

Year in Review

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LAW SCHOOL OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

The Office of Public Service (OPS) was created in 2005 under the leadership of Dean Joseph Kearney to build upon the long established tradition of public service by the Marquette Lawyer and the legacy of public service performed by the late Dean Howard Eisenberg. OPS collaborates with the community at large to offer students and alumni a range of opportunities to perform pro bono, community service, and contribute to issues centered around access to justice.

The Office of Public Service

Angela Schultz
Pro Bono Director

Julie Darnieder
MVLC Director

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Administrative Assistant

Posner Exchange and Pro Bono Society Induction

At the outset of their law school education, Marquette law students are invited to take a pledge to complete 50 or more hours of pro bono work while in law school. A second tier of 120 hours is also encouraged. In both instances, students who complete the pledge are inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Society and will graduate wearing an honor cord for service.

In 2013, 119 students completed the pledge, an accomplishment that was recognized at the Posner Pro Bono Exchange and Pro Bono Society Induction. 85 inductees completed



Equal Justice Works Executive Director **David Stern** in conversation with Mike Gousha at the Posner Pro Bono Exchange & Induction.

ed 50+ hours; 36 completed 120+ hours. 16 students were 1Ls, 34 were 2Ls and 69 were 3Ls.

The distinguished guest was David Stern, executive director of Equal Justice Works, a Washington D.C. based nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a just society by

mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice.

The event also remembers Gene Posner, L'36. The Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation generously supports the Law School's public service work.

Pro Bono Through Partnership

Students are involved in numerous pro bono projects. Two initiatives are law school sponsored: the **Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic** and the **Marquette Legal Initiative for Non-profit Corporations**. Two more pro bono opportunities are made available through the law school's collaborations: **The Milwaukee Justice Center**, a project of Marquette Law School, the Milwaukee Bar Association

and Milwaukee County; and a new domestic violence **"Lawyer for the Day"** project with Quarles & Brady LLP and the Sojourner Family Peace Center. Student involvement also extends to external programs including the National Immigrant Justice Center, with whom students partner to perform **"Know Your Rights"** presentations and interviews of detained immigrants; the **Bankruptcy**

Help Desk in partnership with the bankruptcy bar; the **Guardianship Clinic** with Quarles & Brady LLP and Children's Hospital of WI, the **Refugee Help Desk** in partnership with the Pan African Community Association. Students are also involved in pro bono work at the metro-Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program, Voces de la Frontera, the ACLU of WI Foundation, and others.

When We Dream Big

A note from Pro Bono Director Angela Schultz

Among our most exciting expansions was the generous gift of a Mobile Legal Clinic from Frank Daily, L'68 and Julie Ebert, L'81. Their gift was made to honor their friend and colleague Mike Gonring, L'82. Mike is well known in Milwaukee's community of pro bono legal service providers for his tireless commitment to expanding equal access to justice. In September, a brief dedication of the Mobile Legal Clinic took place at our pro bono training session for new students. At the event, Mike said, "In the access to justice field we have to dream big because the problems are so large. Ninety-nine times out of 100 we know that the dream will not come true, but sometimes it will."

This was one of those years where dreams came true. From record-breaking student involvement to the roll-out of the Mobile Legal Clinic (which was named one of [2013's "Big Ideas"](#) by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) to the launch of a new do-

mestic violence "Lawyer for the Day" project, we dreamed big and saw some of these dreams come true.

Marquette law students raised the bar this year. Students involved themselves in pro bono projects in record numbers and half of our graduates attained pro bono distinction by completing 50 or more pro bono hours.

I came to Marquette in 2011 after a decade of work in the movement against domestic violence. I was committed to bringing a project focused on assisting survivors of family violence to the pro bono offerings at the law school. Through partnership with Mike Gonring of Quarles & Brady LLP (yes, he really is central to our community's pro bono reach) and the committed advocates at Sojourner Family Peace Center, we



have helped over 200 petitioners seeking domestic violence injunction orders and have dozens of future attorneys who now grasp the complexities of family violence and the op-

tions for protection in civil court.

In a city in which 27% of our residents live at or below the poverty line and upwards of 90% of litigants in Milwaukee County family court are unrepresented, pro bono legal assistance is a critical resource that can make a difference. Marquette University Law School's strategic decision to dedicate resources to an Office of Public Service (OPS) with a mission to create access to opportunity for involvement for our law students and future lawyers makes me proud to work here.

