



# Pro Bono opportunities at UCL Laws



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## What is Pro Bono?

Pro Bono means “For the Public Good”. At UCL Laws, pro bono encompasses a wide range of voluntary projects that use the law and legal knowledge as an effective instrument for improving access to justice. These include providing free legal services under qualified supervision to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it, community outreach, public legal education, mentoring, working in partnership with legal charities, and fundraising.

## The UCL Centre for Access to Justice

At the heart of our pro bono activities is the UCL Centre for Access to Justice (CAJ). Located within the UCL Faculty of Laws, the CAJ combines the unique advantages of clinical legal education with the provision of pro bono legal advice to vulnerable communities, predominantly in the areas of social welfare, employment and education law.

## Why Should I Do Pro Bono?

Pro bono projects not only provide valuable assistance to the local community but are also hugely important to your development as a law student. To make the most of your time as a law student, you can put your legal knowledge and skills to practical use in the community by getting involved in the unique pro bono opportunities on offer at UCL. As law students in London, there are countless opportunities for you to get involved and make a difference especially at a time when access to legal advice and education is becoming harder. As one of the world’s most populated cities, there is plenty of need, and here at UCL, we are particularly well placed to meet some of that need.

*“Not only did I gain a deeper understanding of social justice, the CAJ made me think about how I could make a difference and why it was important that I should”*

*“The experience was immensely rewarding because everything we did - even minor, would directly benefit another individual.”*



## What are the current projects at UCL Laws?

Pro Bono opportunities at the CAJ are divided into four broad streams: Access to Justice, Public Legal Education, Widening Participation and Human Rights.

### **Access to Justice**

*These opportunities focus on increasing access to legal advice and services to those who would otherwise be unable to afford it.*

UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic (iLAC) assistants  
UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic Student Supervisors  
Volunteer Training Programme with Pro Bono Community  
Citizens Advice Assistant at the Grenfell Fire Assistance Centre  
Dementia Research Centre Advice (DRCAP) Student Assistants  
Haringey Migrant Support Centre Internship

### **Public Legal Education (PLE)**

*Public Legal Education focuses on raising awareness of rights and legal issues while also developing public confidence and capacity to deal with law related problems.*

Grassroots Human Rights Project

### **Widening Participation**

*These opportunities encourage young people who are under-represented in higher education to consider studying law (or other subjects) at university or pursue a legal career.*

IntoUniversity  
City and Islington Law Support Group Mentor

### **Human Rights**

*Opportunities in this stream aim to promote human rights both domestically and abroad through research, advocacy and events.*

Amicus(UCL Student Chapter)  
Lawyers without Borders Student Division at UCL  
Migrants Organise Caseworker Internship  
Lawyers against Poverty

### **Other Opportunities**

UCL CAJ Student Pro Bono Committee  
Setting up a new project



The CAJ also promotes a number of external opportunities from a variety of charities, NGOs and advice agencies so students are advised to check the CAJ website regularly.

## The CAJ Student Pro Bono Committee

In addition to volunteering for pro bono projects, students interested in pro bono can apply to join the **CAJ Student Pro Bono Committee**, which assists the CAJ in managing and evaluating existing pro bono projects, running events, and shaping strategy around pro bono and student opportunities.

Applications are now currently being received for the 2019 - 2020 [LLM Engagement Officer Role, Fundraising Officer, and Events Officer positions on the SPBC committee](#)! Deadline - 7 October 2019.

Working closely with the staff of the CAJ, members of the Student Pro Bono Committee:

- Fundraise for social welfare and related causes to access to justice;
- Plan events around social welfare and careers for students;
- Publish blogs and social media to raise awareness of pro bono at UCL laws and social justice news and opportunities
- Review new project proposals from students;
- Gather feedback and evaluate current pro bono projects.

The deadline for applications for the CAJ Student Pro Bono Committee is **7 October**. The application form, individual job descriptions and more information is available on the CAJ website.



## Have an idea for a new project?

At the CAJ, we also want to enable and empower students to set up and deliver their own initiatives. Students wishing to set up a new pro bono project are invited to submit a new project proposal form, available on the CAJ website: [www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/CAJ-resources](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/CAJ-resources).

