

Anchorage Youth Court Press Release



JUDGE PAMELA WASHINGTON TO INSTRUCT AYC SUMMER BAR CLASS

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Judge Pamela Washington to Instruct Anchorage Youth Court's Summer Bar Class

Anchorage Youth Court's (AYC) Summer Bar Class is overflowing with students preparing to learn about the law. 25 students, five more than the standard 20, will spend from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 27th and 28th at the Snowden Training Center, 820 W. 4th Ave. in Anchorage with Judge Pamela Washington, exploring Youth Court jurisdiction, procedure, evidence, advocacy, and case preparation.

Judge Washington will administer the AYC Summer Class Bar Exam on Friday, July 29th between 8:00 am – noon. After successfully completing the Youth Court Exam, students will be sworn in as Anchorage Youth Court members on Thursday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Boney Courthouse, 303 K Street in the Supreme Court Courtroom.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Judge Washington volunteer to teach another AYC Bar Class," said new Executive Director Ashley Lutes. "She is a wealth of knowledge and the youth in our community will directly benefit from this extraordinary learning experience."

Anchorage Youth Court trains Anchorage/Eagle River/Chugiak/Girdwood area youth, grades 7-12, ages 12 to 18, to represent and judge their peers in actual criminal cases, providing hands-on justice for teens who have broken the law. Students train and serve as clerks, bailiffs, prosecuting and defense attorneys, and judges, encouraging understanding and respect for the law in a formal court setting. AYC's after-school and summer program helps teens develop citizenship, leadership and practical skills while providing the opportunity for juvenile offenders to realize consequences for their illegal acts and gain appreciation for the law.

Though AYC's Summer Bar Class is full, AYC Fall Bar Class Registration begins August 22nd. Fall classes, taught by volunteer legal professionals in our community, will be available at most Anchorage School District high schools. To provide more information about upcoming classes AYC will present "Faces of AYC" on Thursday, August 25th at the Wilda Marston Theatre in the Loussac Library between 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Like most juvenile courts, Anchorage Youth Court proceedings are closed to the public. This free to the community event offers a rare view of the inner workings of AYC and the Anchorage Youth Court program.

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Anchorage Youth Court is an organized and effective juvenile justice system. It provides Anchorage youth with opportunities for personal growth and an understanding of our legal system. AYC gives youth offenders personal accountability, youth attorneys good training and the opportunity to make a significant difference in others' lives and the public an effective and comprehensive public safety system. Learn more online at www.anchorageyouthcourt.org.

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