Marquette Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations

The Marquette Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations ("M-LINC") is in the midst of its sixth year as a public service initiative of Marquette Law School. The program responds to approximately 600 nonprofit legal inquiries each year on topics as varied as updating bylaws, leasing property, protecting copyrights and completing tax filings. Staffed by Attorney Karin Werner and made possible by the assistance of regular attorney volunteers, dozens of law student volunteers each semester and law student interns, M-LINC continues to flourish as a necessary and vibrant component of Marquette Law School's public service retinue.

The internship program has evolved over the past four years to become

an integral part of M-LINC. It is the primary vehicle through which M-LINC educates law students about legal issues specific to 501(c)(3) organizations and prepares the next generation of nonprofit board members in this community. Of course, law students are also educated through volunteer stints at M-LINC and the Nonprofit Law and Organizations course taught each semester. However, the internship position is the most intensive and substantive opportunity to delve into nonprofit law while applying such law to real clients and real issues. Each semester two law students spend 120 hours working for M-LINC. The work ranges from active presence at M-LINC's weekly

clinics, following up with prospective clients, researching discreet legal issues presented in clinic appointments, and drafting simple documents under attorney guidance.

Attorney volunteers are also a crucial component of M-LINC's ability to serve the community. Attorneys Warren Blumenthal and Micaela Levine have been volunteering their time at M-LINC clinics for many years.

Attorney volunteers allow M-LINC to meet with more clients each week and they also expand the breadth of knowledge the program can offer to its clients as well as student volunteers and interns.

Student Involvement by the Numbers

492

Students who involved themselves in pro bono work (67% of student body).

bono work during law school (50% of the incoming class).

Total pro bono hours done by Marquette law students this year.

Student who took the pro bono pledge to complete 50+ or 120+ hours of pro

105

Students who graduated with an honor cord for service by completing the pro bono pledge (50% of graduates).

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10,028

How does Marquette define *pro bono*?



To qualify for induction into the Pro Bono Society, students perform 50 or more

hours of eligible pro bono service during their enrollment at the law

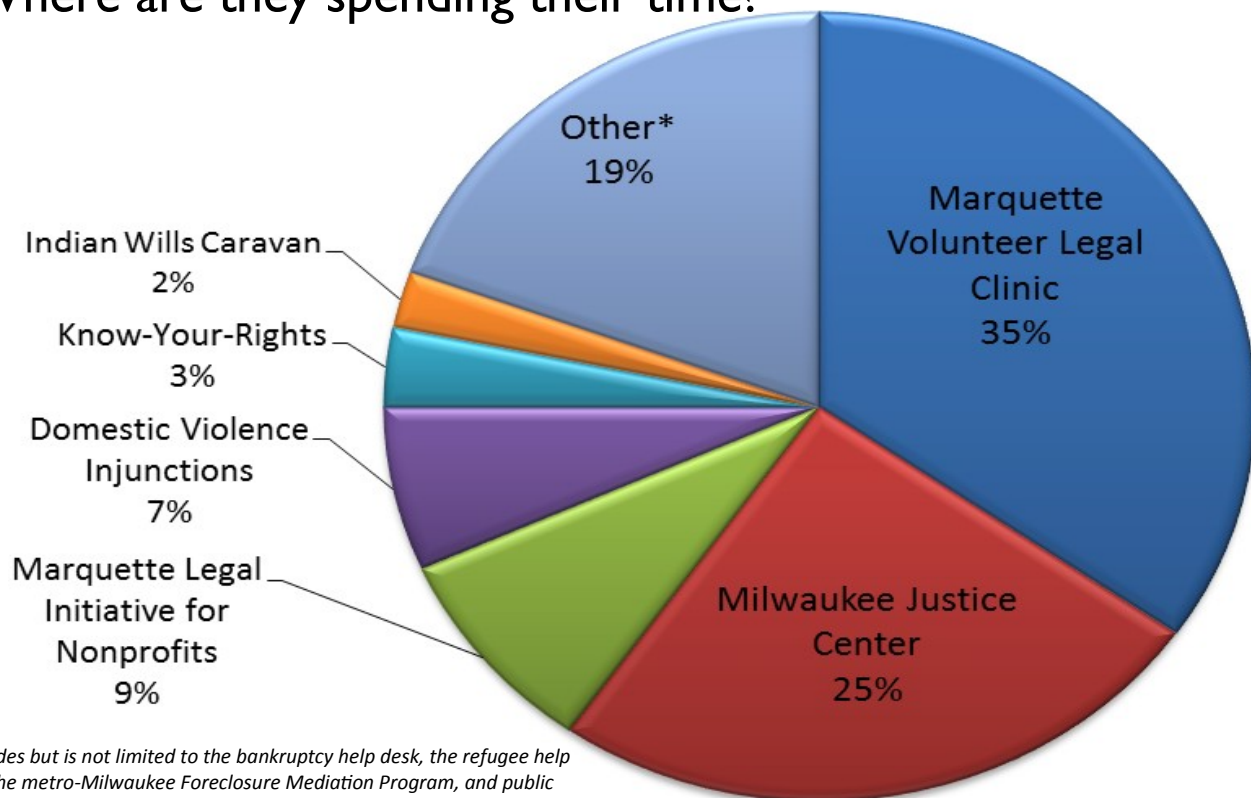
school.

