



MWL's Student to Attorney Mentor Program 2019-2020

Don't miss this great opportunity!

Law Students: Take advantage of this unique opportunity to connect with an attorney who is excited to share her experience practicing law!

Attorneys: Be a legal leader by providing guidance to a law student who is very interested in your practice and experience in the legal profession.

Law students and attorneys will be matched in a mentoring relationship, based on student interest and attorney practice area. Given that student interest is very diverse, MWL welcomes attorneys with all levels of experience, in all geographic locations, and in all practice areas including non-traditional fields.

Timeline

October 25, 2019	Registration forms are due.
Week of October 28, 2019	MWL will make matches and send contact information.
November 22, 2019	Deadline for students to contact mentor.

Mentors and mentees are expected to spend 10-12 hours on their mentoring relationship. Ideally, matches will meet at least 4 times throughout the year.

Goals and Expectations

- Students and attorneys **must be current members of MWL**. Membership for law students is only \$20! Membership applications can be found on-line at <http://www.mwlawyers.org/>
- MWL suggests that mentors and mentees meet twice a semester. The student will be responsible for making initial contact with the attorney by November 22, 2019.

Suggested Activities

- Attend MWL events together (Many MWL events are free and easily accessible!)
- Attend other legal community events together, such as MSBA section meetings, Bar or Affinity Bar events, networking events, CLEs, luncheons, alumni events, etc.
- Meet over coffee or lunch at an accessible location.
- Invite your mentee to your workplace to meet your colleagues, observe, and learn about your career.
- Observe something related to your mentor's work such as a deposition, client meeting, strategy session, court hearing, trial proceeding, mediation, etc.
- Invite your mentee to an event you're already planning to attend, such as a bar event, networking gathering, or section meeting.
- Do a mock interview and/or informational interview with your mentor and get feedback.
- Review and provide feedback on your mentee's resume, cover letter, and writing samples.
- Introduce your mentee to members of the legal community in person and/or via email introductions

Suggested Questions: For Mentees to ask Mentors

- What resources and activities were the most helpful for you as a law student?
- What's the best advice you received as a law student?
- Do you have any tips about exams, studying, classes, externships/internships, or volunteering?
- What were the most valuable experiences you had as a law student?
- What do you wish you would have learned in law school?
- What practical legal skills have been most relevant to your job?
- What has your career path looked like since law school?
- How did you get your first job after law school?
- Do you have any tips about applying and interviewing for legal jobs?
- What are the best ways to network in the legal community?
- In what ways have you been involved with professional associations, sections, or committees?
- What experiences and qualities are most highly valued by legal employers?
- What do you most like about your current job? What is most challenging?
- What does the legal market look like right now, from your perspective?

Suggested Questions: For Mentors to ask Mentees

- Why did you want to go to law school?
- What are your favorite law school classes, experiences, professors, volunteer activities, etc.?
- What parts of law school have you found to be the most challenging?
- What is your dream job after law school?
- What areas of the legal profession are of interest to you?
- Who is in your professional network?
- What questions do you have for me?