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WHAT ARE LAW FIRM INCUBATORS?

A new model is emerging for new lawyers starting solo practices. A law firm Incubator Program provides a structured mentoring environment to help build skills necessary for a successful law practice. The Loyola University New Orleans College of Law was one of only seven programs around the country to recently receive a grant awarded through the American Bar Association’s Legal Access Job Corp initiative. For more information, the American Bar Association maintains an Incubator/Residency program home page to track the many emerging programs across the country, at:

www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery_legal_services/initiatives_awards/program_main.html

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The Loyola Incubator Program is an opportunity for recent Loyola Law School graduates who are engaged (or seek to be engaged) in a full time, social justice oriented solo practice in the Greater New Orleans area.

Participants will receive instruction, case referrals, mentorship, peer feedback, and access to a wide variety of resources including office space. With a requirement that at least ¼ of time be spent on cases that fall into the “justice gap”, participants will accept pro bono referrals for individuals who are at or below 200% of the poverty line and will receive a $6,000.00 stipend to support the year of pro bono work. Admission to the Louisiana bar is a requirement of the Incubator Program although applications may be submitted before bar passage is confirmed for the July 2015 bar.

The next year of the program will begin January 2016 and run through December 2016.

HOW TO APPLY

Please note that a business plan is required with the Incubator Program application. The preferred method for submitting the application is electronically through the online form which can be found at: www.loyno.edu/lawclinic/incubator-program.

For more information, contact, Davida Finger, Associate Clinical Professor and Incubator Program Director, at dfinger@loyno.edu/(504) 861-5596.

Please note: Application deadline is October 2, 2015.