Eligible pro bono work is:

- primarily legal in nature,
- voluntary and not for credit or compensation,

- supervised by a licensed attorney, and
- for the benefit of persons who have very low or no income, have barriers to equal access to justice, or for an organization whose mission is to serve the same.

67% of the student body is involved in pro bono.
Where are they spending their time?



* Includes but is not limited to the bankruptcy help desk, the refugee help desk, the metro-Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program, and public interest internship or fellowship hours beyond those required for credit.

Milwaukee Bar Association's Pro Bono Law Student of the Year

Bryant Park, a third year law student, was honored at the Milwaukee Bar Association's State of the Court Luncheon on October 24th for his outstanding pro bono commitment. Bryant started on the pro bono path in his first weeks of law school. He has focused most of his pro bono efforts on the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic (MVLC), giving his time to the House of Peace, Hillview, and the Milwaukee Justice Center sites. He



Bryant Park, 3L

has also participated in the "Know Your Rights" pro bono project, a partnership with the National Immigrant Justice Center. That projects included travel to the Kenosha Detention Center where Bryant interviewed detained immigrants for possible pro bono representation.

Earlier in 2013, Bryant took a leadership role in launching and staffing MVLC's new initiative to offer brief legal advice services for members of the local Hmong community.

In his first year of law school, after significant time spent volunteering at the MVLC, Bryant applied for and was chosen to be a member of the MVLC Student Advisory Board, a two year commitment that entails not only helping to staff clinic sites, but participating in recruitment, training, planning and other duties.

Bryant has been inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Society and performed over 130 pro bono hours to date.

We congratulate Bryant on this well-earned honor and thank him for his leadership.

Domestic Violence "Lawyer for the Day" Project Launches

Marquette Law School, Quarles & Brady LLP, and Sojourner Family Peace Center have joined forces to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence seeking injunction orders in Milwaukee County. Sojourner Family Peace Center refers petitioners to the project each week. Marquette law students interview victims to gather information about potential witnesses and evidence for the hearing.



Volunteer attorneys from Quarles & Brady provide representation at all injunction hearings scheduled for Tuesday afternoons where they serve as "lawyer for the day."

Mike Gonring of Quarles & Brady worked on the creation of the project. "We are focused on giving greater access to justice to Milwau-

kee's low income victims of domestic violence. The law student's legwork gives the attorney a head start as we prepare for back-to-back hearings each week. An unrepresented victim usually won't know the central legal issues relevant to the injunction hearing. That's where we come in."

Since the project's inception in March 2013, over 200 petitioners have received representation.



Spring Break Trip, Indian Wills Caravan

Potawatomi, Oneida, Ho-Chunk, Stockbridge-Munsee, St. Croix, Lac Du Flambeau, Lac Courte Oreilles, Red Cliff, Bad River, Mole Lake, and Oneida. Ten law students set out to

"The best parts of the trip were learning some aspects of Indian law, some native traditions, having increased knowledge of estate planning, practicing my client interviewing, and meeting new people."
- 3L Trip Attendee

reach members of these Wisconsin Indian tribes to draft estate planning documents including wills and powers of attorney for health care and finances. Law students received training and supervision from Wis-

consin Judicare Inc.'s Indian Law attorney David Armstrong and toured the state on a five-day trip. Approximately 150 tribal members received estate planning help. Attorney Armstrong commented that student involvement allowed Judicare to draft as many estate planning documents in five days as his office typically can in one year.

