



MAP Mentor Program Overview

The MAP Mentor Program matches experienced paralegal mentors with paralegal students or paralegals that are new to their practice area, or paralegals that wish to learn about a new practice area, who are MAP members, to provide guidance related to the following areas, including but not limited to:

- Current information on the paralegal profession
- Career objectives
- Educational goals
- Resume review and interviewing tips
- Practice areas related paralegal duties
- Tips for obtaining a paralegal position
- The benefits of being a student member of a paralegal organization

Contact between mentors and mentees is largely conducted via e-mails and telephone calls. The Mentor Program Chair takes into consideration a mentee's interests and goals prior to placement with a mentor in order to establish a productive mentor-mentee relationship.

The Mentor/Mentee relationship typically lasts for about one (1) year, however, participants are welcome to continue in the Program.

Please note that the Program is not a placement service nor job training service. Mentors share their expertise, but they do not recruit and they do not provide Mentees with legal advice.

If interested in participating in the Mentor Program, please fill out and return the application for assignment of a mentor or the application to volunteer to serve as a mentor. For further information, please contact the Mentor Program Chair at Mentor@MDparalegals.org.



**MAP Mentor Program
Mentor FAQ**

So why should I become a Mentor?

1. Assist in the professional growth of a new paralegal;
2. Provide guidance and support, bridging gap between classroom and real world experience;
3. Hone your networking skills and build upon your professional image;
4. Help build student involvement in MAP; and
5. Give back to the profession, to your local community, to MAP and to Maryland's legal community at large.

What exactly does a Mentor do?

1. Interact with a Mentee via e-mail, telephone, personal visits, and/or at MAP events;
2. Make yourself available to answer questions and encourage interaction with your Mentee;
3. Forward articles or forms that may be of interest to your Mentee;
4. Encourage involvement in MAP, such as by attending events together;
5. Volunteer with a local non-profit together. Help each other to get involved and engage your local community;
6. Review your Mentee's resume and help them to focus and shape their professional goals and aspirations; and
7. Be creative and think of other ways you can help! Think back to when you could have used a mentor and what would have been the most helpful for you!

Mentor/Mentee Relationship Duration: Typically one (1) year, although participants may choose to continue relationships far beyond that time.

The MAP Mentor Committee is available as a resource for both Mentors and Mentees. The Committee will monitor the relationship and elicit feedback from both parties, so as to provide the optimal Mentor/Mentee experience.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mentor Program Chair at Mentor@MDparalegals.org.



**MAP Mentor Program
Mentee Application**

Please complete and submit this application. Upon approval, you will be introduced to a MAP paralegal that specializes in your area(s) of interest.

Name: _____
 School: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone No.: _____
 E-mail: _____

Areas of Interest (Please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy	<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Business Orgs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Trust Admin.
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Tort
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please scan and e-mail your application to:

MAP Mentor Program Chair
 Mentor@MDparalegals.org

Program Benefits May Include: 1. One-on-one access to experienced, veteran paralegals in the areas of expertise of your choice; 2. Exposure to real life paralegal experiences; 3. Availability of valuable practical advice on working in a legal office; 4. Connect and network with members of the local legal community; 5. Discuss and explore the current job market; 6. Explore different areas of the law to find your passion; and 7. Obtain assistance with resumes, legal research and legal writing skills.

