



Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics

Client in Crisis: If You See Something, Say Something

With the tensions that run high for some at clinic, we remind you that at the clinic if you see something, say something. The confidentiality rules specifically anticipate lawyers being in situations where they may need to disclose information. SCR 20:1.6(c)(1) states: “A lawyer may reveal information relating to the representation of a client to the extent the lawyer reasonably believes necessary to prevent reasonably likely death or substantial bodily harm.” If your analysis of a client’s story or demeanor is that they may be a harm to themselves or others, talk with a supervisor and make a plan together.

New Year’s Resolution: Fulfill My Rule 6.1 Responsibility and Join the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society

“Every lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services per year.” SCR 20:6.1. Have you or a lawyer you know provided at least 50 hours of qualifying pro bono service in 2016? Join the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society by certifying the completion of qualifying pro bono legal services. Submit names for the 2016 honor society on or before **February 28, 2017**.

Wisconsin Legal Advice Online

Please consider creating your own user account for www.wilegaladvice.org.

When our clinics are slow, lawyers and students use Wisconsin’s free online legal advice system to answer questions posted by low income residents across the state where access to other resources is often extremely limited. The MVLC has a group account but it is a bit cumbersome. Please consider creating your own account which will allow more users to answer questions during slow times at the clinics. Learn more and create an account [here](#). You are not expected to use the system outside of the MVLC, though you are welcome to login to answer questions anytime!

Save the Date

- February 9th at 12:10 PM: **MVLC Brown Bag CLE Series, entitled *Defending Eviction*** at Marquette Law School, Room 263. For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- February 17th at 5:30 PM: **24th Annual Howard B. Eisenberg PILS Auction** at Marquette Law School. For more information and to get your ticket, visit [here](#).
- February 22nd at 12:00 PM: **MVLC Volunteer Attorney Training** at Marquette Law School. For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- March 9th at 12:10 PM: **Brown Bag CLE Series, entitled *D-I-V-O-R-C-E for the Non-Family Attorney*** at Marquette Law School, Room 263. For more information and to register, visit [here](#).
- April 7th at 5:00PM: **Annual MVLC Volunteer Appreciation Party**.

Volunteer Spotlights



Volunteer Attorney Spotlight

A native of Milwaukee, Attorney Marshall Gratz has volunteered with the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics at the House of Peace

every Tuesday afternoon since 2015. Having attended Harvard Law School, Marshall spent much of his career as a State of Wisconsin staff attorney, focusing specifically on labor relations. Marshall believes sincerely in the importance and the value of the MVLC, stating that volunteers can feel fulfilled by contributing to the social goods that the MVLC seeks to serve. Read the full spotlight [here](#).



Student Advisory Board Member Spotlight

Nettie Rauch is currently a second-year law student at Marquette Law School. Nettie attended Illinois Wesleyan University for her undergraduate career where she graduated with a double-

major in Spanish and Sociology. During her time at Wesleyan, Nettie ran both cross country and track – an activity she still enjoys doing to this day. Utilizing both of her degrees and her fluency in Spanish, Nettie wants to pursue a career as a Public Defender and serve those that are not familiar with our criminal justice system, or even the English language.



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Child Support, Guardianship, Small Claims, Personal Injury, Probate: What Type of Case Is This?

More than 20 types of cases are listed on the MVLC client intake sheet. Volunteers, please work together to select the most appropriate case type every time you work with someone. If you're not sure, please consult with a supervisor.

"Perhaps the most fundamental legal skill consists of determining what kind of legal problems a situation may involve, a skill that necessarily transcends any particular specialized knowledge." SCR 20:1.1, Competence, rule comment 2.

Last year 27% of the clients we served had questions related to family law. We can only know this thanks to your competence!

Your 2016 Pro Bono Hours Record

If you were active with the MVLC in 2016, you should have received an email containing your pro bono hours for the past year. Please make sure to check our records against your own and let us know if edits should be made. This will become increasingly important as we move towards reporting pro bono time for CLE credits.

Happy New Year! Happy New Rule! SCR 31.05(7)

Effective in 2017, attorneys will be able to get up to six CLE credits per reporting period for doing qualified pro bono work. Qualified pro bono programs include those operated by a Wisconsin law school, an existing pro bono program operated by a Wisconsin bar association, a pro bono program operated by a nonprofit legal services organization that received funding from WisTAF, pro bono appointments from state or federal courts, or a program approved by the Board of Bar Examiners.

What you can expect from us: A bi-annual email report of your volunteer hours with all of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics.

What we ask of you: Please sign in when you attend your clinic shift. This helps us keep accurate records.

Honoring Longtime Volunteer Jacci Dee

Jacqueline L'Herault Hanson Dee passed away November 10, 2016 at the age of 72. Jacci grew up in rural Nebraska where she was the valedictorian of her class and where she attended Creighton University. Leaving Nebraska behind, Jacci came to Milwaukee, Wis. where she attended Marquette University earning both a Master's Degree in journalism and a Juris Doctor from Marquette University Law School. Jacci practiced law for 30 years until she retired, after which she devoted much of her free time to volunteering at the House of Peace.

PRAISE FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY, HANNAH JAHN, & LAW SCHOOL STUDENT, BRAYTON DEPREY:

"I want to thank them both for being kind and patient with me. For being so committed to community outreach and not stopping until they were confident that I understood what was going on. I appreciate them also involving me in the process so I knew more clearly what the document needed. Bless you guys!" – House of Peace client