

Dear Incoming Law Student:

Congratulations on your impressive achievement of entering law school. Before you start your academic journey toward a career in the law, you might be interested in getting some exciting hands on experience in the field. The Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) would like to invite you to participate in our "Pre-Orientation Service Project." We have various volunteer opportunities that will be taking place on various days between **August 3-12** that will:

- Give you valuable insight into the advantages of volunteering while in law school.
- Teach you what public interests and nonprofit agencies are all about and how they operate.
- Help you to network; meet practicing attorneys and other incoming law students.
- Allow you to obtain MJF volunteer hours before you even begin law school.
- Treat you to an end of the week happy hour session.

There are a variety of opportunities available with a number of different agencies. The various volunteer commitments range from single day site visits to week long participation. The various participating agencies work in a broad number of fields including housing law, family law, civil, government records, substance abuse and a number of other interesting fields. Some of the agencies that have typically participated in this program in the past include:

- SMRLS – Mankato (Southern MN Regional Legal Services)
- Children's Dental Society
- Indian Child Welfare Law Center
- Dakota County Legal Aid
- All Parks Alliance for Change
- HOME Line
- Ombuds for Families
- Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- Housing Alliance Law Office
- Plus many more.

The specifics and requirements of each placement will be available in the next few weeks. Whatever your time commitment or area preference, there will be an opportunity for you to get involved. To participate in the projects with MJF, which fill quickly and have limited availability, please email the MJF Staff Attorney at Hamline, Sara Schwebs at [hamline@mnjustice.org](mailto:hamline@mnjustice.org). You will be placed on our email list and will receive further details about how to register with MJF and how to select the placement(s) of most interest to you. These placements are designed for "incoming" law students that have yet received any legal education. There are no prerequisites.

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