

YOUTH COURT PROGRAM

"Being a Youth Court Volunteer excites me because it affords me frequent opportunities to positively impact the lives of youth who have career interests and aspirations in the field of law."

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A Positive Mentoring Opportunity for Area Attorneys & An Alternative for First-Time Juvenile Offenders

Using restorative justice principles, Youth Court is a juvenile delinquency diversion and peer justice program dedicated to rehabilitating first-time nonviolent offenders – holding them accountable for their behaviors and educating them about citizenship. The Youth Court's goal is to use positive peer pressure to ensure that young people who have committed offenses repair the damage they caused to their victims and community. As volunteering attorneys, you will use your skills and experience to prepare local high school student volunteers to prosecute and defend in actual sentencing hearings of juvenile offenders. Additionally, you will preside as judge during these court proceedings. Many attorneys have signed on to be volunteers and many more are needed. **WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER TODAY!** *For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Youth Court Coordinator, Ms. Avis Lamar.*



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