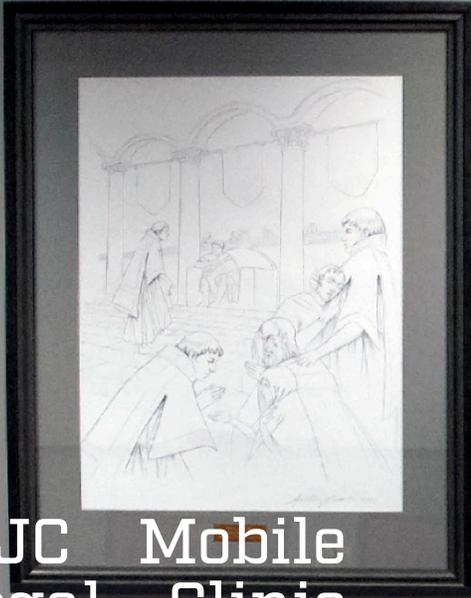


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# QUARTERLY

THE MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER



## MJC Mobile Legal Clinic Recognized by Milwaukee Archdiocese as "Treasure"

Inset L to R: Attorney Michael Gonring (Quarles & Brady), MJC Legal Director Angela D. Cunningham, MULS Asst. Dean for Public Service Angela Schultz, MJC Executive Director Mary Ferwerda

Another major organization has recognized the Milwaukee Justice Center Mobile Legal Clinic for its service to the community. This time, it's the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

In his 2016 "Treasures of the Church" address to the Milwaukee Catholic community in February, Archbishop Jerome Listecki recognized the Mobile Legal Clinic as the organization that exemplified charitable activities that take place in the archdiocese (the MJC Mobile Legal Clinic's association with the Archdiocese is via Marquette University Law School).

In his recognition, Archbishop Listecki said the Mobile Legal Clinic



offered the poor "equal footing before the law... and the willingness of legal professionals to assist them in understanding their lawful rights and responsibilities."

The Archbishop also recognized the financial efforts from Frank Daily, Julie Ebert, and Michael Gonring (Quarles & Brady) in making the MJC Mobile Legal Clinic possible. ●

## Upcoming Events

### MJC Mobile Legal Clinic

Saturday, July 23, 2016 - 1:00pm

City on a Hill

2224 W Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee

### MBA Foundation Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Fire Ridge Golf Club

2241 County Road W, Grafton

### Labor Day (MJC Closures)

No MVLC Clinic, Friday, September 2 - 2:00pm

Monday, September 5, 2016 - Closed All Day

Normal hours resume Tuesday, September 6

### 13th Annual State of the Courts Luncheon

Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 12:00pm

Wisconsin Club

900 W Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

### OUR MISSION:

The Milwaukee Justice Center is a collaborative endeavor between Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee Bar Association, and Marquette University Law School. The MJC provides services to self-represented litigants with civil court matters. Self-represented individuals have a fundamental right to access the justice system even if they cannot afford an attorney, or do not qualify for legal aid.

# A Little Storm Doesn't Stop Record Smashing MJC5k Run for Justice

Okay, so it rained. A lot. And it threw in a little thunder and lightning and wind and overall nastiness to lead to the first-ever weather call for the MJC5k Run for Justice. But we broke records...no...we *destroyed* records.

The MJC staff is still a little buzzy about how things turned out for the 6th Annual running of the event. We had nearly 100 more participants this year than we've ever had. We raised more than \$6,000

more for the MJC's mission than we ever have. We brought in more sponsors interested in supporting access to justice than we ever have. And we may have actually had more fun than we've ever had.

We held out for as long as we could, with weather reports threatening to storm on our event on and off all day. When we

made the call to go ahead, we thought we could complete the run, and we did get several runners across the finish line. However, about twenty minutes into the run, and lightning getting closer, we had to pull the plug.

That didn't mean the fun ended, though. The entire gathering fit in under the pavilion roof, shared Big Bay beers, Stone Creek iced coffee, snacks, drinks, stories, and laughs.

We had a great time, and we thank you for coming and making it happen. ●

MJC5k at a Glance...	
Temperature:	79°
Participants:	270
Volunteers:	28
Sponsors:	48
\$ Raised	<b>\$17,858</b>



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## Q1/2 2016 at a Glance...

Clients Seen	
Q1 2016:	2,723
vs. 2015:	+19.3%
Q2 2016:	2,708
vs 2015:	-2.0%
YTD:	+7.6%
vs. Hist. Avg:	+21.9%

A stellar start to the year 2016, as the Milwaukee Justice Center posts its second-best start to the year ever.

