

LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL
MENTOR PROGRAM - SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Once you've had an initial meeting, whether at the kick-off reception or an individually scheduled get-together, try to be in touch with your mentor at least once a month, either through email, by attending a Mentor Program event, or by meeting one-on-one. This will take some effort on the part of both you and your mentor but if you want to get something out of the experience, you will need to put something in to it.

- A number of activities will be offered through the Mentor Program including events held downtown and at the Law School. These are, of course, designed to give you and your mentor an easy way, time, and place to get together on a monthly basis. But if these activities do not work for you and/or your mentor, please arrange to meet at other times. These meetings can take place at your mentor's office, over breakfast or lunch, or at some other predetermined setting to observe/participate in an activity (see below).

- While there are any number of things you and your Mentor can do together, consider asking your mentor about one or more of these:

Tour the Courts

Attend a bar meeting

Sit in on a client meeting

Tour Judges Chambers

Attend committee meetings

Attend non-Mentor Program LC event/speaker

Attend a court proceeding

Attend a CLE

- They may be many things you would like to talk about and learn from your Mentor. Be sure to really think through what you would like to talk with your mentor about - what your goals are in having a mentor. For first year students, in the fall, try to keep the focus on law school issues, such as first-year jitters, preparing for final exams, legal writing assignments, offering perspective on grades, and how to balance law school and personal time. For upper division students and spring semester of first year, consider asking questions about the practice of law and certain areas of practice, as well as for advice on getting legal experience (finding a job).

- You may be partnered with someone who does not practice in an area you are interested in; do not let that prevent you from asking questions of your Mentor. There are many commonalities among practice areas. Also, your Mentor may be able to introduce you to another attorney who practices in an area in which you are more interested.

- The bottom line is that the program takes a time commitment and both you and your Mentor must work at maintaining contact. If you have any difficulty contacting your Mentor, let Libby Davis know (eadavis@lclark.edu; 503-768-6610) and she can get in touch with your Mentor.