CAJ student-led projects benefit from support and guidance from the CAJ while students retain the leadership and management of their project.

Students wishing to submit a proposal are invited to arrange an informal chat with a member of the CAJ or the Student Pro Bono Committee to discuss their ideas in advance of submitting their proposal.

When assessing pro bono project proposals, the CAJ will consider the following selection criteria:

- Does the project address a need in the local community or beyond?
- To what extent will this project have a positive impact both on the public and UCL students?
- How does the project fit in with the rest of the work undertaken at the CAJ?
- Is the project viable (in terms of budget/funding and supervision etc.)?

Further guidance is available in the new Pro Bono Handbook, available to download from the CAJ website.

**Please note: students wishing to set up a new project affiliated with UCL (using the UCL name or branding) MUST fall under the oversight of the CAJ or Students Union UCL.**

## Need funding?

CAJ student-led projects are eligible to apply for a grant from the **CAJ Small Grants Funding Programme** to support their activities. The grant application form is available through the CAJ website, via the link above. Please note funding is currently only available for student-led projects. Information on the criteria for being awarded funding is also available in the CAJ Pro Bono Handbook, available to download from the CAJ website.



## Current projects (Access to Justice)

### UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic (UCL iLAC) Assistants and Student Supervisors

*'I had the chance to reflect on how disadvantaged so many people in the UK are, and it reminded me that I should be using my position of privilege to help others where possible.'*  
Michael Utama, iLAC Assistant, 2017 – 2018

#### About

The UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic (iLAC), based in Stratford offers local residents free face to face general legal advice on all aspects of social welfare law, including welfare benefits and housing.

The clinic is staffed by UCL law students working under the close supervision of qualified lawyers and advisors. As such it offers an excellent educational opportunity to students whilst also providing a valuable and much needed service to members of the local community. The clinic allows students to acquire hands on experience in new areas of law, in addition to developing a greater understanding of the legal needs of one of England's most deprived boroughs.

For more information on how to apply to the assistant role please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/ucl-integrated-legal-advice-clinic-ucl-ilac-assistants>

For more information on how to apply to the student supervisor role please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/ucl-integrated-legal-advice-clinic-ucl-ilac-student-supervisors>

#### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 15 October

Training Date: 30 October



## **Volunteer Training Programme with Pro Bono Community**

### **About**

Pro Bono Community (PBC) is a registered charity which has been set up to increase the amount and quality of advice from well-trained and highly-motivated volunteers. Students are provided with comprehensive training and then undertake a volunteering placement equivalent to one day per week for three months or more at a Law Centre, enabling them to develop their interpersonal, client management, casework, case management, advocacy and other skills.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/volunteer-training-programme-pro-bono-community>

### **Key Dates**

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 21 October

Training dates to take place: 5 and 6 November



## Citizens Advice Assistant at Kensington & Chelsea CAB

*'This experience has affirmed my passion for a legal career tailored towards supporting marginalized clients in the areas of human rights law or criminal defence.'* - Nicola Rothgiesser, Citizens Advice Assistant, 2017 - 2018

### About

Kensington Citizens Advice began assisting victims of the tragedy at Grenfell Tower in the immediate aftermath of the devastating fire. The issues with which survivors need assistance are complex, and principally concern housing as well as welfare benefits law. In this role students provide much needed support to the Advisors in the Grenfell Team at Kensington Citizens Advice.

This includes providing administrative support, as well as the potential for casework on housing, benefits, employment and debt matters. There will also be scope for volunteers to engage with research and campaigning work conducted by the Kensington CAB on behalf of their clients from Grenfell.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/citizens-advice-assistant-grenfell-fire-assistance-centre>

### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for Term 1 applications: 15 October

Training dates to take place: 31 October and 7 November





## **Dementia Research Centre Advice Project Student Assistants**

### **About**

The UCL Centre for Access to Justice is partnering with the UCL Dementia Research Centre to offer one-off legal advice sessions to patients who have been diagnosed with rare forms of dementia. Working under the close supervision of qualified lawyers and advisers, the Advice Project offers students a rich educational opportunity while also providing a valuable and much needed service to people who are facing a diverse range of legal issues as a result of their diagnosis. The CAJ DRC Advice Project is a new service which is being piloted this year with two support groups currently run by the UCL Dementia Research Centre. Students will gain valuable hands on experience, experience of casework research and advising clients, while providing a much needed service to a unique client group.

