



NSU Law Mentoring Program

Suggested Activities for Mentors and Mentees Group # 3 – Criminal Litigation

Below are activities in which Mentors and Mentees may want to participate during the academic year. This list is not exhaustive and is intended to give you suggestions for Mentees to observe the Mentor in his/her practice.

Questions? Contact Program Director at lawalumni@nova.edu

LITIGATION PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

- Initial Client Intake Process
- Developing Case Strategy
- E-Filing, E-Service and Scheduling Hearings or Trials
- Client Counseling
- Trial preparation – discuss trial strategy and preparation
- Observe *voir dire*
- Attend/observe a court hearing or trial
- Discuss post-trial strategy
- Attend/observe post-trial motion hearing
- Observe preparation for appeal – discuss appellate strategy, brief-writing, and oral argument

COMMUNICATION, INTERPERSONAL SKILLS & NETWORKING SKILLS ACTIVITIES Mentors can model good communication skills and interpersonal skills so Mentees can observe successful communication techniques used with colleagues, employees, clients, judges and other people/groups with whom they come in contact during the course of their career.

Good networking and people skills are important for business development and collaboration. Here are suggested activities that Mentors and Mentees can do together to develop these skills:

- Attend an Inn of Court event in Broward, Palm Beach or Miami-Dade
- Attend a local Bar Association event
- Attend an event that teaches leadership, communication, and networking skills
- Attend an NSU Law Alumni event related to the Group practice area
- Attend a Toastmasters, Dale Carnegie, or similar organization's event where communication skills are taught