

ABA Forum on Communications Law E-Mail Mentoring Program

The Forum is pleased to announce a new mentoring program for junior media law attorneys and law students.

Any attorney with less than four years of experience practicing media law, as well as law students with an interest in media law, are eligible to be mentees. Mentees have the opportunity to post questions and concerns about career development and related issues to mentors via an email listserv of experienced media law attorneys, who will respond directly to the mentees. We anticipate informal relationships will develop between mentees and mentors both on- and off-line. While the mentor program is open to all lawyers and law students who meet the experience requirements, attorneys of color are particularly encouraged to participate.

Prospective mentees should send an email (please include “COMMLAW-MENTOR” in the subject line) to Teresa Ucok at the ABA at tucok@staff.abanet.org with their name, address, firm/organization/law school, year of law school graduation, and years practicing media law. We ask prospective mentees to be considerate of the participants and limit the subject of emails to career development and related issues. After being added to the list, you can post messages to: COMMLAW-MENTOR@mail.abanet.org

Experienced media law attorneys are encouraged to sign up to be mentors. Volunteering to be a mentor entails signing up for the mentoring email listserv, where mentees will send emails regarding career development and related issues. Our intention is you will only receive a limited number of email messages from mentees, and you can respond to any message you like, but you will not receive responses sent by others. By responding to mentees directly, we encourage you and the junior attorney to develop a mentoring relationship both on-and off-line.

Prospective mentors should send an email to Teresa Ucok at the ABA at tucok@staff.abanet.org with their name, address, firm/organization, and particular areas of expertise or focus. We ask prospective mentors to agree to participate for a minimum of one year.

The listserv is post-only (meaning all responses will go only to the individual who sent it, not the entire group). We look forward to the development of mentoring relationships. For more information, please contact Andrew Mar at andymar@microsoft.com.

