

# Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic

## 2011 Annual Report



# EDUCATION OUTREACH SERVICE

Dear Partners, Volunteers, Supporters, and Benefactors:

We are happy to provide you with our 2011 Marquette Volunteer Annual Report, documenting the activities of our 10<sup>th</sup> year “in business.” Our focus has been on improving the quality of services for our clients and the experience for our student and attorney volunteers. A few of the highlights are as follows:

♦ Beautiful new offices in the Howard B. Eisenberg Suite of Eckstein Hall. While none of our clinics are housed at the Law School, this wonderful facility provides the MVLC not only with a home base for those of us working with the MVLC, but also state of the art facilities for training our many volunteers, hosting CLE seminars, and meeting with our community partners.

♦ Training for our law student volunteers has recently been updated, with some significant revisions, particularly in the area of ethics and professionalism.

♦ Participation in the MVLC/LAW Brown Bag CLE Series, including students and attorneys, is up 58% over last year, and featured better webcasting technology.

♦ Resources for our volunteers now include a “Top 10” list of the most helpful legal resource and referral options, prepared in collaboration with the Milwaukee Justice Center. New resource training has been presented at a number of law firms and as part of our Brown Bag CLE series.

Beyond our usual four locations, we continue to provide our services, as needed, in the community at special events, including for the first time, Project Homeless Connect and the Veterans Service Day.

We could not operate the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic without the help, support, and partnership of so many in our community. This year, we would like to warmly thank our volunteer interpreters, Graciela Montoya Gomez and Susan Schweigert. Special thanks also go to Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement’s Kristela Cervera for weekly service to our clinics. Several lawyers, advocates, and court commissioners generously donated their time and expertise to train our volunteers at our monthly CLE programs: Davorin Odrdic, Debra Tuttle, Iris Gonzalez, Patricia Risser, Liz Marquardt, Tom Reed, Michael Balter, Court Commissioners Patrice Baker, Michael Bruch, Laura Gramling Perez, and Sandra Grady, .

Also deserving recognition are the many people who work behind the scenes to help keep our clinics running: Gerri Sheets-Howard of the House of Peace, Dr. Luis “Tony” Baez and Kay MacKenzie of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Katherine Perhach and Mike Goring of Quarles & Brady, LLP, David Pifer and Pat Risser of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Erich Straub and Gail McCarthy of the American Immigration Lawyers Association—Wisconsin Chapter, Lisa Marks and Janet Nelson of Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement, Dawn Caldart and Amy Wochos of the Milwaukee Justice Center, Lynette Zigman of Foley and Lardner, LLP, Fran Deisinger of Reinhart Berner Van Deuren S.C., Steve DeVougas of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Ed Sarskas of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, Grant Killoran of O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing S.C., Jane Klett of LexisNexis, James Duff and Michelle Gore of the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office, John Barrett of the Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts, Marquette University’s Office of General Counsel and Risk Management, Dean Joseph D. Kearney, Associate Dean Matthew Parlow and the Marquette University Law School community.

Last but not least, we are grateful for our wonderful staff: Vicky Morales, Yolanda Toral-Zeider and Mary Ziino for able and friendly interpretation at our Hillview site; Adie Olson for her years of dedicated service to the MVLC, particularly in sustaining our partnership with the Milwaukee Justice Center; Angela Schultz as Marquette Law School’s new and amazingly quick to learn Pro Bono Coordinator; and of course, our resourceful, dedicated, and extraordinarily talented Program Assistant, Lori Zahorodny.

