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Once again, the law school fully participated in the ABA's Pro Bono Celebration Week with an inspiring speaker and recognition of the incredible array of student public service work and pro bono activities through our signature program, The Pro Bono Collaborative.

Akin Adepoju (RWU Law '04), from the Federal Defender's Office in Pittsburgh, spent a day on campus talking with students, staff and faculty about his death penalty work. His day started with a breakfast co-sponsored by the Feinstein Institute, the Association for Public Interest Law, the Criminal Law Society, the Multicultural Law Students Association and the Black Law Students Association. Akin also met individually with students interested in criminal defense work as an "attorney in residence" in Career Development, ending the day with a passionate and inspiring talk, "Making the Case for Life: Lawyers and the Death Penalty."



With a display outside the law school's courtroom, the Feinstein Institute posted student pictures and narratives about their most meaningful public service experiences. Student stories highlighted their work with organizations that ranged from the RI ACLU to the Pentagon, the RI Adult Correctional Institution to the UN, the Bronx Defenders to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

The Pro Bono Collaborative hosted a series of events during the week, including:

- A Meet & Greet for PBC students and donors at the offices of leading firm Nixon Peabody LLP
- A Clinic at the Olneyville Neighborhood Association with RWUSOL alum, Hans Bremer, Esq. and Ondine Sniffin, Esq., to assist Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (Dreamers)
- An Expungement Clinic at McAuley House with attorneys from Ratcliffe Harten Burke & Galamaga LLP
- A rights presentation at the Women's Center (a domestic violence facility), by Whelan & Siket LLP attorney Matthew Parker, Esq. and PBC law students.



