This past year was another year of remarkable growth for the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, with the addition of services at the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office on the VA grounds for veterans and their families and an expansion to the Milwaukee Justice Center, located at the Milwaukee County Courthouse. These new ventures offer the same limited legal advice and referral information as our House of Peace and Hillview locations, and involve new collaborations with the Veterans Service Office, the Milwaukee Justice Center, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee Bar Association, and several law firms.

The MVLC continues to be blessed with an abundance of volunteers, including lawyers and Marquette law students. We are proud to remain the largest outreach effort of the Law School, providing what we believe is a key component to the education of Marquette Lawyers—an understanding of the importance of a commitment to pro bono work. While we are thrilled to have beautiful new offices in the Eisenberg Suite of Eckstein Hall, our efforts remain anchored in the communities that most need our services.

Although it is not possible to list all those who join us in our efforts, we would like to extend thanks to many supporters this year. We deeply appreciate the undergraduate, law student, and attorney volunteers who staff our clinics. Special thanks also go to Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement’s Kristela Cervera for weekly service to our clinics. The following generously donated their time and expertise to train our volunteers at our monthly CLE trainings: Mary Bednarik, Patricia Cavey, Stephen Hayes, Noleta Jansen, Eric Jernberg, Karin Long, Jeffrey Meyer, Jessica Roulette, Mark Silverman, and Amy Weed. We are also grateful to our translation team: Colleen Ball, Holly Morse, Maria Monterroso, Jose Olivieri, Jeanne Olivieri, Elena Olivieri, Melanie Mock, and Annie Stanford for creating Spanish versions of valuable client information. Finally, we must acknowledge the many people who work behind the scenes to help keep our clinics running: Gerri Sheets-Howard of the House of Peace, Luis "Tony" Baez and Kay MacKenzie of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Katherine Perhach and Mike Gonring of Quarles & Brady, LLP, David Pifer and Pat Risser of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Erich Straub and Gail McCarthy of the American Immigration Lawyers Association—Wisconsin Chapter, John O’Shea and Janet Nelson of Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement, Dawn Caldart and Amy Wochos of the Milwaukee Justice Center, Lynette Zigman of Foley and Lardner, LLP, Meredith Wilkerson of Reinhart Berner Van Deuren S.C., Steve DeVougas of Hinshaw & Culberton LLP, Ed Sarskas of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, Grant Killoran of O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing S.C., Jane Klett of LexisNexis, James Duff and Michelle Gore of the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office, John Barrett of the Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts, Marquette University’s Office of General Counsel and Risk Management, and Dean Joseph D. Kearney and the Marquette University Law School community.

The MVLC roster increased by 179 volunteers this year. They enabled an additional 670 individuals to receive legal help.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the stray. I will bind up the injured and will strengthen the weak. I will shepherd them with justice.

-Ezekiel 34:16
The way the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic works is simple. Attorneys and law students volunteer a few hours each month to provide participants with brief legal advice and referrals. This model results in wide reaching impact on...

Students
“I found volunteering at the MVLC really enhances my classroom learning. It is one thing to learn legal concepts and principles through reading cases but it is much more rewarding and fun to apply what I have learned to real clients.”

- Law Student Volunteer

Attorneys
“Volunteering ... is a wonderful experience. It is a great way to give back and really feel like you are helping people who have real world problems. I find great pleasure in volunteering and helping people with their legal problems, that is why I do it.... I always walk out of the Clinic feeling like I really helped someone.”

- Attorney Volunteer

Community
“...This clinic was EXTREMELY helpful to me. I definitely found the information to be very informative and useful. I feel confident going to court and I feel very prepared. I appreciated the time and effort the volunteers gave to me. I am truly thankful and appreciative for this service. I think it was a marvelous addition to the court services.”

-Milwaukee Justice Center Client

“...The attorney and the students are very good....Speaking in Spanish, they explained perfectly in my language, the steps that I should take to resolve my legal problem. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to the attorney and the students.”

-Hillview Client (translated from Spanish)

“This clinic is a blessing for people that [can't] afford to pay for consultation fees with attorneys. Both Attorney Pete and student Kyle were very nice and took their time to explain the laws to me. I am very grateful for this service Marquette has offered to people like myself. Thank you.”

-House of Peace Client

Veterans
“MVLC services were first introduced at the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office back in August of 2009. In what is a relatively short period of time, the [MVLC] has become an outstanding success with our military veterans...Veterans from as far away as Appleton and Janesville visited our site, while veterans from Illinois have called to take advantage of the services provided by the MVLC.... The attorneys and Law School students have been extremely professional, cordial and considerate in dealing with the legal concerns of veterans....”

-Scott Walker, Milwaukee County Executive
...made possible by many attorney volunteers

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## 2010 MVLC Service Statistics

- **Attorney Volunteers:** 213
- **Law Student Volunteers:** 190
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- **Undergraduate Volunteers:** 25
- **Persons Served:** 2462
- **Client Satisfaction:** 97%
- **Pro Bono Hours donated:** 4808

## Client Characteristics

### Monthly Income Level

- **$0-1,000:** 42.10%
- **$1,000-1,500:** 22.76%
- **$1,500-2,000:** 13.91%
- **$2,000-2,500:** 6.35%
- **$2,500-3,000:** 5.13%
- **$3,000-3,500:** 3.66%
- **$3,500-4,000:** 1.53%
- **over $4,000:** 4.58%

### Age
- **under 25:** 8%
- **25-39:** 31%
- **40-59:** 49%
- **60 and over:** 12%

### Marital Status
- **Married:** 31%
- **Single:** 46%
- **Divorced:** 10%
- **Separated:** 5%
- **Widowed:** 2%

### Gender
- **Male:** 48%
- **Female:** 52%

### Race/Ethnicity
- **African American:** 39%
- **Hispanic:** 27%
- **Caucasian:** 27%
- **Asian:** 1%
- **Other:** 2%

## Legal Issues

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The Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic provides a unique blend of services. Our students receive practical education while volunteering alongside attorneys to serve clients in our clinics. We also provide law students and attorneys continuing legal education through monthly trainings presented by experts in the areas of law commonly encountered in our clinics. Our outreach efforts include convening the Coalition for Access to Legal Resources (CALR), a consortium of non-profit, low cost legal service providers in the Milwaukee community. Marquette University Law School organizes the Coalition and maintains its website, www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org, providing access to a free, comprehensive referral source for low-cost legal services in the greater Milwaukee area. All of our education and outreach efforts culminate in the provision of free legal services that are so needed in the Milwaukee community.

**Hours and Locations**

**Milwaukee County Veterans Services**  
Building #4, VA Hospital Grounds, Milwaukee, WI  
1st and 3rd Mondays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**House of Peace Community Center**  
1702 West Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Council for the Spanish Speaking**  
Hillview Building  
1615 South 22nd Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Milwaukee Justice Center**  
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 106  
901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI  
Thursdays and Fridays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
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