

“Entrepreneurs ... are the men and women who create jobs, reduce human suffering, discover and apply new cures, bring food to those without, and help dreams become realities.”

- Rev. Robert A Sirico *The Moral Basis for Economic Liberty.*

**Marquette University Law School seeks to establish an Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic to provide high-quality, free legal services to entrepreneurs and startup businesses throughout southeast Wisconsin.**

## Why free legal services for entrepreneurs and startups?

- Milwaukee has a burgeoning startup scene, but there are few resources in our area for entrepreneurs with limited funding to manage the myriad legal and regulatory requirements inherent in starting a business.
- According to local organizations that foster new businesses, there is significant need in southeast Wisconsin for a clinic that provides free legal services to startups, similar to those doing so successfully in Chicago and Madison.
- The hands-on training opportunities in business law this clinic will provide are immeasurably valuable to Marquette law students.
- Job-creation is critical to rebuilding our economy—locally, statewide and across the country. Sixty to eighty percent of all new jobs come from small businesses according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- The Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic will be another hallmark of Marquette's mission, providing practical learning experiences for students through service to underserved constituencies.

## Services offered

Under the guidance of a full-time attorney/executive director, students at the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic at Marquette University Law School will assist entrepreneurs and startup businesses throughout southeast Wisconsin with key matters in business law including:

- Business entity selection and formation
- Corporate governance
- Contract review and drafting
- Employment and independent contractor agreements
- Business licenses and permits
- Trademark and copyright search and registration
- Leases



# Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic

For students—for businesses—for jobs

## Benefits

- For students, this directed, student-based service will provide practical skills and knowledge about business law while allowing them to earn credit through service to the community.
- For entrepreneurs and startup businesses, the clinic will be a reliable resource for basic legal information and services essential to the successful launching of their ventures.
- For Marquette Law School, the Entrepreneur Legal Clinic will directly engage the school in the critical work of job-creation throughout southeast Wisconsin and comprise a major addition to our already impressive clinical and pro bono service offerings.
- For the community, the clinic will contribute to human and economic flourishing through the fostering of successful local businesses that create steady jobs where they are needed most.

## Help us make this happen

We are committed to making the Entrepreneur Legal Clinic a reality. Marquette University Law School is providing space, supplies, collateral and more to this end.

**External funding is being sought to help us establish and maintain the executive director position for the clinic with a goal of \$100,000 a year for five years or \$500,000.**



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