Dear Partners, Volunteers, Supporters, and Benefactors:

We are happy to provide you with our 2011 Marquette Volunteer Annual Report, documenting the activities of our 10th year “in business.” Our focus has been on improving the quality of services for our clients and the experience for our student and attorney volunteers. A few of the highlights are as follows:

♦ Beautiful new offices in the Howard B. Eisenberg Suite of Eckstein Hall. While none of our clinics are housed at the Law School, this wonderful facility provides the MVLC not only with a home base for those of us working with the MVLC, but also state of the art facilities for training our many volunteers, hosting CLE seminars, and meeting with our community partners.

♦ Training for our law student volunteers has recently been updated, with some significant revisions, particularly in the area of ethics and professionalism.

♦ Participation in the MVLC/LAW Brown Bag CLE Series, including students and attorneys, is up 58% over last year, and featured better webcasting technology.

♦ Resources for our volunteers now include a “Top 10” list of the most helpful legal resource and referral options, prepared in collaboration with the Milwaukee Justice Center. New resource training has been presented at a number of law firms and as part of our Brown Bag CLE series.

Beyond our usual four locations, we continue to provide our services, as needed, in the community at special events, including for the first time, Project Homeless Connect and the Veterans Service Day.

We could not operate the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic without the help, support, and partnership of so many in our community. This year, we would like to warmly thank our volunteer interpreters, Graciela Montoya Gomez and Susan Schweigert. Special thanks also go to Milwaukee County Child Support Enforcement’s Kristela Cervera for weekly service to our clinics. Several lawyers, advocates, and court commissioners generously donated their time and expertise to train our volunteers at our monthly CLE programs: Davorin Odrcic, Debra Tuttle, Iris Gonzalez, Patricia Risser, Liz Marquardt, Tom Reed, Michael Balter, Court Commissioners Patrice Baker, Michael Bruch, Laura Gramling Perez, and Sandra Grady, .


Last but not least, we are grateful for our wonderful staff: Vicky Morales, Yolanda Toral-Zeider and Mary Ziino for able and friendly interpretation at our Hillview site; Adie Olson for her years of dedicated service to the MVLC, particularly in sustaining our partnership with the Milwaukee Justice Center; Angela Schultz as Marquette Law School’s new and amazingly quick to learn Pro Bono Coordinator; and of course, our resourceful, dedicated, and extraordinarily talented Program Assistant, Lori Zahorodny.

Sincerely,

Julie Darnieder,
Steering Committee Chair & MVLC Director

The MVLC reached an exciting milestone this year, serving its 10,000th client
2011 MVLC Service Statistics

Attorney Volunteers: 234
Law Student Volunteers: 240
Undergraduate Volunteers: 29
Persons Served: 2917
Hours of Service donated: 6204
Value of hours donated: $577,171
Client Satisfaction: 99%

Legal Issues

Race/Ethnicity

- African American: 42%
- Hispanic: 20%
- Caucasian: 30%
- Other: 8%

Age

- 24 or younger: 6%
- 25-29: 7%
- 30-49: 35%
- 50-64: 22%
- 65 & over: 30%

Zipcode of Client Residence

Monthly Household Income

- $0-1000: 10%
- $1000-1500: 15%
- $1500-2000: 10%
- $2000-2500: 5%
- $2500-3000: 5%
- $3000-3500: 5%
- $3500-4000: 5%
- Over $4000: 5%
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 yields positive outcomes for...

Students
This clinic gave me an opportunity to see real legal issues and talk about them before I was able to obtain a job. I also realized how fulfilling this experience was and will now try to continue pro bono work throughout my career.

I am just more confident and less nervous about interacting with clients. And I have found out about different areas I love.

Being in a setting where I am able to help people with real life situations helps me to refocus, and remember that being in law school and obtaining my JD is bigger than just me. I am going through law school obstacles now to later help make it a little easier for others to get over their life obstacles.

Attorneys
I am happy to volunteer at the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the Milwaukee Justice Center. The Center plays a significant role in helping the lawyerless secure and promote a fair system of justice.

I like volunteering at the MVLC because it is exciting. You never know what issue will walk through the door. After a long day sitting at a desk and writing briefs or responding to discovery, an evening at Hillside forces me out of my mental rut and, especially if someone has an interesting case or I feel like I really helped someone, sends me home glad that I'm a lawyer.

