FAQ’S for Attorney Volunteers

What is the MVLC?
The Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic is a free brief legal advice and referral service provided to the community by Marquette law students and volunteer attorneys. The clinic does not provide ongoing representation.

Am I eligible to participate?
You must be licensed in Wisconsin and in good standing to participate with an exception for registered in-house lawyers per SCR 10.03(4) (f).

When & where does it operate?
The MVLC has 4 locations:

1. The Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office at 6419 W. Greenfield, West Allis 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

2. The House of Peace at 1702 W. Walnut St Tuesdays, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Attorneys are assigned a two hour shift)

3. Hillview (Council for the Spanish Speaking) at 1615 S. 22nd Street Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Note – this location is sponsored Quarles and Brady, LLP and primarily staffed by their attorneys)

4. Milwaukee Justice Center (Milwaukee County Courthouse) 901 N. 9th Street, Jury Management Room, Rm. 106 Thursdays & Fridays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (note – this location is staffed by a different law firm each week)

How many hours would I work at the Clinic?
On average, volunteer attorneys work one 2 hour shift per month. We schedule by the semester (fall, spring, and summer) and typically, an attorney works approximately 4 or 5 two hour shifts per semester.

What kinds of cases will I see?
The most common cases are family, housing and employment. However, virtually all types of civil cases are accepted. Web-based and hard copy research materials are available at the clinic, including our website: legalhelpmilwaukee.org. Attorneys are not expected to be experts in all the areas of law they will deal with at the clinic. They will give brief legal advice and refer clients to more specialized legal services where appropriate. Note that attorneys at the veteran’s clinic will not handle veterans' benefits issues. An on-site expert is present during clinic.

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