Wisconsin State Bar's Public Interest Law Student of the Year

For her extensive commitment to public service, her energy to work for a better world, and her leadership among her peers, Alaina Fahley was a deserving recipient of the Wisconsin State Bar's 2013 Public Interest Award.

By the time Alaina graduated in May, she had completed over 220 hours of pro bono work at places including the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic and the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office.

Alaina was also an active member, and later, the president of the Marquette Law School Public Interest

Law Society (PILS) where she made significant organizational developments including offering seminars to students on public interest law topics ranging from educational debt concerns to conversations between students and practitioners designed to illustrate the diverse perspectives on public interest law career paths.

She was awarded two Public Interest Law Society fellowships (the maximum any law stu-

dent can receive) and completed over 220 pro bono hours by the time she graduated.

After graduation, Alaina joined the Wisconsin State Public Defender's office in Appleton.

Her work with Marquette's Public Interest Law Society remains an inspiration to the students who have followed her.



Alaina Fahley, L'13

Public Interest Law Society Fellows

After a successful Public Interest Law Society (PILS) annual auction, a record 24 law students were awarded fellowships to support summer public interest legal work. Placements ranged from District Attorney and Public Defender offices to nonprofits including End Abuse Wisconsin (formerly the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Legal Action of Wisconsin, the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, among others. Each fellow was awarded a \$4,000 living allowance and agrees to complete a minimum of 300 hours of work for their host site.

Lucas Bennewitz, 2L, spent his summer at the Waukesha District Attorney's Office. "This gave me a close look at the daily practice of criminal law and a much different perspective than the classroom learning I focused on through my

first year of law school"

Katie Seelow, 2L, worked at the Milwaukee Justice Center. "Clients who attempt to begin or modify family law actions on their own are at a severe disadvantage. The Milwaukee Justice Center leads the way at providing inroads to unrepresented people. I was glad to be part of it."

At the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Brittany LaFond, 2L, worked in the guardian ad litem division. "I met and talked with children who are now thriving in new placements and their future is promising."

The 24 fellows are now at work preparing for the 2014 PILS Auction already

scheduled for Friday, February 21st. Proceeds from the auction will support the next group of public interest fellows.



Mindy Nolan, 3L and Austen Lott, 2L conducted revocation hearings before Administrative Law Judge Vince Varone at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility.

Loan Repayment Assistance for Public Interest Lawyers

The Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) provides law school loan repayment assistance to qualifying Marquette Lawyers who enter public interest careers.

Established by Dean Eisenberg and named for him, after his death, to serve in his legacy, qualifying candidates of LRAP must engage in the practice of law on behalf of those with barriers to legal representa-



Howard Eisenberg

tion. They must work for a public interest or public service employer including nonprofit law firms, military legal services, and public defender or prosecutor offices. They must earn less than the median starting salary of the last graduating class (currently \$56,000), and they must have outstanding student loan debt from law school.

One recipient wrote a note of thanks to the LRAP oversight committee. "I cannot adequately express

my gratitude for LRAP. The assistance, in any size, is very helpful."

The LRAP oversight committee is Rebecca Blemberg, associate professor of legal writing; Jim Brennan, a retired Wisconsin attorney; Joyce Gosnesll, an attorney with Legal Action of Wisconsin; Paul Katzman, assistant dean for career planning; Chad Oldfather, professor of law; and Angela Schultz, pro bono director.

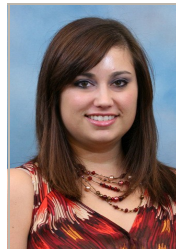
In 2013, 14 recipients received over \$18,000 in assistance.

WisACC Fellowship Recipients



The Association of Corporate Counsel Wisconsin Chapter (WisACC), has established a \$2,500 summer fellowship for two Marquette law students engaged in a minimum of 185 hours of public interest legal work. The Fellowship awards are intended to support two first or

second year law students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving underserved communities both during and after law school. The 2013 WisACC fellows were Danielle LeMieux and John Graham.

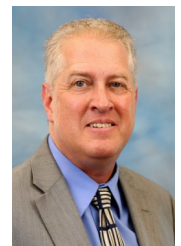


Danielle LeMieux

Danielle spent her summer at the Milwaukee Justice Center where she focused

on assisting unrepresented litigants navigating family law processes.

