PILS OPERATION COMMON CAUSE

Public Interest Law Society (PILS) Fellowships are a common interest among the whole student body and most every student organization. Through Operation Common Cause, students’ individual and student organizational contributions matter and may be used to strengthen a $4,000 PILS Summer Fellowship application to fund summer legal work at a public interest placement.

Past positions include:
- The Prosecutors’ or Public Defenders’ office for those interested in Criminal Law.
- Legal Aid Society’s Guardian ad Litem division or the Milwaukee Justice Center for those interested in Children or Family Law.
- Catholic Charities Immigration Law Office or the National Immigrant Justice Center for those interested in Immigration Law.

A complete list of past PILS placements is available for your review. Email Dean Schultz: angela.schultz@marquette.edu.

**How do student organizations earn points to support their members’ applications?**

- **Donate items to the auction or Thanksgiving Dinner:**
  - Auction: a basket or stand-alone item with an estimated value of $40-$50.
    - See gift basket ideas on the following page or use your creativity and come up with a theme for an auction item that reflects your organization’s work
    - 1 point per item donated
  - Thanksgiving Dinner: sign up to donate a minimum of 2 items on the Thanksgiving dinner sign up form, which can be found at: law.marquette.edu/community/annual-pils-thanksgiving-season-dinner
    - For example, a student organization could donate 2 crock pots of mashed potatoes.
    - 1 point per 2 items donated

- **Sell raffle or event tickets:**
  - 1 point for selling ten (10) raffle tickets to anyone ($5 per ticket, or 5 for $20)
  - 1 point for selling two (2) auction tickets to anyone outside of your student organization.
  - 1 point for selling four (4) tickets to the Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone outside of your student organization

- **Purchase raffle or event tickets:**
  - 1 point for every ten (10) raffle tickets purchased by members of your organization ($5 per ticket, or 5 for $20).
  - 1 point for every two (2) auction tickets purchased by members of your organization.
  - 1 point for every ever four (4) tickets to the Thanksgiving Dinner purchased by members of your organization.

- **Volunteer at PILS events:**
  - 1 point for every four (4) hours of volunteer work done by a member of your organization.
  - Sign up for shifts on the PILS TWEN page under “sign-up sheets” link.

A representative for the student organization will track and submit their contributions here: https://mulaw.wufoo.com/forms/pils-operation-common-cause-points/.

All points must be reported before the date that fellowship applications are due!

**Note:** Individuals track and self-report their involvement in PILS on their Fellowship application by attending PILS events (Thanksgiving Dinner, Speakers from Practice sessions, the spring Auction, etc.), by volunteering their time (selling tickets, planning the Auction, etc.), by soliciting donations for the Thanksgiving Dinner or the spring Auction, or any other way they are involved in PILS!
PILS Auction Gift Basket Ideas

Movie Night Basket:
Include DVD’s to watch, treats to eat, maybe a gift card for rentals at Red Box or Netflix.

Dog-Lover’s Basket:
Add dog treats and dog toys or even include a session with a groomer.

Spa Basket:
Include pampering items like body lotion, hand creams, face masks, or more!

Pasta-Lovers’ Basket:
Select any type of cuisine and put together a basket that a cook or baker will love. You could make it focused on children learning to cook as well!

Birthday Party Kit:
Give a child (or their parents) everything they need for their next birthday party!

Kitchen Helper Basket:
Select kitchen utensils that are eye-catching, useful, and total around $50. You could do this with tools or art supplies too!