Sincerely,

Julie Darnieder,  
Steering Committee Chair & MVLC Director

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The MVLC reached an exciting milestone this year, serving its 10,000th client



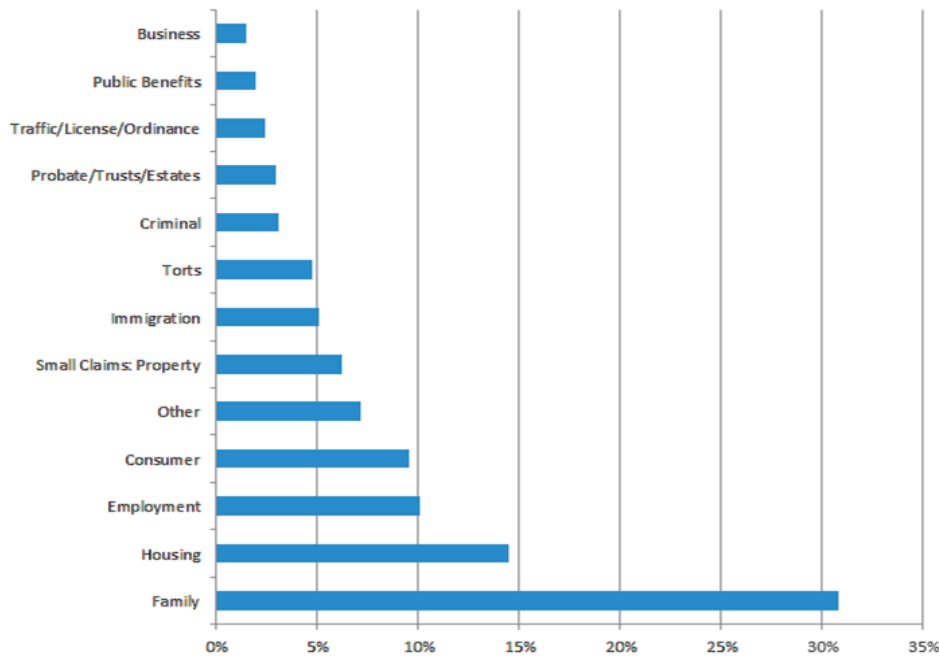


# 2011 MVLC Service Statistics

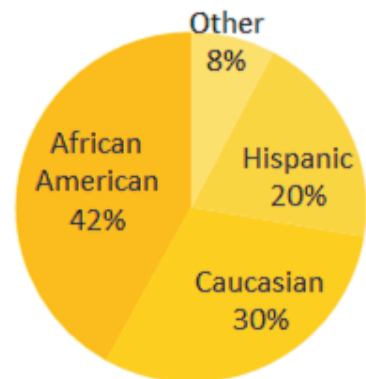
Attorney Volunteers: 234  
Law Student Volunteers: 240  
Undergraduate Volunteers: 29

Persons Served: 2917  
Hours of Service donated: 6204  
Value of hours donated: \$577,171  
Client Satisfaction: 99%

