

**Calling All Future Lawyers:**

**Apply for the LegalTrek 2025 Summer Program!**

Do you have dreams of being a lawyer? Are you interested in attending law school? If so, consider applying to LegalTrek. LegalTrek is a summer program designed to provide a hands-on, comprehensive overview of the legal profession to college students or recent college graduates.

LegalTrek’s mission is to diversify the legal profession by encouraging and supporting college students to attend law school. We are seeking applicants who are from the Chicago area or interested in working in the Chicago area after graduation. LegalTrek is a collaboration between the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms (Chicago Committee) and DePaul University College of Law. LegalTrek offers practical and engaging weekly seminars at DePaul University College of Law.

Students will participate in classroom lessons, and in a variety of exercises including: a mock trial, a simulated client negotiation, and a law firm visit. Students will be assigned an attorney mentor to guide them through the program. The LegalTrek course content will help students understand the role of law and lawyers in our society, the different kinds of lawyers and what they do, and successful strategies for applying to law school. Students will be expected to participate weekly in class discussions and activities, complete assigned readings, and turn in a personal statement.

LegalTrek is a rigorous program that requires your full participation. Attendance at all LegalTrek sessions is mandatory. If you miss more than two sessions, or are late for more than 2 sessions, you will be asked to leave the program. LegalTrek 2025 will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 4:30 pm at DePaul University, College of Law’s Loop Campus. LegalTrek will begin on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, and will go through Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

**The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, April 30, 2025. If you are interested, please submit your completed application with your transcript and 1 page resume to Anna Lloyd, Executive Director, either by email or mail** (see mailing address in FAQ sheet). Applications submitted without a transcript or resume will not be reviewed. The LegalTrek committee will be contacting you to interview either by Zoom or by phone. If you have questions, please see the included FAQ sheet or e-mail [alloyd@chicagocommittee.org](mailto:alloyd@chicagocommittee.org).

**LegalTrek Application FAQ’s**

**1. I am not sure what LegalTrek is- what exactly will I be doing?**

A: The 2025 summer syllabus is posted online. You can open it by going to the Chicago LegalTrek webpage at <https://chicagocommittee.org/legaltrek/>. Please read the syllabus to see exactly what you will be doing each week and what types of assignments and preparation you must make in advance. Please read the beginning of the syllabus that sets forth the expectations and level of commitment expected from each scholar.

**2. I see that LegalTrek is a program for undergraduates. I recently graduated from college and I would like to participate. May I apply?**

A: Yes, you may. While this program is designed and targeted for undergraduate students, there are limited spaces available for recent grads. Feel free to apply.

3. **If I am selected as a finalist, I see that I must interview. I will likely not be able to make it to Chicago for an interview as I go to school in another state. Can I still participate?**

A: Yes. We will be interviewing by phone or Zoom. Not all students will be asked to interview, only those students who advance through the initial application stage.

**4. When will I know if I am accepted to LegalTrek?**

A: We would like to notify applicants of their admission acceptance on or before May 31, 2025.

**5. How much does it cost to participate in LegalTrek?**

A: There is no cost to participate in the LegalTrek program, but individuals are responsible for their own living and travel expenses.

**6. Does the program offer housing options?**

A: No, unfortunately we are unable to provide housing assistance. Individuals are responsible for arranging their own housing.

**7. Will I have access to a legal internship if I participate in LegalTrek?**

A: No, an internship is not part of the program. All LegalTrek scholars regardless of year in school will be assigned a lawyer mentor and you will meet with your mentor throughout the summer. You may be able to build relationships for future internship opportunities through this mentor, or your LegalTrek network.

**8. How should I submit my transcript?**

A: You or your school may email or email a copy of your transcript to Anna Lloyd, (see mailing address below) [alloyd@chicagocommittee.org](mailto:alloyd@chicagocommittee.org). You may email a scanned copy of your transcript or unofficial copy of your transcript.

**9. Will the LegalTrek sessions be in-person or virtual? If the sessions are in-person, are there any requirements for attendance?**

We anticipate hosting LegalTrek class sessions in-person at DePaul University College of Law. The July 2nd class will be by Zoom.

**10. If I decide to submit a hard copy of my application and/or official transcript what is your mailing address?**

A: Please address all mail to:

Anna Lloyd

Executive Director

Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms

111 W. Jackson BLVD, STE 1700

Chicago, IL 60604

**Chicago LegalTrek 2025 Application**

**Section 1.**

1. **Name:**
2. **College:**
3. **Major/Minor:**
4. **School Address:**
5. **Home Address:**
6. **E-mail Address:**
7. **Phone Number:**
8. **Grade Point Average:**
9. **Pronoun:**
10. **Expected Date of Graduation:**
11. **What are your summer plans besides LegalTrek? Are you able to attend weekly sessions in-person on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm?**

1. **Do you receive financial aid for college? If so, approximately what percentage of your college education is being paid for by financial aid including work-study or your own outside jobs?**

**Section 2.**

**Short Answer (in 300 words or less for each question)**

1. **Describe a challenge you have faced, how you overcame it, and what you learned in the process.**

1. **Why do you want to be a lawyer?**

1. **Who is your role model and why?**

1. **Are you from the Chicago area, or do you have an interest in working in the Chicago area after graduation? Please describe.**

1. **(Optional) If your GPA is not a reflection of your true academic potential, please explain any factors that led to the discrepancy and how you will change that in the future.**