On top of that, we posted our best February and March in clinic history.

A lot of the credit goes to the fact we've had what could be called an

"embarrassment of riches" in terms of volunteers, both for forms and brief legal advice clinics. We've had some days where all twelve client service stations are filled for forms help.

Thank you for all you do to help the MJC, and here's to breaking more records in 2016. ●

## Tip of the Scale: New Rights for Grandparents in WI

A new ruling from the Wisconsin Supreme Court has drastically changed the picture for grandparents seeking to obtain visitation rights with their grandchildren.

Wis. Stat. section 767.43(1) limits the classes of people who can petition for rights to visit a child to a "grandparent, stepparent, or person who has maintained a relationship similar to a parent-child relationship with the child."

Until now, the "parent-child relationship" part had been applied to every petitioner, be they grandparent or neighbor. That meant a grandparent who lived out of state, and saw the grandkids on the holidays, was not able to petition to see the grandkids due to a lack of that "parent-child relationship."

However, the case *S.A.M. v. Meister* changed that.

In his opinion for the court, Justice David Prosser said that the "parent-child relationship" was not necessary for a grandparent, greatgrandparent, or stepparent to petition for visitation rights.

With the new ruling, the only people who have to prove such a relationship are those who are not a (great) grandparent or stepparent. ●

Hannah Koller has been a regular volunteer at the Milwaukee Justice Center for the spring 2016 semester. A native of Appleton, Hannah is currently a senior at Marquette University, triple majoring in Information Technology, Human Resources, and International Business!

Since you're from Appleton, what led you to choose to come to Milwaukee and Marquette?

I love the city of Milwaukee as well as the people of Milwaukee.

While the city has so far to go in so many ways, there are so many passionate people working tirelessly for others.

The people at the Milwaukee Justice Center are great examples.

You've been at the Milwaukee Justice Center for a while. What keeps you coming back?

The leadership. Each employee provides exceptional service to the clients of the clinic while (somehow) also serving as fantastic mentors to the volunteers.

The group really feels like a family.

What brought you to the Milwaukee Justice Center in the first place?

I'm interested in attending law school and admire the people and efforts that work to overcome the inequality in the justice system.

The Milwaukee Justice Center does a lot to support the people of Milwaukee and I wanted to be apart of something like that.

What's been your most rewarding experience at the Milwaukee Justice Center?

Every day someone comes in with a mountain of worries and leaves with a

smile on their face.

What's been the biggest challenge you faced here, and what did you do to overcome it?

Any time we haven't been able to help someone.

Thankfully, the employees at the Milwaukee Justice Center know of so many other resources for our clients, so we are able to connect those we can't help with people who can.

What else interesting should we know about you?

I started at the MJC when we were working out of a courtroom that served as our intake space, and a small room that served as the client/attorney space up on the fifth floor of the courthouse.

We've come a long way!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Hannah Koller



# MJC Welcomes New Batch of PILS Fellows

Another summer, another group of excellent Public Interest Law Fellows to help the Milwaukee Justice Center.

Jack McNally is a Wauwatosa native, and a Marquette undergrad alum. He believes the MJC's mission of making a complex legal system more accessible to the average person is

admirable.

"I think the most surprising aspect of my time here has been helping people through issues and seeing how quickly the relief of straightening out their problem takes over," Jack says.

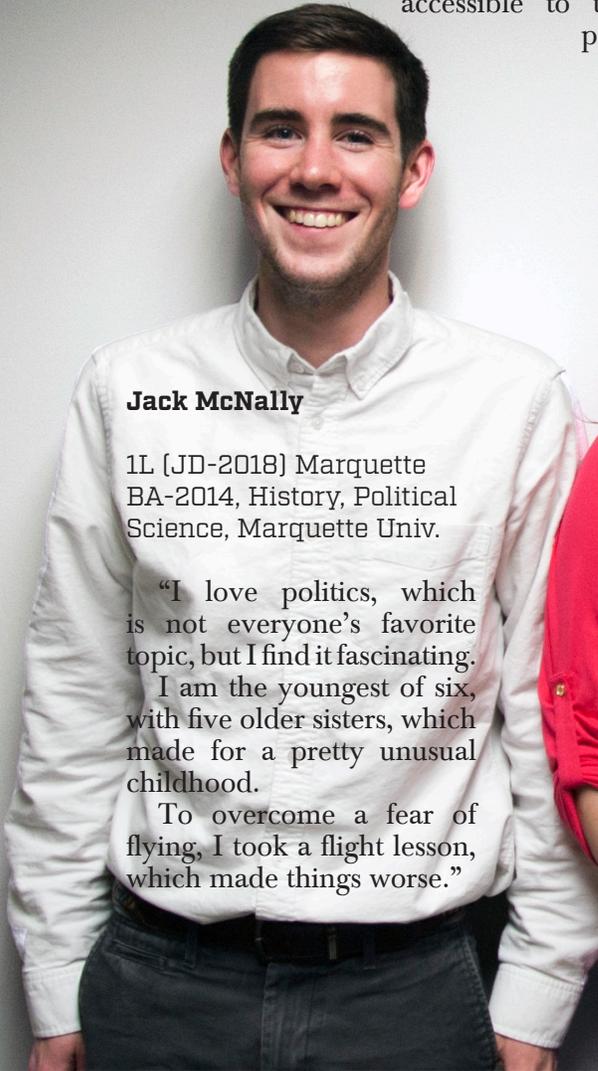
Corinne Frutiger is a native of Monroe, the "Swiss Cheese Capital of the USA" near Madison. She's also a UW-Madison alum who came to Marquette Law to focus on family law.

