

DEFERRED ASSOCIATE LAW EXTERN SUPPORT PROJECT

New York City Bar Association's Law Firm Extern Support Project

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The New York City Bar and City Bar Justice Center are pleased to announce the launch of the Deferred Associate Law Extern Support Project. The Project was devised in response to the growing pool of law school graduates who have been deferred for up to a year from private law firms and have chosen to work in public interest law in New York City. The Project is also open to law firm associates who have accepted year-long voluntary deferral offers from their firms.

The main goal of the project is to provide a series of training sessions that will help the law firm externs get up to speed on the hard and soft skills needed to succeed at their externships and when they return to their law firms. A secondary goal of the Project is to bring the externs together with their peers to discuss their experiences in a supportive environment and to meet judges and established lawyers who support pro bono efforts.

We hope that the Project will enable externs who may not have expected to practice in a public interest setting to transition successfully in their respective externships. The Project is open to all deferred law firm associates (recent law graduates and associates who accepted voluntary year-long deferrals) and CLE will be provided for nearly all of the programming. For more information on the Project, please visit www.nycbar.org or contact Zakiyyah Salim-Williams, Project Director, Deferred Associate Law Extern Support Project, at (212) 382-6689 or zswilliams@nycbar.org

Pro Bono Net will also provide virtual networking opportunities for deferred associates, both in New York and nationwide through webinars, podcasts, and a private social networking group. For more information, visit www.probono.net/fellows

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the New York Community Trust for this Project as well as Pro Bono Net's virtual project.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING

(in conjunction with The Legal Aid Society and Legal Services NYC)

Welcome to the NYC Public Interest Community Breakfast featuring a Keynote Address by Nina Bernstein, Metro Reporter, New York Times who will provide a "Journalist's Eyeview of the Work of Poverty Lawyers" and Roundtable discussions addressing access to justice issues in New York City

Monday, September 14, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New York City Bar

Introduction to Interviewing and Counseling Clients & Negotiation

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New York City Bar

Cross Cultural Lawyering Skills: Interviewing and Counseling Clients Across Gender, Race and Age Gaps

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

New York City Bar

Research and Resources & Case Management

Thursday, September 17, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

New York City Bar

OCTOBER PROGRAMMING

Law Firm Extern Cocktail Party

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

New York City Bar

Professional Boundaries: Client Relationships, Opposing Counsel, and Co-counsel

Friday, October 23, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

New York City Bar

NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING

Evidence in Administrative Hearings & Trials: Gathering Evidence and Laying Foundations & Mock Administrative Hearing

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

New York City Bar

DECEMBER PROGRAMMING

Melding Public Interest and Firm Culture: Achieving Success at Your Externship and Back at your Firm

Friday, December 4, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

New York City Bar

Leadership Roundtable on Improving Access to Justice through Pro Bono

Thursday, December 17, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

New York City Bar

The New York City Bar will also hold a two-day bootcamp on October 13-14 to train deferred associates and law school graduates on how to be successful when they join a firm.