Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics, includes the Mobile Legal Clinic & the Family Law Advice Clinic. Work on-one-on-one alongside a volunteer attorney to provide brief legal advice and referrals to unrepresented litigants on a wide range of civil legal matters. Law students explain the limits of the clinic to each client, help frame the legal issue presented, conduct legal research, help prepare legal forms and other documents, maintain the client file, prepare a written summary of next steps for the client while developing professional relationships with the hundreds of volunteer lawyers committed to the MVLCS. Students are scheduled for 2.5-hour shifts, every other week.

Next Training Session: Friday, January 17, 12-1:15PM, Room TBD

Milwaukee Justice Center Family Law Forms Clinic. Learn the basics of family law and other matters ranging from divorce to child support to name change. Law students work one-on-one with a client, under attorney supervision, and learn how to identify the procedure required to help a client meet their goal. Client interviewing skills are central to all types of lawyering and is a skill honed at the MJC. Students interact with circuit court civil procedures ranging from jurisdictional issues to service of process to de novo reviews. Students are scheduled for 1.5 to 2-hour shifts each week.

Next Training Session: Friday, January 24, 12-1:15PM, Room TBD

Domestic Violence Injunction Hearings Project. Conduct client interviews by phone and prepare a written report for a volunteer lawyer who will represent the client in a domestic violence injunction hearing. Learn key questions to ask when preparing a witness and how to gather information beyond what is already contained in a client’s petition for the temporary injunction. Work with the client to identify and gather available evidence. Determine whether the opposing party has been served, whether police reports are available, and if court records contain relevant historical information about either party. Students generally receive a monthly referral and work on their own time (2-4 hours).

Next Training Session: Wednesday, January 29, 12-1:15PM, Room TBD

Eviction Defense Project. Law students and volunteer lawyers work together to respond to Milwaukee’s eviction crisis. Over 14,000 eviction actions were filed in Milwaukee in 2017. In eviction court, most people being evicted do not appear because they do not have a lawyer and, prior to the Eviction Defense Project’s creation in 2016, Legal Action of Wisconsin could help only about 3% of people being evicted. Most landlords have experience in court or have someone representing them. Learn defenses to eviction, determine if a negotiated stipulation is possible, and watch the case resolution before a court commissioner or judge. Students are scheduled for 2.5-hour shifts, usually every other week.

Next Training Session: Wednesday, January 29, 12-1:15PM, Room TBD

Legal Action of Wisconsin Student Legal Aid Project. Expungement, Driver’s License, and Consumer/Bankruptcy Clinics where law students and volunteer lawyers work together to help students remove barriers to graduation and gainful employment. During office hours, law students will meet with clients, conduct intakes, research and investigate issues, draft motions and affidavits from shells, and perform other client services under attorney supervision. Gain experience working directly with clients, researching various court and agency records, and learning substantive law in the areas of criminal records, driver’s license, and bankruptcy. Students are scheduled for 2 to 3-hour shifts, usually every other week.

Next Training Session: Tuesday, January 28, Noon-1:15PM, Room TBD

Estate Planning Clinic. Law students and volunteer lawyers pair up to prepare an estate plan for the client that includes power of attorney documents for health care and finances, a living will, and a will. Helping a client through these processes when they are healthy means later interview the client in the context of their health, and work through the legal documents. Students are scheduled for 1.5-hour shifts, every other week.

Next Training Session: Tuesday, January 28, Noon-1:15PM, Room TBD

Consumer Rights Clinic. Law students and volunteer lawyers work together at this community based legal clinic for people who have unresolved debt issues, have frequent contact with debt collectors, or are considering bankruptcy as a debt solution. Law students work with clients to draft ‘Do Not Contact’ letters to creditors and help evaluate a client’s eligibility for bankruptcy. Students learn about consumer rights related to debt collection and issues such as car repossession and small claims cases. This clinic operates from 3:00-5:00 PM the third Tuesday each month. Training for this clinic takes place on-the-job.

Parenting Conferences, Alternative Dispute Resolution. For volunteers with at least one semester of MJC Forms experience. Work with parents hoping to reach an agreement on issues of child support, custody, placement, and more. When a resolution is reached, the law student prepares a stipulation reflecting the terms of the agreement under supervision of a volunteer lawyer. Students are scheduled for a 1-hour shift every other week.

Training to be scheduled with selected volunteers.

Expungement and Pardons Clinic. Join volunteer attorneys to assist Chapter 7 debtors and those considering filing Chapter 7 bankruptcy with the required paperwork. Students learn the basic analysis involved in determining eligibility for Chapter 7 filings and possible alternatives to debt relief. Students are usually scheduled for 1.5-hour shifts, every other week.

Training for this clinic is online.

Guardianship Clinic. Assist the parents of an adolescent with a significant disability in need of a court-appointed guardian as they approach adulthood. Students work directly with a volunteer attorney from Quarles & Brady to complete the required court pleadings in this form-intensive process. A guardianship practice is a natural accompaniment to estate planning work. Approximately 5-hours of work per referral.

Training and materials for this project are online.

Pro bono schedules for Spring 2020 span from February 2nd through April 23rd for 1Ls and through May 15th for 2Ls and 3Ls. Pro bono projects operate all year. Keep these dates in mind as you fill out your scheduling forms:

- Spring Break is March 8-15
- Easter Holiday is April 10-12
- Last day of class is April 23
- Exams take place April 27 - May 7
- Graduation is the weekend of May 16
- Career Planning Session Dates: TBD
- SSP Session Dates: TBD
- ASP Session Dates: TBD
### Pro Bono Project Schedule At-a-Glance ~ Spring 2020

Learn more at the Pro Bono Lunch on Wednesday, January 15th, Noon-1:15PM. Sign up for projects online at [https://mulaw.wufou.com/forms/pro-bono-project-scheduling-spring-2020/](https://mulaw.wufou.com/forms/pro-bono-project-scheduling-spring-2020/)

What works for you? (1L, Section 1, Scoville, Idelman, Ellis) (1L, Section 2, Boyden, Oldfather, Madry) (1L, Section 3, Parness, Fallone, Murray) (2Ls, 3Ls, & P/T students, please prioritize these shifts)

#### KEY:
- *Walking Distance*
- **Shuttle Transportation Provided**
- ***Transportation not provided. Plan to drive, carpool, or Uber/Lyft.***
- $Spanish-speaking volunteers needed here

- **Prior Experience w/ Project Required**
- 2-hour shifts available between 8:45AM-4PM Mobile Legal Clinic
- 3Ls, 4Ls, & P/T students
- Projects with Dates & Times Not Yet Set

#### Projects on Your Schedule

- Domestic Violence Project (1 referral per semester, ~5 hours per referral)
- Guardianship Clinic (1 referral per semester, ~5 hours per referral)
- Expungements & Pardons Clinic*, Consumer Rights Clinic***, Mobile Legal Clinic***

#### Projects with Dates & Times Not Yet Set

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