"While the role [of family law attorney] may be insignificant to the whole world," Corinne says, "to at least one person, it may have made all the difference."

Natalie Lewandowski is another UW-Madison alum, but she hails from Delafield.

She came to Marquette Law after a short career in sales.

"I thought about going back for a PhD in sociology, but realized I wanted to be an agent of change," Natalie says. ●



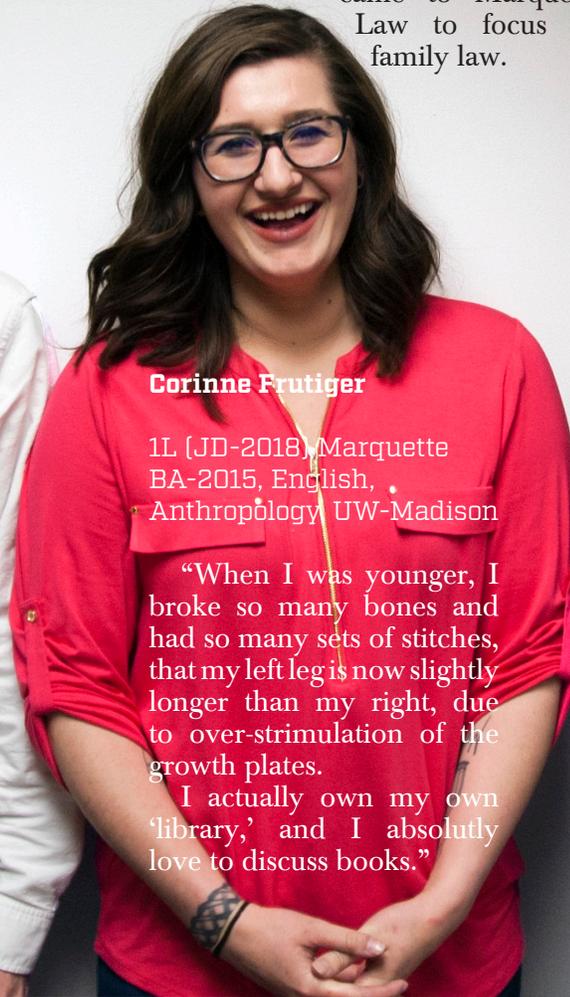
**Jack McNally**

1L (JD-2018) Marquette BA-2014, History, Political Science, Marquette Univ.

"I love politics, which is not everyone's favorite topic, but I find it fascinating.

I am the youngest of six, with five older sisters, which made for a pretty unusual childhood.

To overcome a fear of flying, I took a flight lesson, which made things worse."



**Corinne Frutiger**

1L (JD-2018) Marquette BA-2015, English, Anthropology UW-Madison

"When I was younger, I broke so many bones and had so many sets of stitches, that my left leg is now slightly longer than my right, due to over-stimulation of the growth plates.

I actually own my own 'library,' and I absolutely love to discuss books."



**Natalie Lewandowski**

1L (JD-2018) Marquette BA-2013, Sociology, Comm. Arts, UW-Madison

"I'm most proud of finishing my undergrad career with a 4.0 GPA.

I love wearing crazy/colorful socks, even if no one can see them. I think I could have made it big as a singer/actor, if only someone had discovered me as a child (joking!...maybe."

## Family Law Forms Assistance:

Monday - Wednesday  
8:30am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday - Friday  
8:30am - 12:00pm



## Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic Family Law Advice Clinic Hours:

Monday - Wednesday  
Sign in at 1:00pm

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