Making an Impact Close to Home

Because of generous donors and volunteers, a record 24 Marquette law students served legal service agencies throughout Wisconsin and beyond. Nineteen stayed in Wisconsin.

“The work that I was involved in aided in creating more affordable housing opportunities and prevents discrimination in housing.”

Steven Ayala, Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants, Milwaukee.
“The immigrant community is significantly benefitted by work of Catholic Charities.”

“This gave me a first-hand look at the daily practice of criminal law.”

Chelsea Brocker, End Abuse Wisconsin, Madison.
“This organization aids all the domestic violence service providers around the state. It is an invaluable resource for the advocates.”

Paige Cole, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, Milwaukee.
“My work is ensuring that we, the people’ get just and fair representation.”

Trisha Fritz, Milwaukee County Juvenile and Mental Health Division of the Wisconsin Public Defender, Wauwatosa.
“Every juvenile who goes through the juvenile system is given a public defender.”

Lisa Galvan, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
“SeniorLAW represents Milwaukee County seniors and handles a wide variety of issues.”

Britteny LaFond, Legal Aid Society, Guardian ad Litem Division, Milwaukee.
“I have met and talked with children who are now thriving in new placements and their future is now promising.”

Danielle LeMieux, The Milwaukee Justice Center, Milwaukee.
“While helping clients fill out family law paperwork I also offer legal information on the differences between the options listed on the forms and procedural instruction.”

Austen Lott, Wisconsin State Public Defender, Milwaukee.
“When you work with the public defender, you consistently give people a chance to be heard.”

Amanda Nimmer, The American Civil Liberties Union, Milwaukee.
“The ACLU is constantly fighting for Wisconsin residents and American citizens across the country in order to ensure those individuals’ civil rights and civil liberties are not trampled.”

Mindy Nolan, Wisconsin State Public Defender, Milwaukee.
“I have been practicing under Wisconsin’s Student Practice Rule, representing clients during revocation proceedings.”

Nicole Ostrowski, Wisconsin State Public Defender, Milwaukee.
“Since I’ve been able to work more ‘hands-on’ with the clients, I’ve learned how great the need truly is for the services of the public defender.”

Vanessa Paster, End Abuse Wisconsin, Madison.
“Motivated to take a more proactive role, I created an interactive blog for attorneys and advocates to assist battered women defendants involved in the justice system.”

Jessica Puhl, Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants, Milwaukee.
“Many of the clients I have seen here might be deported and they have family here that they would have to leave behind.”

Katherine Seelow, The Milwaukee Justice Center, Milwaukee.
“Clients who attempt to begin or modify family law actions on their own are at a severe disadvantage. The Milwaukee Justice Center is fantastic at providing some in-roads to unrepresented people!”

Justin Singleton, Portage County Public Defender’s Office, Stevens Point.
“I help represent criminal defendants who are indigent.”

Ian Vance-Curzan, Legal Aid Society, Milwaukee.
“Part of our work involves providing oversight to operations correctional facilities to ensure humane treatment for all. I have learned a lot and my experience will help me as I pursue my legal career.”

Joseph Wasserman, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence Unit, Milwaukee.
“The Milwaukee District Attorney’s Office is a very busy and high energy work environment. The work assigned to me is diverse, challenging, and, most importantly, inspiring.”
Fellows Reach Out-of-State
From coast-to-coast, PILS Fellows have a broad reach. Five 2013 Fellows served clients beyond Wisconsin.

“The main goal is to protect the United States and maintain public safety.”

Zachariah Fudge, San Diego Public Defender’s Office, San Diego, California.
“My summer work has focused on creating access to highly competent and vigorous defenses to every defendant, regardless of perceived guilt or inability to pay.”

Jeffrey Morrell, The Institute for Justice, Austin, Texas.
“I would absolutely recommend IJ to another student. The work being done by IJ is awe inspiring, especially in light of the uphill battle many people face.”

“I work with many immigrants. I helped a child living in poverty from Guatemala reunite with his family and begin the adoption process.”

“A major component of public interest law is the commitment to protect people from things they may not be able to seek refuge from on their own, and the U.N. Security Council does that on the largest scale. The Council is charged with maintaining peace and security internationally and the protection of civilians abroad. This has been an exciting summer!”

Patrick Winter spent his summer at the iconic United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Law Students:
DON’T MISS
the Social Event of the Year
Public Interest Law Society
21st Annual Auction & Gala, February 21, 2014
Auction proceeds raise funds for PILS Fellowships.

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