

Invitation for participation in the 2025 UCSB Pre-Law Mentorship Program

The UCSB Pre-Law Program Mentorship Team is looking for attorneys and judges, alumni or friends of UCSB, for our fourth offering of our UCSB Pre-Law Mentorship Program. For anyone mentors that are out of the area but would still like to participate, they can have virtual meetings with students in their cohort.

One of the greatest needs for many students in exploring different fields of law in preparation for law school is to connect with lawyers, judges, and others working in the legal profession in order to get an insider's perspective and find out what it's like to practice in a given field of law. However, many students do not have access to lawyers or judges among their family or social circles. For these students in particular, participation in a program like this is an invaluable foundation for their future.

For mentors, the program is an opportunity to meet with a small group of pre-law students who are interested in studying law and sharing their law school journey and practice experiences.

Depending on the number of mentors that volunteer for the program, our cohorts will be approximately 4 to 6 mentors/mentees each. The size of each cohort will determine the overall time commitment, with an anticipated commitment of 8 weeks, with approximately 1 hour per week.

Each of our mentors would meet twice with their primary mentee, once at the beginning and once at the end of the program, and once with each of the other mentees in their cohort, who will have rotating meetings with the other mentors in their cohort as well. The program will take place between weeks 2 and 9 of the spring 2025 quarter (week of April 7 through week of May 26, 2025), as a mentors' schedules permit. This includes meetings with students for approximately 5 to 7 hours total—depending on the size of the cohort—with approximately 1 hour each meeting, plus a 1-hour mentor orientation before the meetings with students begin and a 1-hour closing social with the whole group at the end of the program. The program will begin with the mentor orientation sometime the week of March 24 and end with the closing reception sometime the week of May 26, 2025.

If you are interested in learning more about this innovative program, please email Miguel Moran-Lanier at moran-m@ucsb.edu. If you are interested in being a mentor, please let Miguel know via email by Friday, March 14, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration and your support of our UCSB pre-law students.