Open to All Students

WHAT IS THE STUDENT-ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM?

The Student-Alumni Mentor Program (“Program”) is designed to assist law students with defining and setting career goals and developing a better understanding of the real life demands of the legal profession. Mentors participating in the Program are Cardozo alumni who are willing to volunteer their time to guide Cardozo students in navigating the law school experience, as well as navigate the first steps on the path toward becoming legal professionals. Furthermore, in the Cardozo Student-Alumni Mentor Program there are mentors residing both within and outside the NYC metro area which can be a great added benefit to students seeking to gain insights into other geographic areas of interest.

Participating in the Cardozo Student-Alumni Mentor Program will also allow you to register for special events including the Monthly Mentor Lunch – Practice Area Spotlight series (first Wednesdays of selected months in the Fall and Spring semesters), as well as an annual Cardozo Connections Networking event, for example. While some of these events may be open to students at-large, preference for limited registration events will be given to students participating in the mentor Program.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE STUDENT-ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM:

The Program is administered through Symplicity. Access the mentor program through the “Networking” tab of Symplicity. Navigate to this section using either the “Professional Network” button located under “Shortcuts” or the “Networking” button along the top of your screen.

From the main networking screen you will be able to create a basic search for a mentor (i.e. city, state, practice area, undergraduate institution, bio keyword). Both alumni names and employer names have been blinded during the search process. You receive this information once you have selected a mentor. You can create an advanced search using the “detailed search” tab. To find complete information on a mentor click on the “view” button in the main “Networking” page. Please note that many alumni only have their job title, practice area(s) and Cardozo graduation date listed.

When you find an alumnus/alumna you wish to request as a mentor click on the “Interested” button within a mentor’s “Contact Information” page. A “ProNet Message” text field will pop up. In this field enter biographical information about yourself, including your contact info. This information will then be forwarded along to your mentor. The more information you provide the better! You will know you have successfully sent your info when your “Interested” button switches to “Withdraw Interest.” Be careful not to select the “Interested” button more than once as you will have then inadvertently selected more than one mentor, which is not permissible.
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Shortly after requesting a mentor you will receive an automated message notifying you that your request has been sent and also informing you of your mentors name. Your mentor will follow up with you thereafter, typically within two weeks.

In fairness to all students, you are to select ONLY one mentor through this program! There are no exceptions. Students found to have requested multiple mentors will be banned from the Program!

Julie Anna Alvarez in the Office of Career Services oversees student participation in the Cardozo Student-Alumni Mentorship Program. If you have questions or for more information, please email jalvare1@yu.edu.