

JUNIOR PARTNERS ACADEMY

A Program of the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation

How young can a junior partner be? Glad you asked! The answer is third grade. Grow them young and they will be strong. Strong students, strong school leaders, strong citizens and strong attorneys ... one day. This is the hope and mission of the Junior Partners Academy Subcommittee (JPA) of the Youth Education Committee.

In January 2011, the newly formed pilot program will begin widening the path of young people into the world of law and interaction with lawyers. The program is designed to inspire, capture and promote the interest of kids in the area of law. One day a month three classes of third graders will be turned over to a group of volunteer lawyers who will engage the classes in planned programming designed to pique the curiosity of students.

Dressed in their JPA vests, the third graders will visit law firms, law schools and courtrooms. In true modeling of their senior partners, they will be taught to display professionalism ("play nice") and proper ethical behavior ("be good").

Any attorney who can *play nice* and *be good* is eligible to volunteer. Training will be provided for volunteer attorneys. Anyone interested in the Junior Partners Academy should contact Donna Buuck at 225-214-5556. Hurry, the headhunters are making offers earlier these days!



- Class attorney:** meets with the class on a monthly basis. May lead the lesson or introduce the "visiting" attorney. Commitment is an hour or two, once a month for one school year. The class meetings are held on Friday (exact dates to be scheduled).
- Visiting attorney:** gives presentations to the students on an as-needed basis. Attorneys volunteer for presentations on different areas of the law. Lesson plans are available.

Volunteer Name: _____
Firm: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____
E-mail address: _____

Do you have any charges pending or have you ever pled guilty or no contest, been convicted, placed on deferred adjudication, community service, or probation to a felony or misdemeanor offense in civil or military court? ____ yes ____ no

If yes 1. Arrested date: _____ Location: _____ Charge: _____
Result: _____
2. Arrested date: _____ Location: _____ Charge: _____
Result: _____

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