

Back to School: Tapping into Law School, Graduate & Professional Programs

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Academia often seems impenetrable to advocate outsiders. But inside are potential riches, if strategically leveraged, the right ask is made, and professional school nonprofit-as-client programs accessed. Learn to tap the expertise of law schools in novel ways and access graduate students in nonprofit management, business, public policy and much more.

Topical Outline:

- I. Introductions
- II. Brief overview of possible law school asks
- III. The broader marketplace for pro bono: opportunities for professional school pro bono benefitting the nonprofit sector
- IV. Tales from the Trenches: Mississippi Center for Justice taps policy and sociology students and faculty to address payday lender problems resulting in local government moratoria on new retail payday lender storefronts
- V. Taproot Foundation case studies from Design, Business, HR, Alumni and cross discipline school programs
- VI. Top Graduate and Professional School programs you can apply to for services
- VII. 5 Best Practices for Working with Students
 - a. Common Challenges
 - b. Best Practices for successful student projects
- VIII. Audience experiences with other non-law school programs (ideas will be added to existing handouts and resent to program participants following the Conference)

Notes:

Participants will leave with:

- Menu of partnership/collaboration possibilities with law schools
- Handout “5 Best Practices for Working with Students”
- List of graduate and professional school programs (Urban Planning, Public Policy, Business, and other disciplines) that take on nonprofits as clients
- Applications for programs with early summer deadlines

Bibliography & Website Links:

1. Pro Bono Action Tank’s showcase of pro bono programs:
<http://www.probonoactiontank.org/school/>
2. The Taproot Foundation: <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/>
3. Pro Bono: An Emerging Trend in American Professional Schools:
<http://www.taprootfoundation.org/docs/Pro-Bono-An-Emerging-Trend-Professional-Schools.pdf>
4. Design for Impact Framework:
<http://www.probonoactiontank.org/pdf/resources/DesignforImpactProfSchools.pdf>