

DEAN'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONALISM GUIDELINES

The Dean's Certificate of Professionalism is a prestigious award, presented by our Law School Dean, to those students who exemplify the professional character traits that students and attorneys should aspire to: Leadership, Law School and Community Engagement, and Public Service. In addition to receiving public recognition and a suitable-for-framing certificate, those who earn the Dean's Certificate may indicate this designation on their resumes as a Law School Honor.

To earn the Dean's Certificate of Professionalism, you must successfully complete *all 3 Pillars of Professionalism*, as specified below. These cumulative goals may be achieved at any time during your (3 or 4 year) tenure as an NSU Law student:

3 Pillars of Professionalism:

- I. Law School Service / Leadership**
- II. Legal Community Engagement**
- III. Public Service**

I. Law School Service / Leadership. *Any one of the following activities qualify:*

- Serve in a leadership position as a Law School Ambassador or Board Member of a Law School Student Organization (e.g. SBA, BLSA, PAD, HLSA, PULSE, etc.)
- Gain membership and participate on a Law Journal (ILSA or Nova Law Review)
- Gain membership and participate in Moot Court Society or NTA
- Represent NSU in a trial or moot court competition
- Gain membership and participate in Inns of Court

II. Legal Community Engagement. *Any two of the following are required from categories a, b, or c.*

- a.** Each semester, the Career Office will present workshops in its **Career Learning Series (CLS)**. CLS workshops focus upon essential career-path skills, including resume drafting, letter drafting, job search strategies, interviewing, etc.
 - To qualify for the Dean's Certificate under II.a, you must attend at least 4 CLS workshops (in total) - during your tenure as an NSU Law student.
- b.** Participate in the **NSU Mentoring Program** for law students, with attorneys from the legal community participating as Mentors. The program will include 4 live mentoring events per year.
 - To qualify for the Dean's Certificate under II.b, you must attend at least 2 Mentoring programs (in total) - during your tenure as an NSU Law student.
- c.** Attend **legal community events and submit a reflective writing summary** of your experience. Qualifying organizations include programs at American Bar Association, Florida Bar Association, Broward County Bar Assoc., Dade County Bar Assoc., Hispanic Bar, Inns of Court, FAWL, CABA, or any other voluntary Bar Association event. Following the event, to qualify, you must submit a summary describing the event (including name of the host organization, date, and purpose) and a 1-2 page reflective essay discussing the event and your experience.
 - To qualify for the Dean's Certificate under II.c, you must attend at least 2 community programs (in total) - during your tenure as an NSU Law student.

III. Public Service

- You must perform **at least 50 hours** of pro bono legal service while a student at NSU Law. To ensure that your pro bono work qualifies for this designation, please consult the guidelines for the [Pro Bono Honor Program](#). Your 50 hours of public service will also qualify you for the Bronze Level honor in NSU Law's Pro Bono Honor Program.