



## INTRODUCTION

## GIRLS RULE THE LAW YOUTH CONFERENCE

Cultivating the next generation of female leaders is paramount in an ever-evolving legal landscape. Our daylong youth conference, hosted by Girls Rule the Law, is a beacon of empowerment, providing young ladies with the essential skills required to succeed in law.

We introduce middle and high school girls to the law and political process by providing them with the opportunity to engage with judges, attorneys, political figures, distinguished speakers, legislators, and other prominent women.



MORE INFO





## ABOUT

GIRLS RULE THE LAW, INC.

### **ABOUT**

### TEAM

Founded in 2018, Girls Rule the Law, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization designed to introduce middle and high school girls to the Law (the legal field, legislature, and judiciary). We teach young ladies the skills they need to succeed in the Law through Youth Conferences, Law Days, mock trials, debate, and speed mentoring. We also have a "Law Suits You" program that shows girls how to dress for success for their first jobs, interviews, internships, mock trial, and debates. Serving primarily in New York State, the programs actively reach nearly 1,500 individuals per year via in-person events by hosting school-based programs, including lunch and learns and networking sessions at law schools, courthouses, law firms, and Bar Associations in the students' regional areas throughout New York. Learn more at www.girlsrulethelaw.org.



### THE TEAM

#### MIRNA SANTIAGO, ESQ.

Founder and President

#### **JUANA PACHECO**

Chairwoman

#### **KELLY PEREZ**

Program Manager

#### **TANIA DAVILA**

**Events Director** 

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#### PROGRAM



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GIRLS RULE THE LAW ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



#### **Setting the Stage:**

The Youth conference commences with a Networking Breakfast, a pivotal moment where young minds connect with established professionals. This initial interaction sets the tone for a day filled with inspiration, learning, and growth. As the aroma of fresh coffee mingles with the anticipation of the day ahead, attendees are welcomed into an environment designed to nurture their aspirations.

#### Wisdom from Successful Women Lawyers and Community Leaders:

The heart of the conference lies in the interactions with successful women lawyers, judges, and legislators. Through enlightening sessions, these trailblazers share their personal stories, challenges, and tools they wielded to achieve success. Students gain invaluable insights into the multifaceted world of law, broadening their perspectives and igniting their passion for a future in the legal field.

#### **Signature Speed Mentoring Sessions:**

Girls Rule the Law's signature Speed Mentoring Sessions are a testament to our commitment to personalized mentorship. Participants have the rare opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with accomplished professionals, delving into specific questions and receiving tailored guidance. This unique format fosters connections beyond the conference, creating lasting mentor-mentee relationships.

#### **AUDIENCE**

# THE Girls Rule the Law AUDIENCE

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#### **Inclusive Target Audience:**

While our primary focus is on middle and high school students, we recognize the importance of creating a continuum of support. College and law school students are invited to benefit from the networking opportunities and play a pivotal role as mentors. This inclusive approach ensures a holistic learning experience, promoting mentorship as a cornerstone for success.

#### **Why Your Support Matters:**

The success of this event hinges on collaborative support from our corporate partners like you. By aligning your brand with Girls Rule the Law, you contribute to the development of future legal leaders and position your company as a champion of diversity, empowerment, and professional excellence.

Your support enables us to enhance the conference experience, provide valuable resources, and extend the reach of our mentorship programs. Together, we can empower young ladies to break barriers, redefine success, and shape the legal profession's future.



#### SUPPORT

# YOUR Girls Rule the Law SUPPORT





In addition to our flagship Youth Conference, Girls Rule the Law is committed to fostering continuous engagement and networking opportunities for our participants. Throughout the year, we organize smaller gatherings and networking sessions at law schools, courthouses, law firms, and Bar Associations within the students' regional areas. These events are crucial extensions of our mission, providing students with unique opportunities for direct interaction with esteemed guests, including judges, practicing attorneys, elected officials, and corporate representatives.

By supporting our Youth Conference fundraising efforts, sponsors contribute to the success of a single event and the sustained impact of our initiatives throughout the year, enabling young women to build meaningful connections and glean valuable insights from professionals in the legal community.









## 2024 YOUTH CONFERENCE















2024 Youth Conference at Syracuse University College of Law: Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Office for Justice Initiatives; Suzette M. Meléndez, Esq., Teaching Professor, Syracuse University College of Law.; Hon. Danielle Fogel, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Fifth Judicial District.; Hon. Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.; Mirna M. Santiago, Esq., Founder & CEO, Girls Rule the Law, Inc.; Kimberly Wolf Price, Esq., Chief Strategy & Diversity Officer, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC.



## 2023 YOUTH CONFERENCE













## LUNCH AND LEARN AT AMC NETWORKS















2024 Lunch & Learn: AMC Networks, Hosted by Naila Mckenzie Ross. Among the presenters were: Hubert Smith, Jr., Esq., Senior Vice President, Business Affairs; Dawn Botti, Esq., Executive Vice President, Legal & Business Affairs; Flora Fuks, Senior Counsel; Tarek Maheran, Esq., Senior Vice President, Legal, AMC



## LUNCH AND LEARN WITH EBONI K. WILLIAMS

















## TRIP TO ALBANY







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## 2024 MOCK TRIAL

















## WASHINGTON DC TRIP















## OTHER EVENTS



2024 Lunch & Learn at Day Pitney LLP



Voter Registration Drive



Mirna M. Santiago, Esq. CEO, Girls Rule the Law Youth Conference Luncheon (October 2022)



The Law Suits You

## OTHER EVENTS



With Assemblymember Latoya Joyner at the New York State Capitol



Assemblymember Catalina Cruz, NY Court of Appeals Judge Jenny Rivera, Assemblymember Latoya Joyner, and GC for Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Miguelina Camilo, address the scholars at the Court of Appeals in Albany.



New York State Court of Appeals, Associate Judge Jenny Rivera, provides the Keynote Welcome Remarks (Youth Conference)



NY Court of Appeals Judges Jenny Rivera; Shirley Troutman; and NY State Chief Judge Rowan Wilson



Targeted legal lessons (appeals) with New York Appellate Division, First Department, Justice Ellen Gesmer



GRTL hosts Law Day at I.S. 229



LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING A STRONG LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP.

## FURTHER INFORMATION



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