



What is Public Interest Law?

Public Interest Law is not confined to Legal Aid or the Public Defender's Office. Public interest lawyers are any lawyers working in the public sector, ranging from attorneys working for government agencies to staff attorneys in the judicial system. Similarly, public interest law spans across multiple areas of law such as, civil rights and liberties, women's rights, criminal law, prisoner's rights, children and youth services, employment law, immigrant rights, landlord/tenant rights, or environmental law.

What PILA Does:

PILA works to build connections between UT law students and the public interest community, as well as aid in supporting students' public interest law endeavors financially. PILA works closely with the Toledo Bar Association (TBA) and Legal Aid of Western Ohio/Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (LAWO/ABLE) to provide volunteers and expose law students to various legal experiences.

The TBA sponsors multiple bi-weekly and monthly pro bono clinics, such as, the Pro Se Divorce Clinic and the Expungement Clinic. Through such programs law students are able to gain real legal experience, in addition to busy class schedules.

PILA holds various fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for Summer Public Interest Law Fellowships. This past year we raised a record-breaking \$10,000 for fellowships. Our annual Silent Auction is a great fundraising and networking opportunity for local practitioners, judges, faculty, and students. Additionally, a yearly student tournament is held, Pong for PILA, which always makes for a great day.

Membership Details - What your Dues Get You:

- A first look at legal volunteer activities
- Access to our Outline Bank, a competitive selection of outlines for first year and upper-level classes, created by some of the best UT law students!
- Access to our Supplement Library, why purchase your own when you can borrow one from PILA?
- **Dues per year: \$15/person**

Upcoming Events: First meeting: Tuesday, September 8th, 12:00pm, Room 1006

For more information: Please visit our website at www.toledopila.org or contact PILA President, Ann Zarick at ann.zarick@utoledo.edu