PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Law schools will also consider an applicant’s involvement on campus or in his/her community. Pre-law students are therefore strongly encouraged to volunteer, to participate in pre-law activities, and to complete internships. There are so many ways to get involved at YU. You can start by reading about the opportunities below and then be sure to follow up with the Pre-Law Adviser.

Internships
Practical legal experience is an excellent way of determining if a career in the law is right for you. Internship opportunities are available through the Yeshiva University Pre-Law Judicial Internship Program, at District Attorneys’ offices, the Innocence Project, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Securities and Exchange Commission and many other governmental agencies and law firms. The Career Center should also be considered as a source for legal internships.

Langfan Family Constitutional Oratory Competition
The Langfan Constitutional Oratory Competition is an annual public speaking competition held each spring open to undergraduates on each campus regardless of major. The topic for the competition is generally a provocative and contemporary public issue which is conducive to public debate. Students are asked to deliver a five minute presentation arguing for or against a resolution before a panel of three judges. After the presentations, each student receives individualized critiques from the judges. Cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place regardless of campus affiliation. If you are unsure about your interest in the law this competition is a great way to find out.

Yeshiva University’s Jacob Hecht Pre-Law Society
YU has vibrant student-run Jacob Hecht Pre-Law Society on each campus. These student leaders work with the Pre-Law advisors to organize visits with law school admissions officers, pre-law speakers, panelists and law-related field trips. Interested students should contact their advisor at their campus for more information. For more information regarding the society, please contact Ben Wade at bhwade@mail.yu.edu.

Yeshiva University Pre-Law Judicial Internship Program
This unpaid internship program provides Pre-Law students with the opportunity to observe and actively participate in the judicial process on a weekly basis during the academic year. Students have the opportunity to work alongside our participating judges in various courts throughout the New York State Unified Court System.

If you are interested in learning more information about this new initiative, please feel free to contact Mrs. Wood-Hill at YC or Ms. Julius at Stern.

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