John worked at Kids Matter, Inc., an agency inspired by the compelling need to improve the lives of the many Milwaukee County children involved in the child welfare system.



John Graham

Sharing our Stories, Connecting with Colleagues

In May at the Equal Justice Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, MVLC Director Julie Darnieder and Pro Bono Director Angela Schultz presented the history of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic (MVLC) and the Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) with colleagues Dawn Caldart, Executive Director of the MJC; John Barrett, Clerk of Milwaukee County Circuit Court; and Mike Gonring, Pro Bono Coordinator at Quarles & Brady LLP. The presentation included discussion of Milwaukee's high poverty rate, the landscape of access to justice initiatives in our communi-

ty, Marquette Law School's unique position as the only law school in a city the size of Milwaukee as well as the fortune of sitting just blocks from our County Courthouse, a location ripe with opportunity for pro bono involvement. Mr. Barrett discussed his observations of greater efficiency and decreased frustration for unrepresented litigants since the MJC and MVLC started to provide direct services within the courthouse.

In October, Pro Bono Director Angela Schultz joined a panel of speakers at the Equal Justice Works Conference

and Career Fair in Washington D.C. titled "Developing a Law School Pro Bono Program." At the same conference, Steven Ayala, 3L, participated as a panelist featuring law student leaders in pro bono. Steven spoke about his experience coordinating the Know-Your-Rights project in conjunction with the National Immigrant Justice Center.

A presentation about the new domestic violence pro bono project (see page 4) has been selected for the May 2014 Equal Justice Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Mobile Legal Clinic Rolls Out

Marquette Law School and the Milwaukee Bar Association have partnered to launch the Milwaukee Justice Center Mobile Legal Clinic, a specially outfitted bus designed as a platform to provide free, brief legal advice to individuals who find themselves beyond the scope of current legal volunteer efforts in metropolitan Milwaukee.

The Mobile Legal Clinic is believed to be the only service of its kind in Wisconsin, and one of only a handful of the nation's mobile volunteer programs delivering legal information in underserved areas.

It is operated by the Milwaukee Justice Center, a collaborative project among the Milwaukee Bar Association, Marquette Law School, and Milwaukee County.

"The Mobile Legal Clinic reflects the service-oriented mission of Marquette University Law School and the

larger legal profession," says Joseph D. Kearney, dean of Marquette Law School. "By helping those who may not otherwise be able to obtain professional legal counsel, and by doing so in their communities, the Mobile Legal Clinic will fill a gap in this region. It will also enable our students, working with attorneys and members of the community, to gain experience and develop an ethic of service."

The mobile clinic was made possible by a gift from Frank Daily, L'68, and Julie Ebert, L'81, to honor the pro bono work of Michael Gonring, Law '82, their longtime partner at Quarles & Brady.

"Frank and I could not think of a

better way to honor Mike's commitment to pro bono work," says Ebert. "The Mobile Legal Clinic will enable today's lawyers—and tomorrow's—to follow Mike's example of providing pro bono legal help to people in need. As Marquette lawyers, we are excited about the contributions the Mobile Legal Clinic will make to our community."

"In the access to justice field," said Gonring, "we have to dream big because the problems are so large. Ninety-nine times out of 100 we know that the dream will not come

true, but sometimes it will. The model of a mobile legal clinic is one of those the things that folks discussed for years. I am very grateful to Frank Daily and Julie Ebert for ensuring that it has

come to be, and I look forward to the work that Marquette Law School and the Milwaukee Bar Association can do through the Milwaukee Justice Center's Mobile Legal clinic."

Commitment to pro bono work

The mobile clinic is an extension of pro bono work already being done in the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, where at a variety of sites in the Milwaukee area lawyers and current law students collaborate to assist people with legal problems. More than 200 lawyers and a similar number of law students volunteered at the MVLC's sites in the 2012-13 academic year and in previous years. Volunteers are available



to give brief advice on civil legal issues, including family law, employment and benefits law, probate issues, small claims and landlord-tenant disputes. Volunteers do not address criminal issues. One of the MVLC's sites is part of the Milwaukee Justice Center, located in the Milwaukee County Courthouse, and a joint project of the Law School, the Milwaukee Bar Association, and Milwaukee County.

