The Office of Public Service was created in 2005 under the leadership of Dean Joseph Kearney to build upon the Jesuit tradition of public service by the Marquette Lawyer and the legacy of public service performed by the late Dean Howard Eisenberg.

The Office of Public Service 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 on access to justice.
We had a year of hellos in the Marquette Law School Office of Public Service. We said hello to new members of the Law School Pro Bono Honor Society who earned special recognition for their unwavering commitment to pro bono work (page 4). We said hello to incoming students and invited them to take a pledge to get involved with pro bono work (page 3). We said hello to a new group of Public Interest Law Society fellows who spent their summers working for the public good (page 5). We said hello to twenty-six middle and high school students who participated in the second annual Summer Youth Institute (page 5). We said hello to Katie Mayer, L’11, who joined our office as the new assistant director for public service.

Even our goodbyes were hellos. We said goodbye to Julie Darnieder as she exited from her role as Director of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics (MVLC), but we quickly said hello as she continued her involvement as chair of the MVLC advisory board (pages 6, 8). And as we said goodbye to graduating students, we soon said hello to many of them who returned to our pro bono clinics in their new capacity as licensed attorneys eager to advise members of our community who cannot afford representation.

We dream of saying goodbye to a world where no one struggles to access justice, but are heartened that our endless string of hellos to students and lawyers seeking opportunities to serve others is furthering our ultimate goal of equal justice for all. I invite you to read about our efforts in the pages of this annual report.

Angela F. Schultz
Assistant Dean for Public Service
Upwards of a dozen formal pro bono opportunities are readily available to students each semester. The work is legal in nature, uncompensated, and not performed for academic credit, supervised by an attorney, and of service to individuals or groups who have barriers to equal access to justice.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

"Working with Professor Centinario in the Domestic Violence Unit was one of the most educational and enjoyable experiences of my law school career. Learning from him reaffirmed my desire to pursue a career in criminal prosecution." Joshua Dryak, 2L

"As a 1L participating in the Domestic Violence project, I am privileged to interact with clients, attorneys, and members of the law enforcement community on day one of law school, all while knowing the work we do collectively serves to help victims of domestic violence reestablish some sense of personal security." Bill Davidson, 1L

FAMILY LAW HELP DESK

I decided to start volunteering at the Family Law help desk because of my interest in public interest work. I have ultimately found it to be an incredibly rewarding experience. From learning more about court procedures, family law, the law in general, and how to interact with clients, the clinic will help me become a better lawyer wherever I end up. Larissa Dallman, 2L

GUARDIANSHIP CLINIC

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REFUGEE HELP DESK

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BANKRUPTCY HELP DESK

"I volunteered several times during the Fall 2014 semester at the bankruptcy help desk. I knew I was interested in bankruptcy from taking Creditor Debtor law, but only had an academic perspective from the course. At the help desk, I participate in filling out the bankruptcy forms, communicate essential information, and learn how attorneys advise a chapter 7 proceeding. This pro bono opportunity demonstrates firsthand how the skills attained in law school provide valuable services to those in need.” Isabelle Faust, 1L

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IMMIGRATION PROJECT

“One can spend an infinite amount of time studying Immigration Law without ever truly experiencing the nuances and the context I have been exposed to when visiting detained immigrants on the Know Your Rights trips.” William Simonsick, 3L
# Student Involvement by the Numbers

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- **264** detained immigrants interviewed by Marquette law students in the *Know Your Rights Project* to determine if they qualify for pro bono representation by the National Immigrant Justice Center.

- **316** petitioners assisted through the *Domestic Violence Injunction Project*.

- **37** veterans who received estate planning documents through two *Wills for Veterans* clinic.

- **20** refugees assisted in completing asylum and refugee law forms at the *Refugee Help Desk*.
PRO BONO HONOR SOCIETY GRADUATES

These students 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. Students who performed 120 hours or more are noted with an asterisk to reflect their distinguished service.

