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## ALUMNI/STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM OFFERS BENEFITS TO MENTORS AND MENTEES



November 9, 2018

21 mentors and mentees, all participants in Cardozo's alumni/student mentoring program, came together for a networking event and panel on October 3, at the offices of Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP.

Spearheaded by the Offices of Alumni Affairs and Career Services and co-chaired by Noel Williams '87 and Eric Hochstadt '03, the program allows current law school students to connect with Cardozo alums in the professional legal world.

Students gain guidance and feedback from their mentors' firsthand experiences, while mentors are able to use their time in the professional world and learned experiences to give back to the students of the current day, who are just embarking on chosen career paths.

Student mentees obtain valuable career advice, feedback, and legal knowledge through this program. The mentor-mentee relationship is

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Billboard named Cardozo School of Law one of the top law schools in the country for training lawyers in the music industry. Cardozo is ranked among law schools around the nation, including Harvard and University of California, Berkley.

August 16, 2019

[Cardozo Welcomes the J.D. Class of 2022 \(/news/cardozo-welcomes-jd-class-2022\)](#)

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July 8, 2019

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designed to foster maximum productivity and commitment to Cardozo by encouraging strong collegial relationships and recognition of accomplishments.

Williams said, "I don't think many people outside of the process realize that there can be substantial benefits for the mentor as well as the mentee. The program allows the mentor to "give back" to the school, the mentee, and ultimately the legal community and allows the mentor to keep up with current goings on in Cardozo. The mentee is able to discover inside things about a possible career that may be lesser known."

Williams continued, "benefits to the mentee include learning to acclimate to law school and the legal profession; helping gain control of his or her law school and professional career and both the mentor and the mentee can mutually strengthen their communication and interpersonal relationship skills, and also allows both to practice giving and receiving feedback. The program is constantly changing. Currently, we attempt to maintain the relationships as well as add new mentees annually. In practice, it has always varied according to the preferences of the individuals involved."

Inez Lano, Director of Alumni Affairs, said, "the event was an example of our alumni having a solid understanding of the importance of paying it forward to our students and helping them become their best selves. Students benefit from alumni who share their advice and experience, propelling the students to enter a professional setting confident and prepared, ready to lead."

The 2018 Mentor Program proved to be a great success with 65 alumni mentors and 99 first-year mentees. The 2019 Mentor Program will follow a similar format in terms of creating new pairings for first-year students.

For more information about the mentor/mentee program, contact Erin Handler at [ehandler@yu.edu](mailto:ehandler@yu.edu) (<mailto:ehandler@yu.edu>).

is an annual tradition at the Law School. Led by a student committee, these individuals dedicate their efforts to enhancing engagement and fundraising efforts among classmates, friends and family in our community.

May 29, 2019

[Cardozo Hosts 41st Commencement \(/news/cardozo-hosts-41st-commencement\)](#)

A star-studded line-up kicked off Cardozo's 41th Commencement Exercises. Graduates received J.D. and LL.M. degrees at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall on May 28.

April 12, 2019

[Randall Rothschild '97 Talks Real Estate, Law and Business \(/news/randall-rothschild-97-talks-real-estate-law-and-business\)](#)

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Randall Rothschild '97 on April 9 as part of the *Pathways* speaker series. Rothschild discussed how Cardozo prepared him for a career in the real estate industry.

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