



N.J. Program Designed To Increase Number Of Hispanics In Legal Field, CBSNewYork, ft. Anna Maria Tejada

October 8, 2019 - PASSAIC, N.J. (CBSNewYork) — A group of Hispanic lawyers in New Jersey are stepping out of the office and into high school classrooms.

It's part of a program to increase the number of Hispanics in the legal field and show students that the sky is the limit, CBS2's Lisa Rozner reported Tuesday.

And only a fraction make it to partner. That's why attorney Anna Maria Tejada started the "American Dream Pipeline Program" seven years ago. Hispanic attorneys meet every month with high school students in Passaic and Union City.

According to Tejada, they discuss "their areas of interest with respect to careers and also look at types of colleges or universities that they want to apply to."

Students and adults say they have seen the most growth through one-on-one mentoring.