Clients
I love that this service is offered. I am a student and am sure the law students feel this is a great opportunity to practice as well. In this economy, I would never be able to afford an attorney so this truly is a godsend. Thank you!!

The attorney and students at my meeting were extremely cordial and sincere in their efforts to review my documents and legal problem. They took the time to detail and explain my options and recommended course of action. It was refreshing and much appreciated to have an experienced legal team put things in the proper perspective. This is a great and valuable service. Thank you.

My experience was very helpful. Both the lawyer and law student were compassionate and patient with me. I found myself trusting the law again... It was very refreshing and I will use and recommend the service in the future, if necessary. God bless!
made possible by many Attorney Volunteers...
Law Students
Sklikme Abduli
Tara Adolph
Ryan Albregts
Amy Allwardt
Phoebe Amberg
Erica Avery
Erin Barke
Priya Barnes
Taylor Barnes
Margaret Barr
Susan Barranco
Robert Batey
Joel Beckman
Melissa Beresford
Justin Bertron
Jacob Bibis
Sarah Bierrmann
Alexandria Blute
Kathryn Bosely
Colleen Boyle
Katie Breitlow
Tyler Brennan
Bailey Briggs
Elizabeth Brodek
James Brzezinski
Elizabeth Buehler
Jeremy Bullock
Ashley Butler
Warren Butler
Scott Byrne
Nicole Cameli
Jackson Cates
Allison Ceille
Stephanie Chavers
Neal Chowdhury
Lora Chupita
Jason Cooper
Holly Courtney
Chantal Couture
Teresa Covington
Brandon Cox
Paul Crawford
Colleen Crowley
Alyssa Curtis
Mark Darnieder
Jack Davila
Victoria Davis
Gerardo De Los Santos
Adrian Dinkel-Smith
Elizabeth Durkin
Kurt Ellison
Hannah Emanuel
Peter Evans
Dan Exner
Alaina Fahley
Porsche Farr
Timothy Femal
Mary Ferwerda
Jonathan Ficke
Erika Frank Motsch
Matthew Galvin
Kody Garza
Elizabeth Gebarski
Michael Gentry
Barry Gill
Dana Gilman
Andrea Glasgow
John Graham
Nicholas Grode
Thomas Guz
Nicholas Hagman
Courtney Hall
Kathryn Hallanger
Anne Halverson
Matthew Hanson
Carolyn Happel
Heidi Hartung Gabriel
William Hendrick
Cheng Her
Caitlin Herbert
Katherine Herrmann
Rebecca Hillary
Amber Hinson
Ellison Hitt
Elizabeth Hoffman
Gabriel Houghton
Marissa Iancu
Jennifer Jackson
Christopher Janson
Jessica Jensen
Kyle Jesinski
Valerie Johnston
Cassandra Jones
Michael Jude
Jason K. Roberts
Lori Kalata
Christopher Kaminski
Aneet Kaur
Stephanie Kehler
Adam Keongins
Christopher Koppes
Olga Kordonskaya
Albina Korotkiy
Michael Koutnik
Jessica Kramer
Trent Kubasaki
Christopher Kuechler
Derek Kulland
Stacie Lamb
Dayna Lefebvre
Alana Leffler
Daniel Letendre
Beau Levinson
Kristin Lindemann
Rebecca Lindstrom
Max Livingston
Melissa Longamore
Katie Lonze
Adam Lopez
Maria Lopez
Rebecca Lopez
Matthew Ludden
Sergio Magaña
Benjamin Maida
Lauren Malizia
Rebecca Manz
Ashley Marshall
Jonathan Mas
Kathryn Mayer
Kayleigh Mayer
Kate McChrystal
Jenna McConnell
Alexandria McCool
Eric McGregor
Sarah McNutt
Kristin Menzl
Jacqueline Messler
Jonathan Meulemans
Brad Meyer
Kristina Minor
Joe Mirabella
Ryan Mironczuk
Emily Mitchell
Andrew Moore
Lincoln Morgan
Nancy Morris
Barb Morrison
Jill Mueller
Kelli Nagel
Hannah Neshek
Paul Nylen
Yvonne Ohchi
Robert Olmr
Nathan Osborn
Megan Ostling
Talitha Pachua Kroenke
Jennifer Pickett
Kristin Pierre
Emily Pines
Charles Pollard
Christina Putman
Francisco Quiroz
Amanda Rabe
Jay Rabideaux
James Rael
Tyler Rasmussen
Kauser Razvi
Adam Reed
Meghan Refinski
Erica Reib
Thomas Rhodes
Luke Ripp
Meghan Risser
Patrick Ritter
Heidi Roche
Emerita Rodriguez-Alfaro
Benjamin Roovers
Nicholas Rotar
Ashley Roth
Andrea Rozmanoski
Samantha Rueden
Emily Ruud
Rebecca Sandler
Eric Schaefer
Lisa Schliebwen
Michael Schmidlap
Travis Schreurs
Joseph Schuster
Nida Shakir
Allison Shepard
Heidi Ship
Timothy Shortess
Rachel Silbar
Rose Simon
Ari Silffman
Caitlin Snyder
Garrett Soberalski
Megan Sorey
Matthew Spanenberg
Ryan Spanheimer
Benjamin Sparks
Chad Spoolhoff
Jordan Staleos
Elizabeth Staub
Cassandra Steele
Mitchell Stock
Pamela Stokke-Ceci
Elaine Streng
Ariane Strombom
Mark Suhr
Steven Swenson
Charles Szafir
Rebekah Thigpen
Andrea Thompson
Ian Thomson
Elliott Thron
Michael Tidey
Kyle Tompkins
Joe Trawitzki
Jennifer Treptow
Ryan Truesdale
Lisa Truitt
Emily Van Deraa
Benjamin Van Severen
Ryan Vega
William Vinovich
Anne Walsh
Rebecca Watson
Brian Wayman
Matthew Weith
Katherine Weston
Coe White
Dannielle White
Nico Willette
Willie Williams
Chelsea Williamson
David Wimmer
John Zabkowicz
Gina Ziegelbauer
Lauren Zwirlein

