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About PILI

PILI's mission is to engage, inspire and empowers those advancing equal access to justice.

We envision making equal access to justice a reality through a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where pro bono and public interest law engagement is optimized to best serve people, families and communities in need.

“The importance of PILI is really being at the **center place** of where the need for pro bono services are, the resources are, and the information is.”

- Reena Bajowala, PILI Alum

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Law Student Internship Program

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with public interest law agencies in Illinois and pays them for their work. The Internship Program is offered statewide in Alton, Bloomington, Carbondale, Champaign, Chicago, East St. Louis, Peoria, Rock Island, and West Chicago. PILI ensures quality supervision by experienced attorneys while also providing supplemental programming, networking and educational opportunities.

More than **65 Interns** are now being placed in 9 cities across the state every year.

Over **50% growth** in the number of Law Student Interns funded over the last decade.

PILI Interns provide over **20,000 hours** of legal services through our partner agencies each year.

Graduate Fellowship Program

PILI's Graduate Fellowship Program places new associates from Chicago law firms at public interest law agencies in Illinois, where they are typically paid by their hiring firm to work between graduation and starting at the firm. The program offers Fellowship placements at 60 Participating Agencies throughout Illinois. Through this program, PILI helps public interest law agencies increase their impact while also helping new lawyers develop their legal and client interaction skills, build their professional networks, and strengthen their commitment to helping others.

60-70 incoming associates participate in the Graduate Fellowship Program every year.

Over a **dozen Chicago law firms** offer this opportunity to incoming associates.

PILI Fellows provide over **21,000 hours** of legal services through our partner agencies annually.

Alumni Network

Today, nearly 5,000 law students and graduates have participated in PILI's Internship and 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.

Each year, Interns and Fellows join the ranks of **5,000 PILI Alumni**.

Members of PILI's Alumni Network staff a **monthly community law clinic**, helping dozens of clients each year.

Alumni also gather for **CLEs, service projects and fundraisers** regularly.

Pro Bono Program

Our Pro Bono Program works to increase the availability of pro bono legal help for those who cannot afford an attorney in Illinois by developing innovative pro bono opportunities, offering pro bono programming and resources, cultivating best practices, and celebrating the life-changing pro bono performed throughout the state.

Over **700 attendees** participate in CLE programs, Pro Bono Roundtables and Forums.

More than **250 attorneys** assist over **3,300 clients** through several pro bono opportunities.

PILI has **11 Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committees** covering 53 counties.