

The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (“LCLD”) is made up of more than 300 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners, working to build a more open and diverse legal profession. Ask any successful attorney: Nothing propels a legal career like having a great mentor. That’s especially true when the mentor is at the top of the profession and takes an active, personal interest in the development of the young lawyer he or she is advising. To maximize these opportunities, \*LCLD has developed the Success in Law School Mentoring Program, a comprehensive initiative for first-year law students from diverse backgrounds based on the principles of legal excellence and personal involvement.\* Its goal is to ensure that talented law students receive the mentoring they need to maximize their potential, both during law school and afterwards as they prepare for the bar exam and launch their careers. The essence of the Individual Mentoring Program (IMP) is meaningful, one-on-one mentoring. Since its launch in 2012, the program has expanded from 25 to 33 cities across the United States, reaching more than 7,600 Mentors and Mentees in three academic year cycles.

In conjunction with the West Virginia State Bar and the West Virginia University College of Law, we have developed a program for First-year law students at the College of Law. First-year law students are eligible to be paired with an LCLD Mentor attorney. As a Mentor attorney, we encourage you to contact your student, and provide guidance and support over the course of a school year. Several networking events will be held for the entire group (students and mentors) to get together and foster relationships. This is a great opportunity to give back to the legal profession and have a meaningful impact on law students from diverse backgrounds. We need 19 mentors for our 2018-2019 Leadership Council for Legal Diversity program. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Ashley Pack at Dinsmore & Shohl at 304-357-9937 or [ashley.pack@dinsmore.com](mailto:ashley.pack@dinsmore.com).