



GAYLAW Mentor-Mentee Program

FAQ

Q: What is GAYLAW?

A: GAYLAW is the independent, non-partisan bar association serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender lawyers, law students, and legal professionals in the national capital area. GAYLAW works to advance the interests of the LGBT community, to be their voice within the legal community, and to improve their professional lives.

Q: What is the GAYLAW Mentor-Mentee Program?

A: The Program provides a chance for law students, recent law school graduates, and new lawyers to establish professional relationships with experienced attorneys. It is a resource for educational and career advice and a chance to discuss the challenges and rewards of practicing law in the nation's capital.

Q: What is the value of GAYLAW's Mentor-Mentee Program?

A: Mentees benefit from an environment in which it is safe to seek career advice and openly discuss professional issues and concerns. Mentors not only benefit from the opportunity to give back to the community and shape a new generation of LGBT lawyers, but also from the unique perspectives of their mentees. The Program is meant to be a reciprocal learning experience that leaves each individual more aware, active, and effective than before.

Q: What would be my obligations as a mentor or mentee?

A: Requirements are flexible and depend upon the initiative of participants. It is important that mentors and mentees meet at GAYLAW events or set aside other times to meet.

Q: How can I apply?

A: Application forms are available at www.gaylaw.org/lawstudents.html and are accepted year round. Email completed forms to GaylawMentorship@gmail.com.

Q: Am I guaranteed a mentor/mentee? Can I request a specific one?

A: We will do our best to pair all applicants. Due to large demand, we may not be able to pair everyone. We encourage those not paired right away to remain active with GAYLAW as we work to serve you. If additional mentors join the program, we will pair them with remaining mentees. If there is a specific mentor or mentee with whom you would like to be paired (or not paired), you may note that on the sign-up form.

Q: I have further questions. Where do I go for answers?

A: Send questions to GaylawMentorship@gmail.com, and we will respond as soon as possible.

In addition to our main website, www.gaylaw.org, GAYLAW is on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gaylawdc) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/GaylawDC).