Top 5 Reasons to Volunteer at the Milwaukee Justice Center's Mobile Legal Clinic

The ACC-WI is proud to support the MJC's Mobile Clinic. As an in-house Attorney you may be wondering why or if you should.

Top 5 Reasons:

- **5.** <u>Ethical Obligation</u>. Wisconsin SCR 20:6:1 Each lawyer has an ethical obligation to aspire to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year to people of limited means for no fee. The Mobile Legal Clinic serves those of limited means and makes it easy and convenient to meet this obligation.
- **4.** Mentor a Law Student. The Mobile Legal Clinic pairs you with a law student to assist you. You mentor them in legal skills: interviewing a client, sorting out issues and facts with tact and diplomacy, providing basic legal advice on an issue, and helping a client to clearly articulate their position. It's also a great opportunity to provide the student with insights into what an in-house counsel career is like.
- 3. It's Easy. The Mobile Legal Clinic provides you with everything you need:
 - "Limited Scope" commitments. You only represent the client at the specific appointment and then your representation ends.
 - Law Student Assistance your assigned law student assists you by doing research on issues, taking notes, and providing written confirmation of your advice. (Bet you wish you had a law student at work to help you.)
 - The Gold Guides and Clinic Coordinator provide key assistance on the various legal topics.
 - "Shadowing" still unsure? You may shadow another lawyer at the clinic to learn the ropes and see how easy it is.
- 2. <u>It's Convenient</u>. Volunteer from anywhere! All sessions are now on Zoom, so you can serve in the clinic from your home or office wherever that may in the state. You choose what time commitment you are willing to make. You can sign up for the sessions that your schedule allows.
- 1. You Can Make a Difference. As lawyers, we are trained to read and interpret complex documents and navigate situations that can be foreign and intimidating. Now, more than ever, there are people that need legal help and cannot afford it. Use your legal skills to help someone who may not otherwise get help. You can make a difference!

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