

LAW PROGRAM

NEGOTIATIONS



OVERVIEW

The Negotiations Law Program consists of a series of structured lessons, discussions and skill-based activities designed by Legal Prep and taught by our community partners. The students learn negotiation strategies, while refining communication and listening skills under pressure. Legal Prep circulates lesson plans and mentoring tips to the volunteers before each session, so that volunteers spend their time interacting with the students and building strong mentor-mentee relationships. The program culminates with a final competition, where students demonstrate the skills they have learned.

PARTNERSHIP

Our community partners comprise a diverse group of professionals, including law firms, corporations, and other legal and business associations. Each community partner adopts a cohort of ~15 Legal Prep freshmen. Some community partners join together to adopt a single cohort. At each session, community partner volunteers are paired with 2-3 students to work on the skills being developed in that session. We encourage rotating the pairings, particularly at the beginning of each year, so that volunteers and students get to know multiple individuals. We also recognize that not every volunteer or student can make each session, so rotating pairings is helpful.



LOCATION AND LOGISTICS

The program is designed to take place once a month on a Thursday at the offices of the community partner. Legal Prep arranges transportation for the students. The sessions are designed to **last 90 minutes**. Legal Prep staff accompany the students and are available for consultation at each session.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE 1:00PM - 2:30PM

- OCTOBER 15, 2026
- NOVEMBER 19, 2026
- DECEMBER 10, 2026
- JANUARY 21, 2027
- FEBRUARY 18, 2027
- MARCH 18, 2027
- APRIL 22, 2027
- FINAL PREP SESSION (AT LEGAL PREP): APRIL 27, 2027
- FINAL COMPETITION: WEEK OF 5/03/2027
- CHICAGO/INDY COMPETITION: WEEK OF 5/11/2027

SPONSORSHIP



Legal Prep requests that each community partner makes a financial donation of \$6,000 to the school to help defray the cost of this program.



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LAW PROGRAM MOCK TRIAL



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The Mock Trial Law Program consists of a series of structured lessons, discussions and skill-based activities designed by Legal Prep and taught by our community partners. Through this program, students learn the process and mechanics of a trial, while evaluating witness statements, developing direct and cross-examinations, and presenting opening statements and closing arguments. Legal Prep circulates lesson plans and mentoring tips to the volunteers before each session, so that volunteers spend their time interacting with the students and building strong mentor-mentee relationships. The program culminates with a final mock trial competition, where the students demonstrate the skills they have learned.

PARTNERSHIP

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LAW PROGRAM DEBATE



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The Debate Law Program consists of a series of structured lessons, discussions, and skill-based activities designed by Legal Prep and taught by our community partners. The program builds on the analytical, communications, and advocacy skills that students developed in the Negotiations and Mock Trial Law Programs, and focuses on identifying and analyzing key facts, developing logical arguments and rebuttals, and effectively communicating and advocating positions. Legal Prep circulates lesson plans and mentoring tips to the volunteers before each session, so that volunteers spend their time interacting with the students and building strong mentor-mentee relationships. The program culminates in a final competition, where the students demonstrate the skills they have learned.

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MAPPING YOUR FUTURE



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The Mapping Your Future Law Program consists of a series of structured lessons, discussions, and skill-based activities designed by Legal Prep and taught by our community partners. The program focuses on the professional skills that students need in college and beyond, such as teamwork, communication, professionalism, and planning skills. Legal Prep circulates lesson plans and mentoring tips to the volunteers before each session, so that volunteers spend their time interacting with the students and building strong mentor-mentee relationships. The program culminates with a presentation, where the students demonstrate the skills they have learned.

PARTNERSHIP

Our community partners comprise a diverse group of professionals, including law firms, corporations, and other legal and business associations. Community partners that participate in the Mapping Your Future work together to host the senior class for this program at their site. At each session, community partner volunteers are paired with 3-4 students to work on the skills being developed in that session. We encourage rotating the pairings, particularly at the beginning of each year so that volunteers and students get to know multiple individuals. We also recognize that not every volunteer or student can make each session, so rotating pairings is helpful.



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