



Tell Them We Are Rising: One Community at a Time

Student Guidelines

Scope and Goal:

This is a pro bono challenge seeking to pair law students with practicing attorneys within the Southern Region of the National Black Law Students Association (SRBLSA). SRBLSA spans nine states and territories. The 2020–2021 fiscal year marks the 50th Anniversary of SRBLSA, so it is our hope to provide 500 hours of pro bono services to the community.

How does the program work?

1. Interested attorneys will submit pro bono assignments to SRBLSA. SRBLSA will vet the submissions to ensure licensed attorneys are soliciting the help before posting for a law student to accept.
2. After a SRBLSA member approves the request, it will be posted to Symplicity.
3. SRBLSA law students will have the opportunity to log into Symplicity and choose the projects they would like to work on.
4. Once the project is completed, the student will submit a form of completion to their supervising attorney for the attorney's signature. The student will keep a copy and send a copy to srblsa.service@nblsa.org. The student can then submit their completed hours to their school if necessary.

What do law students need to do?

1. Law students will need to register for a NBLSA simplicity account by visiting <http://law-nblsa-csm.symplicity.com/students>.
2. Once in Symplicity, students can search "SRBLSA Pro Bono" to see pro bono project listings.
3. Students will need to submit the proper documentation requested by each posting to accept an assignment.
4. Someone from the SRBLSA team will send an introductory email to the supervising attorney and to the student to connect them for the project. Included in that email will be an hours tracking log for the student to keep track of the time spent on the assignment.
5. Once the project is completed, the student will email their completed time form to their supervising attorney for certification. Once the supervising attorney signs, they will send the completed form back to the student for record keeping.
6. The student will send the final form to Da'Shaun Parker at srblsa.service@nblsa.org to complete the project and close out the assignment.

How do you stay in contact?

SRBLSA's Director of Community Service, Da'Shaun Parker, will be leading this effort. He can be reached at srblsa.service@nblsa.org.

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