

# Jakob Kramer

## EDUCATION

### Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

2025-Present

*Juris Doctor Candidate, class of 2028*

### University of Toronto

2020-2025

*Honours Bachelor of Arts – High Distinction*

- Philosophy Specialist focusing on 18-20<sup>th</sup> century continental philosophy.
- Dean's List Scholar (*all eligible years*)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Trial & Error Mock Trial and Moot Bootcamp, Toronto

2022-Present

*Co-Founder and Executive Director*

- Designed and launched a low-cost, hybrid advocacy education program delivering mock trial and moot court training to high school and undergraduate students across North America.
- Authored and curated 150 pages of original instructional materials on trial advocacy, persuasive oral advocacy and foundational legal principles.
- Recruited and coordinated lawyers and law professors from across North America to deliver specialized lectures on advocacy skills, including examinations and opening/closing statements.
- Secured funding and sponsorship to support undergraduate mock trial and moot court participants at, providing \$550 in free programming, and distributing over \$2500 in direct financial assistance.

### University of Toronto Division of Student Life, Toronto

2023-2025

*Campus Organizations Assistant*

- Collaborated with professional staff at the University of Toronto to design, refine and deliver programming for student clubs across the St. George campus.
- Created and pitched a digital classroom and virtual community hub that now serves as the primary platform for delivering club resources and support to all registered clubs at the University.
- Supported over 200 registered University of Toronto clubs by responding to inquiries on institutional policies, compliance requirements and funding guidelines.

## SELECT ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Frozen Open Osgoode Moot, Osgoode Hall, Oralist	February 2026
- Lerners LLP Cup Moot, Osgoode Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place oralist	November 2025
- Trial-by-Combat National Championship, Drexel Kline and UCLA, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	June 2025
- American Mock Trial Association National Championship, Honourable Mention team	April 2025
- Faculty of Law Mock Trial, University of Toronto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place team	December 2024
- “Yellowjacket” Mock Trial, University of Rochester, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	October 2024
- “Throwdown” Mock Trial, Case Western Reserve University, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	October 2024
- American Mock Trial Association Opening Round Championship, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place team	March 2024
- “UofT Cup” Mock Trial, University of Toronto, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	December 2023
- “Mockathon” Mock Trial, Boston College, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place team, Outstanding Attorney	December 2023
- “OTTO” Mock Trial, Syracuse University, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	October 2023
- “New England Classic” Mock Trial, University of Connecticut, Outstanding Attorney	October 2021
- “Maple Bowl” Mock Trial, McGill University, 1 <sup>st</sup> place team	March 2021
- “Calkins” Mock Trial, Drake University, Outstanding Attorney	October 2020

## **EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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**American Mock Trial Association, Virtual** 2025-Present

*Tournament Administration Committee Member*

- Partnered with attorneys and volunteers to execute multi-jurisdictional advocacy tournaments, overseeing logistics and judicial staffing for over 850 student participants nationwide.
- Worked with a committee of attorneys and volunteers to assist local tournament hosts organizing 32 regional tournaments, 8 championship tournaments, and the National Championship tournament with logistics and judge recruitment.

**Pro Bono Students Canada, Toronto** 2025-Present

*Caseworker, 519 Trans ID Clinic*

- Assisted members of Toronto's transgender community in navigating complex provincial and federal name and gender change processes.
- Conducted one-on-one client meetings, conduct complex legal research, and handle case-load management.

**Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS) Toronto** 2025-Present

*Mock Trial Teaching Resources Developer*

- Identified gaps in programming and provided solutions to improve advocacy education in Toronto's underserved communities.
- Conducted legal research and drafted instructor manuals, student guides and classroom activities to support experiential legal education.

**Osgoode Society for Civil Litigation, Toronto** 2025-Present

*1L Representative*

- Developed and proposed plans for a new trial advocacy competition at Osgoode, including potential cross-organization collaborations with other registered Osgoode clubs.
- Assisted upper year executives to manage club activities and provide support where requested.

**Mentoring, Various Locations** 2021-Present

*Coach, UofT American Mock Trial (2025-Present)*

- Trained and mentored undergraduate competitors in trial procedure, oral advocacy and evidentiary strategy.
- Guided undergraduate students on trial procedure, effective presentation, and legal issues.
- Coached students at 7 tournaments, with competitors winning 7 individual awards for outstanding trial advocacy so far.

*Volunteer Mock Trial Judge (2021-Present)*

- Adjudicated 38 mock trial rounds across 10 competitions.
- Evaluated competitors and delivered detailed feedback on advocacy technique and courtroom performance.

**University of Toronto, Toronto** 2024-2025

*Student Initiative Fund Committee Member*

- Reviewed and approved funding applications allocating \$75,000 in university resources to student clubs to host events designed to expand and improve the student experience.
- Facilitated collaborative conversations to equitably distribute university funds to over 250 student clubs.

## **INTERESTS**

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- Avid cook but anti-cookbook
- Sports: American football, basketball, Formula 1
- Having too many pets