### **Key Dates**

Applications open: w/c 30 September  
Deadline for applications: 14 October  
Training dates: 1 November

For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/dementia-research-centre-advice-project-drcap-student-assistants>



## Haringey Migrant Support Centre Internship

### About

Haringey Migrant Support Centre offers specialist advice on immigration, welfare and housing to vulnerable migrants. We run a system of triage (drop-in for initial assessment) sessions on Mondays and longer advice appointments on Tuesdays, where needed. Every week, we see around 40 people, many of whom are first time visitors to our Centre. There are often long waiting times on Mondays and visitors can eat a hot meal cooked by our team of volunteers in a sociable atmosphere, as well as have access to our small food bank. We are looking for up to two Immigration Caseworker Interns who will work at least two half days, ideally 1.5/2 days a week. They will need to be available for at least the afternoon on Tuesday to assist the immigration adviser and another half day (ideally full day) to complete the follow up. This could be Wednesday or Thursday.

### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 16 October

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/haringey-migrant-support-centre-internship>



## Current projects (Human Rights)

### Lawyers without Borders Student Division

*'What binds members of LWOB together is a passion for raising awareness of current human rights issues and the creativity to come up with innovative ways to do it' - Daniel Chigirinsky, President, LWOB; Annabelle Lim, Vice-President, LWOB.*

#### About

Lawyers without Borders (LWOB) is an organisation that manages volunteering lawyers from around the world who offer pro bono service to international rule of law and human rights projects, capacity building and access to justice initiatives.

The LWOB Student Division at UCL will work on a wide range of Human Rights projects, including fundraising, organising debates and other events, running a moot competition and carrying out research in order to support LWOB.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/research-projects/2018/apr/lawyers-without-borders-student-division-ucl>

#### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 23 October



## Migrants Organise Internship

*'As I was only in my first year of study when commencing this internship, the work allowed me to see how even a very basic knowledge of the English legal system can make a difference to individual claims' - Emma Ziegler Steen, Caseworker, 2017 - 2018.*

### About

Migrants Organise is a support organisation for migrants and refugees located in Ladbroke Grove, London. Migrants Organise is looking for two new caseworkers to work one day a week, for a trial period of 3 months, extendable to 6 months. The start of the internship will be late October. The student will initially assist one of Migrant Organise's caseworkers, and depending on competency, will be given more and more responsibilities.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/migrants-organise-internship>

### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 6 October

Training dates: 11 October

Deadline for Term applications: 14 December at 6.00pm



## Amicus (UCL Chapter)

*'A particular achievement I am very proud of is having helped organise a mock trial competition, which closely followed that of an actual sentencing trial' - Adriana Bica, Amicus UCL Chapter Co-Leader, 2017 – 2018*

### About

Amicus ALJ is a legal charity in the United Kingdom that works to provide support to capital defence lawyers in the United States. The UCL Chapter of Amicus provides a platform for both law and non-law students to become involved with Amicus ALJ. Our Project's aim is to raise awareness of the death penalty and provide a forum for students to research and engage with the surrounding legal issues. Volunteers would be involved in participating in a range of activities to raise awareness to educate others in the UCL community, and beyond, about the death penalty and the work of Amicus ALJ.

