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This past year, as MJF celebrated its 35th anniversary and I my 13th year as Executive Director, I continued to be inspired and awed by the dedication and strength of Minnesota’s pro bono community. Pro bono begins in law school and since MJF began keeping track of student volunteering in our database in 1999-2000, students have filled nearly 25,000 volunteer placements, providing over 700,000 hours of volunteer legal assistance to a quarter-million clients.

In addition to the essential services provided to clients who might otherwise have been unassisted, the thousands of volunteer students carried forward that ethic of public service into their careers as lawyers. Seventy-five percent of Minnesota’s North Star Lawyers began volunteering in law school.

There has been a slight increase in local law school enrollment and we continue to work with our community partners to create opportunities for law students. Volunteering was up this past year; perhaps it was the image of lawyers at the airports working on their laptops to assist immigrants. Students are highly motivated to get involved in public service. As one student said, “This is a good time to be a lawyer!”

To all of you who believe in MJF’s mission, thank you for another year of support! We could not do our work without you. We remain committed to our mission of instilling an ethic of pro bono service in the law student community. With your support we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,
Janine Laird
STUDENT-FUNDED FELLOWSHIPS

MJF student chapters at each law school also raise funds for students to fill summer clerk positions in public interest: the Public Interest Law Fellowships (PILF) at Mitchell Hamline and the University of St. Thomas and the Public Interest Clerkships (PIC) at the University of Minnesota. Each of the law school student chapters have unique processes for selecting which PILF/PIC applications are funded, and they raise money in various ways, including silent auctions and chili cookoffs. During the Summer of 2017, seven fellowships were funded:

Melissa Bumanglag (UST): 1st Judicial District Public Defender’s Office
Brandon Engblom (UST): Duluth City Attorney’s Office
Hakeem Jackson (UST): US Attorney, Western District of New York
Hannah Martin (MHSL): 10th Judicial District Public Defender’s Office
Nicholas Redmond (UMN): Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Snowden Steiber (UMN): 2nd Judicial District Public Defender’s Office
Sara Thomas (MHSL): 2nd Judicial District Public Defender’s Office

“Being a Minnesota Justice Foundation summer clerk is an experience that grounds advocacy in the reality of people’s day-to-day lives. I have grown my patience, my ability to remain unassuming, and how to ask open questions so clients can provide the most important information. I talk about my experience both professionally and personally because I have grown as a future attorney but most importantly as a person.”
- Lora Fike

MJF SUMMER CLERKSHIPS

The Summer Clerkship Program is MJF’s oldest program. Each year, MJF raises funds which are used to pay the stipends of law students who work full time at a legal service agency for the summer. During the summer of 2017, MJF funded twelve student clerkships in the metro area, and four in greater Minnesota:

Kari Beaudry (MHSL): Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights: Complaint Investigations Division
Kathryn Bjorklund (UMN): Minnesota AIDS Project
Leif Christopherson (UMN): Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services: Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Services
Patricia Dana (UST): Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid: Housing Discrimination Law Project
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Anna Street (UST): Central Minnesota Legal Services
Dorothy Summers (UST): Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid: Youth Law Project
Robert Wild (UMN): Anishinabe Legal Services

“In my time at NJC I worked on cases ranging from traffic misdemeanors to serious felonies. My work included things like intensive legal research and memo writing, making court appearances on the record, negotiating with prosecutors, meeting with clients for both simple intakes and intensive departure interviews, and answering legal advice calls over the phone.”
- Nicole Faas
Street Law is a program of MJF in which law student volunteers teach legal rights, responsibilities and resources to middle school and high school students. Many of the classrooms where the students teach are in alternative learning centers and charter schools. Some of the high school students have been court involved and/or have not been successful in traditional school settings. During the spring of 2017, 59 law student volunteers participated in the program, teaching in 25 inner city classrooms (at 15 schools) where they taught teens their rights and responsibilities in our society. The number of teenage students in each classroom averaged 20.

