

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The NSU Law Mentoring Program ("Program") includes the following:

- A group mentoring model and not the traditional 1:1 pairing of Mentor to Mentee.
- In-person meetings at NSU during the academic year bring all Mentors and Mentees together.
- A list of suggested activities organized by group to help Mentors discover opportunities to help Mentees achieve the learning outcomes for the Program.

The Mentoring Program Learning Outcomes By the end of the academic year, the Mentees should:

1. Plan for the transition from law student to lawyer, including time management skills and goal-setting;
2. Create and maintain a mentoring relationship with a colleague;
3. Understand strategies to manage: clients, cases, projects, and employees;
4. Practice preparation techniques in professional settings, such as meetings, hearings, depositions, trials, business transactions;
5. Prepare strategies to address novel situations as they arise in the business and practice of law.

#### Mentor/Mentee Practice Groups

On the Information & Group Registration Form, Mentors will select one Practice Group to join that is the most relevant group to their area of practice. Likewise, Mentees will select one Practice Group to join that best aligns with their area of interest.

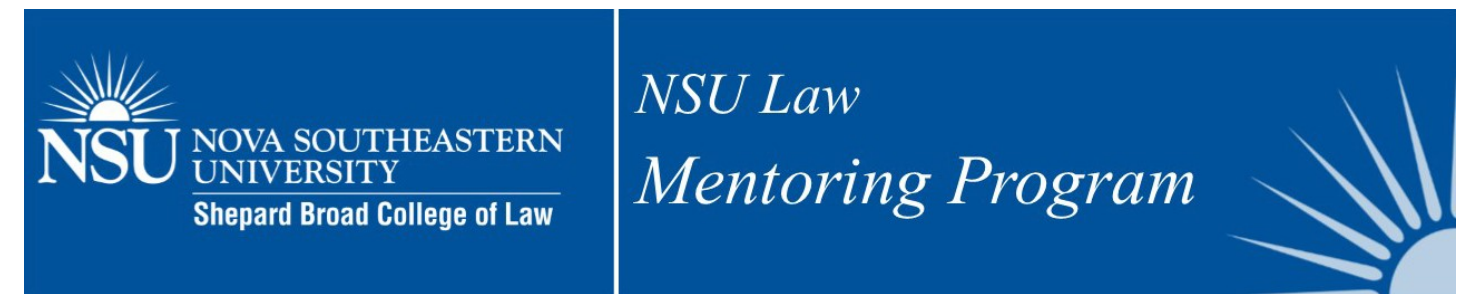
At the scheduled in-person meetings at NSU, Mentors and Mentees will meet in their respective groups for the program event. This will enable group members to get to know one another better and plan for additional meetings.

The Program Director will maintain a spreadsheet by group listing the Mentors and Mentees names and contact information. Messages may be sent occasionally to Mentors and Mentees, keeping them informed about Program events and opportunities of interest to one or more Groups. Explanations of each Group are included on the Registration form.

The Groups are as follows:

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| 1) Civil Litigation Practice Group | 6) Family Law Practice Group                                      |
| 2) Transactional Practice Group    | 7) International Law Group  |
| 3) Criminal Practice Group         | 8) Real Property, Probate, Trust, Estates, and Tax Practice Group |
| 4) Health Law Practice Group       | 9) Undecided  |
| 5) Intellectual Property Law Group |   |

**Mentoring Breakfasts will resume in September 2017, Fall Semester.**



## Mentor—Mentee Breakfast

### Guest Panelists:

#### The Honorable Melanie G. May

4th Judicial District Court of Appeals of Florida

#### The Honorable Robert F. Diaz

17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

#### The Honorable Kal Evans

17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

Friday, February 24, 2017

7:15 AM - 9:00 AM

NSU Shepard Broad College of Law

Panza Maurer Law Library 3rd Floor

## NSU Law Mentoring Program Agenda

February 24, 2017

**7:15 – 7:55 a.m.:** Check-in and Breakfast Networking

**7:55 – 8:00 a.m.:** Welcome and Introductions

**8:00 a.m.:** **Program: “Professionalism and Ethics in the Courtroom”**

**Panelists:**

**The Honorable Melanie G. May, 4th Judicial District Court of Appeals of Florida**

**The Honorable Robert F. Diaz, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida**

**The Honorable Kal Evans, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida**

Discussion Outline:

1. Interactive Scenario— Etiquette in the courtroom
2. Judges will discuss the Five C’s of professionalism and the basic principals and best practices when in the courtroom.
3. Q & A

**8:30 a.m.:** Networking and Wrap-Up

**9:00 a.m.:** Adjourn

**Judge Melanie G. May** received her Juris Doctor degree in 1981 from Shepard Broad College of Law and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2009.

Judge May was in private practice before she was appointed to serve as a circuit court judge on the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit by Governor Lawton Chiles. Judge May served in the juvenile delinquency and felony drug court divisions from 1991, until her appointment to the Fourth District Court of Appeal by Governor Jeb Bush in 2002. She served as Chief Judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal from 2011 to 2013.

Judge May is currently the Vice-President of the Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal. She also serves as chair of the Shepard Broad College of Law’s Board of Governors, and is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of Nova Southeastern University as well as being very active in the South Florida legal community.

Judge May has received many awards, including the 1998 Distinguished Alumni Award from Nova Southeastern University and the 2009-2010 “Distinguished Service Award” (Judicial) from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. She was inducted into the Stanley M. Goldstein Hall of Fame in 2003.



**Judge Robert Diaz** is a 1984 graduate of the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. Judge Diaz began his career as an Assistant Public Defender in 1984 before being appointed to the Broward County Court in 1992.

Judge Diaz currently serves as county judge in the Criminal Division of the Broward County Court. Appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to the County Court bench in July of 1992, Judge Diaz was elected four months later by the citizens of Broward County to a four-year term as County Court Judge with the highest number of votes in a judicial race in Broward County history. He has served in his capacity of County Court Judge ever since.

Always a very active NSU Law alumnus, Judge Diaz has served as a member of the NSU Law Board of Governors for the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law since 2004. He also has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law since 1989, and an Instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) program. He currently serves as the Faculty sponsor of Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) as well as a Judicial Liaison for our Summer Judicial Intern Program.

Judge Diaz’s public recognition has included “Public Defender of the Year” in 1990, “Hispanic of the Year” in 1995, followed by being honored as “Judge of the Year” in 1996 by the Florida Bar’s Florida Law Related Education Committee.



**Judge Kal Evans** is a 2003 graduate of the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. Judge Evans worked as a prosecutor in the 17th District Court for 11 years before being appointed in September of 2014 to the Broward County Court. When he was appointed, Judge Evans was the youngest Judge in Broward County, and he currently is the second youngest.

Having grown up in Fort Lauderdale under difficult circumstances, Judge Evans is the only sitting judge who at one time was homeless. Instead of following the criminal path of some of his childhood friends, he used the circumstances of his youth as motivation to pursue his dream, which he had beginning at age 9, to become a judge.

Judge Evans’ is the 2016 recipient of the TJ Reddick Bar Association’s “T.J. Reddick Award,” which recognizes professional excellence and contribution to the community in Broward County.



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