Past activities have included:

Art for Amicus (art exhibition); Mock Trial Competition on the death penalty; Panel discussions; Research groups; Essay competitions; and general outreach events.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/amicus-ucl-chapter>

### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 14 October



## Current projects (Public Legal Education)

### Grassroots Human Rights Project

*'Discussing citizenship and human rights with students not only helped consolidate my public law knowledge but also opened my mind to the avenues of debate which I had been unaware of.'* - Karolina Kopczynska, Grassroots Volunteer, 2017 – 2018

#### About

In association with the Voluntary Services Unit, the CAJ Grassroots Human Rights project focuses on educating young people in local state schools about their human rights. Through educating youths from underprivileged backgrounds on human rights issues around the world and at home, the project hopes to raise awareness about human rights and at the same time inspire them to pursue a university education in the future. Grassroots volunteers receive training in human rights law and delivering the Grassroots curriculum in Term 1, and are also trained to work with young people in order to deliver the Grassroots workshops in secondary schools in Term 2.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/grassroots-human-rights-project>

#### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for Term 1 applications: 21 October

Training dates to take place: TBC



## Current projects (Widening Participation)

### IntoUniversity Buddy Days

#### About

**IntoUniversity** provides an innovative support programme for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to help overcome the obstacles they face in getting into and going to university. UCL students can support the work of IntoUniversity by participating in Buddy Days, where they will be allocated to a group of school students for the day and conduct tours on campus, give presentations and run workshops. On these days, UCL students will act as mentors for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds that are interested in going to university and studying law. This both inspires and encourages them to think about their futures.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/intouniversity-buddy-days>

#### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for Term 1 applications: 25 October

Training date taking place on: 5 November

Buddy days workshop taking place on: 29 November 2019; 4 March 2020



## City and Islington College Law Support Group Mentor

*'Seeing how students got more enthusiastic about law week by week made this project a great experience which complemented my law studies well and helped me further my public speaking and research skills.'* - Deniz Sezer, C&I Volunteer 2017 – 2018

### About

For the past eight years, a UCL Law undergraduate (in their second, third, or fourth year) has volunteered as a Law Support Group Mentor at City and Islington College. This involves running workshops for a group of year 12 students on different areas of law. This role is a great way for a UCL student to take an active role in the community and to assist UCL's ongoing efforts to widen participation in higher education from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For more information on how to apply please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/research-projects/2018/sep/city-and-islington-college-law-support-group-mentor>

### Key Dates

Applications open: w/c 30 September

Deadline for applications: 23 October.

Sessions are due to take place on: Date TBC - December 2019 (Introduction and Q&A), 14 January 2020, 21 January 2020, 28 January 2020





# Last year's student testimonials...





## What our students say...

### UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic (iLAC)

“My name is Michael, I’m a 3rd year student studying Law. In 1st year I volunteered as a receptionist at the Integrated Legal Advice Clinic and then became one of the Centre for Access to Justice’s Summer Fellows from June-September.

Being a receptionist might not seem like the most glamorous way to volunteer, but it’s an essential part of the work the Clinic does and one of the best things I’ve done as a student. The work allows you to get first-hand experience of client interviewing, legal research, letter drafting, and case management, crucial skills that anyone wanting to go into practice can showcase to prospective employers. It’s a brilliant way to learn about areas of law that are not taught on the LLB course but which are in huge demand. And it’s a chance to do valuable work in parts of London outside of the Bloomsbury fishbowl with people in dire need of housing, community care, and welfare benefits advice.”

*Michael Marhsall*

“My name is Amy Hung, I am a second-year student studying LLB. Last year, I volunteered on the UCL integrated Legal Advice Clinic project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. Throughout the eleven sessions I have sit in the clinic, come across different clients and offered my assistance in different cases. I wouldn’t say how much could I apply my theoretic knowledge of any of my first-year subjects or how great did I contributed. I did have the chance to reflect on the nature of pro bono projects, and the roles of legal professionals which may be a more rewarding experience if you explore yourselves.”

*Amy Hung*

“My name is Michael Utama, I am a final year law student at UCL. Last year, I volunteered as a legal assistant at UCL’s integrated legal advice clinic run for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL.

As a legal assistant, I assisted solicitors who advised clients on social welfare and housing benefits issues. What I found most valuable was being able to work for a diverse pool of clients. From assisting young paraplegics to the elderly, I had the chance to reflect on how disadvantaged so many people in the UK are, and it reminded me that I should be using my position of privilege to help others where possible.

here are not many experiences that are as rewarding as writing a letter to a client to let them know that their case has been solved. It was truly fulfilling and I would highly recommend this project for all students!”

