

BOOTCAMP 2020: BASIC TRAINING FOR LAWYERS

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Get the Skills You Need to Compete in Today's Challenging Market Successfully



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PROGRAM



This program provides recent law graduates and current law school students with critical career planning information and skill-building. During these challenging times, it's essential to learn ways to differentiate yourself and strengthen your skills. Whether you are seeking a job at a large or small firm, government, or public interest organization, starting your own firm, or not sure what your next step should be, these sessions will provide information that will help you achieve success.

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AGENDA

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM | INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Laura Bicks, Committee Chair, Career Advancement and Management
Sheila S. Boston, President, New York City Bar Association

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM | KEYNOTE — DISCOVERING AND DEFINING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PERSONA

Toni Jaeger-Fine, Assistant Dean, Fordham Law School

Toni Jaeger-Fine will discuss the elements of a strong and sustainable professional persona, more important now than ever given the pandemic and its effects.

Our success—or lack thereof—is determined largely by a range of attitudes and behaviors over which each of us has complete control. She will discuss foundations of a robust professional persona, followed by professionalism from the inside (self-management) and professionalism with the outside (relationships). The main message of the presentation is that with the right amount of intentionality and dedication, each of us can achieve greater success and happiness. Toni will highlight specific areas that are particularly relevant given the current environment.

Toni is an assistant dean at Fordham Law School where she oversees a range of degree and non-degree programs. She lectures and teaches around the world and has written several books, including *Becoming a Lawyer: Discovering and Defining Your Professional Persona*. She blogs at YourProfessionalPersona.com.

9:55 AM – 10:55 AM | JOB SEARCH: FINDING YOUR FIRST JOB IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Moderator: Brian Farkas, Arent Fox LLP

Panelists: Cedric Cooper, Staff Attorney at NYC Administration for Children's Services, *New England Law | Boston*, 2015; Denisse Mira, Associate Sr. Compliance Officer Global Financial Crimes Compliance, J.P. Morgan, *Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center*, 2017; Thomas Rizzuti, Assistant Corporation Counsel at New York City Law Department, *City University of New York School of Law*, 2016; Ruth Chung, Owner at The Law Office of Ruth Chung, Esq., *City University of New York School of Law*, 2016

Recent law school graduates face tremendous uncertainty. Between the global pandemic and the weak economy, graduates must adapt their job-search strategies. How can you find your first role? Is it still possible to shoot for your "dream job"? What tactics are most useful in the virtual world? Hear from a panel of attorneys who faced their own job searches outside of "traditional" on-campus recruitment. You'll learn how they found their roles after law school, and their advice for succeeding in today's market.

AGENDA (continued)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | MANAGING YOUR PERSONAL BRAND IN A VIRTUAL LANDSCAPE

Paula T. Edgar, Esq.

As we continue to live and work in a virtual world, this interactive session will help all participants assess their current brand. You will learn how to develop tools and strategies for building your brands virtually, how to respond to branding challenges, and how to elevate your executive presence.

12:05 PM - 1:05 PM | MINDFULNESS AND UNCERTAINTY

Leonard Simmons, Mental Hygiene Legal Service

Mindfulness describes a series of practices that develop our ability to bring attention to the present moment and to meet daily challenges as they arise. The ability to maintain attention as an attorney is important given the intellectual and emotional difficulties in our field, but the pandemic and its effects compound these challenges, making mindfulness all the more crucial. In this program, we will discuss and learn to identify common thought patterns and emotions that recent graduates face in these uncertain times. Then, we will learn practices that can help us build resilience both for these current difficulties, and for our eventual law practice.

1:05 PM - 1:15 PM | CLOSING REMARKS

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