

Pro Bono Opportunities for Law Students and Rising 1Ls Summer 2024

Projects are listed by quantity of volunteers needed: most to least. **Complete the scheduling form listed on page 3.**

Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics (MVLIC)

In-person & remote options

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Law students pair up with volunteer attorneys and help clients with civil legal questions. Law students explain the limits of the clinic to each client, help frame the legal issue presented, conduct legal research, help prepare legal forms and other documents, maintain the client file, and prepare a written summary of next steps for the client while developing professional relationships with the volunteer lawyers. The clinics take place in-person and remotely via Zoom. Students are scheduled for a two-hour shift.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:45-3PM on Zoom	12:45-3PM at House of Peace	Mobile Legal Clinics <i>(runs once a month at each of the times below)</i> 11:45-2PM	8:45-11AM at Milwaukee Justice Center	8:45-11AM at Milwaukee Justice Center
	Mobile Legal Clinics <i>(runs once a month at each of the times below)</i> 9:45-12PM	1:15-3:30PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	Mobile Legal Clinics <i>(runs once a month at each of the times below)</i> 1:45-4PM	Mobile Legal Clinics <i>(runs once a month at each of the times below)</i> 1:45-4PM
3:45-6PM at Veterans Service Office	11:45-2PM 1:45-4PM 2:45-5PM	4:45-7PM at United Community Center	11:15-1:30PM on Zoom	

Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) Family Law Forms Clinic

In-person only

In-person training required for new volunteers on **Monday, May 20, 9AM-Noon** (Training time counts for pro bono)

Additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Learn the basics of family law and procedure ranging from matters of divorce to child support to others like name changes. Law students work one-on-one with a client, under attorney supervision, and learn how to identify the procedure required to help a client meet their goal. Client interviewing skills are central to all types of lawyering and is a skill honed at this clinic. Students interact with circuit court civil procedures ranging from jurisdictional issues to service of process to de novo reviews. The clinics take place in-person at the Milwaukee Justice Center in Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-12PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	8:30-12PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	8:30-12PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	1-4PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	8:30-12PM at Milwaukee Justice Center
1-4PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	1-4PM at Milwaukee Justice Center	1-4PM at Milwaukee Justice Center		

Civil Legal Help Line

Remote only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Help Line operators will hone their issue spotting skills and learn about the civil legal aid options available in the Milwaukee area. Answer calls in live-time or respond to voice mails to help get community members linked with the best resource to resolve their legal issue. Hotline operators work remotely and use a call system (not their own phones). Students have access to a supervisor throughout the shift.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-12PM on Zoom	1:00-3:00PM on Zoom	1:00-3:00PM on Zoom	1:00-3:00PM on Zoom	10-12PM on Zoom

Estate Planning Clinic

In-person only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Work alongside volunteer attorneys to prepare basic wills, powers of attorney, and health care directives, and witness clients signing their documents. Estate planning documents can help reduce family conflict and court involvement related to the client's property, medical decisions, and financial decisions. Students will work with two clients during

their 3-hour shift at the following dates and times: May 22, 8:45-12PM; June 4, 8:45-12PM; July 24, 8:45-12PM; and August 5, 11:45-3PM.

Expungement & Pardon Clinic

Remote only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Work alongside volunteer attorneys to help clients determine eligibility for an expungement or a pardon. If a client qualifies, volunteers work through the process of applying to remove convictions from public records through the expungement process or by working with the client to complete the pardon application. As part of this opportunity, students will learn how to interpret CCAP records and other court-related documents. Students are scheduled for two-hour shifts on Zoom on Mondays from 1-3PM (“Part A” eligibility clinic), or Wednesdays from 1-3PM (“Part B” pardon clinic) and/or on three Saturdays (“Part B” pardon clinics) from 10-12PM – June 1, June 29, and July 27. The “Part A” clinic involves working one-on-one with a client and assessing eligibility for expungement or pardon. The “Part B” clinic involves working with an attorney and a client to prepare a pardon application.

