



Calling All Future Lawyers: Apply Today for the LegalTrek 2010 Summer Program!

Do you have dreams of being a lawyer? Are you interested in attending law school? If so, consider applying to LegalTrek. LegalTrek is a summer program designed to provide a hands-on, comprehensive overview of the legal profession to diverse college students. LegalTrek meshes traditional legal learning with opportunities to build legal skills!

LegalTrek's mission is to diversify the legal profession by encouraging and supporting college students from historically underrepresented groups to attend law school. We are seeking diverse applicants from racial/ethnic minority groups, as well as socio-economically disadvantaged students, LGBT students and disabled students.

LegalTrek offers practical, fun, and engaging weekly seminars taught by law faculty and practicing lawyers at Northwestern University Law School. Students will participate in classroom lessons, and participate in a variety of exercises including: a mock jury trial, a simulated client negotiation, a moot court appellate argument, a client interview and much more. Students will be assigned an attorney mentor from one of Chicago's top law firms. The LegalTrek course content will help students understand the role of the law and lawyers in our society, the different kinds of lawyers and what they do, and successful strategies for applying to law school. Students will be expected to participate weekly in class discussion, complete assigned readings, and turn in response papers and journals. You are welcome to view the 2009 LegalTrek syllabus as well as photos and student testimonials about the program online at www.chicagocommittee.org.

LegalTrek is a rigorous program that requires your full participation. Attendance at all LegalTrek sessions is mandatory. If you miss more than one session, or are late to more than 3 sessions, you will be asked to leave the program. LegalTrek 2010 will take place on WEDNESDAY afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Northwestern Law School (Chicago Campus). LegalTrek will begin on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 and will go through Wednesday, August 11, 2010. There will be no LegalTrek session on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Also, there is a mandatory practice LSAT exam tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

If you are interested, please submit your completed application with an official transcript and 1 page resume to Eileen Rosete by February 15, 2010. Applications submitted without a transcript or resume will not be reviewed. The LegalTrek committee will be conducting interviews in March. If you have questions, please see the included FAQ sheet or e-mail Eileen Rosete at erosete@chicagocommittee.org.

LegalTrek Application FAQ's

1. I read the information on the website, but I am still not really sure what LegalTrek is- what exactly will I be doing?

A: There is a 2009 syllabus posted on-line. You can open it by clicking [here](#) or going to the Chicago LegalTrek webpage at www.chicagocommittee.org. Please read the syllabus to see exactly what you will be doing each week and what types of assignments and preparation you must make in advance. Please read the beginning of the syllabus that sets forth the expectations and level of commitment expected from each scholar.

2. I see that LegalTrek is a program for undergraduates. I recently graduated from college and I would like to participate. May I apply?

A: Yes you may. While this program is designed and targeted for undergraduate students, there are limited spaces available for recent grads. Feel free to apply.

3. If I am selected as a finalist, I see that I must interview in March. I will likely not be able to make it to Chicago for an interview as I go to school in another state. Can I still participate?

A: Yes. We will be scheduling live interviews in Chicago as well as phone interviews for those students who will be out-of-state or outside the Chicago Area in March. Not all students will be asked to interview, only those students who advance past the initial application stage.

4. When will I know if I am accepted to LegalTrek?

A: We would like to notify everyone of their admission acceptance by April 20th, 2009.

5. Will I have access to a legal internship if I participate in LegalTrek?

A: LegalTrek will not have an internship component for the summer of 2010. You will be assigned a law-firm mentor and you will meet with your mentor throughout the summer. You may be able to build relationships for future internship opportunities through this mentor, or your LegalTrek network.



Chicago LegalTrek 2010 Application

Section 1.

1. Name:
2. College:
3. Major/Minor:
4. School Address:
5. Home Address:
6. E-mail Address:
7. Phone Number:
8. Grade Point Average:
9. What are your summer plans besides LegalTrek? Are you able to attend weekly sessions on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm?
10. Do you receive financial aid for college? If so, approximately what percentage of your college education is being paid for by financial aid including work study or your own outside jobs?

Section 2.

Short Answer (in 300 words or less)

1. Describe a challenge you have faced, how you overcame it, and what you learned in the process.

2. Why do you want to be a lawyer?

3. Who is your role model and why?

4. How has being a member of a historically underrepresented group in higher education shaped your perspective?

5. (Optional) If your GPA is not a reflection of your true academic potential, please explain any factors that led to the discrepancy and how you will change that in the future.