

2016 Annual Report



The Milwaukee Justice Center is a collaborative endeavor between the Milwaukee Bar Association, the Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts, and Marquette University Law School .

The MJC utilizes volunteers to address the unmet legal needs of Milwaukee County's low-income, unrepresented litigants through court-based programs and legal resources.

Letter from the Director

Dear Friends of the MJC,

Thank you for your support, whether you have been a part of this endeavor for years or are a new to the *pro bono* work accomplished at the Milwaukee Justice Center. You are an important and valuable contributor to our efforts to further “access to justice” in Milwaukee.

As you may know, the MJC offers a number of services for self-represented litigants, including:

- **Family Law Forms Assistance:** Law student volunteers and undergraduate interns, under the supervision of licensed attorneys, assist litigants to complete forms to file for divorce, change or enforce a current family court order, or change their name.
- **Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the MJC:** Attorney volunteers are paired with law students to offer legal advice, direction, and referral information on most civil matters.
- **The Mobile Legal Clinic:** Taking the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic on the road, the Mobile Legal Clinic partners with local community-based organizations to provide legal advice, direction, and referrals in the Milwaukee community.
- **Parenting Conferences:** A dispute resolution program where volunteer attorneys work with law students to assist parents in discussing custody, placement, and child support.

The MJC could not fulfill its mission without our incredible volunteers. We are grateful for the following law firms who commit their attorney volunteers to staff the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the MJC and the Mobile Legal Clinic on a weekly/monthly basis: Foley & Lardner, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, Michael Best & Friedrich, O’Neil Cannon Hollman DeJong & Laing, Godfrey & Kahn, and Hinshaw & Culbertson. Additionally, numerous individual attorneys and students give generously of their time and talents to support the MJC. You will find a list of the 2016 volunteers toward the end of this report.

Importantly, the MJC continues because of the generous donations from the legal community and affiliated businesses through the MJC Campaign, the annual Run for Justice, and the MBA Golf Outing. Thank you to each firms, business, or individual who contributed in 2016.

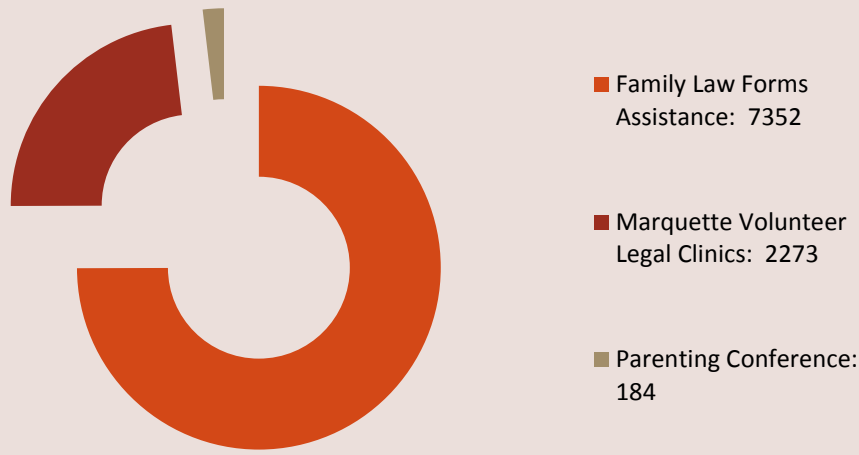
The MJC’s success stems from its strong partnerships—both large and small. Everyone has a role to play in furthering access to justice in our community. We are glad to be partners with you and appreciate what you have and will contribute to our work.

Thank you!

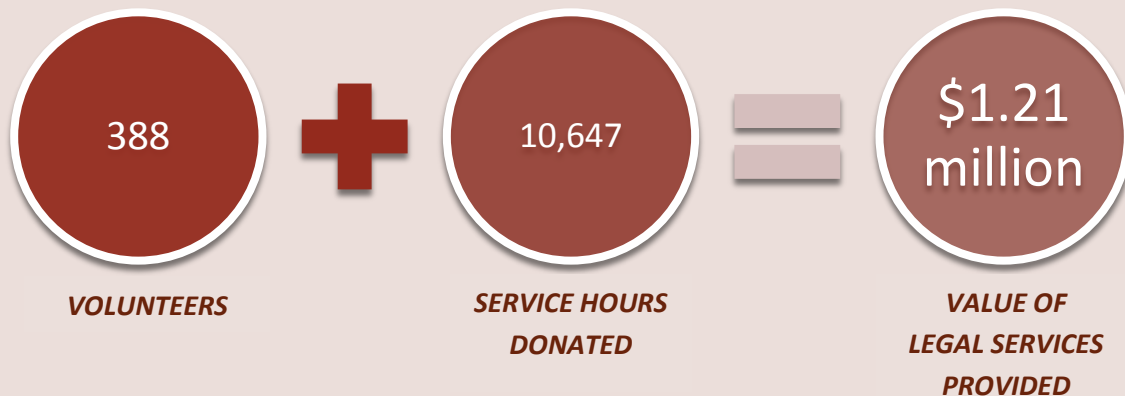
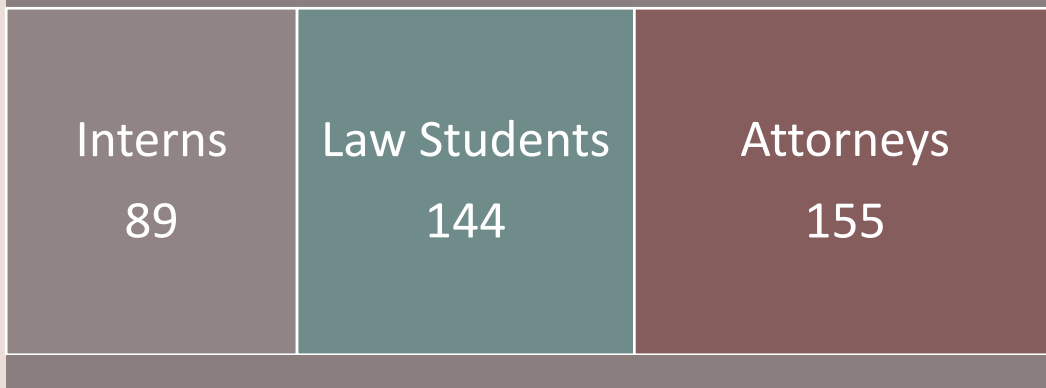
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