



PLEASE BECOME AN AAJ MENTOR TODAY

Were you fortunate enough to have a mentor when you were a law student? If not, remember how much you would have liked to have a mentor?

As an AAJ Ambassador interested in fostering the professional development of the next generation of trial lawyers, you are the perfect candidate to mentor a law student.

AAJ law student members have said that having a mentor is one of the top benefits they hope to get from their AAJ membership. Therefore, AAJ staff have been working hard to connect students with mentors near their schools. At the moment, there is a list of nearly 80 AAJ law students who have asked AAJ to find them a mentor. AAJ staffs are seeking practicing trial attorneys interested in sharing their experience with our student members. Please become an AAJ Mentor today!!! If you are unable to be a mentor at the present time, could you please refer a colleague?

The minimum requirements of being an AAJ mentor are:

- Commit to serve for one year as a mentor to one or more law students.
- Meet with the student(s) at least every 4-6 weeks.
- Allow the student(s) to "shadow" you at least three days throughout the year, possibly observing you with clients or in court.

Yes! I hereby volunteer to serve as a Mentor to the following student(s). I understand that AAJ will provide the student(s) with my name and contact information, and the student(s) will contact me.

Name (*please print*) _____

Law Firm _____

Address _____

City and State _____ E-mail address _____

Number of student(s) I will mentor _____

My Area(s) of Practice _____

Please fax this form to Lauren Hezekiah at 202.298.6849. If you need more information about the program, please send an e-mail to lauren.hezekiah@justice.org, or call her at 800.424.2725, ext. 434. Thank you!

Here are some of the additional ways (if possible, but not required) AAJ mentors help students:

- Speak at AAJ law student chapter meetings
- Speak at a career panel at the local law school
- Coach a law school team for AAJ's Student Mock Trial Competition
- Invite students to attend depositions, courtroom hearings and similar events
- Critique resumes of law students seeking employment
- Participate in a mock employment interview with students
- Assist students with networking for clerkships or other employment positions
- Talk to students about your area of practice and give general career planning advice
- Provide job networking suggestions for students relocating to another city
- Invite a student to spend a day at your office
- Let a student work on a project for you
- Participate in the law student/mentor reception held at each AAJ Convention

By providing guidance, encouragement, and information to a law student about this incredibly exciting area of the law we have chosen, you will enrich at least one person's life and help to assure that the next wave of trial lawyers are both committed and prepared to protect the civil justice system.