

Tips for Law Students

Making the most of the Buddy-Match Program

- Don't be afraid of Networking. Networking is just another word for creating and maintaining relationships.
- At its most basic, networking is about having conversations- talking to others about their careers and experiences, asking their advice, and then staying in touch to sustain the connection.
- Have a goal for the reception. Before you get there, come up with an outcome you hope to achieve. For example, meet three new people.
- Try and set up an informational interview with your buddy. Offer to take the attorney to coffee or lunch to learn more about his/her practice.
- Follow up is key. If someone is willing to meet with you but has to reschedule, that is not an excuse for you to forget about it or never contact them again.
- Complete that LinkedIn profile (not just a name and a blank picture) or at the *very* least attach a resume when you first contact your buddy so he or she can have some basic information about you. Include information about any organization memberships and interesting classes you are taking. Remember these are all former law students who might have taken the same classes or been in those organizations.
- Make and hand out business cards. It may feel weird, but it is a lot more professional to *have* a card ready than it is to write your information on a napkin.
- Ask for help, and be yourself.