*Michael Utama*



## Lawyers without Borders Student Division

“My name is Daniel Csigirinszkij, I am a 2nd year student studying English and German Law. Last year, I volunteered on the Lawyers Without Borders Student Division project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. As part of the Events subcommittee, I helped in organising an intercollegiate human rights moot and debate with Judge Spielmann (former ECtHR President and current ECJ judge) presiding.

With the option to join either the Events, Publications, Social Media, or Fundraising teams, LWOB offers an alternative to pro bono clinics and protesting that is a less time-consuming and more flexible way of advocating for human rights. In all subcommittees, LWOB truly gives its members full freedom over what direction they want to take the project.

What binds members of LWOB together is a passion for raising awareness of current human rights issues and the creativity to come up with innovative ways to do it.”

*Daniel Chigirinsky, Annabelle Sienna Lim*

“My name is Rushil Puri and I am a first year student studying Law. Last year, I served as a member of the Student Division of Lawyers Without Borders for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. I was selected as a member of the Social Media and Public Relations subdivision, with my responsibilities ranging from manning all social media accounts to creating promotional materials for LWOB flagship events. Working together with three fellow students taught me the importance of collegiality and ensuring that everyone was on the same page. Besides obtaining practical benefits, like honing my persuasive abilities or improving my creative design skills, I was also able to gain a greater appreciation for human rights campaigning. This was particularly useful for my Public Law module, and should continue to do so with my studies in EU Law in the upcoming academic year, as well as in my future career as an aspiring human rights lawyer.”

*Rushil Puri*

“My name is Natalia, I am a third year student studying Law. Last year, I volunteered on the Lawyers Without Borders project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. As Vice President, I was able to oversee and guide the work we did, as well as be involved on a closer level too. We worked on events, research, and outreach. This project really complemented my studies as I was able to learn more about human rights and international law on a more pragmatic level, and I really valued being able to work with my peers on something we all felt passionate about. I particularly look back on our Inter-Collegiate Moot and Debate on the subject of freedom of speech, judged by Dean Spielmann, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, with pride. It was extremely satisfying to see such a project through from start to finish.”

*Natalia Ventikos*



## What our students say... Migrants Organise Internship

“My name is Chris Moss, I am a 2nd year studying Law. Last year I volunteered as a legal intern with Migrants Organise for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. I thoroughly enjoyed my role as a legal intern where I worked primarily with refugees and migrants lacking mental capacity as well as drawing attention to the wider issues surrounding mental capacity in the immigration system. I felt like I was given a lot of responsibility to manage things myself and work on client’s cases but with support from staff. There were several stand out moments for me throughout my time there but one in particular is when one of our clients found out his deportation order had been revoked, for someone who had gone through such a horrendous time trapped in the cycles of the immigration system it was amazing to see how happy he was to finally be making progress and how grateful he was to Migrants Organise for supporting him.”

*Chris Moss*

“My name is Emma, I am a second year student studying LLB Law. Last year, I volunteered doing the Migrants Organise internship for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. Working for this organisation, I was involved with providing ongoing legal advice to migrants and refugees, and engaged in various casework support. These experiences allowed me to emerge myself into areas of Immigration Law, and other aspects of Human Rights Law such as housing, destitution and community support. As I was only in my first year of study when commencing this internship, the work allowed me to see how even a very basic knowledge of the English legal system can make a difference to individual claims. For example, I assisted in clearing almost £5000 worth of NHS debt for one of our refugee clients, by finding evidence that her pending immigration status exempted her from the regulation”

*Emma Ziegler Steen*

“My name is Reem and I am a final year student studying law. Last year, I volunteered on the Migrants Organise project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. My initial motivation for joining this charity was to apply what I had learned in my lectures, but what I ended up gaining was much more. Through Migrants Organise, I learned about the struggles that vulnerable members of our community face on a day to day basis with regards to securing their legal status in the country, getting access to adequate legal representation, reuniting with their families or dealing with psychological trauma from their past. Uncovering the legal processes behind these struggles allowed me to better understand the current inadequacies in the legal field and particularly in legal bureaucracy. With this in mind, every client helped becomes an occasion for celebration. One client in particular was my focus during my experience and it was both immensely rewarding and a privilege to witness how, through our support, he and his family were able to finally gain access to healthier and safer living conditions, bringing an end to an almost two-year struggle.”

