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PILI introduces law students, law graduates and lawyers to a piece of the legal community

that they might not otherwise see.

Providing these individuals with that

perspective cultivates that lifelong commitment to public interest law."

- Jordan Heinz, Kirkland & Ellis LLP former PILI Intern and Fellow

"I've developed a strong professional network through PILI that keeps me connected with those who share my commitment to

public interest law and pro bono.

- Justin Heather, Quinlan Law Firm LLC former PILI Fellow

## Making your Commitment: **Get Involved with PILI**

Participate as a Law Student Intern or Graduate Fellow; attend our annual programming for Interns and Fellows, Alumni or our pro bono programming; join one of our pro bono or Alumni teams; serve on one of our judicial circuit pro bono committees or offer new associates at your law firm the opportunity to be a Graduate Fellow.

Celebrate with us by attending one of our annual events; by submitting a nomination for one of our annual awards; or by being recognized through our Pro Bono Recognition Roster.

Support our work by making an individual donation; by joining one of our Giving Circles; by sponsoring a Named or Honorary Intern; by directing cy pres awards to us; or by having your law firm or corporation sponsor one of our events.

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cultivating a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service

## PILI's Mission

is to cultivate a lifelong commitment to public interest law and pro bono service

within the Illinois legal community to expand the availability of legal services for people, families and communities in need.

We envision a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where law students, lawyers and legal professionals at all stages of their careers engage in public interest law or pro bono work, and remain committed to addressing the unmet legal needs of the poor and underrepresented.

We pursue our mission through our four programs, in partnership with law schools, public interest law organizations, and members of the bench and bar from across Illinois.

# "There is such a need for legal services, and PILI meets that need

by connecting law students like me who want to do public interest work with resources to learn and establish roots in the legal service community."

- Susan Ritacca, Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing former PILI Intern

### Law Student Internship Program

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects first and second-year law students with legal service agencies in Illinois. Interns work 400 hours full-time during the summer or 200 hours part-time during the school year, with PILI ensuring quality supervision by experienced attorneys and providing extra educational, networking and mentoring opportunities. Through this program, PILI helps legal service agencies increase their impact while also helping law students develop their legal and client interaction skills, build their professional networks, and strengthen their commitment to public interest law and service.

## Graduate Fellowship Program

PILI's Graduate Fellowship Program places new associates from Chicago law firms at legal service agencies, where they work 300 hours during the summer or fall before starting at their firms. This is a unique opportunity to gain lawyering experience, build professional networks, and engage in something meaningful while studying for the bar. New associates who participate in PILI's Graduate Fellowship Program are connected to pro bono from the very beginning of their careers, and after joining their firms, they often continue to work with the agency on pro bono matters. This benefits you and your firm, as well as area legal aid agencies and their clients.

#### Alumni Network

Today, over 3,500 law students and graduates have participated in PILI's Internship & Fellowship Programs. PILI's Alumni Network builds and maintains the connection between past PILI Interns and Fellows and the public interest law community through educational, networking, leadership, and service opportunities.

#### Pro Bono Initiative

PILI works collaboratively with law firms, corporations, public interest law agencies, law schools and members of the bar and bench to expand the availability of pro bono legal services across Illinois. Through our Pro Bono Initiative, we offer a wide range of pro bono programming and resources, we develop innovative projects and cultivate best practices, and we celebrate ongoing pro bono service to enhance the scope and quantity of pro bono legal assistance in Illinois.







"I would strongly encourage all corporate counsel to connect with PILI because PILI has the experience, the resources and the programs

that will allow corporate counsel to develop and implement world class pro bono programs."

- John Bourke, Assistant General Counsel, Aon

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