

Michael G. Massey Professional Mentoring Program

1L Student Professional Mentoring Program Orientation FAQs and Tips

- Who should initiate initial contact when trying to coordinate our first meeting?

Mentors are asked to initiate contact with students during the first semester. After the mentor-student relationship has begun, either mentor or student may contact the other.

- Is it mandatory to attend one of the 1L orientations?

*No. But it is **strongly encouraged**. Orientations will inform students about the program and expectations. It also serves as a fun opportunity for mentors and students to connect.*

- Do I need to attend the 1L orientation *with* my mentor/mentee?

We encourage mentors and students to attend orientations together. However, we know that this may not be feasible, and participants can attend without their match.

- Do I need to attend all of the 1L orientations?

No. Each orientation covers the same content.

- What if someone is unable to attend any of the 1L orientations?

If a mentor or student is unable to attend an orientation, then we first suggest coordinating with each other to schedule your initial meeting. You can watch the recorded orientation posted on the [orientation](#) webpage.

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- If I already met my mentor/mentee, do we still need to attend a 1L orientation?

We strongly encourage 1L students to try to attend one of the 1L orientations. If a mentor is new to the program, we ask that you coordinate attending an orientation together, as you both will obtain valuable information about the program by doing so.

- Do I need to RSVP for one of the 1L orientations?

Yes. We ask that both students and mentors RSVP for the orientation they are planning to attend as that helps us better prepare for each orientation.

- What if I have not been matched with a mentor prior to the 1L orientations?

We try our best to make sure all of our students are matched with a mentor prior to the start of orientations and have been contacted with the details of that match. Unfortunately, there may be times when a student does not get matched until the orientations have begun or are completed. This is frequently true for students who sign up for the program just prior to the school year. If you have not been matched prior to the orientations, we still recommend trying to attend one as it will benefit you once you are matched.

If you have not received an e-mail notifying you of your match, you can contact us at law-mentor@du.edu to receive an update.

- I did not participate in the program during my 1L year. Should I still attend the 1L orientation?

Yes. Although the orientation is focused on our 1L students, we encourage all students who are new to the program to attend a 1L orientation at the beginning of their participation in the program.

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- Is there a dress code for the 1L orientation?

There is no formal dress code. However, many mentors will be attending before or after work and will be dressed as they would for the office. We recommend that students dress at least one step up from how they typically dress for classes.

- Do you serve food at the 1L orientation?

Yes. Food is available during the reception that follows each orientation. The evening receptions will offer light hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soda. The morning receptions will feature a breakfast buffet. The lunch orientation will include lunch during presentations.

After you sign up for the PMP, please make sure we have an email address on file that you will continue to check once you start law school to ensure you receive our communications.

Please know that unless you or your mentor informs us that you will no longer be participating in the program or ask to be re-matched, we will assume you will continue participating with the same mentor throughout your law school career.