"The Milwaukee Bar Association is thrilled to see the reach of the Milwaukee Justice Center expand to persons who otherwise might not be able to seek out legal advice or referrals for their current legal difficulties," says Beth Hanan, president of the Milwaukee Bar Association and a partner at Gass Weber Mullins. "Confident of the strong sense of volunteerism among our membership, we expect that a number of MBA members will volunteer once a month with the Mobile Legal Clinic. The enthusiastic contribution by dozens of Marquette law students each semester in working with MJC clients not only helps ease the anxiety of these clients, but reenergizes the practicing lawyers who supervise them. Together with Marquette University Law School, the MBA is eager to 'hit the road' with the MJC's Mobile Legal Clinic."

The mobile legal clinic is staffed primarily by attorneys from the law firm Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP.

"In the access to justice field, we have to dream big."
-Mike Gonring

MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINIC

It's Partnerships that Matter.

A note from MVLC Director Julie Darnieder

In our 13th year, we offer services most days of the week, including the **Milwaukee County Veterans Services Office**, the **House of Peace**, the **Hillview** location of Centro Hispano, and the **Milwaukee Justice Center**. We added services for Hmong speakers at the **Phongsavan Market** and a one day **Wills Clinic for veterans** which we will repeat. We are pleased to support the Milwaukee Justice Center with expanded brief legal advice services for Family Law matters. For the 4th year we participated in **Project Homeless Connect**, a one-day service fair hosted by Marquette University. Our newest partnership is the **Mobile Legal Clinic**, a joint venture with the Milwaukee Bar Association and the Milwaukee Justice Center, taking our legal services to underserved areas of the county. Read more on page 7.



Julie Darnieder, L'76
MVLC Director

We continue to bring together our partners in promoting access to justice through quarterly **Coalition for Access to Legal Resource (CALR)** meetings. Members of this informal group find that the opportunity to meet regularly, share developments and learn more about the hosting agency is a worthwhile endeavor.

At the **2013 Equal Justice Conference in St. Louis** we shared our unique collaborative model in a panel presentation with our partners from the Milwaukee Justice Center, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, and Quarles & Brady.

Throughout our history, the success of our clinics has only been made possible through the dedicated law students, volunteer attorneys, area law firms, and other collaborators. Our partners are too numerous to list here, but we thank you on our [webpage](#).

MVLC Steering Committee

The MVLC is guided by its Steering Committee which meets monthly to assess operations, policy, and issues of professional responsibility, among other things. We are grateful for the service of its members:

- **Julie Darnieder**, Adjunct Professor of Law and Clinical Director
- **Steven Devougas**, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- **Lars Gulbrandsen**, Quarles & Brady LLP
- **Katrina Hull**, Michael, Best & Friedrich LLP
- **Laura Gramling Perez**, Presiding Milwaukee County Court Commissioner
- **Katherine Maloney Perhach**, Quarles & Brady LLP
- **Bernard J. Westfahl, Jr.** of Westfahl & Westfahl SC

Student Advisory Board

Ten law students provide leadership to their peers and advanced knowledge of clinic procedures each week at the clinic. Selected for their demonstrated commitment to the MVLC, these students make a two-year commitment.

The Student Advisory Board members (formerly known as student

coordinators) provide valuable assistance with recruitment, training, and planning, in addition to assisting with the regular staffing of the clinic sites.

Thank you, students, for choosing to make such a significant commitment to clinic operations.

