The Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program is the New York City Bar’s primary pipeline program for increasing Diversity in the legal profession. In addition to placing students in summer jobs with corporate law firms, legal non-profits, and judges for the summer, the program offers instruction in networking, resume-building, and office etiquette, as well as SAT prep courses, mock trial programs, a Constitutional Symposium, and mentorship programs. Chaired by LS-NYC’s Director of Communications and Government Relations, Edwina Frances Martin, the program this year had more attorney volunteers and participating employers than ever before.

The program has also forged strong ties with the Opportunity Network, the Posse Foundation, and with other programs that provide support to inner-city students. LS-NYC’s central office and LS-NYC Brooklyn Branch hosted students this summer; the Legal Aid Society also hosted students this summer. Attorneys from both LS-NYC and Legal Aid volunteered with the program throughout the course of the summer.