

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

PIPELINE PROGRAMS GUIDE
CONNECTIONS TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION

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The following information was collected using a data tool developed by the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to enhance resources available to members of the State Bar of Michigan and the public. It is also periodically updated with the help of our volunteers who serve on the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. We are collecting information about programs designed to assist students and others considering the legal profession. Across the state there are a number of successful “pipeline” programs that offer information and education about the legal profession to prospective law students, bar examinees, and others who have an interest in pursuing a legal career. By gathering information about these programs in one place, we plan to act as a clearinghouse and a resource to everyone seeking information or assistance.

Additionally, we hope to instigate more collaboration among programs and greater opportunities to replicate successes. Please help us by sharing information about any pipeline programs you are involved with or forwarding this link to the appropriate person and help us build an evolving database for the state.

SUBMIT A PIPELINE RESOURCE

Submit or view information about programs designed to assist students and others considering the legal profession at the link below.

<http://www.michbar.org/diversity/pipeline>

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Detroit Summer Legal Institute

http://www.jtb.org/index.php?submenu=Summer_Legal_Institute&src=gendocs&ref=DetroitSLI&category=Summer_Legal_Institute

Just the Beginning—A Pipeline Organization

Partnered with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Just the Beginning Foundation

The Detroit SLI is a fun, educational, and interactive program hosted by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Our program provides high school students with exposure to legal careers, the opportunity to build legal and professional skills, and connections with judges, lawyers, and other leaders in the legal profession. The program is FREE to all students, with public transportation passes available to students who express a need. Housing is not available; students traveling from a distance farther than the metro area are required to arrange for their own housing.

Students who participate in the Summer Legal Institute will:

- Study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers;
- Build leadership and teamwork skills;
- Analyze selected cases, debate legal issues, and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument;
- Gain an understanding of the real-life aspects of practicing law at a law firm or corporation;
- Develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations that provide scholarships, internships and mentors; and
- Receive guidance about the college and law school admissions processes, as well as financial aid resources

Program Contact:

Cristina M. Figueroa

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(312) 661-5552

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, national audience, high school students

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Corporate Counsel Breakfast

www.strakerlaw.org

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association

The Corporate Counsel Breakfast provides a forum for diverse law firm attorneys to interact with in-house counsel. It also provides an opportunity to reinforce the principle that the legal profession benefits from diverse lawyers.

Program Contact:

Kymberly Nicole Kinchen

kymkinchen@gmail.com

Program offers: Education on the profession, networking

Participant type: Legal professionals

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, statewide

Financial information: Low-cost

Active timeframe: Yearly—spring

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D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's Minority Bar Passage Program

strakerlaw.org

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
Partnered with Wolverine Bar Association (summer program)

The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's Minority Bar Passage Program (MBPP) is designed to improve bar passage rates of future attorneys sitting for the Michigan Bar Exam. The MBPP focuses on essay writing and MBE techniques to help future attorneys maximize their overall bar exam results. Through weekly examinations, two mock bar examinations, and one-on-one sessions and lectures by local attorneys, the MBPP will be providing assistance in the areas of: (1) essay-writing skills/strategy; (2) test-taking skills/strategy; (3) time management; and (4) stress management.

Program Contact:

Vassal N. Johnson II
vj@vassaljohnsonlaw.com
248-320-7095

Toya Jefferson
attyjefferson1@yahoo.com
248-252-7541

Program offers: Bar passage program, education on the profession

Participant type: Law students

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, statewide

Financial information: \$100

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Annual Trailblazers Award Dinner

<https://www.strakerlaw.org/Trailblazers-Dinner>

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
Partnered with Straker Bar Foundation

The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association is named after David Augustus Straker, who was the first African American to appear before the Michigan Supreme Court. The mission of the bar association is to increase minority representation in the legal profession, support and encourage legal practice opportunities for minorities, and facilitate equal justice for all citizens. The Annual Trailblazers Awards Dinner is the marquee event of the bar association and is used to honor outstanding individuals who are trailblazers in the legal community. The awards dinner is also used to award the A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Student Scholarship to law students dedicated to public service in Michigan and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition scholarship to high school juniors and seniors.

