



Volunteer Attorney: Renee Medved

What is your current position?

I am a Field Attorney with the National Labor Relations Board, which is a federal agency.

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

UW-Madison, Political Science.

Where did you go to law school?

UW-Madison.

What do you like about your practice?

Because I work for the government, I do not have billable hours. This means I can work really hard on every case I have to vindicate employee rights in the workplace, even where there may be no or very little money at stake. I also love that I get to work with a really fantastic group of people who are all really dedicated and fun to work with.

What activities were you involved in law school?

Unemployment Appeals Clinic, Workers' Rights Center, Neighborhood Law Project, and the UW Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

What was your favorite class in law school?

Labor Law.

How did you start participating in pro bono work?

I had taken a few pro bono cases through Legal Action of Wisconsin's Volunteer Lawyers Project a years ago, but when I came across the MVLC, I thought it may be a better fit for my schedule as it is a fixed-time commitment. I also like the support and resources available during clinic.

What advice would you give to the current law school students?

Be yourself and know that you are enough just as you are. Early in my career, I got caught up thinking I needed to be or act a certain way in order to be a good lawyer, but that's not true. Also, ask questions and for help if you need it. Anyone who has been in a clinic with me knows I have no shame when it comes to saying I don't know something and asking for help or a second opinion. I'm always learning—in my day job and at the clinics.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love hanging out with my husband and two-year old daughter and our extended family, hiking, traveling, and going out to eat. I missed travel and dining out a lot this past year!