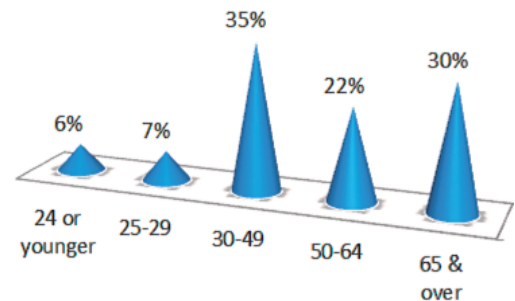
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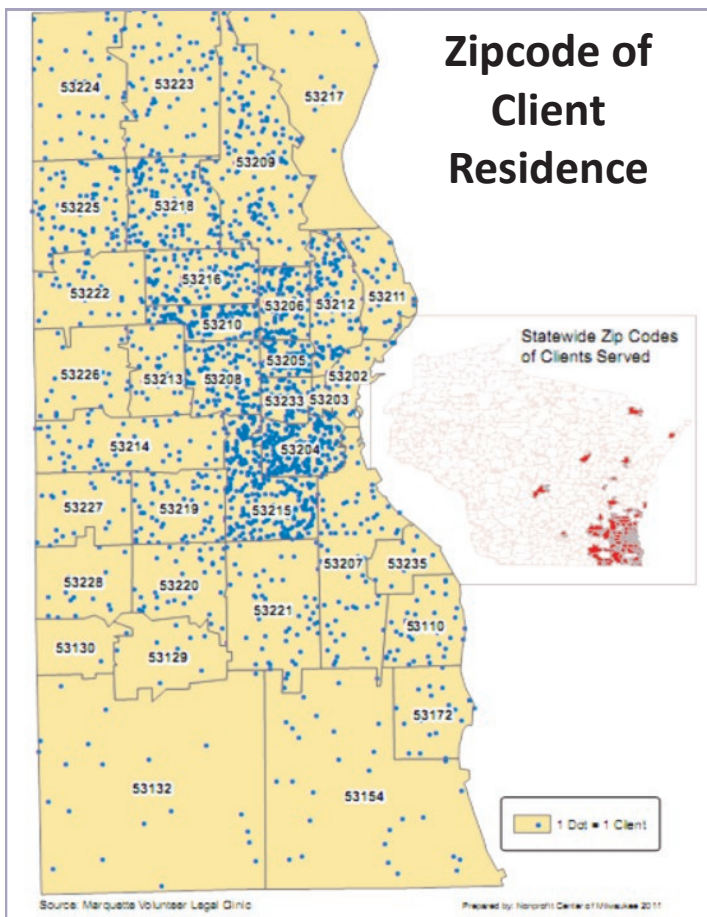
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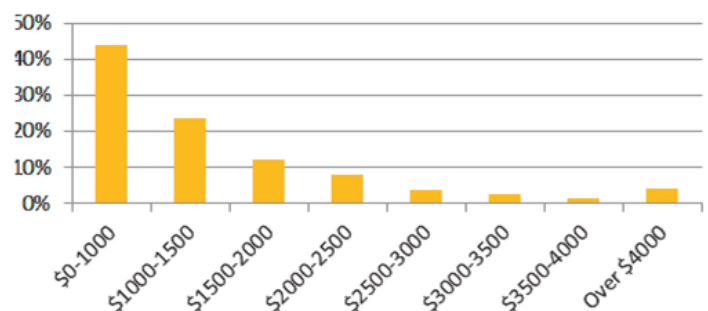
## Age



## Zipcode of Client Residence



## Monthly Household Income



# A simple model with wide reaching impact

The way the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic works is simple. Attorneys and law students volunteer a few hours each month to provide participants with brief legal advice and referrals. This model yields positive outcomes for...

## Students

*This clinic gave me an opportunity to see real legal issues and talk about them before I was able to obtain a job. I also realized how fulfilling this experience was and will now try to continue pro bono work throughout my career.*

*I am just more confident and less nervous about interacting with clients. And I have found out about different areas I love.*

*Being in a setting where I am able to help people with real life situations helps me to refocus, and remember that being in law school and obtaining my JD is bigger than just me. I am going through law school obstacles now to later help make it a little easier for others to get over their life obstacles.*

## Attorneys

*I am happy to volunteer at the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the Milwaukee Justice Center. The Center plays a significant role in helping the lawyerless secure and promote a fair system of justice.*

*I like volunteering at the MVLC because it is exciting. You never know what issue will walk through the door. After a long day sitting at a desk and writing briefs or responding to discovery, an evening at Hillside forces me out of my mental rut and, especially if someone has an interesting case or I feel like I really helped someone, sends me home glad that I'm a lawyer.*

## Clients

*I love that this service is offered. I am a student and am sure the law students feel this is a great opportunity to practice as well. In this economy, I would never be able to afford an attorney so this truly is a godsend. Thank you!!*

*The attorney and students at my meeting were extremely cordial and sincere in their efforts to review my documents and legal problem. They took the time to detail and explain my options and recommended course of action. It was refreshing and much appreciated to have an experienced legal team put things in the proper perspective. This is a great and valuable service. Thank you.*

*My experience was very helpful. Both the lawyer and law student were compassionate and patient with me. I found myself trusting the law again... It was very refreshing and I will use and recommend the service in the future, if necessary. God bless!*

# made possible by many Attorney Volunteers...

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# ...and Community Connections