Program Contact:

Tiffany Buckley-Norwood
tiffany.buckley@jacksonlewis.com

Program offers: Scholarships/financial assistance, networking

Participant type: Law students, high school students, attorneys and community leaders in the state of Michigan

Target audience and education level: Open to the public

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Face of Justice

<https://www.michbar.org/diversity/face-of-justice>

State Bar of Michigan Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
Partnered with the National Association of Women Judges

The Face of Justice Program is a unique opportunity for students to learn about legal professions and to pique their interest as they consider their future. The program includes tours of the Hall of Justice's Learning Center, a tour of a courtroom, and mentoring with professionals in the justice system.

Program Contact:

Michelle Erskine
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Program offers: Education on the profession, general civic education, networking, mentoring

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Students interested in the profession, grades 9-12

Active timeframe: Yearly

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Dores McCree Day

University of Michigan Law School

Partnered with high school students from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit, Lansing, Flint, Benton Harbor and/or Grand Rapids, Michigan Law's Black Law Students Alliance (BLSA)

Michigan Law's Black Law Students Alliance (BLSA) has hosted Dores McCree Day to afford underrepresented high school students from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit, Lansing, Flint, and Grand Rapids the opportunity to learn about law careers. Participants toured the law school, had lunch with MLaw students, and interacted with professors. The event is named for Dores McCree, a beloved staff member at Michigan Law who mentored and provided career counseling to minority students.

Program Contact:

Michigan Law's Black Law Students Alliance (BLSA)

mblsa-leaders@umich.edu

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to an institution, high school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—spring and/or fall

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The Street Law Program

<http://www.streetlaw.org/en/home>

Street Law develops classroom and grassroots programs that educate students and communities about law, democracy, and human rights. Some of our initiatives bring us directly into classrooms and neighborhoods. However, the majority of our efforts, including our popular professional development programs, are focused on training others—individuals and organizations—to become effective Street Law educators. Our approach is practical, relevant, and experiential, blending legal content with innovative hands-on teaching strategies that actively engage students and program participants in the learning process.

Program Contact:

Street Law
(301) 589-1130
(301) 589-1131 fax

Program offers: General civic education, high school and college prep, CLE, education on the profession, moot court/mock trials, mentoring/advising, networking

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, national

Financial information: Free

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Teaching Law in High School

Wayne State University Law School
Partnered with Neighborhood Legal Services and Wayne Law

Current law students elect to take TLHS in the winter term. There is a classroom component and then students are assigned to teach in a Detroit high school using the Street Law, Inc. curriculum.

Program Contact:

Professor Justin Long
justin.long@wayne.edu

Program offers: General civic education, college prep, education on the profession, LSAT prep, study skills, tutoring or other academic support, mentoring/advising

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to an institution, high school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Warner Norcross & Judd Minority Scholarship for Law School

<http://www.wnj.com/About-Us/Diversity/Minority-Scholarships-and-Applications>

Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Warner Norcross & Judd sponsors an annual Minority Scholarship Program that awards \$5,000 to a minority law school student. Winners are selected by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Applications become available on January 1. Completed applications for the next scholarship must be received by April 1 each year.

Program Contact:

Ruth Bishop

Grand Rapids Community Foundation

rbishop@grfoundation.org

Program offers: Scholarships/financial assistance

Participant type: College graduates

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, statewide and college graduates

Financial information: Scholarships available

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Warner Norcross & Judd Minority Scholarship for Paralegals and Legal Secretaries

<http://www.wnj.com/About-Us/Diversity/Minority-Scholarships-and-Applications>

Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Warner Norcross & Judd sponsors an annual Minority Scholarship Program that awards \$2,000 to a student studying for a career as a paralegal/legal assistant and \$1,000 for a student studying to become a legal secretary. Applications become available on January 1. Completed applications for the next scholarship must be received by April 1.

Program Contact:

Ruth Bishop
Grand Rapids Community Foundation
rbishop@grfoundation.org

Program offers: Scholarships/financial assistance

Participant type: High school graduates

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, statewide, high school graduates

Financial information: Scholarships available

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Warner Norcross & Judd LLP LSAT Preparation Course Scholarship

<http://www.wnj.com/About-Us/Diversity/Minority-Scholarships-and-Applications>

Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Each year, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP awards scholarships to minority college students in their junior or senior year to attend a Kaplan LSAT preparation course. The scholarships, each valued at up to \$1,500, will give minority students interested in attending law school a jump-start on the Law School Admissions Test. Applications become available on January 1. Completed applications for the next scholarships to be awarded must be received by April 30.

