

LEGAL CAREER PIPELINE PROGRAM



The **Legal Career Pipeline Program** exposes young people from diverse communities to everyday law and legal careers. The program partners schools, law firms, and corporate legal departments to engage high school students in interactive lessons and simulations and to provide them with role-models and advisors. www.streetlaw.org/LCP

“You made my students feel like the ‘Dream Team.’ You let them see a world they did not know existed... They were totally amazed at how many wonderful people cared about them and shared their time and enthusiasm.”

- Teacher, Des Moines, IA

Program Components

- **Training:** Street Law provides a half-day training for the partner teacher and the law firm/legal department volunteers.
- **Classroom visits:** Volunteer legal professionals will visit the classroom at least twice over the course of the semester to teach about legal topics and the legal profession.
- **Legal Careers Conference:** Students attend a day-long conference at the company or law firm to participate in authentic, interactive legal simulations and learn about career opportunities in the legal profession.
- **Enhancements:** In the second year of the program, many corporations and law firms offer some sort of follow-up with the most promising students—several have offered job shadowing, mentoring, or internships.

Program Design

The Legal Career Pipeline Program is designed carefully with each partner and school to meet the needs of young people and provide long-term sustainability. The Street Law team will set your program up for success with the following activities:

- **Selecting a partner school and teacher:** Street Law selects a partner school and teacher through a thoughtful process honed over two decades. We consider teacher expertise, support from school administration, and potential for students to benefit.
- **Choosing teaching content:** Street Law provides access to its professionally reviewed and tested teaching materials. We work closely with the legal department/firm and partner teacher to select lesson and workshop plans that best meet the needs of students.
- **Preparing volunteers:** Street Law rolls out interactive training programs to support volunteer legal professionals in teaching lessons and workshops, delivering interactive teaching methods, and creating a positive and inclusive learning environment for all students. We strive to equip volunteers with tools to develop a rapport with students, including age-appropriate communication and culturally competent facilitation skills.

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“This wasn’t just a lecture or seminar. This was an engaging, interactive activity and I really feel I learned a lot, specifically about being a lawyer. You never really realize what goes into something until you see it first-hand. I’d never considered a legal career before, but I think I’ll have to reconsider.”

- Student, Chicago, IL

Evidence-Based Design

Our research into career choice and counseling psychology suggests that in order to encourage young people to pursue a particular career, you must provide them with several things: career pathway education, career role models, social support and persuasion, and a chance to experience and enjoy career-related tasks. We’ve designed our Legal Career Pipeline Programs to address those research-based factors.

Program Implementation and Sustainability

Street Law works closely with the partner teacher and legal department or firm to ensure that together we deliver a high-quality program that will make a positive impact on your students for years to come.

To support this shared goal, Street Law provides:

- Easy access to all the documents and materials resources required for the successful delivery of programs—curricular materials, templates for agendas, student feedback forms, media releases, and more.
- Remote assistance during both program preparation and implementation.
- Close collaboration and extra support for the first two years of the program to position it for long-term sustainability.
- Program monitoring and evaluation, plus written feedback to teachers and volunteers.

This program is an initiative of Street Law, Inc., NALP, and ACC



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