The Office of Public Service was created in 2005 under the leadership of Dean Joseph Kearney to build upon the Jesuit tradition of public service by the Marquette Lawyer and the legacy of public service performed by the late Dean Howard Eisenberg.

The Office of Public Service collaborates with the community at large to offer students and alumni a range of opportunities to perform pro bono, provide community service, and contribute to issues centered on access to justice.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE
STAFF

Angela Schultz  Assistant Dean
Katie Mertz  Assistant Director
Mindy Schroeder  Program Assistant
The Office of Public Service is housed in the Eisenberg Suite, named for Howard B. Eisenberg, dean of the Law School from 1995 until 2002. Dean Eisenberg’s distinguished career brought him many awards and honors, but he always remained dedicated to providing legal services to those in need. He corresponded with hundreds of prisoners (his “pen pals”) who asked him for legal advice, took appellate cases on a pro bono basis, and led efforts to end elder abuse. Dean Eisenberg said, “I tell law students on their first day of orientation at Marquette that the primary task of a lawyer is to resolve a client’s problems as quickly, as inexpensively, and with as little acrimony as possible. I tell them that as attorneys we must regard ourselves as a ‘helping’ profession in the most literal sense of that term.” Dean Eisenberg remains a role model not only for attorneys and students, but for everyone.

In this report, we invite you to read about some of the helpers in our profession. From law students who voluntarily give a minimum of fifty hours of service (page 4) to those who commit their summer to working in a legal services setting (page 5) to lawyers working alongside law students to serve clients unable to afford legal representation (pages 7, 8). We find inspiration in Dean Eisenberg’s words and act on the belief that ours is a helping profession.

Angela F. Schultz
Assistant Dean for Public Service
Upwards of a dozen formal pro bono opportunities are readily available to students each semester. The work is legal in nature, uncompensated, not performed for academic credit, supervised by an attorney, and of service to individuals or groups who have barriers to equal access to justice.

“As future lawyers, we have a duty to donate our time to serving others. My supervising attorney said we should always save a corner of our desk throughout our career for pro bono. This commitment to service is something I love about our profession and I intend to save a corner, if not more, of my practice for pro bono work.”

Chrissy Wabiszewski, 1L

WILLS FOR VETERANS

“The Wills for Veterans program has had a profound impact on my volunteer experience. Having the opportunity to work closely with veterans in the community to provide them with an estate plan is an enriching experience that is invaluable for students looking to work closer with members of their community. By working with attorneys from the Milwaukee area we are able to provide veterans with the security of having a full estate plan along with the assurance that their wishes will be honored. This is a great experience that I would highly recommend as it gives students the opportunity to give back to our local veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf.” Cody Marschall, 2L

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

“I had the opportunity to volunteer with the MVLC’s brief legal advice clinic during Project Homeless Connect. I was surprised by both the number of homeless community members in need of legal advice as well as the gratitude of those seeking legal advice to have their questions answered. I felt lucky to be part of the team working to empower this often overlooked group and hope to have the opportunity to participate again next year.” Erica Stoltz, 2L

MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER FAMILY LAW FORMS ASSISTANCE

“Since the first day of volunteering here, I’ve been hooked. I had the privilege of working here as a PILS fellow during the summer and am pleased to continue my involvement. The satisfaction of aiding clients and seeing how your work impacts others makes this clinic an unforgettable experience.” Angela Shin, 2L

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

“Having worked in the Domestic Violence Project since February 2015, I am honored and privileged to assist clients during such a difficult time in their life, while at the same time corresponding with attorneys, the Office of Public Service administrators, and local law enforcement officials to ensure that every case is given the requisite attention that it rightfully deserves.” Rexford Sheild, 2L
### Student Involvement by the Numbers

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<td>Incoming students who took the pledge to complete 50+ hours</td>
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<td>Total pro bono hours done by Marquette Law Students</td>
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PRO BONO HONOR SOCIETY GRADUATES

These 2015 graduates were inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Society in recognition of their pro bono service. Pro Bono Society members complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work. Students who performed 120 hours or more of pro bono service are noted with an asterisk.