In addition to providing practical experience to our students and brief legal advice to our clients, the *MVLC is dedicated to creating vital community connections that increase access to legal services to the underrepresented*. We provide hundreds of referrals to our clients to assist their efforts to find full service representation. Our outreach efforts include convening the **Coalition for Access to Legal Resources (CALR)**, a consortium of over seventy legal service providers and advocates in the Milwaukee community. Marquette University Law School organizes the Coalition and maintains its website, [www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org](http://www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org), providing public access to a free, comprehensive referral source for low-cost legal services in the greater Milwaukee area. Finally, we have taken great care to set up our **clinics at community sites**, so that we can bring legal services directly to the neighborhoods that need them.

## Host Site Partners

Four host-sites throughout the city, bring legal services directly to communities that need them...

*Because Marquette Law School's legal clinic is located at the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.'s Hillview Building --which is right in the heart of a growing Latino Community-- residents from the area and from other parts of the city are able to access free legal advice on many issues affecting their lives. We are extremely thankful that this service is available right in the community for indigent persons and families. We hope that Marquette University will continue partnering with us to offer this critical service.*

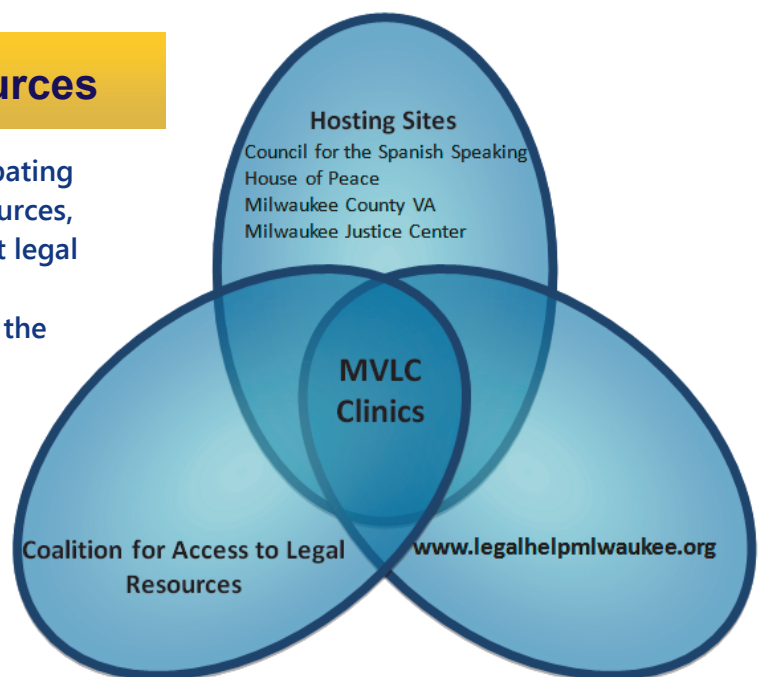
-Luis "Tony" Baez, PhD , Executive Director of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.

## Coalition for Access to Legal Resources

- Over 70 legal service providers and advocates participating
- Provides a forum for providers to connect, share resources, program information, and ideas for addressing unmet legal needs
- Members receive hundreds of referrals annually from the MVLC

[www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org](http://www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org)

- Provides volunteers and the public with referral information to 43 legal service providers in the Greater Milwaukee Area
- Serves over 2300 unique visitors per year



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# MVLC Hours and Locations

## Community Based Legal Services

### Milwaukee County Veterans Services

Building #4, VA Hospital Grounds, Milwaukee, WI  
1st and 3rd Mondays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
(for veterans and their families)

### House of Peace Community Center

1702 West Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Council for the Spanish Speaking

Hillview Building  
1615 South 22nd Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Milwaukee Justice Center

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 106  
901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Thursdays and Fridays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

House of Peace



The Hillview Building  
of the Council for the Spanish Speaking



Milwaukee Justice Center



Milwaukee County Veteran's Service



*Bringing legal services to  
communities that need them*