*Reem Ayad*



## What our students say...

### Grassroots Human Rights Project

“My name is Karolina and I am a second-year law student. Last year, I volunteered on the Grassroots Human Rights Project for the UCL Centre for Access to Justice. Discussing citizenship and human rights with students not only helped consolidate my public law knowledge but also opened my mind to the avenues of debate which I had been unaware of. Questions asked by students made me realise how common it was for law to be counterintuitive in a lay person’s outlook and my attempts to reason why were a valuable practice of legal persuasion skills. What really drew me to the Project, though, was the ability to give the pupils that debate-provoking nudge and open them up to the law, which often seems rather mysterious. I consider it a big success – after meetings several students asked about studying law and expressed interest in going down the same path.”

*Karolina Kopczynska*

“My name is Henry Lui, I am a second year student studying Law. Last year, I volunteered on the Grassroots Human Rights Project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. Beyond strengthening my ability to explain law in a clear and easily understandable manner, my experience as a Volunteer Teacher gave me the opportunity to consider issues discussed in Public Law in more depth. The opportunity to interact with students who may be personally affected by the issues discussed during the lessons also allowed me to see the “on the ground” view of increasingly contentious topics such as affirmative action and police discrimination. While the Project is a meaningful activity in its own right, the chance to learn much more than you’ve bargained for is what makes Grassroots so appealing.”

*Henry Liu*

“My name is Janice Leung, I am a second year student studying Law. Last year, I volunteered on the Grassroots Human Rights project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. My main work of delivering human rights lessons to high school students has been more interesting than I expected. Preparation of class deepened my understanding of the important concepts of human rights in the Public Law module. In class, the discussions with students and fellow volunteers enabled me to consider issues from different perspectives. This project is part of public Legal Education aiming to improve legal capability of the youth, and I find it meaningful to promote the idea that law is everywhere in our daily lives, not only when suits or complaints come into play. I am glad to have contributed in bringing about a generally more positive attitude towards seeing law as a protection for us, instead of an inaccessible and rarely-used resolution.”

*Janice Leung*



## What our students say...

### **Amicus (UCL Chapter)**

“My name is Adriana, I am a third year student studying Law. Last year I volunteered on the Amicus pro bono project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL. Amicus ALJ is a charity that works to provide support to capital defence lawyers in the United States. The aim of the Amicus project at UCL is two-fold: to raise awareness about the work the charity does and to provide a forum for students to engage with the legal issues surrounding the death penalty. A particular achievement I am very proud of is having helped organise a mock trial competition, which closely followed that of an actual sentencing trial. This experience was unique in that students had the opportunity to become jurors and see how effective techniques of cross-examination can sway their opinions one way or the other and the competitors could develop skills such as delivering an opening statement and addressing a jury – which are often overlooked in traditional inter-university competitions but crucial in barrister work.”

*Adriana Bica*

### **City and Islington College Law Support Group Mentor**

“My name is Deniz Sezer, I am a final year student studying Law. Last year, I volunteered on the City and Islington Law Support Group Mentor project for the Centre for Access to Justice at UCL.

The project work was very beneficial to my studies at university as I had to reflect on what had been covered in the course so far and pick out the bits that I thought would be most interesting to someone not studying Law at university. Phrasing these areas in layman terms and presenting them to a group of students then lead to me having a better understanding of these areas.

Seeing how students got more enthusiastic about law week by week made this project a great experience which complemented my law studies well and helped me further my public speaking and research skills.”

*Deniz Sezer*





## Important websites:

For further information about the Centre for Access to Justice, see the **CAJ website**:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice>

The **CAJ Student Pro Bono Handbook and other resources** are available to download from:

[www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/CAJ-resources](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/CAJ-resources)

For further information about current Pro Bono opportunities, details on how to apply and deadlines, see **the Current Opportunities page on the CAJ website**:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/access-to-justice/current-opportunities>

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