- Xheneta Ademi
- Dejan Adzic
- Bryan J. Arsenneau
- James R. Ballard
- Lucas Paul Bennewitz*
- Erin Ella Block
- Christine M. Bohn*
- Brian Michael Brockman
- Joshua J. Bryant
- Kelsey R. Burazin*
- Michelle Mary Cahoorn
- Kelly E. Cavel
- Stephanie Marie Chiarello*
- Stephen Joseph Clarke
- Paige Elaine Cole
- Nathan Edward Cromer
- Lindsay Ann Decker
- Jessica C. Dickman
- Tristan A. Dollinger*
- Elizabeth Louise Eddy
- Jenny Ima Kristina Ek
- Jamie Anne Epstein
- Chad Faehrenkrog
- James LéRoy Fields-Bowers
- Leah P. Frankour*
- Ellen Claire French
- Jared Steven Gamm*
- Alison R. Gansert
- James Webster Gopal
- John Gerard Gourdon
- Michael A. Gregory*
- Angela B. Harden*
- Amy L. Heart
- Grant Ian Henderson*
- Marcus Brandon Hirsch
- Kristin Alisa Hoffman
- Shannon E Hurst
- Mary C. Huscroft
- Christelle S. Jones
- Erin Elizabeth Kaprielian
- Elizabeth Ritenour Kendall
- Michael Isaac Kessler
- Thomas R. Knight
- Christopher Johnson Krade
- Britteny Mae LaFond*
- Andrea Elizabeth Lau*
- Eugenia Y-Ling Lee
- Katherine E. Legel*
- Danielle Joy LeMeux*
- Patrick John Leo*
- Porchia S. Lewand*
- Amanda Patricia Luettke
- Kelsey E Madison
- Samuel Andrew Magnuson
- Bryant J. McFadden
- Anne Lynn McGinty*
- Jennifer G. McNamara
- Peter Houlahan McNulty
- Angel Guillermo Medina
- Paul Adam Miller
- Katherin Ann Mills
- Rebecca L. Nelson
- Amanda Marie Nimmer*
- Isidora O. Niwabodo
- Elizabeth Anne Oestreich
- Colin T. O’Meara*
- A. David Ostrow
- Nicole Marie Ostrowski*
- Gillian Verlisa Parham
- Vanessa Rael Paster*
- Nicole Rae Rasler*
- Rachel Aaronson Retzke
- Laurell Elizabeth Rosebaum*
- Carl S. Samis*
- Christina L. Schiek
- Katherine Ann Seelov*
- Katie Marie Shaw
- Jessica Marie Simmons
- William Joseph Simonsick
- Nicholas R. Sinram*
- Peter J. Smiley
- Spenser Tomas Sotolongo
- Althea Marie Speake
- Joseph Alan Styer
- Stephanie E. Thomas*
- Philip Eric Thompson
- Amanda Jean Toonen*
- Morgan M. Van Roeyen*
- Joseph Isaac Wasserman*
- Derek John Waterstreet*
- Chelsea Reina Weatherspoon
- Cameron G. Weitzner*
- Julia Catherine Westley*
- Bryan Clayton Whitehead
- Lauren Lynn Wick
- Taylor A. Wilson
- Morgan Lynnea Wilz*
- Patrick David Winter
- Elizabeth Rosemurgy Wood*

MILWAUKEE BAR ASSOCIATION PRO BONO LAW STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Kasey Parks (center) pictured with Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Annette Ziegler and Milwaukee County Chief Judge Maxine White.

State Bar of Wisconsin Public Interest Law Student of the Year

Nikki Ostrowski (center) pictured with Angela Schultz, assistant dean for public service, and Joseph Kearney, dean and professor of law.

ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL WISCONSIN SUMMER FELLOWS

Katie Czapanskiy, left, worked at Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants. Larissa Dallman worked at the Wisconsin Public Defender’s office.

STUDENT AWARDS

PRO BONO SOCIETY INDUCTION AND POSNER EXCHANGE

The annual Posner Pro Bono Exchange honors law students who have performed 50 or more hours of pro bono service during their law school careers; students who have achieved 120 or more hours receive special recognition. The event also recognizes Gene Posner, L’86; the Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation generously supports the Law School’s public service work. Jeff Colman was the event’s distinguished guest. Mr. Colman, a graduate of Stanford Law School, has been a lawyer at Jenner & Block in Chicago for the past 40 years. His pro bono leadership has been extraordinary ranging from defending Guantanamo Bay prisoners to serving on the Illinois Supreme Court’s Commission on Access to Justice.

