**Pro Bono Opportunities for Law Students**

**Fall 2020: All opportunities operate remotely**

Projects are listed by quantity of volunteers needed: most to least. Project FAQs are located in the “documents” tab of your pro bono account.

**Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics (MVLC) ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Thursday, September 3, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

Law students pair up with volunteer attorneys and help clients with civil legal questions. 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, and prepare a written summary of next steps for the client while developing professional relationships with the volunteer lawyers. All clinics take place on Zoom and students are scheduled for a three-hour shift every other week.

**Milwaukee Justice Center (MJC) Family Law Forms Clinic ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Friday, September 4, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

Learn the basics of family law and procedure ranging from matters of divorce to child support to others like name changes. 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 this clinic. Students interact with circuit court civil procedures ranging from jurisdictional issues to service of process to de novo reviews. All clinics take place on Zoom and students are scheduled for a two-hour weekly shift.

**Civil Legal Help Line ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Tuesday, September 8, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

The Civil Legal Help Line was established in the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis when in-person services and drop-in clinics were no longer a safe option for community members seeking legal aid. The Help Line receives up to 100 calls daily. Help Line operators will hone their issue spotting skills and learn about the civil legal aid options available in the Milwaukee area. Answer calls in live-time or respond to voice mails to help get community members linked with the best resource to resolve their legal issue. Hotline operators use a Google Voice account (not their own phone numbers). Students are scheduled for two-hour weekly shifts and have access to a supervisor throughout the entirety of the shift.

**Student Legal Aid Clinic (SLAC) with Legal Action of Wisconsin ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Thursday, September 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

Law students will work with volunteer lawyers and Legal Action staff to assist technical college students from across the southern half of the state to remove barriers to graduation and employment. Specifically, the clinics address criminal records/expungement/pardons, driver’s license recovery, unemployment and consumer/bankruptcy issues. Law students will learn how to read and interpret Criminal Information Bureau (CIB) reports, CCAP records, driver’s license abstracts, administrative decisions, and court-related documents. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to work directly (remotely) with clients to assist in completing pardon applications, court motions, court and administrative forms, and prepare for unemployment hearings. Students are scheduled for three-hour shifts every other week.

**Free Legal Answers: Brief Legal Advice by Email ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Wednesday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

Collaborate by email with a Legal Action lawyer to draft a written answer to a legal question posted by a low-income Wisconsinite to a free online legal help service. Law students are assigned two questions every three to five weeks to work on over a five-day period on their own time. Relevant research materials are available and a catalogue of over 100 past questions and accompanying completed answers are provided for students’ use as models. The estimated time commitment for this project is four hours monthly. This project is for students with at least one semester of consistent pro bono experience.

**Estate Planning Clinic & Wills for Healthcare Heroes ☢☢☢ S**

**Training:** Recorded video for viewing online before the first shift

Law students and lawyers pair up to prepare an estate plan for a 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 avoidance of court proceedings for guardianship and heirs’ questions about asset distribution. Students are scheduled for 1.5 hour shifts weekly on Zoom and have about one hour of preparation work to complete on their own before the assigned shift.

**Expungement and Pardons Clinic ☢☢ S**

**Training:** Friday, September 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (recorded for those unable to attend live)

Work alongside volunteer criminal defense attorneys to help clients determine whether they qualify for an expungement or a pardon. If a client qualifies, work through the process of applying to remove convictions from public records in an attempt to increase employment opportunities, obtain safe sustainable housing, and pursue educational advancements. As part of this opportunity, students will learn how to interpret Criminal Information Bureau (CIB) reports, CCAP records, and other court-related documents. Students are scheduled for three-hour shifts every other week.

**Adult Guardianship Forms Clinic ☢☢ S**

**Training:** Recorded video for viewing online before the first shift

Assist a family in need of a court-appointed guardian for a loved one with the required court pleading in this forms-intensive process. A guardianship practice is a natural accompaniment to an estate planning practice. Law students work with an attorney to interview the petitioner and complete the necessary forms. Students are scheduled for a 1.5 hour shift every other week on Zoom.

**Which projects work for your class schedule?**

- ☢ 1L, Section 1, Blickna, Anzivino, Bradford
- ☢ 1L, Section 3, O’Hear, Anzivino, Bradford
- ☢ Only works with 2Ls, 3Ls, & part-time students’ schedules
- ☢ 1L, Section 2, Oldfather, Rofes, Lemann
- ☢ 1L, Section 4, Oldfather, Rofes, Lemann
- ☢ Spanish-speaking volunteers needed
**Pro Bono Project Schedule At-a-Glance ~ Fall 2020**

Learn more at the Pro Bono Opportunities Event on Wednesday, September 2nd, 11:30-12:45PM. Sign up for projects online at [https://mulaw.wufoo.com/forms/pro-bono-project-scheduling-fall-2020/](https://mulaw.wufoo.com/forms/pro-bono-project-scheduling-fall-2020/)

**What works for you?**
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- **1L, Section 3, O’Hear, Anzivino, Bradford**
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**Projects on Your Own Schedule**

*Wisconsin Free Legal Answers* ~2-4 hours per assignment

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- **S** Spanish-speaking volunteers needed here
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- **S** 1L, Section 3, O’Hear, Anzivino, Bradford
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