



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The NSU Law Mentoring Program (“Program”) includes the following:

- A group mentoring model and not the traditional 1:1 pairing of Mentor to Mentee.
- Three in-person meetings during the 2015-2016 academic year that bring Mentors and Mentees together.
- A LinkedIn Private Group for Mentors and Mentees to join so they can share information, discuss ideas, and invite each other to events or activities that are relevant to the Mentoring Program.
- A list of suggested activities organized by group to help Mentors discover opportunities to help Mentees achieve the learning outcomes for the Program.
- An activity log for Mentees to track their experiences.
- An opportunity for Mentors and Mentees to provide feedback and suggestions through a Survey form.

The Mentoring Program Learning Outcomes By the end of the academic year, the Mentees should:

1. Plan for the transition from law student to lawyer, including time management skills and goal-setting;
2. Create and maintain a mentoring relationship with a colleague;
3. Understand strategies to manage: clients, cases, projects, and employees;
4. Practice preparation techniques in professional settings, such as meetings, hearing, depositions, trials, business transactions;
5. Prepare strategies to address novel situations as they arise in the business and practice of law.

Mentor/Mentee Registration

The first step for a Mentor or Mentee to take is to complete the Mentor or Mentee Program Information and Group Registration Form, sign the Mentor or Mentee Participation Agreement, and send both to the Program Director. The Program Director will organize the Mentors and Mentees into the Practice Groups and will send the Mentor and Mentees the Suggested Activities by Group forms, which list ideas and opportunities to help Mentees achieve the Program Learning Outcomes. Invitations to Mentors and Mentees to join the LinkedIn Private Group will also be sent to all Program registrants after the Mentor or Mentee returns the signed Participation Agreement.

Invitations

All invitations to the three events listed below, to join the LinkedIn Private Group, and invitations to other opportunities will be sent by e-flyer, email, or social media.

Mentor/Mentee Practice Groups

On the Information & Group Registration Form, Mentors will select one Practice Group to join that is the most relevant group to their area of practice. Likewise, Mentees will select one Practice Group to join that best aligns with their area of interest.

At the three scheduled in-person events, Mentors and Mentees will meet in their respective groups for the program event. This will enable group members to get to know one another better. The LinkedIn Private Group will also enable all Mentors and Mentees to communicate with each other and invite each other to events or learning opportunities, and engage in discussions relevant to the Program.

The Program Director will maintain a spreadsheet by Group listing the Mentors and Mentees names and contact information. Messages may be sent occasionally to Mentors and Mentees, keeping them informed about Program events and opportunities of interest to one or more Groups. Explanations of each Group are included on the Registration form.

The Groups are as follows:

- (1) Civil Litigation Practice Group
- (2) Civil Transaction Practice Group
- (3) Criminal Practice Group
- (4) Government Law Group
- (5) Entertainment, Arts, Sports & Intellectual Property Law Group
- (6) Family Law Group
- (7) Public Interest Law Group
- (8) Real Property, Probate, Trust, Estates, and Tax Law Group

LinkedIn

The Program Director established a LinkedIn Private Group, membership in which is by invitation-only to Mentors and Mentees who register in the Program. If participants do not have a LinkedIn page, creating a basic page on LinkedIn is free and easy to do. The LinkedIn Private Group provides a platform to virtually connect Mentors and Mentees with each other to:

- Discuss topics of interest.
- Share links to online articles, podcasts, or blogs that are helpful and relevant to some or all the Group(s).

- Invite each other to events such as Bar Association functions, alumni events for NSU Law, or similar activities (see suggested activity list by Group).

Mentoring Events at Shepard Broad College of Law

Mentor/Mentee Breakfast: Friday, October 9, 2015 (7:30 am to 9:00 am)

Speaker Topic: Developing effective communication skills both in-person and online

Mentor/Mentee Breakfast: Friday, November 6, 2015 (7:30 am to 9:00 am)

Speaker Topic: Manage your time and you will manage your stress

Mentor/Mentee Breakfast: Friday, March 11, 2015 (7:30 am to 9:00 am)

Speaker Topic: Group workshop and presentations

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