

THE NETWORKING CHART

An important part of finding a job after graduation is networking with potential employers through bar associations, volunteer activities, externships, clerk positions, coursework at Chicago-Kent, and informational interviewing.

Step 1: Who do you know?

Make a list make a list of lawyers you know right now who you would like to maintain a relationship with, and set up a regular system of maintaining contact with them (think of professors, lawyers you've met volunteering, family friends):

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Step 2: Meet more people

Build relationships with those who can help you in your career, include both attorneys and fellow law students. Develop a personal goal as to how many lawyers you would like to meet and build relationships with every semester. Make a plan to socialize with like-minded classmates.

- Develop relationships with lawyers at all of the places you intern, clerk and volunteer, by asking them to lunch and talking with them about the work they do and their career path.
- Through your volunteering with the Public Interest Resource Center at Chicago-Kent or through pro bono activities outside of law school, volunteer for projects where you will meet lawyers and other law students.
- Join the Chicago Bar Association and attend Young Lawyer Section meetings in the practice areas that interest you. You can plan to go to this lunch-time meeting every month.
- Consider volunteering on a committee through the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyer Section, the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, or any other bar association.
- Join a student organization or professional association that matches your interests and put together a panel of lawyers that do the type of work you would like to do, so that you can meet all of those lawyers in person. At every panel, obtain business cards and ask them for a personal meeting to learn more about them and the work they do.
- Socialize with your classmates – grab coffee after class or exams, hang out with students in your classes, clinic or externship, attend bar nights, student group function and the Barristers Ball.
- Identify Chicago-Kent alumni and make a plan to meet with them.
- Ask career counselors in the Career Service Office if they know any lawyers at the places you are interested in working or volunteering.
- More ideas: http://www.kentlaw.edu/depts/cso/handout_networking.html

Step 3: Set a goal and track your new contacts

Number of new attorneys I plan to meet every semester: _____

The new attorneys I have met:

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