

# Summer Law Institute

## Columbia Law School

### Guest Speakers

*"Never talk yourself out of success."* - Peter Harvey

Inspirational guest speakers visited the class, and enriched the students' experience with the law.

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A summer for law.  
A summer for growth.  
A summer for learning.

In 2013, twenty-two bright, hard-working, talented students from Manhattan and Bronx middle schools attended the Summer Law Institute at Columbia Law School. Over the course of five weeks, they studied criminal theory and criminal trial procedure with Ms. Chloe Chung and Mr. Anthony Loring, rising second year law students at Columbia Law School. The Summer Law Institute pushed students to work harder than they ever have before, voice their opinions, and think in new, critical ways. Every morning, students were introduced to new practice areas of law through inspirational guest speakers. Speakers like Myles Pistorius (Senior Vice President of Legal & Business Affairs, NBA) and Leroy Frazer (Executive Assistant District Attorney for External Affairs) inspired our students to dream big and achieve greatness. The students also left an indelible mark on the speakers. Our speakers were awed by the students' intelligence and desire to learn as much about the law and their specific practice areas in the hour allotted for their

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### Daily Schedule

9-10 AM	Guest Speaker Presentation
10-12 PM	Criminal Justice Lesson
12-1 PM	Lunch
1-3 PM	Criminal Trials Lesson



*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*  
Colin Powell

presentation. Every Friday, the Summer Law Institute went on a law-related field trip. The SLI ended with a rigorous Mock Trial competition where students were able to demonstrate all that they learned during the summer. By the end of the program, these young children became young professionals.



## Learning the Law

Students at the Summer Law Institute at Columbia Law School spent their mornings learning about criminal law. Among the many topics that they learned were how New York State classifies crimes, controlling crime-juvenile delinquency, and racial profiling. Afternoons at the Summer Law Institute consisted of lessons in criminal trial procedure including topics such as police officers in action, hearsay, and police use of force. The lessons included games, hypotheticals, and applications that made the students apply what they learned.



The practice Mock Trial at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler. Saul Shapiro, Partner at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, presided over the Mock Trial. In this picture, Witness Chris Green (Tyler Stobbs) is being cross examined by Attorney Estefhani Tavaréz.

## Applying the Law

Each night, the students were required to write essays on the topics discussed in class. They were asked to analyze the laws presented that day, and consider their real-world application. On Fridays, the students were tested on their knowledge of the material. Throughout the course of the summer, the students took a total of three exams. These exams were longer and more rigorous than any exams students were asked to take before. By their third exam, they became more adept test-takers.

## Excellence. Commitment. Dedication. Guest Speakers.



The students enjoyed hearing from Mr. Peter Harvey. The former Attorney General of New Jersey, and current partner at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, Mr. Harvey was the first guest speaker for the summer. He instilled an excitement in the students that continued on throughout the summer.



Ms. Karla Sanchez is the Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice at the New York State Attorney General's office. Ms. Sanchez's important and valuable presentation on Internet safety compelled the students to think about their actions on the Internet.



Mr. Dan Hantman taught the students a great deal about his area of practice; intellectual property. The students enjoyed learning the difference between copyrights, trademarks, and patents. Our group of young lawyers especially enjoyed debating whether Outkast's song "Rosa Parks" violated Rosa Park's rights.

It is with great respect and appreciation that we acknowledge and thank all of our guest speakers.  
Thank you for your time and commitment to Legal Outreach, Inc.

### 2013 Guest Speakers

**Peter Harvey**, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP

**Myles Pistorius**, Senior Vice President of Legal & Business Affairs, NBA

**Karla Sanchez**, Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice, New York State Attorney General's Office

**Lenny Braman**, Senior Counsel, New York City Law Department

**Muhammad Faridi**, Associate, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP

**Dan Hantman**, Associate General Counsel, Andrew Davidson & Co., Inc.

**Gregory Baker**, Associate, Latham & Watkins, LLP

**Dianne Rosky**, Founder and Principal, Rosky Legal Education

**Alex Turbin**, Juvenile Rights, Legal Aid Society

**Christina Bischoff**, Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

**Leroy Frazer**, Executive Assistant District Attorney for External Affairs, New York County District Attorney's Office

**Jo Backer Laird**, Of Counsel, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP



## Field Trips: A New World of Law to Explore

*"Yes, I do feel like I have changed...I learned that pursuing my dreams will be hard, but I have the capacity to do it."*

*-Daniella Polanco*



### Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse

The students were invited to spend the afternoon at the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse where they met Judge Ronnie Abrams. Judge Abrams explained her career and how she became a federal judge to the students. After her talk, the students witnessed a criminal plea.



