

Law Mentorship Programme 2013-2014

Co-organized by the Faculty of Law and The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association

Introduction

The Law Mentorship Programme (“the Programme”) was first introduced in the year 2002-03 and is jointly run by the Faculty of Law and The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association. It aims to provide law students with the opportunity to meet practitioners and judges (many of whom are our alumni), and to enhance their educational, social and personal growth through a supportive relationship with their mentors. In the academic year 2012-2013, 53 mentors, many of whom are our alumni, and 106 students participated in the Programme.

Purposes

- To provide an opportunity for law students to learn more about the careers in the legal profession;
- To enhance personal development of students through interaction with their mentors; and
- To enable members of the legal profession to understand more about the life of a law student nowadays.

Eligibility

Students (in their second year or above) of LLB, double degree programmes and full-time PCLL who have NOT successfully joined the Programme before and punctually attended the full briefing session on 3 October 2013 are eligible to apply.

Grouping

In general, 2 mentors will be paired up with about 4 students to form a group. A mentor may also choose to form a group of three, consisting of the mentor and two students. Students are encouraged to form a group of two.

Activities

Each group will have at least two gatherings during the academic year 2013-2014. The Faculty will organize dinner gatherings to facilitate the first round of gatherings. Dinners will be held at the Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, The University of Hong Kong on **October 29 (Tuesday) and 30 (Wednesday)**.

Students in each group are encouraged and expected to take the initiative to organize the second meeting or gathering with their mentors not later than **March 2014**. Time, venue and format for the second meeting or gathering will be decided by the groups themselves.

Apart from group gatherings, students may, subject to their mentors' indication, communicate with them on an individual basis, through email, telephone or written correspondence.

Application

Students who would like to join the Programme should –

- 1) Attend the Briefing session

A briefing session will be held on **3 October 2013 from 7:00 pm sharp to 8:15 pm (registration starts at 6:50 pm), at Moot Court, 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong**. Apart from explaining the objectives and logistics of the Programme, previous mentors and mentees will share their experience in the Programme. Students **MUST** punctually attend the full briefing session before submitting the applications and **bring their student ID cards for registration**.

2) Find a partner and Return the application form

Find another student as your partner to join the Programme and ensure he/she had punctually attended the full briefing session as you did. If you are not able to find a partner, the Faculty will assign one to you. **Complete the application form at www.hku.hk/law/mentorship2013.html during 10am on 4 October – 5pm on 8 October 2013.** Details of the application will be announced at the Briefing Session.

3) Announcement

Selection of mentees will be based primarily on the information filled in the application form. You will be informed whether your application is successful and who your mentors are on or before **18 October 2013 (Friday)**. Result will also be posted on www.hku.hk/law/mentorship2013.html.

4) Attend the first meeting and Initiate the second one

Your first meeting with mentors (i.e. the dinner gathering) will be arranged on one of the following dates: 29 October 2013 (Tuesday) or 30 October 2013 (Wednesday). You are expected to pay HK\$400 for the dinner by 23 October 2013 (Wednesday).

Please initiate your second meeting with your mentors. The second meeting should be held not later than **March 2014**.

Enquiries

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