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Richard Esparza

Fiserv, Inc.

As counsel to Fiserv, Inc., Richard handles a steady flow of contracts and contract negotiations. "I started volunteering with the MVLC in law school and continue to do it because I really enjoy the work. It keeps me connected to a group of clients I don't serve in my everyday practice and working alongside law students is a bonus. We all learn together."



Rebecca Rapp

Ascendium Education Group, Inc.

Rebecca is General Counsel & Chief Privacy Officer at Ascendium Education Group, Inc. She volunteers at Legal Action's Student Legal Aid Project criminal records clinics. "It is incredibly gratifying working with Legal Action's amazing team to help students remove criminal-records barriers to employment. It is also important to help people understand when criminal records are not eligible for expungement, pardon, or removal before they spend time and money pursuing a degree that they may not be able to fully utilize. I am very grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with Legal Action and everything Legal Action does—with its great training, real-time support, and efficient scheduling—to make the clinic experience as worthwhile and convenient as possible."



Danielle White

Rockwell Automation

Danielle leads the Rockwell Automation global corporate securities and governance team and is lead venture capital counsel. "I've always believed in servant leadership and providing free legal advice to my community is a great way to roll of up my sleeves and serve."



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Ari Kasper *Semasio*

Ari is an in-house counsel with a background in litigation and labor and employment matters. Ari previously worked on pro-bono guardianship matters, and more recently has volunteered with Vecina on immigration matters and Legal Action in their Consumer Debt Defense Clinic. "Being able to provide legal services to those who cannot access them through traditional routes is the most fulfilling part of being an attorney. It also provides me an avenue to learn new areas of law and keep legal skills sharp that I wouldn't otherwise use on a daily basis at work."



Rodd Schneider *Northwestern Mutual*

Rodd is vice president--litigation and distribution counsel at Northwestern Mutual. He volunteers regularly at the MVLC at the United Community Center. "I volunteer because I recognize there is a great need in the community and I want to do my part to help."



Jim Cauley *Retired, Assistant General Counsel Business Operations for SPX*

Jim's career spanned litigation at Foley and handling complex commercial and corporate work at Johnson Controls, Best Power, General Signal and SPX. Now as a retired emeritus lawyer, he volunteers in a number of legal clinics. His favorite is the Pardon Clinic in which he helps clients seek pardons by helping them the application. "After answering many factual questions, clients need to explain how they earned a felony conviction and have now changed their lives to avoid the mistakes that led to the conviction. The work is very rewarding because most clients have a hard time writing the essay portions and yet their life stories show great courage as they learned to make wise choices and avoid bad influences. The main skills you need are the ability to interview and elicit details and then write the stories of the changes in their lives."



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Alliant Energy

Alliant Energy's in-house legal team partnered with Legal Action of Wisconsin for an expungement and background check clinic at the Urban League of Greater Madison's Southwest Employment Center. During the clinic, Alliant Energy's attorneys and paralegals reviewed clients arrest history and evaluated their expungement eligibility to help them overcome barriers to employment, housing and, when possible, getting their driving privileges reinstated. "Many members of our legal team regularly volunteer to use their energy for a good purpose, simply because they want to make a difference," Alliant Energy General Counsel and Assistant Vice President Amy Cralam said. "Our attorneys and paralegals enjoy helping clients exercise their rights, recognizing the impact they can make. You can see the gratitude all over their faces, especially when it leads to getting their driving privileges restored, being able to secure better housing or increasing job opportunities."



Beth Jacobs *Northwestern Mutual*

As Assistant General Counsel – Real Estate Investments, Beth represents Northwestern Mutual in all aspects of its real estate investment and development activities. "It's been rewarding to see the positive difference the MVLC estate planning clinic has made in the lives of veterans by helping them navigate and prepare their much-needed estate planning documents. As a fellow veteran, I truly enjoy serving the Milwaukee veteran population and working in the clinic has been a great opportunity to hone my skills in another practice area."



Lori Bochniak *American Family Insurance*

Lori is an Associate General Counsel at American Family Insurance. She, along with other in-house counsel at American Family volunteer their in-put and assistance through Free Legal Answers. "Volunteering our time started as an effort to give back to our community and has become an opportunity to maintain and develop legal skills that go beyond what we do day to day. Sharing the experience with our colleagues has been an added plus."



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