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### Arent Fox, LLP

For our law firm field trip, the students travelled to Arent Fox, LLP. A law firm that is dedicated to community involvement and diversity, Arent Fox had attorneys speak to our students about their different practice areas. They heard from attorneys in entertainment, healthcare, and other members of the firm that may not practice law, but serve an important purpose, like paralegals.

### Federal Reserve Bank of New York

For their last field trip, the students ventured to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. They started their trip by touring the Gold Vault located 80 feet below street level. Everyone got to hold a bar of gold! After their tour, they received a presentation from our field trip host, Mr. David Sewell, about his role as a lawyer at the Bank.



## Mock Trial Teams

### The MockingBirds (Defense 1)

Adonis Bodzwa, Josniel Martinez,  
Kayla McLean, Susana Navarro,  
Estefhani Tavaréz, Tyra Williams

### Dynamic 5-0 (Defense 2)

Daniella Polanco, Binta Touray, Nana  
Tutu, Naomi Victoriano, Latoya White

### The A-Team (Prosecution 1)

Maiya Clark, Maria Infante, Nathaniel  
Okoroji, Johari Rhett, DemitriYeboah

### Columbia Lawyers (Prosecution 2)

Katie Arzu, Jalah Christopher,  
Alexandra Ramos, Cathioska  
Rodriguez, Tyler Stobbs, Fatimah  
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### Semi-Finals

In the courtroom of the **Honorable  
Sallie Manzanet-Daniels**

Columbia Lawyers vs. Dynamic 5-0

The A-Team vs. The MockingBirds

### Finals

In the courtroom of the **Honorable  
Sheila Abdus-Salaam**

The A-Team vs. Dynamic 5-0



*"I have changed. My writing is better, I have more discipline, and I can speak with confidence."* –Adonis Bodzwa

# Special Thanks to:



The students and staff of the Summer Law Institute at Columbia Law School would like to thank our partners at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP for all of the hard work they did this summer to ensure the program's success. From recruiting inspiring guest speakers, planning field trips, and hosting the students for their practice Mock Trial, the team at Patterson ensured that our students had a summer to remember. The Summer Law Institute at Columbia Law School owes its continued success to its great partnership with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, and we thank everyone involved for their lasting impact on our students' academic growth.

In addition, we thank Professor Jane Spinak, Ms. Michelle Ellis, Ms. Elizabeth Gloder, and the team at Columbia Law School for giving us the amazing opportunity to use such a prestigious space to inspire our students. Their many contributions to our program had an amazing impact on the students.

## The Summer Law Institute at Columbia Law School Class of 2013

**Katie Arzu**, Central Park East High School

**Adonis Bodzwa**, Frederick Douglass Academy

**Jalah Christopher**, Beacon High School

**Maiya Clark**, Leonia High School

**Maria Infante**, High School of Economics and Finance

**Josniel Martinez**, Manhattan Hunter Science High School

**Kayla McLean**, Cardinal Spellman High School

**Susana Navarro**, Fiorello LaGuardia High School

**Nathaniel Okoroji**, Brooklyn Technical High School

**Daniella Polanco**, Bronx School for Law Government and Justice

**Alexandra Ramos**, The Baccalaureate School for Global Education

**Johari Rhett**, Beacon High School

**Cathioska Rodriguez**, Bronx School for Law Government and Justice

**Tyler Stobbs**, Frederick Douglass Academy

**Estefhani Tavarez**, Fiorello LaGuardia High School

**Binta Touray**, Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy International High School

**Nana Tutu**, Frederick Douglass Academy

**Naomi Victoriano**, Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics

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