



## EVENT SUMMARY

**EVENT TITLE:** Concordia Tour

**DATE & TIME:** March 7, 2013, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Concordia University School of Law, Boise, Idaho

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 32

**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:** Capital High School, Parkview High School, Rocky Mountain High School, Marian Pritchett School, Mountain View High School, Notus High School, Middleton High School, Boise State University College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

The event started at 9 a.m. with an introduction by Dean Cathy Silak of Concordia Law School. Students then watched a short video called "Choose Law," which encourages minorities to consider careers in the law. After the video, students participated in a mock law school class conducted by Concordia faculty member Phillip Gragg. After the mock class, the students toured Concordia. Students were then provided with box lunches from Jimmy Johns. While the students ate, Chief Judge Sergio Gutierrez of the Idaho Court of Appeals spoke to students about his own experiences and answered questions. The event concluded with a Q&A panel consisting of three Concordia faculty and staff members and three Concordia law students. The panelists discussed with the students the process of getting into law school, their personal experiences, and various paths to law school. LTL! committee members Jana Gomez, Lucy Juarez, Michael Greenlee, and Judge Sergio Gutierrez attended.

### COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENT:

Several handouts were provided to students, including a 24-page book printed in color, titled "Choose Law." Parsons, Behle & Latimer (PBL) provided folders in which to put the handouts, and it also provided color copies of the "Choose Law" books. Money from the PBL grant was used to purchase color copies of the various handouts, a copy of the "Choose Law" DVD, nametag supplies, and "Thank You" cards with the LTL! logo printed on the front.

Money donated by the Idaho State Bar Litigation Section was used to purchase LTL! miniature notebooks, which were given to the students as gifts.

Concordia University School of Law provided lanyards and nametag holders, and it also paid for the box lunches from Jimmy Johns.

**STUDENT FEEDBACK:** Please see attached document.

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## Event Evaluation

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Please tell us what you liked best about this event:

- I really enjoyed hearing all the stories of how people got into law.
- The class discussion was really interesting. It made me think about seriously pursuing law.
- Really like hearing the law school teachers and students talk about themselves—why they went to law school, what they majored in, etc.
- My favorite part about my visit was the tour and the faculty/student panel. It was nice to have the hands on, seeing people who are doing it right now. It's very inspirational.
- The Judgment of King S discussion and pulling apart the testimony so we could get to a justified ruling. Also the laughs that occurred with the librarian. I also like the student and faculty panel.
- What I liked about the event was the teacher. He made things much more interesting and did try to get a lot of people to participate.
- I liked when he went over the King Solomon baby case. It really makes you look at every aspect of a case. There are many views.
- I like that there were many different men and women to tell us about their experiences. About why they got interested in law, why they like it. I learned a lot more about law that I wouldn't have known unless I went to this class.
- The think I liked most about this event would be the faculty/student panel. It was nice hearing why they chose to go to law school, and also know you can do many things with a law degree.
- How interactive the experience was. It makes it more enjoyable and more interesting.
- Mock law class. It helped show what a future law class would be like and made me think about a story I knew in a different light. I loved the question and answer time.
- I love the opportunity to participate in the mock law class. It provided a nice way to get a feel about not only law but other upper level education classes.
- I enjoyed the mock class. It gave us a chance to not just hear about how things are, but to also experience what it is like.

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- What I liked best was being lectured about law and also having a case to solve. Making us feel like we were lawyers. Also, having the judge talk to us and his own advice.
- I really liked how you involved the audience. The speakers were awesome and I could follow along with what they were talking about.
- The thing I liked best was the great speakers you guys had. They are very experienced and are great motivators and leaders in our community.
- I liked everything about your event.
- I really enjoyed the advice that the speakers gave to those who are looking to attend law school.
- The last part with the panel, in getting to ask them questions about law school, and getting answers.
- You guys brought in actual people that we can relate to.
- The mock law class and also the panel discussion helped me learn about the criminal justice system itself along with educating more about law school.
- The professor [?] was cool.
- Jimmy Johns.
- Really enjoyed the mock law school lecture. It really showed me that a law school classroom really isn't what I thought it would be. Enjoyed hearing how faculty and students discovered law.
- The panel at the end. All the advice was real. Definitely answered questions I was curious about. Also, the tour. This is the first tour of a law school, makes me excited that I know I'll do this more often.
- I really enjoyed the mock class. Mostly then end (last half). It was very engaging.

Please tell us what you liked least about this event:

- I really didn't not like anything. I enjoyed the whole event.
- The class was a little long. I think you should have had more activities. The student/faculty panel was kinda boring.
- The room was cold.
- My least favorite thing about my visit was NOTHING! I absolutely loved it. It gave me a different perspective on things and gave me a general idea about things in law school.
- What I really didn't like was how there was only one person discussing (other than the panel) so we only got a look at one person's perspective. Could have learned more with more people. Also some of the words used I did not know the definitions to, so it made it more confusing.
- The thing I liked least was that we mainly just talked about one thing for a drawn out time and it's a long time to sit without activities.

