



PRO BONO AND LAW SCHOOLS

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INTRODUCTION

- Overview of Pro bono pilot at UWS
- Based on Canadian PBSC
- Legal Projects undertaken for not for profit organizations
- Examples:
 - Youth off the streets
 - Immigration & refugees
 - Pensioners & Superannuants



PRO BONO – NOT FOR REWARD

- Inculcating professional ideals
 - Kingsford Legal Centre Survey
- Importance of pro bono for quality of service
- Developing Social Capital



LAW SCHOOLS AND PRO BONO

- ABA, ALRC – importance of developing ethical values & responsibility
- Council of Australian Law Deans draft policy – 2010 proposal
- Using legal knowledge and skills



COSTS & BENEFITS FOR LAW SCHOOLS

- Requires committed administrative resources
- Forging an identity within the community and with students
- Profile with alumni and profession
- As form of community engagement with mutual benefits



PRO BONO & CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

- Shared values: professionalism, real world experience
- Inculcating professional ideals
- Development of students professional legal skills
- CLE: more structured, client interaction, related to professional accreditation, for credit, costly
- Pro Bono: more project based, variable time, generic, not for credit



CONCLUSION

Pro bono as an expression of altruism but
tempered by the reality of cost for student,
organisation and law schools