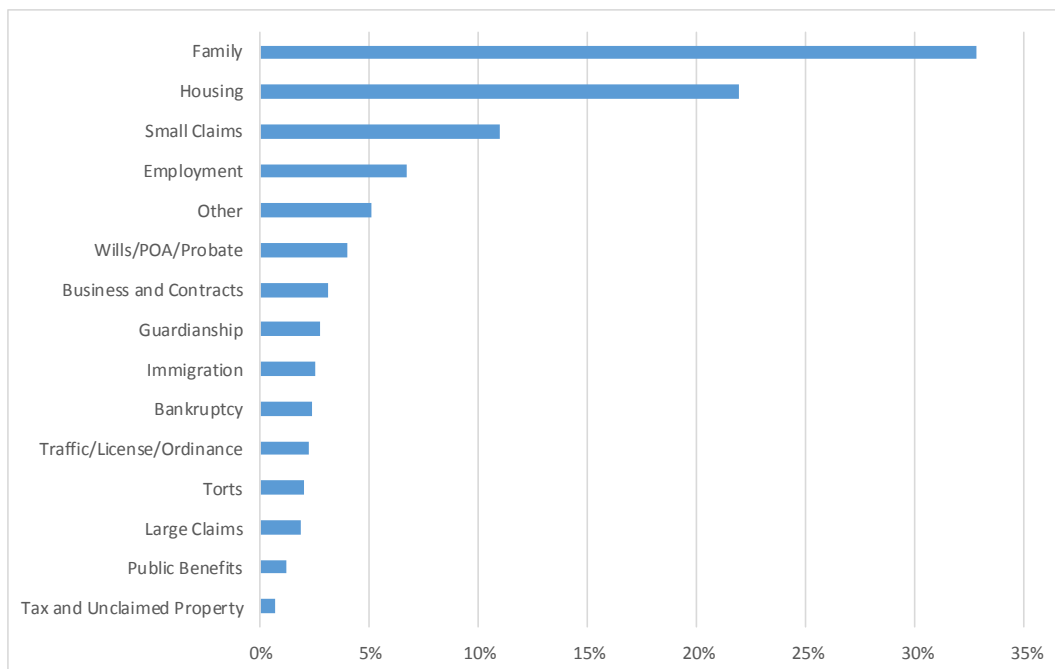


Back row: Aimee McGinty, Denise Chandler, Joe Riepenhoff, Bryant Park, David Herring. **Front row:** Katie Legel, Julia Westley, Myriem Bennani, Joy Sisler, and Billy Ryder

MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINIC

MVLC Client Statistics

- Total Clients Served: **3,825**
- Household Income:
 - ⇒ 40% of clients served have monthly household income between \$0 and \$1000.
 - ⇒ 20% of clients served have monthly household income between \$1000 and \$1500.
- Average Household Size: **2.57**
- Legal Issues Presented:



MVLC Volunteer Statistics

- Number of Attorney Volunteers: **265**
- Number of Law Student Volunteers: **203**
- Number of Undergraduate Student Volunteers: **22**
- Number of Service Hours Donated: **8,252**
- Value of Service Hours Donated: **\$991,620**

LAW STUDENTS AND LAWYERS IN ACTION

MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINIC

What they are saying about us...

Clients

"I am so thankful for this service. It is truly a Godsend. Please continue this service. It makes a wonderful difference to people in need. All questions were answered. Thank you."

"Thank you for your services. They are greatly needed in our community. I was treated with much respect and kindness."

"I am deeply indebted for the service you provided, helping me and my sister. You went the extra mile. I can never pay for the service you offered. Your kindness went above your duty."

Attorneys

"I had always had a desire to educate and help people obtain legal advice. MVLC was the most effective at marketing free legal help to the community, and since I want to be able to help as many people as possible, I chose to continue to work with the MVLC due to their large base of clients. This volunteer opportunity exposes me to unique issues. Due to MVLC's large client base there are more unique issues, which mean more opportunities for me to learn the law."

- *Kashoua Yang, Hawks Quindel S.C.*

"The MVLC has allowed me to broaden my legal knowledge and network with fellow practitioners. It also allowed me to keep a pulse on what is going on with the Law School. "

- *Sven Skillrud, formerly of Godfrey & Kahn, SC*

"The longer I volunteer for the MVLC, the more I look forward to volunteering."

- *Janine Collette, Kohner, Mann & Kailas, SC*

Students

"In many ways, the MVLC has taught me more than school about what it means to listen to, interview, and counsel clients. I am very grateful that the MVLC has provided me with some very insightful and practical world experience. I only wish I could dedicate more time."

"I think MVLC is an integral part of the law curriculum. Without fantastic clinical opportunities like MVLC, students would not be able to apply the legal training learned in class, and thus would lose out on the practice necessary to fully embrace the material. Further, seeing practicing lawyers work with clients is a skill not generally taught in the classroom, so MVLC's role at MVL is all the more integral."

"Every time I have volunteered at the MVLC, I have left feeling more confident in this profession and hopeful due to my experiences."

"I've been able to apply the substantive law learned in the classroom to real legal issues. I've been able to assist in helping people that are greatly appreciative of the assistance and I will continue to do pro bono work because I enjoy the help the MVLC provides for community members."

MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINIC

Support for our Volunteers

CLE TRAINING

This year saw refinements in our training for students and attorney volunteers, including online options for both. Our attorney training focuses on the rules of professional responsibility governing limited scope representation. **We are happy to be able to offer Ethics and Professional Responsibility credit (EPR) for attending the live training.**

Our Brown Bag series, in partnership with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., offers practical seminars on legal topics of interest to our volunteers. The series is very well attended, both in

person and on line. Participation continues to grow, including those who access archived presentations on our website.