JEREMY RABKOVITZ ABRAMS
TODD ROBERT ALLEN
STEVEN CHARLES AYALA*
BLAINE L.M. BALOW
BRADLEY JOSEPH BECHARD*
MYRIAM BENMAN*
WILLIAM T. BERENS
SAMUEL THOMAS BERG
ERIN VIRGINIA BOYD
CHRISTIAN LAINE BRAY
CHELSEA BELINDA BROCKER*
KENNETH SAMUEL BROOKS
Codi CHRISTINA CARSTENS
DENISE C. CANDLER
MONICA M. CHASE
CERRA BRIELLE CHESIR
MICHAEL EDWARD CRANE
JILLIAN LEIGH DAVIS
CHRISTIAN THOMAS DEME*
ANDREW NOVOTNY DOCTER
ADAM WILLIAM DREYTH*
JENENE RAE EKSTEN*
KARA EILEEN ESPERA
JOELLE RENEE ESPINOSA*
DANIEL THOMAS FAHEY
MAKDA FEASSAHYE
TRISHA JANET FRITZ*
ZACHARIAS D. FUDGE*
LISA MARIE GALVAN*
ALEXANDER ZOZISLAW
GOLUBIEWSKI
JOHN PATRICK GRAHAM
THOMAS C. HAES EL
ALEXANDER JAMES HALL*
ROBERT JOHNSON HAMPTON III*
KRISTEN DANIELLE HARDY
GREGORY THOMAS HELDING*
DAVID LEE HERRING
CODY JOHN HORLACHER*
FREDERICK MICHAEL HOSTETLER
KRISTAL LYNN JOHN
JORDAN MICHAEL KARTH
SUSANA KIM
JILL SUZANNE LAKE
CATHERINE CLARA LAMBERT
BORIS LEE
GABRIELA A. LEUA*
ELISE EMELINE LIBBEY
CATHARINE ERICA LOEW*
MICHAEL JESSICA LOGAN
LAURA LYNN MALUGADE
JAMES GREGORY McCANN*
KEVIN JOSEPH MAYER*
JEFFREY DAVID MORRELL
BRITNEY ELIZABETH MORRISON
VINCENT MICHAEL MORRONE
KYLA NICOLE MOTZ*
SAMIR RAOUF NAKHLIS*
NATALIE SARAH NEALS
THOMAS RICHARD NEUMAN
MINDY MARIE NOLAN*
KRISTI LYNN PAPE
BRYANT PARK*
KYRA KELLY PFLER
JESSICA CHARLOTTE PULI
KERRI MARIE PUG
AMBER MARIE RAGONESE
DILON I. RAUNO
KAITLYN JEAN REISE
JOSEPH STEVEN RIEPENHOFF*
SAMANTHA RAE SCHMID
MEGAN ELIZABETH SCHULZ
SARAH JEAN SEMROW
JESSICA ANNE SHANK
ALEXANDRA WEILAND
SHORTIDGE
CASEY PAUL SHORTS
KYLE WILLIAM SILVER
JUSTIN LAWRENCE SINLON*
JOY NOELLE SISLER*
AMY JEAN SMITH
RENAE NICOLE SPEARS
KEVIN J. SPEARKTH
NAOMI SARAH STANEZEWICKI*
KATHARINE MARIE THOMETZ
MATTHEW E. TOUTIN*
ANNABELLE KANA VIANG*
GAIL VERLEY VOS
BRADLEY ROBERT WEIN
KATHERINE LOUISE WESTON
JARED DWIGHT WISETH
BRANDON A. WIGLEY
ZACHARY ALLEN WITCHOW*
LYDIA MARIE WITTE
DAVID MICHAEL WOOLF*
RYAN DAVID YARRA
MELISSA JEAN ZILVY

PRO BONO SOCIETY INDUCTION AND POSNER EXCHANGE

Ramona E. Romero, General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, celebrated pro bono at the annual Pro Bono Society Induction and Posner Exchange. The event honors law students who have performed 50 or more hours of pro bono service. 114 students were honored including 12 1Ls, 34 2Ls, and 68 3Ls.

STUDENT AWARDS

BRITTENY LaFOND, 3L
Milwaukee Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Law Student of the Year

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MINDY NOLAN, L’14
State Bar of Wisconsin’s Public Interest Law Student of the Year

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COURTESY CORPORATION

The Richard and Wendy Lommen Jr., Courtesy Corporation selected Morgyn Ray, 1L, as the recipient of their fellowship which is awarded to a Marquette law student doing public interest legal work focused on helping Wisconsin’s abused, neglected, or underserved children. Ms. Ray spent her summer focused on guardian ad litem cases in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SOCIETY

18 fellows were awarded $4,000 each for completing a minimum of 350 hours of public interest legal work during the summer.

WisACC

The Association of Corporate Counsel Wisconsin Chapter (WisACC) awarded two fellowships to law students committed to serving underserved communities both during and after law school. Recipients were Grant Henderson, 2L (right), and Cassandra VanGompel, 1L (left), pictured with Wesley Warren, a WisACC Board Member.

