

# Pro Bono Publico Awards

## *Law Students of the Year*

### Josephine Hall



Hall, a student at S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, is a Pro Bono Initiative Law Fellow. In addition to her studies, Hall has donated over 60 hours of Pro Bono work, interning at the Salt Lake Legal Defender's Association. She also works in the Clinical Program at Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, and is working with the Rainbow Law Clinic on improving access to justice for LGBTQIA individuals in Utah.

"Josie is a true champion for the underserved in our community," said JoLynn Spruance, Director, Pro Bono Initiative at the S.J. Quinney College of Law. "She is held in high esteem by the faculty and her classmates view her as a true leader."

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Melissa Fiso



Fiso, one of the student winners, is a third-year student at J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU. She has served as a family law intern at Utah Legal Services, and volunteered at Timpanogos Legal Center in Utah County. She is a regular volunteer at the Center's Family Justice Clinic, as well as Document Drafting program of the Center. She has also assisted in poverty law, domestic violence law, and landlord/tenant issues.

"Our clients appreciate her demeanor, her kindness, her patience, and her diligent efforts to serve them on their cases," said Brooke Robinson, program manager at Timpanogos Legal Center

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Katherine Pepin



Pepin, also a student at S.J. Quinney, has volunteered over 100 hours as the student director of the Street Law Clinic and is a Pro Bono Initiative Law Student Fellow. During her second year, Pepin began volunteering at Rocky Mountain Innocence Center.

“She clearly had a passion for the issues involved and was excited for the opportunity to participate,” Spruance said. Pepin has been operating the Community Legal Clinic and oversees operation of the Pro Bono Initiative’s online volunteer signup system.

“I worked with Katey at several Pro Bono clinics,” said Gabriela Mena, a classmate of Pepin’s. “Not only did she volunteer herself, she was outstanding at getting others to sign up to volunteer.”