

## Catalyst | *Connecting Law Students to the Profession One Lawyer at a Time* 2014

What is a Catalyst? A catalyst is usually defined as a substance or agent that accelerates the rate of a chemical reaction. Similarly a catalyst can be defined as a person or thing that precipitates an event or change. Law school is all about changes. Managing those changes and forging a career requires perspective.

The College of Law seeks members of the profession to serve as a *Catalyst* for 1L and 2L students. Each *Catalyst* will bring wisdom, experience and unparalleled professionalism to benefit our students' professional journey. The interaction between each student and *Catalyst* will provide students with a filter for their experiences and help student marry those experiences to their unique ambitions and expectations.

### The goals of the program are relatively simple:

- To introduce students to the organized bar, the importance of professional development and the role of public service
- To connect legal professionals and law students to fuel career exploration and development
- To expose students to the realities of the practice of law and related issues of professionalism

### How does it work?

- The *Catalyst* Program will occur February – April 2014 and will be administered by the Center for Professional Development
- Students will submit applications and are typically assembled into groups of 2-3 students for mentoring by 2 *Catalysts*
- The Center for Professional Development will assign groups based on student applications and the background and experience of each *Catalyst*

### In addition to the February 21, 2014 kickoff event, *Catalysts* and their students will:

- Attend a bar association event, a community-based event or program, or a committee meeting
- Tour the *Catalyst's* office
- Attend a Law Professional Development Event

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