# The Problem

Too many people lack the legal and civic knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to solve individual and community problems and participate effectively in public life. The world cannot be just and fair without the participation of an informed and engaged public.

# What We Believe

To achieve a just and fair world, all people need to understand how law and government work, how to effectively advocate for themselves and others, and that they can and should participate in civic life. Providing this foundation to all people is a community responsibility that is best accomplished through collaboration between the legal and education sectors.

## Strategies

Our programs aim to achieve the following:

- Teach young people how law and government work
- Teach young people how to participate effectively in civic life
- Instill a belief that everyone can and should participate
- Amplify impact by connecting school, community, and legal professionals

## Outcomes

Each strategy results in these outcomes:

- People are able to navigate a law-saturated society.
- People are able to use the law to solve individual and community problems.
- People are prepared to confidently make decisions that serve their best interests and those of their communities.
- People understand, accept, and fulfill rights and responsibilities.
- People are able to:
  - Identify problems
  - Listen to and respect multiple perspectives
  - Consider the impact of policies and decisions on others
  - Weigh alternatives
  - Identify solutions
  - Compromise
  - Influence leaders to fix problems
  - Become leaders and changemakers themselves
- People from all backgrounds add their voices to the discussion of public issues and are effective in shaping public discourse and in influencing decisions.
- More people are involved in ensuring that all members of society can participate in civic life.
- The legal community benefits from the opportunity to participate in meaningful community service activities.

## Impact

The above outcomes lead to these impacts:

- Public discourse is civil, comprehensive, and driven by broad interests. People are tolerant of diverse opinions.
- People believe in the importance of protecting fundamental human rights for all and convey that belief to leaders.
- People expect their leaders to act with integrity and consider multiple perspectives. Leaders earn the confidence and trust of the people.
- People democratically select leaders who serve their best interests.
- Local, regional, and national decisions and policies consider the needs and interests of all community members.
- People change systems or institutions when necessary to advance justice.

## Vision

A just and fair world powered by people who are informed, skilled, and engaged in improving their lives, communities, and governments.