We offer our sincere thanks to the following individuals who shared their expertise with our attorneys and students:

Child Support Enforcement in Milwaukee County: James Sullivan & John O'Shea, Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement Services

Unemployment Insurance Basics: Jeff Myer, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

Car Talk: Sandra Brisco, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Expungement & Related Issues: Jill Kastner & Sheila Sullivan, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

Garnishment: Michael Sosnay, Darnieder & Geraghty

Divorce Basics: Jason Mishelow, Centro Legal

Service Members Civil Relief Act: Captain Al Rohmeyer, Wisconsin Army National Guard

REFERRAL RESOURCE

www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org, hosted by the law school and maintained by MVLC staff, continues to provide an online resource for our volunteers and members of the public, providing comprehensive information on free and low cost legal services available in our community.

We  free CLE for
MVLC volunteers.

From One House of Peace to Another

The House of Peace, the MVLC's first location, welcomed Maggy Barankitse, one of 10 Opus Award winners honored at Marquette University's Mission Week in February, 2013. Ms. Barankitse's organization, Maison Shalom (House of Peace) in Burundi provides care for children and other victims of the Hutu-Tutsi civil war.

The House of Peace, a Capuchin Ministry in Milwaukee's near north side ministering to the poor for 45 years, invited her to tour the various minis-

tries at their House of Peace, including the MVLC.

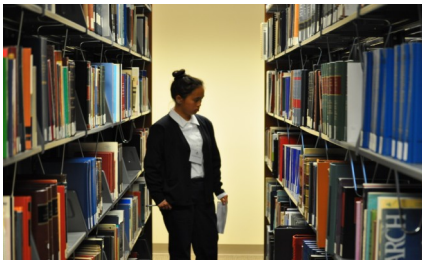
The Opus Prize is given annually to recognize unsung heroes of any faith tradition, anywhere in the world, solving today's most persistent social problems. This \$1 million faith-based humanitarian award and two \$100,000 awards are collectively one of the world's largest faith-based, humanitarian awards for social innovation.)



From left: Judge Maxine White, Nicole Camelli '13, Maggie Barankitse, Julie Darnieder, and Christine Ngomirakiza.

Summer Youth Institute

Twenty-two eighth-, ninth-, and tenth-grade students from about a dozen Milwaukee-area schools took part in the Summer Youth Institute, sponsored by Marquette Law School and the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. Collaboration and support came from the Just the Beginning Foundation; Johnson Controls, Inc.; Kids, Courts, and Citizenship; and the Association of Corporate Counsel Wisconsin Chapter. The steering committee included U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph who suggested the program a year earlier.



During a scavenger hunt in Eckstein Hall

The program offers students a wide range of sessions including visit to courts and law firms. An oral argument competition ends the week. Sessions stressed the commitment students need to make to education and improving themselves in both the short and long term. At lunch one day, Milwaukee attorney Cory Nettles told them one of the best pieces of advice he ever received was to be “helpable” — someone who benefits from coaching. Jerome Okarma, general counsel for Johnson Controls, Inc., told the students, “If you don’t like reading, you don’t want to be a lawyer.” The week included a session for parents with tips for getting children into and through college.

“I think the kids got a chance to be pushed out of their comfort zones,”



Summer Youth Institute Students on the steps of the Federal Courthouse

said Max Wright, a teacher at Hmong American Peace Academy who was one of the institute’s instructors along with Barbara J. Janaszek, a Milwaukee attorney and former teacher. “Their horizons have been broadened.”

One of the students said as the week concluded, “I took a step forward in my life.”

The 2014 program is scheduled for July 17-18 and 21-25, 2014.

Congratulations Pro Bono Society Graduates

The following May and December 2013 graduates were inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Society in recognition of their pro bono service. Pro Bono Society members complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work during their tenure at the law school. Graduates who performed 120 hours or more of pro bono service are noted with an asterisk*.

Phoebe Amberg*
Andrea Arndt
Erica Avery*
Angela Baena
Priya Barnes*
Sarah Barnes
Kristopher Bolom
Colleen Boyle*
Bailey Briggs
Ashley Butler
Warren Butler
Nicole Cameli*
Patrick Carroll*
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