

Thank You to the VLP Volunteers who have taken a case in 2020

We could not do the work we do without your support and your efforts in providing pro bono to many of our clients.

Welcome our New Staff Attorney

JJ Moore graduated from Marquette Law in 2018. He will be coordinating all pro bono programming for victims of crime and domestic abuse including Domestic Abuse Injunction Lawyer For Day in Milwaukee.

Welcome our New Interns

Abigail Plankey- 2L at Marquette and one of the first students completing the 3-3 program with St. Norbert's and Marquette. Her focus will be on unemployment and assisting VLP in Green Bay and Oshkosh Offices.

Josh Hillman- 3L at Harvard who is volunteering with EDP and the Center for Drivers License Recovery and Eliminating Barriers to Employment. He tries to watch 100 movies each year.

Lexie Gianitsos- 2L at Marquette who is working on the Student Legal Aid Project focused on reducing the collateral consequences of past convictions. A 1st generation Greek immigrant who folk danced at Milwaukee Greek Festival.

Referrals

Interested in taking cases for full representation in multiple different areas? We are regularly referring cases out to find the best pro bono fits for attorneys. Please complete this [survey](#).



If you are interested in volunteering, please click [here](#).

Racial Justice

Legal Action of Wisconsin's open letter about racial justice to our clients and our community is available [here](#).

COVID-19 and Legal Action

This is a terrible public health emergency and it requires leadership from those of us who are able. It is also an incredibly dynamic moment in the law as Federal and State laws and rules of procedure are changing and adapting on a nearly daily basis. The skills of lawyers to quickly identify the important issues in a dispute and explain the application of law is crucial for both litigants and the Court during this time of emergency.

To learn more about how Legal Action is responding to the COVID crisis please visit the [COVID-19 resource page](#).

Anticipated Needs

- Eviction- Milwaukee EDP will be conducting representation remotely for and please contact Heidi for Madison EDP
- Domestic Abuse- Lawyer for the Day Thursday afternoon (in-person) Milwaukee
- Unemployment Compensation- Two (2) opportunities: 1) Schedule shifts and provide advice only to clients or 2) Represent clients in telephonic hearings.
- Bankruptcy Clinic- Remotely provide brief legal advice tailored to client's factual situation
- Student Legal Aid- will be hosting remote clinics later this summer in the areas of Criminal Records, Driver's License Recovery, Unemployment, and Consumer/Bankruptcy

Shout Out to Alexander Lodge & Sofia Ascorbe

The Wisconsin State Bar is honoring leaders who make a difference within our community

- Alexander Lodge, Foley & Lardner, LLP, awarded Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
- Sofia Ascorbe, VLP Staff Attorney of Legal Action of Wisconsin, awarded Young Lawyers Division Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
- Read more about the award winners [here](#).