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Subject: Last Item for our meeting: Apprenticeships

Hi Laura:

This is the third and last item for our meeting. As you recall we currently hire some law graduates who are awaiting bar results as “lawyers in waiting.” During a recent leadership course I took at the Prosecuting Attorney’s Council, I met a former Dekalb ADA who told me about their Apprenticeship program: Recent law graduates (those awaiting Bar results) may apply to work in their Office as an Apprentice. The Apprentice program is a full-time, three-month program that runs from August through October. Bar exams are taken in July, so these three months cover the time between taking the bar and getting the results.

Law graduates work under the direct supervision of an assistant district attorney and will assist in conducting investigations; interviewing witnesses, complainants, and victims; preparing cases for trial; and appearing in court as student prosecutors in felony cases. Responsibilities will include evaluation and screening of cases for legal sufficiency; preparation of indictments and felony accusations; and presentation of cases to the Grand Jury. Apprentices may also work with a trial attorney and will participate in all aspects of trial preparation; negotiation with defense attorneys; and participation in arraignments; pre-trial hearings; and probation revocation hearings.

I would like to adopt the label of “Apprentice” instead of lawyer in waiting.

Thoughts?

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