Attorney Spotlight: Danielle White

Attorney Danielle White is an MVLC volunteer at the VA and UCC locations. She says she is from Cincinnati, "but as a Navy brat I have lived all over." She received her B.A. from the University of Cincinnati and her J.D. from MULS, and currently practices at Rockwell Automation in corporate governance, corporate securities, and commercial law.

How did you first get involved with the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, & why do you continue to work with the MVLC?
I first became involved with the clinic as a student volunteer at MULS. I thought it would be a nice way to learn, network and most importantly give back to the community. All of which turned out to be true! I continue to volunteer at the MVLC because I enjoy it, it is still a great way that I am able to give back and as an in-house corporate attorney my client is always the same so it is nice to interact with people and a variety of legal issues. Also, when I was a student I enjoyed working the most with the volunteer attorneys that took the time to answer my questions, ask my opinion and generally make sure I was getting as much out of the experience as possible. I try to do the same with the student volunteers that I come across.

Has your work at the MVLC been of any assistance to you professionally?
Yes, because it allows me to learn more about other practice areas and become a little more creative with my resources.

Why is it important for lawyers to do pro bono work?
It is important because we have a unique skill that is often very expensive for people to utilize and doing pro bono work allows us to help the people who need help the most. We all live and work in this community so it is important to take the time to help improve it in any way we can. Also, honestly, for those of us who exclusively work for or with corporations it is a good way to stay in touch with real world individuals’ legal issues.

What do you wish someone had told you about entering the law profession after getting your JD?
I am not sure that anything anyone could have told me about entering the legal profession would accurately prepare me for what it is like in reality. It is so different for each attorney at each firm/company that it is hard to give and receive generalized guidance.

Do you have any hobbies outside of your job as a lawyer to keep a balanced life?
I am an avid sports fan, tennis “player”, personally overrated “chef”, and owner of the best dog on the planet, my miniature schnauzer, Betty. I try to enjoy all of those things as much as possible and it is even better when I get to do those things with my friends and family.