

#### **BLOG**



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Our Chicago office welcomed a large contingent of the first-year law students attending the University of Illinois College of Law for a panel discussion with our attorneys on October 10 as part of the College's 2019 Professionalism Day. The purpose of this event is to get students acclimated to the profession, especially those aspects that are not generally covered in the first-year curriculum.



Winston Associates <u>Allie Clark</u> and <u>DaWanna McCray</u> advised attendees to take advantage of the connections that University of Illinois alumni like themselves can provide. **Reach out to alums working at firms of interest to you** – they are more than happy to chat or meet up with you for coffee.

Another key takeaway for the students was that **responsiveness can go a long way**. Attorneys (and clients) really appreciate a timely response, even if it is just to let them know you've received their request and will get to it soon.

Finally, our panelists recommended that students **build many meaningful relationships in law school and stay in touch with classmates**. You never know who will end up being a colleague or client down the road.



We were also pleased to have Winston alumnus Greg Miarecki, now Executive Assistant Dean for Career Planning and Professional Development for the College, join us at this program. Our firm was the students' first stop of the day, which continued with visits to the Cook County Circuit Court, other law firms, government agencies, and public interest organizations.

Winston's 2020 summer program is expected to run from mid-May to late July. Please visit our <u>Law Students</u> <u>Careers site</u> for more details.

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