



ASSOCIATION PROFILE

The Bar Association of San Francisco

Size: Medium
Region: Urban
Industry: Law

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Overview

The Bar Association of San Francisco partners with the Law Academy Program at Mission and Balboa High Schools to provide students with mentoring, career and academic coaching, and real-world experiences in the legal profession. Thirty San Francisco law firms participate through the bar association's Barristers Club. The lawyer mentors meet weekly for eight weeks with high school juniors from each campus, and coordinators from the association and the academy host special training sessions for new mentors twice a year.

In addition, the bar association helps the San Francisco School-to-Career partnership place law academy students in work-based learning experiences such as job shadows and internships at Bay Area law firms. Law academy students compete in an annual mock trial competition and have regular exchanges with schools outside of San Francisco. At the end of each activity, participants complete customer satisfaction surveys as a means of continually improving the experience for both students and lawyers.

The bar association's Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students of color—African American, Native American, Latino/Chicano, and Southeast Asian students—who accept offers of admission from Bay Area law schools. This program advances the bar association's commitment to helping Bay Area students, particularly students of color, pursue their dreams of a successful career in the legal profession.

Strategies/Activities

- Mentoring and career coaching
- Job shadowing
- Internships and clerkships
- Coordination and advocacy on behalf of law firm participation
- Advisory board and committee participation
- Minority scholarships and internship placement