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## **FPOC Law School Admissions Conference**

**Presented by:**

**La Raza de Loyola Law School**

**&**

**For People of Color, Inc.**

**When:**

Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Where:**

Loyola Law School  
919 Albany Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

[Click Here for Location Information](#)

### **Event Description:**

This event will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the law school application process. Current law students, FPOC's Board Members, and law school administrators will provide advice on how best to navigate the law school application process. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

RSVP: Registration is required. (This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.)

[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Personal Statement Review:**

Loyola Law School students will be available to review your personal statement and other application materials. (You must attend the conference in order to receive feedback.) Do not email your materials to us.

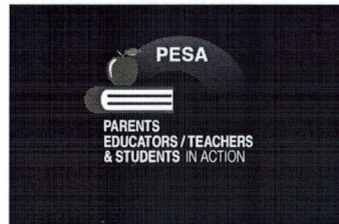
# Teen Court Flyer - 9-10-15



## Paralegal Studies Program

Los Angeles  
Mission College

*Pathwaystolaw*



**San Fernando Senior High School**

**Location: 11133 Omelveny Ave - San Fernando, CA.**

**1st Organizational Meeting for participating LAMC students**

**Date: 9-10-15**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Please RSVP to**

**Contact: Prof. David Jordan ([jordandc@lamission.edu](mailto:jordandc@lamission.edu)) 818-415-2015**  
**or Prof. Kristen N. Gozawa - UWLA Law School ([kgozawa.pesa@gmail.com](mailto:kgozawa.pesa@gmail.com))**

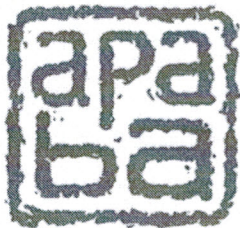


All participants can enter the **FREE** drawing for:

- 1) **Blueprint** LSAT Course,
- 2) **Blueprint** self study books,
- 3) **PowerScore** LSAT Course, OR
- 4) **PowerScore** LSAT Bible Trilogy!

(Est. Values: \$50 - \$1450)

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PROUDLY PRESENTS:

# LAW SCHOOL 101

*Interested in going to law school?  
Want to know what the legal field is  
really like? Come find out!*

Learn how to apply to and pay for law school • Listen to panels of law students, attorneys, and judges  
• Hear directly from law school admissions departments • Find out what types of careers are  
available after law school • Enter the free drawing to win a Blueprint or PowerScore LSAT Course!

## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Law School 101 will introduce, expose, and explain what law school is all about! You'll also learn about the types of careers you can pursue with a law school degree.

## WHEN IS IT?

Saturday, September 26, 2015  
from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

## WHERE IS IT?

Southwestern Law School  
Bullocks Wilshire Building  
3050 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

This is a completely **FREE** event, including breakfast, lunch, and parking!

In order to attend, please

RSVP at:

[www.apaba.org/event-2014182](http://www.apaba.org/event-2014182).

## QUESTIONS?

[outreachapabala@gmail.com](mailto:outreachapabala@gmail.com)

For more information and to RSVP, visit: [www.apaba.org/event-2014182](http://www.apaba.org/event-2014182)



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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

# Dispute Resolution Program

*It's fair.  
It's quick.  
And it's free.*



*Free Mediation Services for Settling Disputes*

MAIN OFFICE:  
222 So. Hill Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
CALL: 213/405-4324 or E-mail: [mediate@lacity.org](mailto:mediate@lacity.org)  
[www.lacity.org/mediate](http://www.lacity.org/mediate)

## Dispute Resolution Program

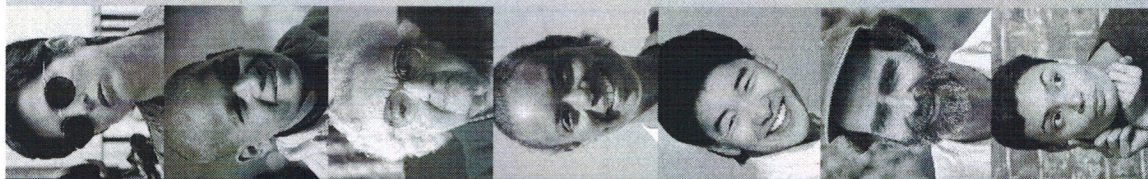
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office  
222 So. Hill Street, 6th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

