

TENANTS' RIGHTS PROJECT

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2012-2013 Application

Name: _____ Circle: 1L / 2L / 3L / LLM

Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Would you be interested in participating in a TRP placement? Fall 2012 ____ Spring 2013 ____

Do you have any language skills (besides English)? _____

Placement Assignment

Tenants' Rights Project offers students a vast array of potential projects at varying levels of commitment. Please block off your availability, and mark any preference for particular projects or organization.

AVAILABILITY

Please write in the hours you would be available to travel to NMIC or SRO (10-20 mins via subway or walk from CLS)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning					
Afternoon					

PROJECTS

___ Legal Research & Writing (note: arrangements can be made to be completed offsite)

___ Client Intake (note: offers direct client contact)

___ Drafting and Arguing Motions (note: requires greater time commitment/flexibility, but offers opportunity to go to court)

___ A mix of everything! (note: works best when student commit to a consistent block of time each week)

ORGANIZATIONS

___ Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC, presented by Rodrigo Sanchez-Camus)

___ West Side SRO Law Project (SRO, presented by Marti Weithman)

Signature

I have read and agree to the conditions of membership and would like to join the Tenants' Rights Project.

X

Date:

Conditions of TRP Membership

The Tenants' Rights Project is open to all Columbia Law students. However, it is very important that you read and agree to the following statements:

- **PROJECTS ARE TIME-SENSITIVE:** It is important that you make your TRP assignments a priority and meet all deadlines.
- **TIME COMMITMENT:** You should establish expectations with your assigned attorney and TRP chair at the beginning of your placement. Each project will be unique and time commitments will vary throughout the semester. If at any time you feel that you cannot fulfill your commitment to TRP, you must inform your TRP chair as soon as possible.
- **COMMUNICATION:** You need to keep both your attorney and your assigned TRP Chair informed about the status of your project. Carbon Copy (CC) them on emails you send, and inform them of dates.
- **LEGAL ADVICE:** You are not an attorney, and are prohibited from working or representing yourself as such. Be sure to inform your client that you are a law student working under the supervision of a lawyer. Do not offer legal advice.
- **PRO BONO:** TRP is a Pro Bono student organization. 1Ls may receive voluntary pro bono credit by submitting an Exit Questionnaire. 2Ls and 3Ls must carefully track their hours and submit a Registration Form, Pro Bono Log, Exit Questionnaire, and Supervisor's Report.