fair and just system. This October, the goal of to the virtual forum where scholars and activists can share information about the legacy of racial bias in the criminal justice system and its lasting effects, followed by important discussions about actions that can lead to real change.

Topics being discussed: Death penalty, lynching, school to prison pipeline, COVID-19 and the prison system and racial disparity and reentry issues. There will also be an opportunity to discuss what you can do and how to get involved.

This is a free event but you do need to register. Registration [here](#)

Speakers and topics include:

Opening Remarks

Mayor Stephen Benjamin
Issac Bailey, Author, "My Brother Moochie"

The Death Penalty and the Legacy of Lynching and Racial Disparity in SC

John Blume- Cornell Law School Death Penalty Project
Hannah Freedman, Justice 360

The State of the SC Death Penalty Today

Lindsey Vann, Justice 360
Representative Justin Bamberg

Death in Prison sentencing for children

Hannah Freedman, Justice 360

School to Prison Pipeline in SC

Vivian Anderson, Every Black Girl, SC
M.O.R.E. Justice
Megan Barnes, Justice 360

SC Prison Conditions-Healthcare, COVID-19 and Emergency Planning

Senator Mia McLeod
Lester Young, JustLeadership. USA
Stuart Andrews. Nelson Mullins

How to Advocate for Change- Panel

SC ACLU
Rev. Carey Grady, Reid Chapel, AME Church
Stephanie Willisms, Advocate4 for the Incarcerated

Racial Disparity, Policing, Reentry Issues-Panel Discussion

Don Polite, Jr. USC
Lester Young, JustLeadership, USA
Kate Weaver Patterson, Root and Rebound
Cameron Blazer, Blazer Law Firm



Communication Challenges with Special Populations of Children

This free 2 part webinar is an excellent opportunity for law students who either already volunteer on behalf of children or plan on pursuing a career helping children. The webinar is presented by the SC Children's Justice Act

This webinar is multidisciplinary and designed for professionals who work with children with autism, speech impairments, intellectual disabilities, visual impairments or blindness, and trauma-induced communication barriers; and children who are deaf or hard of hearing. If you are already a guardian ad litem or think you want to become one, this is an amazing opportunity to build your knowledge.

October 16 Part I: Children with Autism, Speech Impairments, and Intellectual Disabilities

October 23 Part II: Children with a Visual Impairment or Blindness, Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and Children with Trauma-induced Communication Barriers

Course Times: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Presenters are experts in their respective fields. This webinar is free but you do need to register, do that here: <https://sc.edu/clc/registration/>

Elections Matter

If elections matter to you and you are interested in serving in some kind of role that would insure safe and fair elections, the Pro Bono Program is here to help you figure out what is best for you. Detailed information on the [386^aView Blog](#).

Non-partisan poll observers needed

The *SC ACLU* is recruiting for non-partisan Election Day observers. They have set up training dates. It is easy to register, choose a training date and even indicate your desired Election Day site. Here is the link to [register](#) Training dates are:

October 15, 5-6:30 PM

October 19, 7-8:30 PM.

October 24, 12-1:30 PM



The Palmetto LEADER arriving soon!

Coming in October

With the arrival of Fall weather comes a few new opportunities to engage with your community. Keep an eye on your email and the [386^a View Blog](#) for details

^aNew reading community service project

^aMostly virtual Food Drive to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank

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Mindfulness Matters.

We all benefit from looking after our mental health.

Tips for Students Struggling to Maintain Focus During Online Learning

Taking notes while the class is ongoing—resist the urge to watch without taking notes

Resist the urge to sit in bed when attending “class.” Find a place where you will feel focused and awake

Take breaks between class to stretch or go for a walk

Reach out to professors, staff

Use the chat during lecture; people likely have the same question or are lost too

Reach out as soon as you feel you are disconnecting from the material; professors want to help.

Though not required, if you would like to hold yourself more accountable during class, try keeping your camera on for days you are on call to keep yourself attentive.

Reach out to Fellow Classmates:

If you can't meet in person quickly, creating collaborative google docs is a good way to maintain a connection with your peers and study together

Utilize peer mentor groups and social networks; you are not alone in feeling lost

Utilize a timer on your watch if you are struggling to create a set work/study schedule between your classes

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Check out the other resources on the 386^a View Blog.