

## EXPECTATIONS OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you for your interest in the LSSC Program. We understand that the time of your staff members is a scarce resource, so we want to clarify what you can expect if you participate in the LSSC program at NUSL. If your proposed project for the Legal Skills in Social Context program is accepted, your organization will become a client and your contact person will work with a Law Office, comprised of a Lawyering Fellow (an upper-level law student), a team of about 14 first-year law students, with backup from a faculty advisor and supervisor. Together, the team will produce high quality work for your organization. Your organization should contemplate approximately 20 hours of collaborative transactional time with your student Law Office via several in-person or telephone meetings and email conversations. In exchange, your organization will receive more than 2,000 hours of closely supervised student work during the course of the academic year. From September through mid-March, your organization should expect to:

- Provide appropriate background materials about your organization's mission and programs, its history with the issue proposed for the project, and any relevant legal materials and research that you have assembled about this and other related projects.
- Scope out the project in collaboration with the Law Office. **Beginning in the second week of September**, you will work with a Lawyering Fellow and a faculty supervisor to agree on scale and scope that are appropriate for the time frame and the level of effort that can be brought to the project. Together, you will detail the objectives and develop a work plan that identifies major benchmarks and key progress dates. Scoping the project may require your participation in identifying and notifying field contacts for interview purposes.
- Participate in two meetings at the Northeastern University School of Law. One takes place in the fall, when you meet the team of faculty and students to discuss the early phase of the project. The second takes place during the spring term, when the team delivers an oral presentation of the project's findings and recommendations. Additional meetings are possible at your election.
- Respond to questions from the team. The team will establish an agreement with you about the content and frequency of regular progress reports along with expectations about your feedback.
- Review and comment on drafts of outlines for your work product(s) and, in some instances, a draft of part, or all, of your work product(s). You will develop a mutual understanding with the team about the scope and timing of your reviews. You can anticipate that we will especially welcome your feedback on any aspect of your final product that you review in draft.
- Respond to several multiple choice and short answers evaluations about your experience with the Lawyering Fellows and the program.

While your primary role throughout the project is that of a client, this program is an important part of the learning experience for law students at Northeastern University. Therefore, we hope that you will also offer your guidance as a "mentor practitioner", or "mentor expert" during the course of the academic year.

Additionally, while working on your project, the Law Office team will take a full first-year curriculum that includes: LSSC, Property, Civil Procedure and Torts in the first semester, and LSSC, Contracts, Criminal Procedure and Constitutional Law in their second semester. Your project will be our students' first experience of real lawyering to serve social justice. You and your organization's project are our partners in formulating future practitioners. Thank you!