The mission? To support, mentor, and encourage students to attend law school and pursue legal opportunities in the region.

Studies show that fewer black and Latino students graduate from high school and college and are underrepresented in the legal profession. The number of women entering law schools runs consistently below 50 percent of the class.

This program invites applications from any student interested in a legal profession. Our intent is to support a diverse student body at KU Law by identifying promising students from a variety of backgrounds not commonly represented in the practice of law. Our goal is that these students, after experiencing the program and being paired with a mentor to help navigate the path through higher education, will eventually pursue a legal career.

Possible topics and activities include: criminal law, business law, contract negotiations, civil rights law, intellectual property, mock trial participation, and interaction with students and legal professionals.
The Journey to J.D. program...

- encourages students to attend law school and, eventually, pursue legal employment in the region.
- gives students a basic understanding of the legal system.
- engages current law students as teachers.
- involves area alumni to serve as mentors and positive role models.
- exposes students to judges and the court system.
- explores tools to succeed in college and law school.
- provides opportunities to meet law alumni from all fields of law, including attorneys, judges and business leaders.
- teaches interviewing skills.

Funding opportunities

Journey to J.D. is funded entirely through private support. The cost per student to attend the one-week program is $1,500. Please partner with KU Law in our efforts to increase the pool of diverse, well-educated prospective legal employees by sponsoring students to attend this program.

$500-$1,000 level
Company logo included on registration materials

$3,000 level
Company logo included on registration materials and T-shirts

$5,000+ level
Opportunity for all the above and company to facilitate a workshop

Questions?
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Find more information online at law.ku.edu/journeytojd