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RETIREMENT OF JULIE DARNIEDER, DIRECTOR OF THE MVLC

Julie Darnieder founded the MVLC in 2002. Under her direction, the clinics served more than 20,000 clients and grew from a single location to five locations serving the Milwaukee community. During her time with Marquette, Julie received a number of awards and acknowledgements for her extensive work in the community, including being named 2012 MBA Lawyer of the Year. We are fortunate to retain Julie as a dedicated MVLC volunteer and Chair of the MVLC Advisory Board. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

HOUSE OF PEACE

Beginning in 2003, this is the longest-standing clinic host site.

MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC

MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER

58% MVLC clients seen at this location
**HILLVIEW BUILDING OF CENTRO HISPANO**

Serving 46% monolingual Spanish speaking clients and the sole location providing immigration services.

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**VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PERSPECTIVE**

“Providing pro bono services in my opinion is incumbent upon all attorneys. The MVLC at the House of Peace allows me to service an important segment of our community and also assist the students with whom I work to gain some practical experience.”

Peter Ramirez, MVLC at the House of Peace

“The clinic and the students and volunteer lawyers embody the notion of justice for all by ensuring veterans without the means to hire legal counsel can get advice regarding their particular legal issues.”

Francis Schmitz, Milwaukee Veterans’ Service Office

“I fondly refer to my shifts at the clinic as my ‘monthly lessons in humility.’ Humility is a virtue. Working at the clinic is humbling for me … it helps me be grateful for the opportunities I’ve had, and that I haven’t found myself in the dire situations with which many of the MVLC clients need to cope.”

Kenneth Hallet, Hillview Building of Centro Hispano

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**MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC AWARDS**

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s List of Big Ideas 2013
- 2014 State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Innovation Award
- National Jurist’s Top 15 Innovative Legal Clinics 2014

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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY VETERANS’ SERVICE OFFICE**

Serving veterans and their families through the brief legal advice clinic and quarterly Wills for Veterans clinic.

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**MARQUETTE LEGAL INITIATIVE FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS**

Serving Wisconsin nonprofit organizations.
CLIENT PERSPECTIVE

• Milwaukee Justice Center
  “The volunteers were extremely helpful with their advice. We got the extra days we wanted and the landlord waived all possible damages and monies owed to him. Thank you very much. The attorney was very professional, and the student, in my opinion, will make an exceptional lawyer. Again, thank you.”

• Milwaukee County Veterans’ Service Office
  “I was very thankful for the time and expertise both of the gentlemen showed me. They went out of their way to ask another lawyer for advice. This is a wonderful service that is provided for our veterans—a great stepping stone to other informative legal channels.”

• Hillview Building of Centro Hispano
  “I had a very positive experience. I really appreciated the attorney who was willing to give his time to help those in the community in need of legal direction. I also appreciate the fact that he is helping students to learn their chosen profession as well as teaching them the importance of giving back to the community. This is a very positive program. Thank you for operating it.”

• House of Peace
  “This was my last source. When you lose everything and see no hope, the MVLC at the House of Peace offered hope.”

MOST COMMON LEGAL ISSUES

- Guardianship
- Large Claims
- Business & Contracts
- Traffic/License/Ordinance
- Housing
- Bankruptcy
- Public Benefits
- FAMILY
- Employment
- Immigration
- Small Claims
- Tax and Unclaimed Property

Number of law student volunteers: 228
Number of attorney volunteers: 307

Total # of clients served in 2014: 4,256
Hours donated in 2014: 8,000
Value of services provided: $1,200,000

Clients below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline ($23,050 annual gross income): 70%+
The MVLC Advisory Board guides clinic operations, policy considerations, and professional responsibility. All board members are or have been active volunteer attorneys with the MVLC.

Julie Darnieder, Founder and Advisory Board Chair  
Judge Laura Gramling Perez, Milwaukee County  
Katrina Hull, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP  
BJ Westfahl, Westfahl & Westfahl, S.C.  
Steve DeVougas, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP  
Lars Gulbrandsen, Quarles & Brady LLP  
Katie Perhach, Quarles & Brady LLP

The Student Advisory Board provides leadership to their peers and advanced knowledge of clinic procedures at each clinic. These students make a two-year commitment to the board and are selected for their demonstrated dedication to the MVLC. The student board members provide valuable assistance with recruitment, training, and planning of MVLC events.

Back Row, from left:  
Kenneth (Billy) Ryder, 2L  
Kasey Parks, 2L  
Adam Vanderwerff, 2L  
Cassandra Van Gompel, 2L  
Denise Chandler, 3L  
Tyler Helsel, 2L

Front Row, from left:  
Aimee McGinty, 3L  
Katherine Legal, 3L  
Lauren Maddente, 2L  
Jessica Lothman, 1L  
Julia Westley, 3L  
Morgan Van Royen, 2L