



Law Student Mentorship Program

Introduction and Objectives:

The South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut (“SABAC”) Law Student Mentorship Program (the “Program”) is designed to foster meaningful one-to-one mentoring relationships among practicing attorneys of all levels, and law students across the state. Each participant will be paired individually with a mentor or mentee based on practice area, professional interests, and career goals. The objectives of this program are as follows:

1. Provide personalized career guidance for Connecticut law students.
2. Strengthen ties between practicing attorneys and local law schools.
3. Broaden the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut’s outreach to law students.
4. Encourage leadership and mentorship skills among experienced attorneys.

Timeline:

Program Duration and Cycle: Mentorship pairings shall be made mid-way through the first semester of each new academic year. Students/mentees that do not graduate at the end of each cycle and do not opt-out of the Program for the following academic year will be re-paired with a new mentor the following academic year. The intent is that each student/mentee will be able to make connections with multiple attorneys throughout their legal academic career.

Student and Mentor Registration Deadline: October 31, 2026

Matching Notification: November 14, 2026

Mentor Requirements and Responsibilities:

Requirements:

1. Practicing attorneys with at least two years’ experience in an attorney position.
2. In good professional standing.

Responsibilities:

1. Offer strategic career guidance and share professional insights.
2. Connect mentee with others in the mentor’s existing network.
3. Help mentees set and refine goals.
4. Provide feedback and track progress throughout the program.
5. Encourage mentees to engage in professional development activities.
6. Schedule quarterly meetings (in-person preferred) with mentees.

Mentee Requirements and Responsibilities:

Requirements:

1. Good academic standing at the University of Connecticut School of Law, Western New England University School of Law, or Quinnipiac University School of Law. Applicants from other law schools will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
2. Considering practicing as an attorney in the State of Connecticut.

Responsibilities:

1. Set clear goals and track progress.
2. Seek feedback and guidance on career planning, skill development, and networking.
3. Participate actively in the Program.
4. Maintain regular communication and provide feedback to the Program committee.

Other Guidelines:

1. Mentors and mentees must all be professional and courteous.
2. To be part of the Program, mentors and mentees must become student or attorney members of SABAC at the time of application. Apply here: sabact.org/join-us/
3. The Program is open to those who are not of South Asian heritage.
4. Mentors and mentees should provide feedback about the Program or any concerns about the mentor/mentee match to SABAC.
5. Mentors and mentees may be re-matched off-cycle on a case-by-case basis.
6. Endeavor to meet during normal business hours in public spaces, subject to scheduling constraints.
7. SABAC reserves the right to dismiss mentors or mentees from the Program at any time.

Application Submission and Contact Information:

To apply to the Program, please apply here:

Any questions or comments? Contact Anand Gupta at anand.oliver.gupta@gmail.com, *and* at sabacvicepresident@gmail.com

To apply to SABAC, please visit the following link: sabact.org/join-us/

We look forward to your participation and the connections you'll build through this program.