Program Contact:

Courtney Failer

Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

111 Lyon Street, NW, Suite 900, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

cfailer@wnj.com

Program offers: LSAT prep

Participant type: High school graduates

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, statewide, high school graduates

Financial information: Scholarships available

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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3Rs Program

<http://grbar.site-ym.com/?116>

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Partnered with the Grand Rapids Bar Association Managing Partners Diversity Collaborative

The 3Rs Program calls upon a team of volunteers to attend social studies classrooms for seven separate sessions between November and May of each school year to work with small groups of students to accomplish the following goals:

- Improve understanding of and respect for the rule of law and our Constitution
- Increase interest in civic and governmental issues
- Provide practical career counseling to focus students on their potential, beyond high school
- Improve the representation of minority constituencies in law-related professions

Program Contact:

Kimberly Coleman

kimc@grbar.org

Program offers: General civic education, education on the profession, mentoring/advising

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Currently only at Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy, with the hope of expansion to other schools within the Grand Rapids Public Schools District in the future, high school students.

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Minority Clerkship Program

<https://grbar.site-ym.com/?page=MinorityClerkship>

Grand Rapids Bar Association

Partnered with the Grand Rapids Bar Association Managing Partners Diversity Collaborative

The program is designed to offer minority law students an opportunity to participate in summer clerkship/associate programs with Grand Rapids law firms and other legal employers. Law students from diverse backgrounds who have completed their first year of law school are encouraged to apply for the program.

Program Contact:

Kimberly Coleman

kimc@grbar.org

Program offers: Clerkship

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, national program, law school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—fall

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Davis-Dunnings Bar Association Pipeline Opportunities

www.davisdunningslaw.com

Davis-Dunnings Bar Association

- Mentorship
- Otis M. Scholarship Banquet
- Bar Passage Program
- Student Outreach

Program Contact:

Takura Nyamfukudza

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Program offers: Mentoring/advising, networking, scholarships/financial assistance, bar passage program

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Membership required for mentorship and scholarship application, law school students.

Financial information: Free, low-cost

Active timeframe: Year-round

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Judicial Externship Program

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation

The Judicial Externship Program seeks to increase the representation of minority law school graduates among the ranks of clerks working in the federal judiciary. The Judicial Externship Program Committee achieves this goal by helping well-qualified minority law students gain valuable experience as federal judicial externs in the United States District Court for Eastern District of Michigan.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Internship or externships

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, law school students

Financial information: Credit or stipend offered

Active timeframe: Yearly—summer

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Minority Bar Passage Program

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation
Partnered with D. Augustus Straker Bar Association (runs the winter program)

The Minority Bar Passage Program (MBPP) is designed to improve bar passage rates of minority law school graduates sitting for the Michigan Bar Exam. Through weekly examinations, a mock bar examination, group sessions, and lectures by local attorneys, the MBPP provides assistance in the areas of (1) essay writing skills/strategy; (2) test taking skills/strategy; (3) time management; and (4) stress management.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.
wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Bar passage program

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, law school students

Financial information: Low cost

Active timeframe: Yearly—summer

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Wolverine Bar Association Summer Clerkship Program

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation

The Summer Clerkship Program (SCP) Committee coordinates the WBA's annual summer clerkship program, which is designed to increase the number of minority attorneys employed as partners, associates, in-house counsel, and similarly well-respected positions within the legal community. The SCP places students at law firms and corporations in the metropolitan Detroit community in furtherance of the program's goals.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Clerkship

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group and law school students

Financial information: Free, paid position

Active timeframe: Yearly—summer

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Wolverine Bar Association Scholarship Program

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation

The scholarships available for minority law students include the Wolverine Bar Foundation Scholarship and the Damon J. Keith Award and Scholarship. The award winners are typically recognized in the spring/summer. The type of scholarship offered and the award amounts vary each year. Applications are typically due by year-end.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Scholarships/financial assistance

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, law school students

Financial information: Application—free, award amounts vary

Active timeframe: Yearly—spring

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Wolverine Bar Association Pipeline Committee

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation
Partnered with various community organizations and schools

