



## **Volunteer Attorney: Peggy Serrano**

### **Describe your education leading up to law school.**

I attended three undergraduate schools - Barat College in Lake Forest, IL, St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO, and University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario. I majored in English.

### **What are your main legal practice areas?**

I was a trademark and copyright lawyer in-house at Anheuser-Busch and S.C. Johnson and I had my own firm, PlanBrand.

### **How did you decide on your legal practice area?**

Way back in 1983, I got a job as a trademark legal assistant at Anheuser-Busch and used its tuition reimbursement program to attend law school part time while working full time. I had previously been a legal assistant serving low income civil and criminal clients, an investigator of discrimination complaints for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, and a legal assistant in a plaintiff's employment discrimination law firm. After graduating from law school, I continued at Anheuser-Busch as a trademark and copyright lawyer.

### **Why do you volunteer at the MVLC?**

Social justice has been important to me since high school in Chicago. It is a small way of using my skills to lend a hand to the less privileged in our community.

### **How has your experience volunteering with the MVLC enriched your practice as an attorney?**

I only started volunteering at MVLC after I retired.

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

I love spending time with my daughter and grandson in Chicago and my daughter in Portland, OR. I also enjoy reading and participating in social justice causes with Voces de la Frontera and Indivisible. I also volunteer at Children's Hospital and have three adult literacy students at Literacy Services.