

Pro Bono Opportunities
NJ State Bar Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information

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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

NJ LEEP is a college access and success program helping low-income and first-generation students succeed in college and beyond. We focus on skills: building the academic and social-emotional skills necessary to thrive; habits: creating opportunities to develop the habits required to excel; and exposure: ensuring exposure to the professionalism and maturity needed for college and beyond. More details are on our website at www.njleep.org. The current listing of volunteer opportunities with NJ LEEP – virtual and in-person – are on our website at <https://njleep.org/communityevents>.

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors/Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

NJ LEEP's programs address several law-related themes and topics in working with middle and high school students. The three main components of the program are the Summer Law Institute for rising 9th graders, the Law-Related Education and Mentoring Program for high school students, and the Law-Related Education Program for Middle School Students.

In the Summer Law Institute (SLI), students between their 8th and 9th grades attend our five-week, five-day-a-week course on criminal law and criminal trial process. Students participate in weekly field trips with corporate legal departments, and the program culminates with a three round mock trial competition. Additionally, students listen to guest speakers who are experts in their fields.

The Law-Related Education and Mentoring Program introduces students to relevant, timely constitutional issues such as privacy rights, freedom of speech, right to counsel, and voting rights, while also helping students study and read case law. Sophomores, juniors and seniors participate in a Constitutional Law Program and two Constitutional Law Debate competitions held throughout the school year. Students are required to submit a

written brief and give oral arguments to panels of attorneys and law students acting as judges. Attorney Mentors are paired with students 1:1 to help them prepare for each debate.

Our Middle School Program serves approximately 115 6th-8th graders. Students do enrichment programming during the school year through thinkLaw, which uses real legal scenarios to teach critical thinking, analysis, and fact-based decision-making

4. Service area:

- Statewide
- County based (please list counties served)

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- Locally based (please list areas served)

Newark, NJ

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C. Pro Bono Opportunities

5. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Custody<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights<input type="checkbox"/> Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing/Landlord Tenant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> SSI/SSD | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Asylum<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wills | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy<input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debt counseling<input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Lending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transactional <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit corporate<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development<input type="checkbox"/> Tax | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elder law <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Counseling<input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Lending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Unemployment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | |

Other Volunteer Attorneys work with NJ LEEP high school students to support them through our Constitutional Law & Debate Program. Volunteers serve as debate coaches, debate judges, and can serve as Attorney Mentors.

6. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

Yes No In some cases

If yes, please describe: _____

7. Does your organization provide other types of support? If yes, please explain.

Litigation support Yes No _____
Fee waivers Yes No _____
Translators Yes No _____
Other Yes No _____

8. What, if any, supervision does your organization provide for volunteer attorneys?

Volunteers are supervised during their volunteer sessions with students. For the time being, all events are virtual on Zoom as well.

9. Does your organization provide malpractice coverage for volunteer attorneys?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

10. Does your organization require volunteer attorneys to carry malpractice insurance?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

11. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court approved your program for a Madden exemption?

Yes No