The Pipeline Committee is responsible for developing educational programming targeted at middle school students and creating initiatives to ensure a pathway to success in the legal and other professional fields. We also provide mentoring and volunteer services to Detroit grade schools.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.
wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Education on the profession, study skills, tutoring or other academic support, mentoring/advising

Participant type: Grades 1-12

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, grades 1-12

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Year-round

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Wolverine Bar Association Mentorship Program

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation

The program is designed to:

- Help BLSA law students bridge the gap between law school and the “real-life” practice of law
- Foster professionalism and collegiality among members of the bar and law students
- Help law students achieve career success
- Provide students greater insight into the practice of law and increase the students’ network in the legal community

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Mentoring/advising, networking

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, law school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—fall

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Law Students Reception

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation
Partnered with D. Augustus Straker Bar Association

The Law Students Reception Committee hosts an annual mixer that provides an opportunity for law students to meet and network with judges and attorneys who practice in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Education on the profession, networking

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, law school students

Active timeframe: Yearly—fall

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MLK Oral Advocacy Competition

www.wolverinebar.org

Wolverine Bar Association/Wolverine Bar Foundation
Partnered with D. Augustus Straker Bar Association

The annual competition is designed to promote the written and oral communication skills of high school juniors and seniors. The program provides both mentorship and financial support to the competitors in support of their educational goals.

Program Contact:

Jerome Crawford, Esq.

wolverine.bar.assn@gmail.com

Program offers: Education on the profession, moot court/mock trials, mentoring/advising

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Defined to a specific minority group, high school students

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Ms. JD Pre-law Program

<http://ms-jd.org/programs/pre-law/>

Michigan State University College of Law

Ms. JD is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the success of aspiring and early career women lawyers. Over the past two years, Ms. JD has branched out and created a Pre-Law Program aimed at providing pre-law students with the resources they need to make an informed decision as to whether law school is the right path for them. In addition to a weekly blog series on preparing for law school and navigating elements of the application process, Google Hangouts On Air, Twitter chats, and in-person panel events will provide pre-law women across the country with direct access to the Ms. JD Board of Directors, the Ms. JD Fellows, and the greater Ms. JD community of law students and legal professionals.

Program Contact:

prelaw@ms-jd.org

Program offers: Year-round conference or classes, CLE, education on the profession, LSAT prep, study skills, tutoring or other academic support, moot court/mock trials, mentoring/advising, networking, scholarships/financial assistance, internships or externships, job shadowing

Participant type: College graduates

Target audience and education level: Open to the public, college graduates

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Year-round

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Damon J. Keith Youth Civil Rights Conference and Damon J. Keith Scholarship

<http://law.wayne.edu/keithcenter/programs/youth-civil-rights.php>

<http://law.wayne.edu/keithcenter/djk-scholarship.php>

Wayne State University Law School

Each year, the Keith Center welcomes nearly 100 urban and suburban high school students to campus for a daylong conference on how race and community impact civil rights. The conference increases students' awareness of what school and community life look like for their peers and uses this awareness as a framework for building community across metro Detroit. Wayne Law students and volunteers from community-based organizations lead the day's workshops.

Students are also provided with information regarding college readiness and how to prepare for a career in the law. Participants are also advised of the Damon J. Keith Scholarship, a full tuition scholarship, available for graduates of Detroit public schools who are admitted to the law program. The scholarship is also available for graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic serving institutions (HSIs).

Program Contact:

Felicia Thomas

(313) 577-3997

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Program offers: Civic education, education on the profession

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: Invitation only, high school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—winter

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Lawyer-Teacher Partnership

Macomb County Bar Foundation

The Lawyer-Teacher Partnership Program pairs attorneys with classrooms to serve as a positive link to the legal community. Attorneys and teachers collaborate to present law-related lessons to the class during the school year. The lessons developed by the partners in the past have included general information about our legal system, identifying the people in the courtroom and their jobs, acting out mock trials, and visits to local courthouses

Program Contact:

Rick R. Troy
586-468-2940 Ext 1001
RTroy@MacombBar.org

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: Grades 1 through 12

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Year-round

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Macomb County Bar Foundation Scholarships

<http://macombcountybarfoundation.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

Macomb County Bar Foundation

In 2016, the Foundation surpassed \$100,000 in scholarships awarded to students pursuing legal education. Through the generosity of its trustees and other contributors, the Foundation helps three students enrolled in a Michigan law school each year with a \$3,000 scholarship. The Foundation's Scholarship Committee meets each winter to review applications and to interview the finalists. Some of the earliest scholarship recipients are now practicing law in Macomb County and volunteer in leadership capacity with the Foundation and Macomb County Bar Association.

