

**Section on the Education of Lawyers
Virginia State Bar
Prelaw Mentoring Program**

**in partnership with the Minority Prelaw Programs
sponsored by the Young Lawyers Conference**

Program Guidelines

Purpose: To make Virginia lawyers available to attendees at YLC minority prelaw conferences to serve as a resource for questions about law school and pursuing a legal career.

Eligibility to Serve as a Mentor

- Active member of Virginia State Bar in good standing or
- Retired member of the Virginia State Bar who retired in good standing or
- Active/Retired member of the judiciary or
- Full-time professor at a law school in Virginia

Mentor Expectations

- Willingness to be contacted via phone or email to discuss legal careers and legal education
- Willingness to contact your mentee via email or telephone at least once.
- A mentor is free to do but not expected to do the following:
 - No expectation to meet with student personally
 - No expectation to host student at workplace
 - No expectation to network on behalf of the student
- Mentor agrees to make himself/herself reasonable available for mentoring over the course of a semester. Mentor is not required to but may continue mentoring beyond that time frame.

Mentee Expectations

- Professional interactions with mentor
- Raise questions that will assist in decision of whether and where to attend law school
- Will not seek networking or job assistance
- Will not contact mentors excessively