Prior to teaching, the law students attend an intensive two-day training covering substantive areas of law, guidance about how to create a lesson plan, and how to teach in an interactive and engaging way. After training, the law students are given access to an online collection of resources and lesson plan examples to prepare for teaching.

MJF and the students have been fortunate to have the assistance of volunteer attorneys to assist with teaching. The attorneys provided insight into areas of law that are very technical, such as immigration. It was also exciting for the classroom students to meet attorneys and learn about their career path.

Street Law is a “win-win” program. The young people earn practical knowledge; at the same time, law students learn more about the law by teaching it to others.

2017 Street Law schools

- Brooklyn Center High School
- Burnsville Alternative High School
- Dakota County Area Learning School
- Hennepin County Home School
- Field Community School
- High School for the Recording Arts
- Lake Nokomis Community School, Keeywadin Campus
- Metro Education for Future Employment
- Minnesota Internship Center, Rondo
- Sanford Middle School
- Transitions Plus Services
- Washington Technology Magnet
- West Education Center Alternative
- Omegon Residential Treatment Center
On Monday, July 31, 2017, MJF hosted our annual “Legal-ish Trivia Contest” at Kieran’s Pub in Minneapolis, emceed by local actor and comedian Tim Uren. Twin Cities law firms fielded a dozen teams, but only one of them could take home the coveted Golden Gavel, and that honor went to team Macro Aggressions, pictured here!

MJF’s annual Attractive Nuisance Tour is a benefit concert to help local organizations provide legal services to the disadvantaged. Each band featured at least one lawyer in it. Since 2003, the Attractive Nuisance Tour has raised money the only way they know how—through maximum rock ‘n roll!

ANT was held at the Crooked Pint Ale House in Minneapolis on Friday, May 19, 2017. The bands were: Noisy Withdrawal, D.C. Higgs & Blue Volcano, Nuggets Hootenanny (w/ The Long Goodbyes), and The Lockpicks. The money raised by ANT supports MJF’s summer clerkship program.

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At our 35th Anniversary Celebration, held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, MJF honored outstanding individuals in the Minnesota legal community.

The winners of the 2017 Outstanding Service Awards were:

Advocate Award: Bridget Gernander, Minnesota Judicial Branch
Direct Legal Service Award: Kathy Eveslage, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
Private Practice Lawyer Award: Rebecca Schiller, The Academy Law Group, P.A.
Law Student Awards:
Lora Fike, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
Nicole Faas, University of Minnesota Law School
Melissa Bumanglag, University of St. Thomas School of Law

Our keynote speaker at the Annual Awards Celebration was Justice David Lillehaug, who spoke on the topic of “The Minnesota Pro Bono Tradition.”

David L. Lillehaug has been an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court since his appointment by Governor Mark Dayton in 2013. He was elected to a six-year term in 2014. He is the only current Justice to come to the Court directly from private practice. He brought to the Court 30 years of litigation experience, including serving as United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, the federal government’s chief prosecutor and civil lawyer in the state. Deeply committed to pro bono, Lillehaug was one of the early members of MJF’s Board of Directors and chaired the organization’s first community fundraiser.

The Annual Awards Celebration was attended by over 200 people, representing over twenty Minnesota law firms, schools and other organizations. The event raised over $65,000 for MJF’s work serving low-income populations.
VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

- 1,200+ Volunteer Placements
- 23,500 Volunteer Hours
- 130 Organizational Partners
- 8,400+ Clients Served
FY 2017 OPERATING INCOME

- Law Firms: $19,600
- Foundations: $102,600
- Individuals: $133,000
- Law Schools: $345,300
- Government Grants: $35,700
- Other Income: $20,300

Total = $412,200

FY 2017 OPERATING EXPENSES

- Management & Fundraising: $65,000
- Program Expenses: $345,300

Total = $410,300
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