BRIDGE TO SUCCESS MENTOR PROGRAM
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Program Summary
New England Law | Boston is excited to offer the Bridge to Success Mentor Program. This program helps students explore legal careers by matching them with alumni mentors who share a common background, interests, or practice area. Students have the opportunity to develop a mentoring relationship with an attorney to whom they can talk about career goals, day-to-day law practice, types of practice, how to assimilate successfully within a legal environment, career networking, and job search strategies and skills.

Eligibility
Eligibility is limited to 2L and 3L students. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are matched based on the availability of mentors.

Terms of Program
The program begins in the fall and continues through the last day of classes.

It is suggested that each student and his/her mentor meet in person at least two (2) times each semester and communicate with each other at least once per month.

The New England Law | Boston Bridge to Success Mentor Program will make every effort to find the best match for students and mentors, based on common interests or background; however, there is no guarantee that matches will be successful.

At the end of the program, students will be asked to complete an online survey to evaluate the program. The results of the survey will help the school to enhance the program in the future.

The Mentoring Relationship
The program requires a commitment from both students and mentors. Each student must commit to making his/her best effort to meet with the mentor at least two times each semester and communicate at least once per month during the term of the program. Students are encouraged to initiate contact with mentors. This two-way relationship requires the student’s input in suggesting ways in which the mentor can be helpful.

Students should keep in mind that mentors are taking time away from work and other responsibilities to meet with the student; therefore, a student must be responsive to the mentor and follow through with scheduled meetings.
**Note:** The purpose of this program is for students to obtain career advice from alumni who have volunteered to be mentors. Students should not make inquiries regarding job opportunities with their mentor.

**Student Mentor Program Contract**

All participating students must agree to the terms of the New England Law | Boston Bridge to Success Mentor Program Student Contract.

Any questions regarding the New England Law | Boston Bridge to Success Mentor Program should be directed to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at alumni@nesl.edu or 617-422-7422.
As a participant in the New England Law | Boston Bridge to Success Mentor Program I accept the following obligations:

- I will not use my participation in the Mentor Program to solicit my mentor for employment.

- I will conduct myself in a manner which reflects the highest professional and ethical standards.

- I will honor confidentiality. Any information concerning clients divulged by my mentor is revealed in the strictest of confidence.

- I will dress in appropriate business attire when meeting with my mentor.

- I will honor all promises made in this program including making diligent efforts to maintain contact with my mentor and keeping appointments made with my mentor. I shall notify my mentor and the Career Services Office in writing if I withdraw from this program.

- I agree to complete the on-line survey in April 2014 to help evaluate the Mentor Program.

- I understand that my failure to abide by the requirements listed in this contract may result in my removal from the Mentor Program.

I understand that the number of available mentors may be fewer than the number of students who apply to the program, and that, while every effort will be made to match me with a suitable mentor, there is no promise that I will be assigned a mentor. I understand that if I am matched, there is no assurance that my mentor’s practice will fall within my stated area of interest.

By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the conditions for participating in the Mentor Program and I agree to abide by each and everyone one of the conditions stated above.

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Student (Mentee) Name (Please print)  Date

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Student (Mentee) Signature