## The Dispute Resolution Program

*Of the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney*

**A FREE MEDIATION SERVICE  
for all Los Angeles County residents**

- ◆ An African-American woman went to have an antique necklace repaired. When the jeweler refused to serve her, she believed she was being discriminated against and contacted the DRP. The owner agreed to mediation. As a resolution, the jeweler apologized and provided a Savings Bond for her children.
  - ◆ As the only female employee, a woman felt harassed by her male boss. After contacting the DRP she discovered that her boss was simply trying to make her feel comfortable by "horsing around" like he did with his male employees. Through mediation she agreed to point out what makes her uncomfortable and he agreed to watch his gender-related comments.
  - ◆ A police officer called in a professional mediator from the DRP to resolve an ongoing dispute between neighbors that has been disrupting the neighborhood for two years. The matter was resolved within three hours.
- These are examples of disputes which people face on a daily basis. Each of these cases, and hundreds of others, have been successfully mediated through the Dispute Resolution Program (DRP) of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. In fact, nearly 95 percent of disputes which go to mediation are resolved.



*"Three-fourths of the miseries  
and misunderstandings in  
the world will disappear if  
we step into the shoes of our  
adversaries and understand  
their standpoint. We will then  
agree with our adversaries or  
think of them charitably."*

— Mahatma Gandhi

*"It is not the facts which  
guide the conduct of men,  
but their opinions about  
facts; which may be entirely  
wrong. We can only make  
them right by discussion."*

— Sir Norman Angell

*"Discourage litigation,  
persuade your neighbor  
to compromise whenever  
you can. Point out to them  
how the nominal winner is  
often the real loser, in fees,  
expenses and waste of time."*

— Abraham Lincoln

*"The first duty of a wise  
advocate is to convince  
his opponents that he  
understands their arguments,  
and sympathizes with their  
just feelings."*

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge



## What is mediation?

Mediation is a confidential, voluntary process in which a neutral third party facilitates communication between people to resolve their disputes.

## Who can go to mediation?

Any Los Angeles County resident, or person who has conducted business in our community, who is involved in a dispute.

## Why is mediation beneficial?

### Mediation is Fair

- ♦ A neutral mediator helps with the negotiation process.
- ♦ Each side is encouraged to suggest solutions to the problem.
- ♦ The mediator does not decide who is right, but helps the parties collaborate to reach a fair and reasonable decision.
- ♦ Individuals have control over the decisions that affect their future.
- ♦ The goal is a mutually acceptable resolution for all parties.

### Mediation is Quick

- ♦ Mediation takes place outside of the slow and crowded court system.
- ♦ After all parties agree to participate, mediation can be scheduled immediately.
- ♦ Mediators negotiate with all parties involved to find solutions as quickly as possible.

### Mediation is Free

- ♦ No costly attorney fees and court expenses.
- ♦ Mediation through the DRP is free to all residents and persons who have conducted business in Los Angeles County, regardless of income.
- ♦ The DRP provides additional free services including information, referrals, problem assessment, conciliation, facilitation, fact-finding and consultation.



## Where does mediation take place?

Often times, facilitation of the dispute can take place over the telephone. However, sometimes face-to-face mediation at a neutral location is necessary.

## How do you access free mediation services?

- ♦ **Call the Dispute Resolution Program at (213) 485-8324.** A volunteer mediator will listen to your case and then contact the other party on your behalf.
- ♦ **E-mail [mediator@lacity.org](mailto:mediator@lacity.org) for question and answer service.** A volunteer mediator will reply to your e-mail promptly.
- ♦ **Connect to [www.lacity.org/mediate](http://www.lacity.org/mediate)** for more information regarding our mediation and dispute resolution services.