STUDENT HONORS

Jeff Colman (center) with Angela Schultz, and Josh Gimbel, Gene and Ruth Posner Foundation President.

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Twenty-two law students were awarded Public Interest Law Society (PILS) fellowships for unpaid full-time summer internships in public interest settings. PILS fellows each receive a stipend to support their work on behalf of the common good and serve in a variety of legal services settings. In exchange, students perform a minimum of 350 hours of public interest legal work, complete a reflection at the end of the fellowship, and provide at least twenty hours of service to the Public Interest Law Society during the following academic year.

Nicole Brandemuehl  
WI State Public Defender’s Office

Katie Czapanskiy  
Schoenleber Fellow  
Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants

Larissa Dallman  
Schoenleber Fellow  
WI State Public Defender’s Office

Michael Farley  
Milwaukee Justice Center

Samantha Feak  
Schoenleber Fellow  
Milwaukee Justice Center

Alyson Girton  
American Civil Liberties Union Wisconsin Foundation

Emily Harriman  
Legal Aid of Nebraska

Emily Hartsinck  
Legal Aid Society Tennessee

Gregory Isaac  
Wisconsin State Public Defender’s Office

Omar Malcolm  
Public Defender’s Office  
Tampa, FL

Daniel Marazan  
Cudahy Fellow  
Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants

Brianna Meyer  
Schoenleber Fellow  
Federal Defenders of Wisconsin, Inc.

Michael Paniener II  
Cudahy Fellow  
United States Department of Agriculture

Gillion Parham  
Cudahy Fellow  
Wisconsin State Public Defender’s Office

Gabriel Peterson  
Wisconsin Judicare Inc.

Ami Regele  
Wisconsin State Public Defender’s Office

Amber Saskowski  
Schoenleber Fellow  
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee

Nicholis Schroeder  
Schoenleber Fellow  
Milwaukee Justice Center

Angela Shin  
Cudahy Fellow  
Milwaukee Justice Center

Windsor Wrolstad  
Cudahy Fellow  
Disability Rights Wisconsin

Not pictured: Eric Eisenheim, Legal Action of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Morgan Wilz, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office.
MVLC Program Assistant, Mindy Schroeder, Awarded Wisconsin Law Journal, Unsung Heroes Award

Mindy Schroeder was honored by the Wisconsin Law Journal at their annual Unsung Heroes Award Event. Mindy was nominated and selected for her work with the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics (MVLC). Mindy has been with the MVLC since 2013 and regularly facilitates the clinics at the House of Peace and the United Community Center. Mindy is critical to the clinics running smoothly as she manages volunteers, works with students, and helps the many Spanish speaking clients of the clinics.

Mindy brings kindness, patience, and compassion to each experience with clients of the MVLC. She has truly helped the MVLC to make a difference in the Milwaukee community. Mindy sums up the impact of the MVLC on the Milwaukee area well: “We can fill a need. Unfortunately there aren’t a lot of financial resources for lower-income folks…and free legal advice doesn’t solve everything. But we can make a real difference for people in a brief legal advice clinic.”

2,129 MVLC clients served at the Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) clinics in 2015. This is 49% of all MVLC clients served annually.

- 34% family law questions
- 22% housing questions
- 17% small claims questions

Law students also volunteer to help serve an additional 7,825 clients assisted at the MJC family forms clinic.

MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER

The Milwaukee Justice Center’s new children’s space.

MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC

The Mobile Legal Clinic is an expansion of our partnership with the Milwaukee Justice Center

- 23 clinics held
- 12 different community locations
- 187 clients served
- 35 law student volunteers
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PERSPECTIVE

“Using skills built up over years of legal practice brings the sense of fulfillment so many of us sought with youthful idealism as we entered law school a lifetime ago.”

Melita Biese, MVLC at the Milwaukee Justice Center

“I continue to work with the MVLC because I really enjoy it. You can interact with so many types of law in such a short amount of time. It also allows me to get out of my comfort zone, meet new people, and have meaningful client interactions. It just feels good to help people and know that your time with them made a difference.”

