

Legal Self Help Center

The SIU Legal Self-Help Center, with an online presence at <http://www.law.siu.edu/selfhelp/>, was established in 1998 as an extension of the SIU Law School's commitment to serve the public good. The Center seeks to accomplish this by helping people find needed information and materials who are representing themselves in court (pro-se litigants) and others who are simply trying to educate themselves about the law.

Law student volunteers are the backbone of the Center, responding to phone calls and emails from the public, telling people about self help resources available to them over the internet and at the SIU Law Library – including the information packets and forms that the Center provides through its website and by mail for individuals who do not have access to the internet or equipment to download and print out the material for themselves.

The Center does not represent anyone in court and does not provide legal advice, but it does provide an opportunity for all law students at SIU, including first year students, to develop the people skills necessary for working effectively with future clients and get additional exposure to and training in Illinois legal resources, gaining a competitive advantage in the legal marketplace in the process. The Center is also part of Saluki Volunteers Corps. Students who participate in Saluki Volunteer Corps can request a Student Involvement Transcript when they are ready to graduate, documenting their public interest commitment.

You do not have to work a minimum number of hours per week or month to participate! Just honor whatever commitment you make as far the hours you sign up to work and participate in the training offered by the Center.

For more information about volunteering with the Center, please contact:

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