

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Middle School Trial Law Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open.

Middle School Course

This is a one-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Our program provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental techniques and strategies utlized by trial lawyers.
- Students will have the opportunity to interact with professionals who have firsthand experience in coutroom proceedings.
- Special highlights, including visits to the United States Supreme Court, a district courthouse, and a moot courtroom, providing students with unique insights into the legal system.
- The opportunity to participate in a mock trial as their culminating project, applying the skills and knowledge gained thoughout the program.

2027 Dates

Georgetown ($2,998)
- Session 1: July 4 - July 9
- Session 2: July 11- July 16

UC San Diego ($2,998)
- Session 1: July 4 - July 9
- Session 2: July 11 - July 16
- Session 3: July 18 - July 23
- Session 4: July 25 - July 30

NYU ($3,198)
- Session 1: June 27 - July 2
- Session 2: July 4 - July 9
- Session 3: July 11 - July 16
- Session 4: July 18 - July 23

Academic Program Overview

This one-week program aims to equip middle school students with a foundation in Trial Law and expose them to the world of legal practice and education. By the end of the program, participants will have a better grasp of trial techniques, an understanding of the path to a legal career, and unforgettable memories from their exciting visits.

Excursions

In previous years, our students had some incredible experiences! They met with the esteemed Jennifer Anderson, an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. They had the privilege of visiting the prestigious Moot Court at Georgetown Law School, where attorneys often fine-tune their skills for high-stakes oral arguments.

This past summer, our students journeyed to both State and Federal Courthouses, where they met with presiding judges and observed a variety of cases, including a homicide trial, a family law trial, and multiple bail-review hearings. These real-world experiences served as valuable preparation for the students' final trial, where they showcased their skills by performing every phase of a criminal trial, from jury selection to closing arguments.

In San Diego, students visited the San Diego Superior Court to conduct their mock trial and meet with the judge. They also were able to learn more about Law School through a visit to Cal Western School of Law.

Instructors

Georgetown - Dennis Clark

Dennis Clark is an experienced prosecutor with over a dozen years in the legal field, having conducted nearly 50 jury trials and numerous bench trials in Maryland and Washington, D.C. Since 2016, he has also taught Criminal Procedure and trial advocacy courses at American University's Washington College of Law while training new AUSAs. Dennis holds a Bachelor of Arts in French Studies and Spanish from Colby College and a Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America.

UC San Diego - Zach Brooks

Zach Brooks is a trial attorney practicing in both state and federal court and the owner of Zach Brooks Law, a criminal defense law firm. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and his law degree from UCLA School of Law.

NYU - Phillip C. Hamilton

Phillip C. Hamilton is an experienced trial attorney, professor and litigator with a practice spanning high-stakes civil, criminal, commercial, and regulatory matters across the nation's state and federal courts.

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, Academic Course, and evening activities
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Tuition**: See tuition under 2027 dates.

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm on Monday-Thursday and 9am to 2:30pm on Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, and evening activities
- **Tuition**:
  - **NYU:** $1,798
  - **Georgetown:** $1,598
  - **UCSD:** $1,598

Supplements:

- Application fee: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

There are five 3-hour class sessions over the one-week course. During the week, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday (program check-out is 2:30 p.m. on Friday). Wednesday afternoon will be dedicated to additional academic time with possible excursions and/or guest speakers.

The Middle School programs operate separately from Summer Springboard high school programs with separate staff, accommodations, classes, and a more structured environment. For students completing grades 6-8.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academics in Action or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	Academic Skills Lab
5PM	Free-Time
5-6PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Back in the Dorm
9:30PM	Mentor Check-In

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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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