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**ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL-WISCONSIN AWARDED \$10,000 PRO BONO JUMPSTART  
GRANT TO SUPPORT MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC EXPANSION**

**MILWAUKEE, WI – MAY 18, 2020** - Association of Corporate Counsel-Wisconsin (ACC-WI) has been awarded a \$10,000 Pro Bono Jumpstart Grant by the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Foundation to support The Milwaukee Justice Center’s Mobile Legal Clinic (MLC). The Wisconsin Chapter is one of four recipients of a 2020 Grant.

This Pro Bono Jumpstart Grant will support expansion of the Milwaukee Justice Center’s Mobile Legal Clinic in Milwaukee to reach an even broader group of clients who cannot afford critical civil legal services. “Not only will the Mobile Legal Clinic be able to expand its services, but the grant will allow us to fund essential upgrades of equipment and resources for the MLC and fund training of additional volunteer lawyers, including ACC-WI members,” **says James Cauley, ACC-WI Pro Bono Committee Chair.**

In 2019, the Mobile Legal Clinic hosted 105 clinics at 9-12 monthly locations, with 705 clients served by 222 volunteer attorneys. With the pandemic restricting access to in-person legal services, the Milwaukee Justice Center has pivoted to providing remote legal services through videoconferences. With new equipment as a result of this grant, the MLC will also be able to provide remote, virtual legal services with the volunteer lawyers until it is safe to have the MLC bus visiting neighborhoods again. “Most importantly with this grant we look forward to increasing the number of attorney volunteers and trainings, with a specific reach to ACC Wisconsin attorneys, to participate with the MLC and the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics,” **says Megan Morrissey, Coordinator of the Milwaukee Justice Center’s Mobile Legal Clinic.**

The Milwaukee Justice Center’s Mobile Legal Clinic is a collaborative project between the Marquette University Law School and Milwaukee Bar Association. The MLC takes legal services to isolated neighborhoods in a specially-outfitted van equipped with two office spaces, computers, and wireless internet. Volunteer attorneys and law students work in pairs to offer brief legal advice and referral information to clients navigating civil legal matters. The MLC is the first of its kind in Wisconsin and among only a few in the nation. MLC volunteers staff clinics at libraries, neighborhood centers, food pantries, health centers and other community organizations to increase access to justice while providing learning and mentoring opportunities for law students.

The MLC is a meaningful statement to the larger community that lawyers are part of a ‘helping profession.’ ACC-WI lawyers want to help bridge the gap in the access to justice for disadvantaged people in Milwaukee County. Their civil legal concerns are worthy of our attention,” says Cauley. “We are honored to have received this award, but it is our privilege to put it toward such a worthy and important program. The MLC provides a great platform for volunteer lawyers from ACC-WI and throughout Milwaukee to help people untangle their confusing legal issues and solve problems.”

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