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Nearly 300 hours of service: Marquette law student steps up to help those in need

MADISON, Wis. (May 7, 2026) — A Marquette University Law School student who has completed nearly 300 hours of pro bono work across multiple legal settings has been recognized as an Outstanding Public Interest Law Student by the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Public Interest Law Section.

Andrea Bishop, a member of the Marquette Law School Class of 2026, was honored for her commitment to public service and advocacy for individuals facing barriers to justice.

“Bishop stands out for her exceptional commitment to public service, the consistency of her pro bono work, and the compassion she brings to clients facing serious barriers to justice,” the committee said.

She began pro bono work in her first semester of law school and has completed more pro bono hours than any other law student at Marquette, approaching 300 hours.

“Her extensive service across multiple legal settings, especially her work with tenants facing housing instability, reflects both strong legal skills and a deep commitment to helping others. She has assisted individuals seeking U.S. citizenship, supported self-represented family law litigants, helped survivors of domestic violence pursue restraining orders, and volunteered in clinics serving first responders and other community members,” said her nominators.

The Public Interest Law Section honors law students who demonstrate a commitment to public interest work, volunteer service or activism in their communities, and a commitment to helping others.

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