About Max Berger

A second-generation American and the first in his family to earn a college degree, Max Berger graduated from Baruch in 1968 with a BBA in accounting. He went on to receive his JD from Columbia Law School in 1971 and has built a remarkable career in the law as the senior founding partner of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.

Widely recognized for his professional excellence and achievements, he has been the subject of feature articles in numerous media outlets including the New York Times, Businessweek, the National Law Journal and The American Lawyer.

Max and his wife Dale have also established the Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Fellowship at Columbia Law School, which supports Fellows committed to public interest.

As the president of the Baruch College Board of Trustees, his vision is to help cultivate the amazing talent that exists at the College and bring forward the next generation of leaders. He established the Max Berger Pre-Law Program as part of that vision.
The Max Berger Pre-law Program at Baruch has opened many doors for me. It’s a great opportunity for any student interested in the legal field.” — Jibreel Jalloh (Accountancy ’16)

The Max Berger Pre-Law Program offers Baruch students and alumni comprehensive law school preparation, with the goal of gaining admission to the nation’s top law schools.

A law degree opens up a wide range of stimulating career choices in the public and private sectors. From defending basic human rights or representing multi-billion dollar corporations to becoming a well-respected judge, few degrees provide the options, skills, and prestige of a JD.

Obtaining a law degree, and ultimately practicing law, is a complex and time-intensive undertaking, requiring drive, commitment, and discipline. With numerous resources, this unique program provides the support and advisement necessary to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Program Offerings

Max Berger Pre-Law Fellows: An intensive law school preparatory program geared toward assisting and propelling high-potential students to gain admission to the nation’s top law schools. Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who demonstrate a high-level of academic promise and desire to pursue a career in the legal profession can participate. Upon acceptance to the program, students are assigned an attorney mentor in the practice area of their choosing.

Max Berger Pre-Law Winter and Summer Institutes: Week-long seminars that prepare current students and alumni for the law school application cycle, the world of law school, and beyond. Participants hone their writing, logical reasoning, and reading comprehension skills through LSAT workshops. Other activities include visits to law schools, bar associations, courts and panel presentations relevant to pre-law students.

Max Berger Pre-Law Unpaid Internship Stipend: Financial assistance for current undergraduate students who complete an unpaid legal internship with a public sector (government or non-profit) legal employer. Legal internships provide valuable experience and are an important stepping stone in helping students decide whether a graduate-level legal education is the right choice for them.

Max Berger Pre-Law LSAT Reimbursement Program: Financial support for current students and recent graduates who have taken a commercial LSAT preparation course.

Program participants have gained admission to the following law schools:

- University of California, Berkeley
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Harvard University
- University of Michigan
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- University of Texas
- University of Virginia