

Each October, all four of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School branches in Michigan offer students the opportunity to take the Pro Bono Pledge, administered by members of the bench. They pledge to offer pro bono service each year not only throughout law school, but throughout their legal careers. Students who fulfill their commitment after taking the pledge are recognized during Cooley's Honors Convocation ceremonies.

"I support the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's commitment to pro bono legal service and regard the provision of such service as a personal commitment as well as a professional and ethical obligation.

I support the principle that members of, and those aspiring to enter, the legal profession have an obligation regardless of professional prominence or workload to participate in or otherwise support the provision of legal services to the disadvantaged.

I hereby pledge to complete at least one pro bono experience in the coming year. Further, I pledge to continue to do so every year throughout my legal career or to comply with or exceed the pro bono expectations of my state bar association."