## Experienced mediators

More than 1,300 trained volunteer mediators, arbitrators and facilitators representing every ethnic and geographic element of Los Angeles



County are available to help resolve disputes. Certified volunteer mediators are trained with a focus on cross-cultural relations and violence prevention. They are required to complete 40 hours of classroom training and 160 hours of supervised case handling prior to receiving a certificate of completion. New volunteer mediators are recruited and trained twice a year. Training is conducted pursuant to the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act. DRP mediators are not attorneys. They do not give legal advice.

*"(A volunteer mediator) did an outstanding job of resolving my case, but more importantly, she cared while she was doing it."*

— Roxanna Littlejohn Kobarna  
Owner, Cyborg Monster Truck Race Team



## The DRP mediates all types of civil disputes

- ♦ Business related
- ♦ Community related
- ♦ Consumer / merchant
- ♦ Employment related
- ♦ HIV/AIDS discrimination
- ♦ Landlord / tenant and/or race
- ♦ Neighborhood
- ♦ School related
- ♦ Violence prevention



## The DRP also provides training and consultation

- ♦ Basic mediation training for a diverse population
- ♦ Advanced mediation training to handle cultural issues
- ♦ Facilitation and dialogue training
- ♦ Fact-finding and systems design

*"Do not underestimate the value of the Dispute Resolution Program. I have witnessed the success of the program and advise other officers to use it as a valuable resource."*

— Jeana Franco, Senior Lead Officer  
Los Angeles Police Department  
Southwest Community Police Station



*"Thanks to the Dispute Resolution Program I can go on with my life."*

— Satisfied Client



*"It's a great program...I went better than expected. I didn't think (that the problem could be resolved."*

— A Satisfied Client



*"I was overjoyed when the problem was solved. People out there need your help."*

— A Satisfied Client

## Where to Go for Mediation Services

### Three Offices to Serve You:

#### Main Office

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office  
222 So. Hill Street, 6th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 485-8324

TDD/TTY Phone (213) 485-0757

Fax: (213) 485-8916

(213) 485-8585

#### San Fernando Valley Office

##### Limited hours

19040 Vanowen Street

Reseda, CA 91335

(818) 756-9601

Fax: (818) 342-0738

#### West Los Angeles Office

##### Limited hours

1828 Sawtelle Blvd., Room 101

Los Angeles, CA 90025

(310) 479-3090

Fax: (310) 479-2853

*"These services are made possible through major support from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services through the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act."*







## STARTING LAW SCHOOL OR CONSIDERING APPLYING?

Enroll in our **AUGUST 6TH**,  
three-day boot camp  
to get insight into the  
legal profession.

# LAW SCHOOL BOOTCAMP

This is an introductory course to the fundamentals of law school and surviving your first semester. Bootcamp will cover topics such as briefing cases, legal writing and understanding the law school process.

**Dates:** August 6th - 8th

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:30pm

**Location:** University of West Los Angeles

SFV Campus - 9201 Oakdale Avenue #201 Chatsworth, CA 91311

West LA Campus - 9800 S. La Cienega Blvd., 12th Floor Inglewood, CA 90301

**Cost** - Fee waived for non law school students.

In addition to giving students an introduction into what law school at UWLA is like, classes will cover **The importance of writing, Exam taking, Finding and using mentors, Thoughts of career planning and a mock exam.** Everyone can learn something at UWLA's Law School Boot Camp. RSVP Contact: Meghan Brewer, 310.342.5255 or [Mbrewer@uwlax.edu](mailto:Mbrewer@uwlax.edu). To ensure your spot in the class RSVP no later than Wednesday, July 30th.





SUPERIOR COURT  
OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES

# **Student Internship Program**



## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles Superior Court is said to be the largest and most diverse trial court in the world. Over the last decade, dramatic shifts in the ethnic and immigrant composition of Los Angeles County have presented distinct challenges to the justice system's ability to provide access to justice for all. Moreover, public trust and confidence in the court has been increasingly measured by its ability to effectively meet the needs of a diverse community. In a system this size, the Los Angeles Superior Court is determined to build strong relations with the diverse constituencies we serve.

The Community Relations Office is responsible for administering the Los Angeles Superior Court's various initiatives aimed at improving relations between our county's justice system and the community. Because of the instrumental role judges have in community relations, the office and consequently, student interns, work closely with judges.

