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Project Spotlight

The Pro Bono Collaborative periodically spotlights one project or issue as a way to keep our volunteers and supporters aware of, and engaged in, PBC projects and local access to justice initiatives.



Pictured from left to right: Tiana Pittman '18, Christine Bradley '19, Paula Rosin, Esq. and Eliza Vorenberg. Missing: Jenna Giguere and Suzanne Harrington-Steppen.

Pro Bono Collaborative ACI Civil Legal Clinics Project expands to Women's Facility

In February, the Pro Bono Collaborative launched the ACI Civil Legal Clinics Project at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections Women's Facility. Two RWU Law students, supervised by RWU Law alum Jenna (Algee) Giguere, Esq. and former appellate public defender Paula Rosin, Esq., visited the Women's Facility bi-weekly from February 9 to April 20. The team met with eleven women who came to the clinic looking for help with eviction, custody, visitation, and child support, as well as wills and insurance beneficiary issues. During the clinics, the law students conducted intake interviews with the women. Between clinics, the law students did extensive legal research with close supervision from our two volunteer attorneys. They then returned to the clinic to provide their research results and appropriate advice and counsel to the

women.

One of the law students, Tiana Pittman '18, will be receiving the coveted Public Interest Award at this year's RWU Law Commencement in recognition for her vision in suggesting this new project, her work at the ACI this spring, and her involvement over the past two years with the PBC McAuley House Expungement Project.

As Tiana prepares to graduate RWU Law and reflects on her pro bono experiences, she notes "I will miss working with everyone in the PBC, I've had such a great experience!"

The program is a pro bono project facilitated by RWU Law's Pro Bono Collaborative.

About the PBC

The PBC staff identifies and develops pro bono projects that appeal to transactional and business attorneys, facilitates ongoing pro bono projects and works to increase access to justice. The PBC is not a referral program, but instead matches law firms with community organizations to provide pro bono legal assistance in a specific area of law. [Read more about the PBC...](#)

If you are an attorney and would like to get involved in this or any other PBC project, we would love to hear from you.

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