



Volunteer Attorney: Mont Martin

Please describe your educational background prior to and including law school.

Undergrad: Marquette University, B.A. in Philosophy, minor in Spanish.

Law School: Marquette University Law School

Why did you decide to go to law school? And why did you decide on the school that you went to?

I decided to go to law school in the summer between junior and senior years at Marquette University. When I was a kid, I knew I would go to college, but I vowed not to major in Philosophy, because it looked like way too much work. I majored in Philosophy. In high school, I vowed I would never go to law school, because it looked like way too much work. I graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1982. I chose MULS because I caught a break on tuition and I am from Milwaukee. The diploma privilege helped, too. I have also vowed not to become either a priest or a politician...

What are your main legal practice areas?

Currently my main area of practice is debt relief, with a focus on serving as trustee in debt amortization plans. I also do some personal injury. Over the years, I have represented clients in an array of areas, including criminal, divorce, probate, workers compensation, and adoptions. Debt relief and adoptions have been my favorite.

What was your favorite class in law school? Which class did you learn the most?

I enjoyed most subjects in law school, my favorites being more a matter of what time the class was held, the professor, and whom I sat next to. Probate at 8:00 a.m. was brutal, but the professor was good and I sat next to one of my best friends. Ironically, my least favorite class was Jurisprudence (the philosophy of law).

When did you start volunteering at MVLC? How long have you been volunteering there?

I started volunteering in 2016, so that would make it two years and then some.

What is your favorite part about volunteering?

My favorite part is unraveling the knotty tales of legal intrigue and cracking the case. Clients love that, too. The staff is terrific, too. They are fun, very capable, patient and instill a passion for serving the underprivileged.

What was the best advice you heard in law school?

"If you don't know something, admit it, and go look it up."

What advice would you give current law students?

Remember why you chose to go to law school. You can lose sight of that in all the hard work you have to put in.

What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy the company of my wife, family, and friends, especially over a meal. I also enjoy music and playing drums in garage bands. With diminishing success, I try to stay fit to play decent golf and downhill ski.