



## **Attorney Spotlight: Jenna Arntson**

### **What is your current position?**

I am currently a solo practitioner focusing primarily on family law matters.

### **Where did you go to undergrad? What was your major?**

I obtained my undergraduate degree from UW-Milwaukee and majored in Criminal Justice.

### **Where did you go to law school, and what activities were you involved in?**

I attended Hamline University for law school. Looking back, I would have to say that the job I held outside of law school was one of my favorite activities. I was given the opportunity to dive head first into the real practice of law and my interest in family law started there.

### **What do you like about your practice?**

While family law certainly has its fair share of challenges, the rewards outweigh those. It's a blessing to be able to help people during what is arguably one of the most difficult times in their lives.

### **How did you start volunteering for the MVLC?**

I've been volunteering with the MVLC for 11 years (since 2009). I stumbled upon the opportunity when a former colleague needed last minute coverage for her volunteer shift. After covering her shift at the House of Peace, I became an active volunteer and the rest is history.

### **What advice would you give to current law students?**

Regardless of the type of law you wish to practice, introduce yourself to the pro bono community: use your wealth of knowledge, give back, and volunteer. Volunteering not only furthers your knowledge of unfamiliar territory, but also helps to improve invaluable interpersonal skills. Working directly with individuals at these clinics and having those really important conversations will do nothing but make you a better advocate. Equally as important, there are so many people in need of legal help, big or small, volunteering makes a difference to the community as a whole.

On a side note: take time to breathe. Law school is challenging and exhausting, remember to make the time to step away here and there.

### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I'm busy chasing around my children, navigating the world of COVID, and trying to find as many restaurants as possible that will deliver through DoorDash.