Trustees Law School Scholarship—The Macomb County Bar Foundation Trustees Law School Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who demonstrates a commitment to serve or contribute to the Macomb County legal community, a need for financial assistance, and high scholastic achievement. The \$3,000 scholarship originates from the generous contributions of the Foundation's trustees.

Philip F. Greco Memorial Scholarship—The Macomb County Bar Foundation Philip F. Greco Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who is currently enrolled in law classes at any accredited Michigan law school, has good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and a commitment to serve the Macomb County Legal community.

Kimberly M. Cahill Leadership Memorial Scholarship, Continuing Her Legacy of Leadership and Education—The Kimberly M. Cahill Leadership Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who is currently enrolled in law classes at any accredited Michigan law school. The recipient should demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership and the ability to inspire and effectively lead others to a defined objective. The recipient must also demonstrate a need for financial assistance and an academic standing (3.0 GPA or above). This \$3,000 scholarship originates from the generous contributions to the MCBF's Kimberly M. Cahill Memorial Fund and honors the memory of Kimberly M. Cahill who passed away January 21, 2008.

Program Contact:

Rick R. Troy
586-468-2940 Ext 1001
RTroy@MacombBar.org

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: Second- and third-year law school students attending accredited Michigan law schools

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Applications accepted December through March with award presentations in May/June

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Macomb County Mock Trials

Macomb County Bar Foundation

Partnered with Michigan Center for Civic Education and 16th Circuit Court

Since 2014 the Macomb County Bar Foundation has hosted the Michigan Center for Civic Education's Regional Mock Trial Tournament in the 16th Circuit Courthouse located in downtown Mt. Clemens. The Foundation works with high schools to identify attorney coaches who then assist the mock trial teams prepare for the tournament that is held each March. Elected judges from all over the county volunteer to preside over the trial assisted by 50 or more attorneys and support staff.

Program Contact

Rick R. Troy

586-468-2940 Ext 1001

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Program offers: Education on the profession, career exploration, mentoring/advising

Participant type: High school

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—November to March

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Constitution Day Activities

Macomb County Bar Foundation

The Macomb County Bar Foundation believes that educating students, adults, and lifelong learners about the Constitution is critical to our community and nation. This marvelous document laid the foundation for the most stable government in the world. It is a living document that operates in our everyday lives. Over 100 other countries have used the U.S. Constitution as a model for their own.

The Macomb County Bar Foundation celebrates Constitution Day with high school students using a participatory model of debate facilitated by elected judges. The conversations and debates are organized around constitutional clauses or concepts that explore aspects of constitutional principles and interpretation and American law from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

In the past the Foundation has partnered with the Macomb County Circuit Court to host a Celebration of the Constitution. Seventy-five students representing Utica High School, Henry Ford II High School, and Stevenson High School participated in the half-day event that included three sessions. The first session featured the Hon. Carl Marlinga who provided a lesson on the history of the Constitution and its importance to the formation of the United States. Hon. James Biernat, Hon. Matthew Switalski, and Hon. Kathryn Viviano conducted the second session in their respective courtrooms where students were provided a fact pattern based on the issue of free speech and, with the assistance of volunteer attorneys, developed an argument for the case. Students then engaged in oral argument before the judge. Each judge engaged his group in the likely outcome of the argument as presented providing a unique learning opportunity for all participants. The third session featured Professor Robert Sedler of Wayne State University Law School. Professor Sedler's presentation was well received by the high school students and several attorneys, court officials, and judges that were in attendance.