Eviction Records Forms Clinic

In-person only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Law students work one-on-one with a client, under attorney supervision, and learn how to identify whether the client qualifies to have their eviction record sealed from public view. Students also assist clients with completing and submitting paperwork to have their eviction records sealed. An eviction seal makes a dramatic difference in a client’s ability to find safe, quality housing. This hands-on experience allows law students to apply their communication skills in a real-world setting, while also gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and families at risk of eviction. The clinic takes place in-person at the Milwaukee Justice Center in the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Adult Guardianship Forms Clinic

In-person only

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Assist a family in need of a court-appointed guardian for a loved one with the required court pleading in this form-intensive process. A guardianship practice is a natural accompaniment to an estate planning practice. Law students work one-on-one with a client, under attorney supervision to interview the petitioner and complete the necessary forms. Students are scheduled for a 2-hour shift in-person (either Mondays 10:00-12PM or Wednesdays 1-3:00PM) at the Milwaukee Justice Center located in the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Domestic Abuse Injunction Petition Preparation with VALT (VALT: Volunteer Attorney Legal Team)

Remote only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Work under supervision of volunteer attorneys and a professional advocate to interview survivors of domestic violence and harassment seeking civil injunction orders. Learn how to prepare and e-file the injunction petition. Learn how to support survivors seeking safety and communicate effectively with people in crisis. This work takes place on Tuesdays from 2-4PM or 5-7PM on Zoom. Students may participate weekly or every other week.

Eviction Defense Project

In-person only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Nearly 15,000 evictions are filed in Milwaukee each year. In eviction courts, most people being evicted do not appear because they do not have a lawyer and, prior to the Eviction Defense Project’s creation in 2016, Legal Action of Wisconsin could help only about 3% of people being evicted. Most landlords have experience in court or have someone representing them. Work with clients to prepare for their eviction hearings by collecting supporting documents and identifying defenses. This work takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and the 2nd/4th Fridays from 12:30-4PM in-person at the Milwaukee Co. Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 406.

Consumer Debt Defense Clinic

In-person only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

This Lawyer-for-A-Day program is designed to provide defense for debtors facing lawsuits in Milwaukee/Waukesha Small Claims Court. The project seeks to challenge the current system of debt buyers not filing appropriate paperwork to support their claims and relying upon default judgments. Students will be reviewing court filings, drafting appropriate documents including hardship waivers, fraud affidavits, court answers, and discovery requests. This work is done in-person at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 406 on Wednesdays from 8:30-11AM. Students may participate every week or every other week.

Student Legal Aid Project with Legal Action of Wisconsin

In-person only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Law students will work with volunteer lawyers and Legal Action staff to assist technical college students from across the southern half of the state to remove barriers to graduation and employment. Specifically, the clinics address criminal records/expungement/pardons, driver's license recovery, unemployment, and consumer/bankruptcy issues. Law students will learn how to read and interpret Criminal Information Bureau (CIB) reports, CCAP records, driver's license abstracts, administrative decisions, and court-related documents. Select any 2-hour period on a Friday (weekly or every other week) to work in-person at Legal Action's office at 633 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Petition Clinic with Legal Action of Wisconsin

Work performed on your own time. In-person and remote options available.

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Work in teams of two under attorney supervision to assist clients with gathering all supporting documents and preparing the necessary forms to file to Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Students learn the basic analysis involved in determining eligibility for Chapter 7 filings and alternative forms of debt relief. The estimated time commitment for this project is two hours weekly. Students can work remotely or come to Legal Action's office in Milwaukee. Each petition will take approximately 15 hours to prepare. This work is done over the semester (or summer months). Students will make a completion plan and determine volunteer times with the supervising attorney when the case is assigned. You select the 1.5 to 2-hour weekly time you will perform this work in collaboration with your client.

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Advice Clinic with Legal Action of Wisconsin

Remote by phone only

Training and additional materials available on the [Pro Bono Onboarding SharePoint site](#).

Work with an attorney to assess and advise clients considering bankruptcy. Three client consultations will be scheduled each clinic date. Students learn the basic analysis involved in determining eligibility for Chapter 7 filings and alternative forms of debt relief. The estimated time commitment for this project is two hours each shift. Clinic dates are 1–3PM on the following Fridays: May 31; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26; August 9. Students work remotely via a telephonic conferencing system.

Current Law Students:

Complete [this scheduling form](#) (QR code below)

Only the projects listed on the scheduling form are available



Rising 1Ls:

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