Brian Jacobs, Mobile Legal Clinic

“Volunteering at the United Community Center has been a great experience for me. I love sharing my knowledge of family law with people who are nervous about going to court because of language or cultural barriers. The MVLC does a great job of providing legal services in an easy-to-access setting. I am happy to help, in part because my own family includes immigrants who had to learn to navigate institutions in a new country.”

Nidhi Kashyap, MVLC at the United Community Center

HOUSE OF PEACE

During rare down moments at the House of Peace, law students and attorneys work together to address the legal needs of those throughout the state. Using Wisconsin Legal Advice Online, an interactive portal that allows low income individuals to ask brief legal questions, the volunteers are able to assist those who do not have access to legal resources in their area.

Wisconsin Legal Advice Online was created by the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission and is also sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Pro Bono Program. Its mission of increasing access to legal advice for those who cannot afford it is a natural fit for the volunteers of the MVLC.

UNITED COMMUNITY CENTER

For five years, on Wednesday evenings, the MVLC enjoyed the open arms of Centro Hispano’s Hillview Building. In January 2015, the MVLC said hello to a new partnership with the United Community Center (UCC). Volunteer attorneys from Quarles & Brady, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and a number of others continue to serve a largely Spanish-speaking population at the UCC.

VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE

The MVLC offered estate planning appointments at the Milwaukee County Veteran’s Service Office beginning in 2015. This provides veterans and active duty service members and their spouses or partners a more immediate option for getting an estate plan in place. It also provides a great hands-on learning experience for law students interested in estate planning work.
MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINICS
THE MVLC

4,345 Total # of clients served in 2015

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7,663 Hours donated in 2015

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77% Clients at or below 115% of the Federal Poverty Guideline ($18,320 annual gross income for average household size of two)

OUR CLIENTS' LEGAL MATTERS

- 27% FAMILY
- 21% HOUSING
- 14% SMALL CLAIMS
- 11% OTHER
- 8% CONSUMER
- 5% EMPLOYMENT
- 3% GUARDIANSHIP
- 5% PROBATE
- 4% MUNICIPAL
- 2% IMMIGRATION

CLIENT PERSPECTIVE

- Milwaukee Justice Center
  “These guys were awesome! Good listeners, professional, and helped me a lot in a very difficult situation. I wish I could keep one of them for my attorney. This service is exceptional and I am so thankful it exists!”

  - Jackie, health law issue

- Milwaukee County Veteran’s Service Office
  “Very good experience, great service, friendly, kind, extremely helpful and showed concern toward my questions. Will recommend this clinic to others. Keep up the good work and continue to assist the veterans.”

  - Mark, estate planning issue

- United Community Center
  “I appreciate the positive concise service provided to me today. The attorney eased my fears of facing this issue in front of the judge and encouraged me to face it head on while informing me of the approximate timeline and what to expect. [The student’s] notes helped immensely. Thanks again.”

  - Judy, employment issue

- House of Peace
  “Incredible appreciation for this clinic and all help provided...in helping me with this legal assistance of emailing [another party] and teach[ing] such legal language and tactics of negotiating...and resolving a dismissal for a new future for me and my children...”

  - Christine, municipal issue
MVLC ADVISORY BOARD

The MVLC Advisory Board guides clinic operations, policy considerations, and professional responsibility. All board members are or have been active volunteer attorneys with the MVLC.

From left to right:

Bj Westfahl, Westfahl & Westfahl, S.C.
Katie Perhach, Quarles & Brady LLP
Judge Laura Gramling Perez, Milwaukee County
Katrina Hull, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
Lars Gulbrandsen, Quarles & Brady LLP
Amy Wochos, Milwaukee County
Julie Darnieder, Founder & Advisory Board Chair

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Student Advisory Board provides leadership to their peers and advanced knowledge of clinic procedures at each clinic. These students make a two-year commitment to the board and are selected for their demonstrated dedication to the MVLC. The student board members provide valuable assistance with recruitment, training, and planning of MVLC events.

From left to right:

Cassandra Van Gompel, 3L
Lauren Maddente, 3L
Kasey Parks, 3L
Nick Sulpizio, 2L
Jill Halverson, 2L
Melissa Maldonado, 2L
Jessica Lothman, 2L
Tyler Helsel, 3L
Erica Stoltz, 2L
Aimee McGinty, 3L

Not pictured:
Adam Vanderwerff, 3L