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## NIU COLLEGE OF LAW MENTORING PROGRAM

### MISSION OF THE NIU LAW MENTORING PROGRAM

*The mission of the NIU Law School Mentoring Program is to promote professional relationships between students and alumni on an individual basis. Mentors will be asked to introduce first-year students to the legal profession in several ways, including: (1) realistic advice about the practice of law, (2) meaningful career advice, (3) exposure to the courts and law offices, (4) socialization and networking with the legal community, and (5) demonstrating professional values and ethics.*

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### WHAT DOES A MENTOR HAVE TO DO?

We recognize that mentors are busy professionals. While we encourage additional contact between mentors and mentees, mentors commit each semester to coordinate a minimum of one “in person” professional activity (suggestions below) and one additional conference (in person or by telephone) with their mentee. For the most part, when a mentor believes the mentee could learn from any part of the mentor’s work day, the mentor is simply asked to invite the mentee along. Here are some suggested activities to consider planning with your mentee:

- a court hearing, trial, or public meeting that you attend in the course of your practice;
- a Continuing Legal Education event (if it is of little or no cost);
- a professional society, committee, or bar association meeting in which you are involved;
- a morning, afternoon, or even a day, where the mentee can "shadow" your activities and experience a typical work experience;
- a tour of your office, to see what type of facilities and resources your practice requires; or
- a session to discuss course work or teachers, or possibly to suggest the best class selection for your area of law.

### HOW DO I VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR?

Simply fill out a Mentor Application form. Feel free to contact Greg Anderson, Director of Career Opportunities and Development at [ganderson@niu.edu](mailto:ganderson@niu.edu) or (815) 753-9604 with any questions.



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## **MENTOR APPLICATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS/FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS:**

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IF POSSIBLE, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MATCH YOU WITH A STUDENT WHO HAS INDICATED A SPECIAL INTEREST IN WORKING WITH A MENTOR WHO HAS IDENTIFIED HIM/HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL GROUP (E.G. SECOND-CAREER STUDENTS; MARRIED STUDENTS; STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN; STUDENTS OF COLOR; LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER STUDENTS; WOMEN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MATCH, PLEASE TELL US WHICH GROUP(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT TO OUR STUDENTS!**