

# ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Programs

## Nationwide Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program—open to all lawyer and third year law student Section members—is a voluntary program that matches new Section members seeking guidance in their practice with veteran members who have experience in a particular aspect of the labor and employment law field. Matches will be made based on interest, affiliation, geographic location, and any other criteria the mentees request.

### How to Become a Mentee

Any Section member wishing to have a mentor should fill out the short online application and send it to the Section office. Applicants will be matched with more senior Section members who have played active roles within the Section. Once the match has been made, applicants will hear directly from their mentor.

### Mentoring Program Goals

- To provide support mechanisms that will encourage mentees to meet their professional and organizational goals.
- To attract and integrate new, women and minority lawyers to the Section.
- To facilitate a better understanding of the pathways to leadership within the Section.
- To develop relationships and institutional loyalty between mentees and the Section.

## Young Lawyers Division Fellowship Program

The Section of Labor & Employment Law is pleased to sponsor the Young Lawyers Division Fellowship Program. This program is designed to give young lawyers who are Section members the opportunity to become familiar with and actively involved in the Section. Highlights of this program are:

- **Participants receive a two-year Fellowship term with the Section of Labor & Employment Law;**
- **Participants are assigned to a substantive committee within the Section;**
- **Participants are expected to attend the midwinter meetings of the committee to which they are assigned;**
- **In addition to waiver of the registration fee, participants will be funded by the Section for their midwinter meeting travel expenses.**

Completed applications must be postmarked by **August 31** each year. The application should be sent to the Section office at the following address:

American Bar Association  
Section of Labor & Employment Law  
321 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

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## Trial Advocacy Competition

The American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law established the LEL Trial Advocacy Competition to introduce law students to the challenges and rewards of employment and labor litigation.

Law students who participate in the Competition have the opportunity to develop their trial advocacy skills in a mock courtroom experience. The Competition offers participating students a forum in which to develop the skills they will use as practitioners and a chance to meet and network with fellow law students and labor and employment law practitioners.

The Competitions are made possible by the outstanding commitment of volunteers from the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law who serve as coaches, judges and evaluators.

Teams consist of four students from the same school. Each trial will last about three hours and will be followed by comments from the evaluators.

**Contact the Section office at 312-988-5821  
with any questions regarding the competition.**

## Law Student Outreach Program

Take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about career paths in Labor and Employment Law from seasoned attorneys by attending one of the local sessions of the Law School Outreach Program. Members of the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law will visit ABA accredited law schools across the country to discuss the various career opportunities and special dimensions of this legal specialty.

In an effort to increase awareness and familiarity of career paths in Labor and Employment Law among law students, the Section is sponsoring the Law School Outreach Program at all accredited law school campuses across the United States. During these sessions, practicing attorneys provide insight into this dynamic area of the legal profession, affording students at all levels the unique opportunity to get a comprehensive view of the issues and details relating to this occupation.

Providing a balanced forum, panels of practitioners comprised of an employer lawyer, a union lawyer, a plaintiff's lawyer, and a neutral participant will share real-life experiences and information during one-hour lunchtime programs. This format allows students to look at labor and employment law from different vantage points to determine where their interests lie.