MVLS Average Hours Per Case FY27

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MVLS developed this document to provide volunteers guidance about the average number of hours you might spend on different types of cases you can take from MVLS. This document is based purely on averages. Some cases will be shorter, some will take longer. Once we place a case with a volunteer, we do require the volunteer to stay on the case for the full scope of the agreed upon representation set forth in their client representation agreement. If any issues arise, such as losing contact with the client, we ask that you promptly reach out to the MVLS staff person who placed the case with you.

Bankruptcy

- Debtors Assistance Project (DAP) or Counseling Only - .5 hours
- Full Representation – 8 hours

Collections

- Full Representation Negotiation Post Consumer Protection Project (CPP) clinic
    - 2 hours
- Full Representation Litigation
    - 8 hours

Tax

- 7 hours

Special Education

- 13 hours

Adoption

- 7 hours

Divorce/Custody

- 26 hours

Adult Guardianship

- 15 hours

Name Change

- 6 hours

Child Support

- 16 hours

Standby guardianship

- 1.4 hours

Deed Change

- 4 hours

Landlord tenant - breach of lease or security deposit return cases

- 8 hours

Foreclosure

- 2.4 hours

Expungement

- 2.5 hours

Torts

- 2.6 hours

Estate

- Estate planning - 2.6 hours
- Estate Admin – 7.7 hours