The Community Relations Office develops and implements outreach programs that include partnerships with the following groups: clergy, teachers, youth, international delegations, government officials, elected officials, bar associations, community & social service agencies, universities, arts organizations, and ethnic & minority advocacy groups. The purpose of our outreach efforts is to improve the public's trust and confidence in the courts, while encouraging partnerships between the courts and the community that will result in the increase of access to justice for a highly diverse community.

The Community Relations Office is the main "clearinghouse" for community outreach innovation, program design, implementation, evaluation, and resource development. Community relations priorities and activities are determined by the Community Relations Office in conjunction with the Presiding Judge, the Executive Office, and the Community Outreach Committee, comprised of various judicial leaders in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Since 2001, several of the Court's community outreach programs have received awards for their accomplishments in the administration of justice including the LA County Quality & Productivity Award for "Power Lunch," the Ralph N. Kleps Award for Improvement in Administration of the Courts for the "Teacher Courthouse Seminar Program"; the Los Angeles County Multi-cultural Conference Diversity Award for the "Consular Corps Conference"; the California State Association of Counties Challenge Award for "Courtroom to Classroom"; and the National Association of Counties' Achievement Award for the "Van Nuys Community Court Program."



## **LA Superior Court's Internship Positions are Unpaid**

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's standards listed below, those who qualify as trainees/interns do not have to receive pay if all six criteria are met.

1. Interns cannot displace regular employees.
2. Interns are not guaranteed a job at the end of the internship (though you may decide to hire them at the conclusion of the experience).
3. If the employer and the interns understand that the interns are not entitled to wages during the internship period.
4. Interns must receive training from your company, even if it somewhat impedes the work of your organization.
5. Interns must get hands-on experience with equipment and processes used in your at the Los Angeles Superior Court.
6. Interns' training must primarily benefit them, not the LA Superior Court.

## **Why Provide Internships?**

Internships allow students the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a professional setting while still in school. Internships offer carefully planned and monitored work experience with the goal focused on delivering the highest level of job exposure.

### **Benefits to Department**

- Immediate assistance to support projects
- Students will provide new ideas and viewpoints
- Salary Savings = No cost to department
- Effective public relations ambassadors for department; Recruitment and Workforce Planning
- Students energize a workplace with their enthusiasm and desire to learn

### **Benefits to Students**

- Career related experience
- Gains practical knowledge
- Opportunity to explore career avenues
- Valuable work experience for their resumes
- Potential to earn academic credit
- Increased self-confidence
- Enhances conventional classroom learning methods
- Letter of recommendation from departments supervisor
- Obtain references from co-workers



Pathways To Law Speaker Series Welcomes:

**Federico Efron**

**Argentine Human Rights Attorney &  
Fulbright Scholar**



Hear Federico Efron speak of his career in Argentina as a Senior Lawyer for the “Institutional Violence & Urban Security” program at the Center for Legal and Social Studies. His work includes making sure that law enforcement agencies adhere to human rights standards. He also represents victims or relatives of victims in criminal proceedings that concern police abuse.

**Please Join Us on Tuesday, 03/17/15**

**Noon - 2 PM - Arroyo Room**

**Culinary Arts Institute**

**Lunch - Pizza & Soft Drinks**

**<http://lamission.edu/law/pathways>**





# JOIN THE SFVBA HORACE MANN PROJECT COMMITTEE ON APRIL 23, 2015

The Committee is composed of SFVBA attorneys, educators, school administrators, and Los Angeles Superior Court personnel. Members of the Committee have the unique opportunity to educate K to 12 students of diverse backgrounds about the law and career opportunities in law. Join the Committee to get involved with community service opportunities now available or to contribute your ideas. Parking is free and dinner will be provided at no cost to the participants. Email [rosie@sfvba.org](mailto:rosie@sfvba.org) to RSVP.

**Thursday, April 23 from 6:00-7:30pm at the SFVBA offices**

5567 Reseda Boulevard, Suite 200, Tarzana, CA 91356 | [www.sfvba.org](http://www.sfvba.org) | (818) 227-0490



**San Fernando Valley Bar  
Association**  
*founded in 1926*