Undergraduates & Community Volunteers
Nuwaira Ali
Eric Allen
Andy Alonso
James E. Anderson
Jessica Brandis
Lydia Dahl
Maira Diaz
Mary Beth Dolan
Rachel Gomez
Elizabeth Hauser
Irving Ibarra
Elizabeth Krick-Nelson
Claire Lally
Ben Leonard
Emma Lueger
Tina Luke
Rebekah Newman
Victoria Olson
Amber Lake Rafeet
Joanne Rouse
Jenna Siebold
Amber Lane Rafeet
Jennifer Smith
Maggie Smith
Bradley Tharp
Kathleen Tressler
Asia Turner
Chrissy Wabiszewski
Kristen Wetzel
Jennifer Winebright
In addition to providing practical experience to our students and brief legal advice to our clients, the MVLC is dedicated to creating vital community connections that increase access to legal services to the underrepresented. We provide hundreds of referrals to our clients to assist their efforts to find full service representation. Our outreach efforts include convening the Coalition for Access to Legal Resources (CALR), a consortium of over seventy legal service providers and advocates in the Milwaukee community. Marquette University Law School organizes the Coalition and maintains its website, www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org, providing public access to a free, comprehensive referral source for low-cost legal services in the greater Milwaukee area. Finally, we have taken great care to set up our clinics at community sites, so that we can bring legal services directly to the neighborhoods that need them.

Host Site Partners

Four host-sites throughout the city, bring legal services directly to communities that need them...

Because Marquette Law School’s legal clinic is located at the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.’s Hillview Building --which is right in the heart of a growing Latino Community-- residents from the area and from other parts of the city are able to access free legal advice on many issues affecting their lives. We are extremely thankful that this service is available right in the community for indigent persons and families. We hope that Marquette University will continue partnering with us to offer this critical service.

-Luis "Tony" Baez, PhD, Executive Director of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.

Coalition for Access to Legal Resources

- Over 70 legal service providers and advocates participating
- Provides a forum for providers to connect, share resources, program information, and ideas for addressing unmet legal needs
- Members receive hundreds of referrals annually from the MVLC

www.legalhelpmilwaukee.org

- Provides volunteers and the public with referral information to 43 legal service providers in the Greater Milwaukee Area
- Serves over 2300 unique visitors per year
MVLC Hours and Locations
Community Based Legal Services

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

**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.

Bringing legal services to communities that need them