

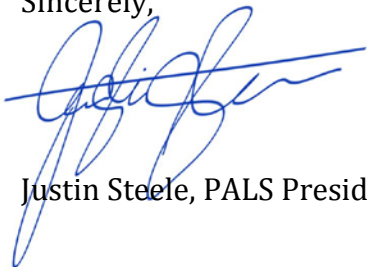
Thank you for visiting our page and for interest in the Public Action Law Society ("PALS"). PALS is the pro bono organization at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. We work to facilitate student involvement in pro bono activities that promote access to justice for the indigent members of the Memphis community and to recognize when students perform pro bono work. Our main event is our annual Alternative Spring Break Program where we bring students from across the country to Memphis and place them in specialized pro bono tracks.

Alternative Spring Break is a unique, 4-day opportunity for law students to work closely with attorneys, judges, and clients in a particular area of law. We divide the participants into several different specialized tracks, which have included: elder law, family law (pro se divorce), research and writing, criminal law, juvenile justice, veterans affairs, and immigration. Each track is led by a group of attorneys who have volunteered their time in the interest of promoting pro bono work. For the majority of tracks the first day is spent in training in that specific area of law followed by a day of client interaction and two days of working on client's problems. Last year 72 students assisted 165 clients with unique legal problems. Out of those 72 students, 22 came from 14 different law schools. While most come from the University of Memphis, we had students participate from as close as Ole Miss and as far away as Hastings in California.

Our goal in the 2014-2015 school year is to incite more student involvement from the incoming law school class and build lasting relationships with the local legal community. What we mean is, we want to create a culture of attorneys willing to do pro bono work no matter what community they currently reside in. We believe that the best way to promote those ideals is to educate incoming students about the importance of pro bono work through out their entire career.

I am very excited for the new year and the work that can be accomplished to improve access to justice in Memphis

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Steele", is written over a faint, circular watermark of the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law seal.

Justin Steele, PALS President