

UNC School of Law Covid-19 Response Summer Project

Statement of Purpose and Client Eligibility

The purpose of the Covid-19 Summer Project (the “Project”) is to 1) serve the legal needs of North Carolina charitable nonprofit organizations, including churches and other religious organizations, as they adjust to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2) provide rich practical educational experiences for a cohort of UNC Law students.

The Project will focus on the legal needs of small, under-resourced charitable nonprofit organizations in North Carolina. Although many nonprofit organizations are distressed during this challenging time, the Project’s priority will be to serve organizations that could not otherwise afford to pay for legal services and that therefore have nowhere else to turn.

The scope of the Project’s representation will depend on the volume of requests; however, in order of priority, it will accept matters involving 1) CARES Act loans and loan forgiveness; 2) other legal questions or challenges arising directly or indirectly from the Covid-19 pandemic, including employment law and risk reduction strategies; 3) other matters concerning the law of nonprofit organizations.

Charitable nonprofit organizations seeking assistance should contact Professor Thomas Kelley at takelley@email.unc.edu. The email should include a brief description of the organization, including its size and its mission, along with a summary of the organization’s legal challenge(s).