Program Contact

Rick R. Troy
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RTroy@MacombBar.org

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: Grades 9-12

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: August through September

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Law Day Activities

Macomb County Bar Foundation
Partnered with Macomb Intermediate School District

The Foundation joins with many bar associations and foundations across the United States to educate the public on the role of law in our society and the historical significance law has played in the foundation of the United States of America. Following the leadership and guidance from the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan, the Foundation hosts an annual Law Day ceremony each year to celebrate the effort put forth by area students and teachers. With the Macomb Intermediate School District as a partner, the Foundation reaches out to 201 elementary and middle schools to offer students the opportunity to compete in a poster (grades 1–4) and essay (grades 6–8) contest. Another 14 private and charter schools are also invited to participate. The Foundation receives an average of one thousand essays and hundreds of posters each year. A committee of volunteer attorneys meets and reads every essay and reviews all posters, eventually coming to agreement on the top three essays and posters for grades 1 through 8. The winning students and their families are then invited to attend the ceremony where they are seated in the chairs of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners on the 9th floor of the Macomb County Administration Building in Mt. Clemens. Many of Macomb County’s Circuit and District Court judges, the Macomb County sheriff, and Macomb County’s own justice of the Michigan Supreme Court have attended the ceremony and awarded certificates and prizes to the students.

Program Contact

Rick R. Troy
586-468-2940 Ext 1001
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Program offers: Education on law and civics, reading comprehension, writing and art

Participant type: School age, grades 1-8

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: August through September

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Aspiring Attorneys Workshop

<http://law.udmercy.edu/admissions/partnerships.php>

Detroit Mercy Law

Partnered with Detroit-area high schools

Each winter semester, Detroit Mercy Law hosts the Aspiring Attorneys Workshop aimed at introducing juniors and seniors from Detroit-area high schools to the law school and hopefully spark an interest in pursuing a legal career. Students participate in a mock law school class taught by a UDM professor, engage in activities aimed at exploring different areas of the law and career options, tour the law school, and participate in a college readiness workshop. Recent high school partners include Cass Tech, Cesar Chavez, and University Prep Schools.

Program Contact:

Eric McCloud

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(313)-596-0264

Program offers: Education on the profession

Participant type: High school students

Target audience and education level: High school students

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City Year National Service Scholars Program

<https://cityyear.site-ym.com/page/UDMercyLaw>

Detroit Mercy Law

Partnered with City Year Corps, a national organization committed to serving Detroit-area schools

The City Year National Service Scholars Program is available to admitted students who meet the following criteria.

- 25 percent tuition scholarship. The award will be in the amount of 25 percent of tuition (or its equivalent), for all admitted City Year Corps, alumni, or staff members per year. Scholarships are renewable in subsequent years of the program up to the completion of their J.D. subject to the renewal criteria for all scholarships.
- Scholarships awarded to City Year AmeriCorps members and alumni who complete at least one term of service and City Year staff members employed for at least two years.
- Detroit Mercy Law will permit admitted students to defer enrollment by one year if they decide to stay with City Year for additional time before starting their studies.
- Scholarships described above represent the minimum awards; applicants will be considered for additional merit-based aid based on the academic strength and other qualities of the applicant.

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Program offers: Scholarships/financial assistance

Participant type: Law school students

Target audience and education level: Law school students

Financial information: Free

Active timeframe: Yearly—fall and spring

PIPELINE PROGRAMS GUIDE

Law Day and Constitution Day

State Bar of Michigan
Partnered with various K-12 schools

Law Day brings together K-12 schools and members of local bar associations for age appropriate one-day activities dedicated to a better understanding of our legal system. Such activities range from coloring contests for our youngest students, to theme-based classroom discussions led by practicing lawyers and judges, to full-blown mock trials. Recent Law Day themes include the 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy; Miranda: More than Words; and American Democracy: Why Every Vote Matters. In 1958, President Eisenhower established the first Law Day. In 1961, Congress passed a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date. Every president since has issued a Law Day proclamation on May 1, celebrating the nation's commitment to freedom under the rule of law.

On Constitution Day, observed September 17 each year in honor of the signing of the Constitution on that date in 1787, schools across the nation place special teaching emphasis on constitutional history, principles, and themes, including lawyer-led Constitution Day lessons in hundreds of Michigan classrooms. The State Bar has designed a Constitution Day web page, full of resources and lesson plans, to help local bar associations, individual lawyers, and teachers develop a variety of exciting classroom activities for Constitution Day.

Program Contact:

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Program offers: Education on the legal system, opportunities for students to interact with judges, lawyers, and local bar associations

Participant type: K-12 students, various grade levels

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