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- I disliked being inactive with the class. I feel like I could learn more if it was more exciting.
- I actually enjoyed every part of this tour. I felt very comfortable with the whole thing. Everything was fun.
- There wasn't anything I "disliked." But my least favorite was the mock law school class. Maybe you could have more than one teacher.
- It was too short! 😊
- Only one mock law class, I wished there was more.
- I would have liked to ask more questions. There wasn't a lot of time to ask all the questions I wanted.
- I found it hard to keep my attention on all of the speakers. While some showed great enthusiasm, some seemed less excited to be there.
- More information about the school is needed.
- There wasn't really anything that I didn't like. I thought I was going to come here and it would drag on forever, but I really enjoyed it.
- It was kind of long and would like if it were shorter.
- Nothing. Everything was awesome.
- There was nothing "least" liked. This presentation was very great, and I appreciate the time and effort.
- Nothing. Everything was great about today.
- It seemed like it kind of dragged along a little if you weren't paying attention.
- I wish the tour of the law school went a little more in depth. I would have liked to try and be convinced that this would be a law to attend. Also, my guide was not that much of a talker, and she spoke quietly.
- Tour.
- Tour.
- Really enjoyed all of it! Thank you so much!
- The least I liked about the event was probably that the mock law school class took forever. There probably could have been two events during this time.
- Maybe the panel could have been shorter? (time)

How could we improve this event?

- I saw a lot of people by themselves, so maybe at the beginning there could be a quick get to know you activity.
- I think it would be fun if the students got involved more and you held a mock trial.
- Kind of wanted more time to ask questions one on one with the people who had been speaking to us all day or with other people who've been through law school and have now a related career.
- Do more hands on, give us more time to ask questions. I have so many questions but I was afraid to ask them all.

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- Make language more high school appropriate. I come from a school with low levels of education, so it is hard to understand.
- Maybe some sort of interaction between people within the class.
- This event could be improved by having more hands on activities to keep everyone more involved.
- Maybe fix the laser pointer. Other than that, I really enjoyed my time being here.
- Take just a couple more breaks. 😊
- Make it longer!
- Maybe see a mock trial and work with some student volunteers to help guide us to a mock trial.
- It would be cool to be able to talk to practicing attorneys or people in other professions who could talk about how law influences them.
- It would be nice to have more practicing people around so we could have a chance to get closer to a one on one feeling/situation.
- More speakers. More cases.
- Need some cold water maybe.
- More speakers or more activities to do.
- Place table mics before speakers begin talking.
- NOT POSSIBLE
- An improvement I would make is to make it more personalized to the different students that came. Another tip would be to add in more on helping prepare us for law school such as all the paperwork going into applying.
- Shorter panel. Overview of the types of law.
- Cut the tour.
- This event wonderful great! I might suggest more opportunities to stand up and stretch and getting to know who all is here.
- Providing information on the financial part of law school. Being realistic.
- More breaks.

#### Other comments:

- Thank you so much for having this event! I really enjoyed it and got a lot from it!
- Use elevators!
- Thank you!! Law school sounded terrifyingly intimidating to me and you all make it actually look achievable and appealing to me. I'm glad I came. 😊
- Thank you! 😊
- Reach out to Marian Pritchett School more. I think many students would love this event, and other events like it.
- The mock law class went well; the teacher did very well.
- Lunch was a good choice! Yum! 😊 THANK YOU!!

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- The lady with curly blond hair (Jana) was nice and seemed welcoming to help or talk to us about pursuing law.
- It was great!
- Thank you for putting on this event.
- Thank you for this wonderful experience. Changed my thoughts in many ways.
- Lunch was delicious. 😊 Thank you.
- Thanks for the great experience! It helped me make up my mind and have now decided if law school is for me.
- This was a great presentation! Thank you!
- No, everything is good. 😊 Good lunch!
- AWESOME
- This program has definitely fueled my passion and desire to go into law, so thank you. No one in my family is involved in law, so opening these resources to me means a lot!
- Thank you.
- If we could have had more breaks, we could have kept more engaged.

E-mail from attendee (redacted):

Having Concordia University open its doors to students who are interested and considering law school is amazing! Students actually get a taste of what law school will be like. Which not many individuals have this great opportunity or do, but don't appreciate it. Moreover, I believe that students who are interested in 2 or 3 careers should actually take time to go and see what each career is about. This way they will get a better sense of what each is like and if they can see themselves in that career.

After "Love the Law" event, I'm now considering law school.

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