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The Milwaukee Justice Center is thrilled to welcome two new additions to their staff as of September 2011, Ayame Metzger and Joe Riggerbach.

Ayame Metzger joins our team as our Legal Supervisor for the Self Help Desk. Ayame is a graduate of Indiana University Maurer School of Law where she has been the recipient of the Pro Bono Award twice since 2007. Recently the *Federal Communication Law Journal* recognized

Ayame for outstanding participation as Notes Editor. She also studied at Illinois State University with a focus on special education, and has worked in the Chicago Public Schools

The MJC continues its partnership with Public Allies Milwaukee with the addition of Joe Riggerbach as a Program Director. Public Allies Milwaukee is focused on advancing new leadership to strengthen communities,

nonprofits and civic participation. As an ally, Joe will be working at the MJC and participating in several work projects throughout the city with his class of fellow Allies. Joe is a recent graduate of UWM

We are delighted to have Joe and Ayame join our staff at the MJC. With their additional service we will continue to expand civil legal assistance to Milwaukee's low-income unrepresented litigants.

MJC 5K Run for Justice Fundraiser

Kathryn Scott



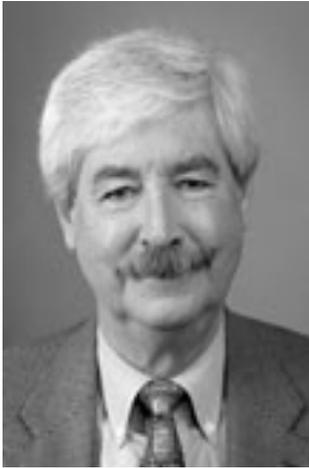
On Thursday, September 22, 2011 the Milwaukee Justice Center, friends, and sponsors gathered at Veterans Park in Milwaukee for the First Annual 5K Run for Justice. The event was a success bringing over 160 participants ranging from law students and lawyers to avid runners came together to run and walk for the cause. Afterwards, participants listened to music from the band Blue, Seriously and enjoyed refreshments provided by Big Bay Brewing Company.

The Meissner Tierney Fischer & Nichols team finished the race in the fastest average speed and was awarded the Fastest Team award. Also, the Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren team won the Team Spirit award for registering the largest number of participants. The Milwaukee Justice Center would like to sincerely thank all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for the donations, hard work, and effort put into the race that contributed to its success. Hope to see you again next year!



MJC Volunteer Spotlight: Miles Goodwin

By MONA SYED



Miles Goodwin
MJC Volunteer

Miles Goodwin, originally from Dallas, Texas, is a resident of Wauwatosa. He earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Marquette University, after which he proudly served two years in the U.S. Armed Forces. He then continued his education, earning his law degree from Marquette University Law School. Miles prac-

tices as a Senior Counsel specializing in Commercial Real Estate, at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing SC. When he's not at work or volunteering with the Milwaukee Justice Center, Miles enjoys riding his Harley, blogging about individual investment at WallStreetSmarts.org, spending time with his family, and practicing his spoiling techniques, as he is a new grandfather.

In what capacity do you volunteer at the MJC?

I got involved through my firm, which provides volunteer attorneys for the Milwaukee Justice Center Brief Legal Advice & Referral Clinic. As a volunteer, I help individuals who come into the clinic with questions and help steer them in the right direction.

What compels you to volunteer?

I wanted to get involved

because I feel that this is a great program, it provides much needed help to people who would otherwise have limited access to legal assistance.

Has volunteering been a rewarding experience for you?

It is rewarding in that when people stand up and thank you as they're leaving, you know that they truly mean it. You get to see people who come in troubled and worried leave calm and with satisfaction.

What has been challenging?

The challenge is in trying to assist people in areas of law that I have little experience. However, the folks at the MJC provide the volunteer attorneys with back up. This experience has made me more knowledgeable in areas of law outside of my practice.

Why do you feel pro bono work is important?

Pro bono work is the duty of an attorney; we should be giving back to people in our community who would otherwise not have legal assistance.

Do you have any advice for those who are considering volunteering at the MJC?

I don't necessarily have advice, but if you are considering volunteering you should know that you will get a lot more out of it than what you put in.

To Get Involved

For information about volunteer opportunities contact Dawn Caldart, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Justice Center.

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Change in Family Law Clinic Hours

By: Joe Rigenbach

This fall, The Milwaukee Justice Center is introducing some minor changes to its self help desk. We have expanded our Family forms assistance to Thursdays and removed Thursday's small claims assistance hours from the self help hours. Also our self help

desk will now offer legal assistance in both English and Spanish on Tuesdays and Fridays. We welcome this change as there is a growing need for bilingual legal assistance in our community. Thank you for your cooperation and encouragement as The Milwaukee Justice Cen-



ter adjusts to these changes. Please note these changes in our schedule.

Family Law Forms Assistance Hours

Monday	11:00AM – 2:00PM
Tuesday*	11:00AM – 2:00PM
Wednesday	11:00AM – 2:00PM
Thursday	11:00AM – 2:00PM
Friday*	8:00AM – 11:00AM

*A Spanish interpreter is available Tuesdays and Fridays



Gallagher Receives Award from MBA

By MONA SYED



Richard Gallagher
Foley & Lardner LLP

The Milwaukee Justice Center is honored to have one of its volunteer attorneys, Richard Gallagher, be presented with the Milwaukee Bar Association's 2011 Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Gallagher has been selected for this honor for his immeasurable support of the bar as well as his sponsorship and service to the MJC's pro bono legal counseling pro-

grams. Gallagher and the rest of the Foley

Milwaukee attorneys that graciously serve with the MJC have enabled the Center to significantly improve justice for Milwaukee County's low-income, self-represented litigants.

**Congratulations
Richard Gallagher!**

What Our Clients Have to Say About The MJC:

"We are very pleased with the work the Milwaukee Justice Center does. They are very professional, and took our problem seriously. We are not sure we would have been able to get help anywhere else because when you are going through a foreclosure you don't have extra money to hire any attorney. It is nice to be able to get some direction, and avoid the legal maze. We appreciate that there are people out there offering honest legal advice, and truly trying to help." - **Paul & Monica**

Partnership for Success Award

By MONA SYED

The Milwaukee Justice Center wishes to congratulate, the Milwaukee Bar Association (MBA) Foundation, on being chosen for the inaugural *Partnerships for Success Award* presented by the National Conference of Bar Foundations

and LexisNexis. The MBA Foundation was selected to receive this award for its significant impact on the Milwaukee community through the creation of the Milwaukee Justice Center. Executive Director of the Milwaukee Bar As-

sociation, Jim Temmer, will accept the award on behalf of the MBA Foundation at the ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

**Congratulations to The
Milwaukee Bar
Association
Foundation!**

Milwaukee Justice Center

Family Law Clinic

MTWT: 11am - 2pm

F: 8am - 11am

A Spanish interpreter is available
Tuesdays and
Fridays

Brief Legal

Advice

ThF: 2:00pm - 4pm

Location

**Courthouse Room G9
901 North 9th Street
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**Thank you to all
our volunteers
and supporters!**

