

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE



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The Office of Public Service (OPS) is located in the Eisenberg Suite of the Law School (138), but much of our work happens out in the community. We welcome you to join us to increase access to justice in Milwaukee and beyond.

OUR WORK INCLUDES:

- Pro bono programming for law students
- Public Interest Law Society
- Public Interest Summer Fellowships
- Posner Pro Bono Exchange and Pro Bono Honor Society
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) for Alumni

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GET INVOLVED

Attend the pro bono lunch each semester to learn about pro bono opportunities.

Attend the annual fall Public Interest Law Society PILS Giving Dinner event.

Stop in the Eisenberg Suite on walk-in Wednesdays with questions.

Contact any Office of Public Service staff member to learn more.



Our flagship project, the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics, hosts our largest number of students doing pro bono work.

MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINICS (MVLC)

257 volunteer lawyers

197 volunteer law students

Helping clients since **2002**

6,137 clients seen in 2024

Specialty clinics:

- Family Law
- Pardons
- Immigration
- Small Business/Nonprofits
- Estate Planning
- Probate



- The most common legal issues our clients are navigating include family law, eviction and other housing matters, debt, small claims, and probate or guardianship.
- **70%** of our clients live at or below **125%** of the federal poverty guidelines, though we do not have any financial eligibility requirements to attend.

70% OF STUDENTS DO PRO BONO

In pro bono, students gain:

- Legal skills
- Cross-cultural competency in client interactions
- Legal experiences
- Networking opportunities
- Leadership
- Demonstration of work ethic & time management
- Opportunities for teamwork & collaboration

PRO BONO HONORS

Students who complete 50+ or 120+ hours before they graduate:

- Are inducted into the Marquette Law School Pro Bono Honors Society.
- Receive an honor cord for service to wear at the graduation ceremony.

50% of law students graduate with pro bono honors

WHY STUDENTS DO PRO BONO

% of law students indicating this reason as “very important”:

- 88% help others access justice
- 64% exploring various areas of the law
- 40% build legal resume
- 33% build legal network
- 24% to graduate with an honor cord for service
- 14% other reason not listed