



Championing Our Students

A LAW-RELATED MENTORING PROGRAM



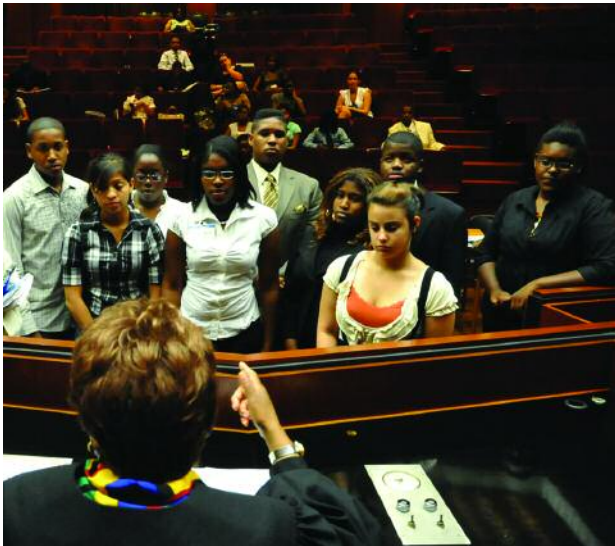
Make a Difference in the Life of a Teen Volunteer to Become a COS Mentor

In the United States, over 17.6 million young people are considered high-need for mentoring and only 2.5 million adults currently volunteer as mentors. We need your help to fill that gap.

As part of the effort to fill the mentoring gap, the American Bar Association launched *Championing Our Students* (COS), a law-related mentoring program that matches youth with legal professionals. Its primary focus is to help foster young people's understanding of the role of law in our society, while building skills and attitudes to enable them to succeed in school and life.

COS is currently operating in Chicago; the Mississippi Gulf Coast; New Orleans; Providence, R.I.; and Washington, D.C.

We value your time. The ABA is partnering with an online mentoring program (iMentor), which allows mentors to communicate with mentees when convenient.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- **Online Mentoring** program matching youth and mentors
- **Monthly Workshops** teaching legal knowledge and social skills
- **Spring Law Summit** with students and teachers from other law-related education programs in the area
- **Summer Law Camp** with selected students from each partner community

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION:

- **Mentor** a youth
- **Host a mentoring event** at your office
- **Volunteer to speak** at a meeting or the COS Spring Law Summit
- **Become a sponsor** for the Spring Law Summit

COS is here in Providence at the YMCA of Greater Providence!

For more information, please contact Melissa Walsh at (401) 952-5824 or mwalsh@gpymca.org or visit our web site at www.coslawmentors.org

Make a difference today

National Partners:



Direct Service Providers

- Golder College Prep - Chicago
- Jackson County Civic Action Committee - Mississippi Gulf Coast
- **YMCA Greater Providence**
- United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area
- Youth Power Center -Washington, D.C.

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