

STUDENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING & RELEASE

Whittier Law School seeks to provide safe, supervised and academically enriching Community Based Work-Study opportunities for students. To reduce the possibility of injury, damage and liability exposure, the Law School has developed policies and procedures to reduce the risk to the institution and to students participating in such programs. Whittier itself does not control the day-to-day manner in which a Community Based Work-Study site and/or its opportunities are structured or operated. The Law School does not knowingly approve work-study opportunities that impose undue risks to students. I understand that if I choose to work with an off-campus work-study employer, I do so at my own risk.

1. **Law School Liability Coverage, Health Insurance & Worker's Compensation:** I understand that when I participate in an off-campus work-study activity I am NOT covered by Whittier Law School's liability insurance and may not be covered by the off-campus employer's Worker's Compensation policy. I also understand that liability insurance is not the same as health insurance and that should I need medical care, my personal health insurance will be needed to cover medical expenses.
2. **Student Safety & Personal Risk:** I understand that I must be pro-active and discuss any potential personal, health or safety risks that may be inherent in an off-campus work-study opportunity with the employer organization. If I have any concerns regarding my safety, I will contact the organization's Human Resources Department and follow their procedures for lodging a complaint AND notify Tom McColl at Whittier Law School (714) 444-4141 x283 or by email at tmccoll@law.whittier.edu or fax at (714) 444-0250.
3. **Traveling & Transportation of Others:** I understand that I personally assume the risk of my travel to and from the off-campus work-study site. I understand that as work-study student I am not to transport other individuals (adults or children) for the organization in my own vehicle or an organization vehicle.
4. **Student Conduct:** I understand that as a student enrolled at Whittier Law School, I am bound by all Law School rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct, including but not limited to, the *Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities*. If I am found to be in violation of the Student Code, I may be referred to the Student Conduct Board for review.

Release Statement: I have read and understand the statements listed above. In choosing to participate in community-based work-study, I further understand that Whittier Law School cannot be held liable for my actions while at the off-campus site (hereafter referred to as "site"). Therefore, I hereby release, hold harmless and forever discharge Whittier Law School and its ensured entities (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Law School") from all claims, causes of action, or demands of every kind which I may have in the future or that any person claiming through me may have in the future against the Law School by reason of any injury to person or property, or death, in connection with my participation in an off-campus work-study activity. Further, I agree to indemnify the Law School for liability arising solely from my acts or omissions, and I assume the risk of traveling to and from the site.

_____ **By initialing here, I confirm I have read and agree to abide by the policies provided in this Handbook and I confirm my health insurance is up-to-date and current.**

_____ **Health Insurance Provider**

In signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I have read it and understand it, I agree to be legally bound by it and that I sign it voluntarily.

Student Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date