

Taking Networking to New Heights

MentorJet is a 'speed mentoring' program where students get 1 on 1 time with judges, lawyers, and/or other professionals











Planning the Event in 4 Steps



- Step 1: Identify Interested Law Schools
- Step 2: Reach out to the University's Career Services
- Step 3: Divide Planning and Administrative Responsibilities
- Step 4: Send Invitations



Initial Planning

- Step 1: Identify interested law schools
- Previous partners include Cooley Law School, Michigan State University Law, Detroit Mercy Law, Wayne State Law, and Michigan Law
- Step 2: Reach out to the University's Career Services office





Important Considerations

- In person v. virtual
- Size of event
- Date and time
 - Typically run from 1 to 1.5 hours
 - Best time of day finding a time that is convenient for mentors and optimizing student participation



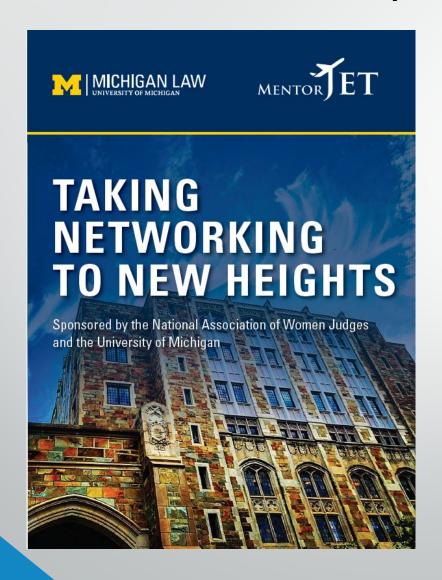


- Event brochure (electronic v. print)
- How often would you like these events to be?
- Possible sponsorships
 - Law student orgs
 - State or local bar associations
 - NAWJ resources





Example Brochures



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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February 13, 2020

Castle Boardroom (Room 343)

5:00 p.m. Check-In

5:30-6:00 p.m. Mingling and Hors d'oeuvres

6:00-7:30 p.m. Students meet with mentors for 6-minute increments

Sponsoredby

National Association of Women Judges Michigan State University College of Law

COLLEGE OF LAW

Step 3: Dividing Responsibilities

- Opening/closing remarks
- Mentees
- Mentors
- Space
- Name Tags
- Any Refreshments



Example Mentor Bio

HON. JOAN V. CHURCHILL
U.S. IMMIGRATION JUDGE, RETIRED
PAST PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

A member of the Michigan Law School class of 1965, Judge Churchill served for close to 25 years as an Immigration Judge on the Immigration Court for Washington DC/Arlington, VA, during which she served 5 terms as a Temporary Member of the Board of Immigration Appeals. She retired in 2005. A native of Washington DC, she spent 8 years here in Ann Arbor, attending Michigan for her undergraduate and Law School studies. After Law School she stayed on in Ann Arbor to work for a year for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and then was in private practice for a year in Ann Arbor. Her eldest child, Jacqueline, was born here.

In 1967 Judge Churchill moved to New York City, and commenced her career in Immigration Law. After working for the Immigration & Naturalization Service as a Naturalization Attorney for a few years, she moved back to Washington DC to work as a staff attorney for the Board of Immigration Appeals, an administrative appellate tribunal in the U.S. Department of Justice, which hears appeals from cases of Immigration Judges, the position she later held. During stints at the InterAgency Task Force on Immigration Reform, and the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, she worked on immigration policy issues, preceding the Immigration Reform Act of 1986. She spent another year in private practice before accepting the position of Immigration Judge.

Upon becoming a judge, Judge Churchill joined the National Association of Women Judges [NAWJ], which she served as national President for the 2012-2013 term. NAWJ is an organization of over 1,200 men and women judges at all levels of the judiciary, federal, state, trial, military, tribal and administrative. Its goals are to increase the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels, provide cutting-edge judicial education, and inspire youth to consider legal and judicial careers. NAWJ works to preserve judicial independence and ensure equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups.

Judge Churchill is very pleased to participate in the NAWJ 2015 Mentor Jet program at Michigan Law School to meet with the next generation of lawyers and judges.

Other Considerations



Step 4: Send out Invitations

Mentors to select (NAWJ members, local attorneys, law professors,

attorneys practicing in non traditional areas, etc.)

Set a deadline for participants to RSVP



ANY QUESTIONS?