

# CITY YEAR

YOUR PATH TO LAW



Working as City Year corps member in our nation's highest need public schools requires analytical and strategic thinking in order to develop solutions to complex problems. These real world practices provide a strong foundation for the law field. You will gain an understanding of the complex legal challenges that many individuals growing up in low-income areas face. You will develop your ability to analyze complicated situations and hone your ability to express yourself clearly and effectively. Throughout the service year, corps

members receive more than 340 hours of training in specific skill areas including public speaking, team collaboration and problem solving.

Many City Year alumni have gone on to pursue careers in the field of public and private law. No matter the field of law, they hold their City Year experience as a transformational one because it helped them relate to people better, shaped what kind of law to pursue and taught them to take initiative and be resourceful.

## ALUMNI PRACTICING LAW



"I believe my City Year experience was a strong factor in my admission into the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the significant Levy Scholarship award I received. I work for White and Case, one of the largest law firms in the world,

and one that dedicates 10% of its billable hours to pro bono cases. Coupled with my education, my experience with City Year made me an attractive candidate for White and Case.

The City Year mantra, 'Spirit, Discipline, Purpose and Pride,' can be applied to any profession. I practice this philosophy in everything I do. During my City Year, I learned to work with diverse groups to achieve complex goals, to be a better listener, to adjust to different communication and work styles, and to be a more compassionate co-worker."

*Adam served with City Year Washington DC '08 before entering law school. Adam is now an attorney at White & Case Law Firm.*

## ALUMNI PURSUING A LAW DEGREE



"I always knew I wanted to study law, but City Year helped me sharpen my focus and hone my management skills before I went to law school. I was able to write my application essay on education in law, and discover my interest in public service.

City Year knows how to put its corps members into positions that will challenge and train them.

I learned how to look at the big picture and think more responsibly. City Year is great at putting its corps members in a position to succeed. While in the corps, I was invited to work at a networking event that put me in front of hiring managers at major law firms and was able to establish some important connections."

*Matthew Tow served with City Year Boston and is now a law student at Boston College.*

"City Year's impact is multivariate. While its impact in schools is profound, its service model also serves as a platform for personal and professional growth for corps members."

"City Year really helped me master my communication skills."

"I grew most in my time with City Year—I learned to approach problems with an objective, positive mental attitude."

**"City Year imparted tremendous leadership skills and taught me how to more effectively work with a diverse group of people."**

