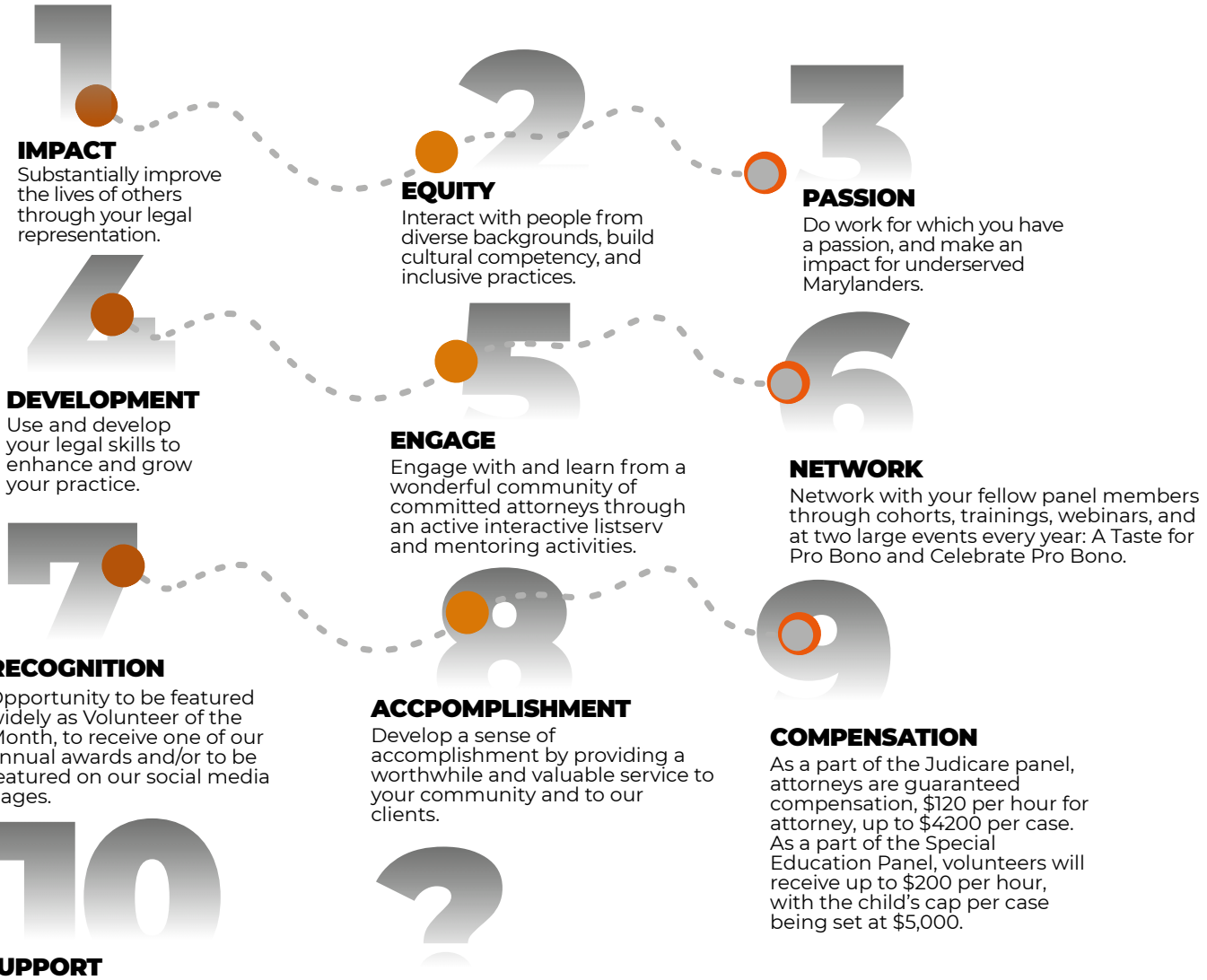
TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN MVLS

MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) directly helps Marylanders face legal challenges, while also fighting to change systems that harm people living in or near poverty. MVLS accomplishes this through pro bono representation, community engagement, and legislative and administrative advocacy.

Statistics consistently show that 92% of the civil legal problems faced by low-income Americans received no or insufficient legal help. When it comes to civil legal issues, there are few that are more potentially devastating than family law matters. And yet, a majority of family law cases have at least 1 unrepresented party, putting them at a significant disadvantage. Since our founding, help in these kinds of cases remains among the number one reasons that someone calls MVLS for help. We would LOVE for YOU to join our pro bono panel.

Here are the Top 10 Reasons so many Maryland family lawyers love being a part of MVLS and helping our clients:



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IMPACT

Substantially improve the lives of others through your legal representation.

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EQUITY

Interact with people from diverse backgrounds, build cultural competency, and inclusive practices.

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PASSION

Do work for which you have a passion, and make an impact for underserved Marylanders.

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DEVELOPMENT

Use and develop your legal skills to enhance and grow your practice.

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ENGAGE

Engage with and learn from a wonderful community of committed attorneys through an active interactive listserv and mentoring activities.

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NETWORK

Network with your fellow panel members through cohorts, trainings, webinars, and at two large events every year: A Taste for Pro Bono and Celebrate Pro Bono.

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RECOGNITION

Opportunity to be featured widely as Volunteer of the Month, to receive one of our annual awards and/or to be featured on our social media pages.

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ACCPOMPLISHMENT

Develop a sense of accomplishment by providing a worthwhile and valuable service to your community and to our clients.

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COMPENSATION

As a part of the Judicare panel, attorneys are guaranteed compensation, $120 per hour for attorney, up to $4200 per case. As a part of the Special Education Panel, volunteers will receive up to $200 per hour, with the child's cap per case being set at $5,000.

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SUPPORT

Receive extensive support and resources from MVLS such as first tier malpractice insurance; MVLS family law staff attorney; MVLS Judicare Listserv; MVLS Family Lawyer Monthly Open Office Hours; MVLS "Volunteer Resources"; MVLS Trainings; Language Access Services for your MVLS cases; and regular updates on relevant legislation, programs, and news articles affecting your area of law.

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QUESTIONS?

Submitted by **Jennifer Haber**, Family Law Attorney, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS). If you have any questions or would like to know how to become an MVLS Volunteer, please contact Jennifer Haber directly at **Jhaber@mvlslaw.org** and/or visit **www.mvlslaw.org** for information and fill out our short application.

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