

**GREENBERG TRAURIG ATTORNEYS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY--  
LAUNCH A SIX WEEK INTRODUCTION TO LAW CLASS AND MOCK TRIAL  
COMPETITION FOR ATLANTA'S INNER-CITY YOUTH**

**ATLANTA (November 11, 2011)** — The Atlanta office of Greenberg Traurig LLP today announced the launch of “Lawyer for a Day,” an annual law course and mock trial competition for Atlanta’s inner-city youth. Developed for the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and held in conjunction with Atlanta Public Schools and B.E.S.T. Academy, the six-week program and mock trial competition will provide ninth and tenth grade students with professional mentorship opportunities and an introduction to the law and the legal field.

“In creating the ‘Lawyer for a Day’ program, our ultimate goal is to show inner-city youth the endless possibilities that lay before them,” said Ernest Greer, managing shareholder in Greenberg Traurig’s Atlanta office. “As leaders in the business and legal community, we believe it is imperative that we reach out to students at a critical age and demonstrate that with hard work and perseverance, exciting and successful careers are attainable for anyone, regardless of their background.”

“We are delighted to partner with Greenberg Traurig on this outstanding program,” said John Grant, CEO 100 Black Men of Atlanta. “The experience and education the young people will gain by participating is invaluable.”

Greer designed the “Lawyer for a Day” program with Richard Valladares, a litigation shareholder also based in Atlanta. Greer and Valladares will serve as pro bono instructors for the course alongside more than ten other attorneys from the firm’s Atlanta office. The course will introduce students to the legal profession and teach the fundamentals of performing in a business environment. Weekly hour-long classes will take students through the basics of each step of the legal process and include topics like case strategy, trial preparation and oral presentation skills. In addition, the students will have access to Greenberg Traurig attorneys via conference calls and meetings throughout the program. This will not only assist the students in developing their trial strategies but also teach them the fundamentals of successfully working in a more realistic law firm environment.

The program began on November 3, 2011 and will be offered in two sections, with one section meeting during school hours at B.E.S.T. Academy and a second section meeting as part of the after school program at the headquarters of 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

In addition to the instructional component of the program, students will be assigned a case and will work in teams of two to develop an argument for the prosecution or defense. The teams will be paired with a Greenberg Traurig attorney who will mentor the students and aid them in the construction of their case. The course will culminate with teams from both sections facing one another in a mock trial competition.

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