

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 18-20th 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

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

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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 staging 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 programing 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
IL 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 collaborate conversations to equitably distribute university funds to over 250 student clubs.

INTERESTS

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