

The L1 LEAP: Legal Exploration and Practice Program

The University of Iowa College of Law's L1 LEAP is designed to provide L1 students with an opportunity to spend time with College of Law alumni and other professionals holding the J.D. so that they can begin to get a feel for what it is like in the 'real world' of law. In the end, we wish to help graduates use their J.D. to lead lives of meaning, significance and service.

The L1 LEAP program is key component of the College of Law's three step professional development and career planning model that helps students...

- articulate their life and work preferences in clear and concise language;
- identify professionals who lead (and get paid for) lives of interest to them;
- develop strategic job search plans to secure employment after graduation in professional areas they identify in this process.

Students can use LEAP as their first step in law school to explore the depth and breadth of the law. Opportunities to spend time with alumni and other professionals are available in law firms, businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, banks, education institutions and many other settings both domestically and abroad.

Timeline:

October 1- 31, 2007:	Alumni and friends of the College of Law volunteer to host L1 Students
November 1, 2007:	Information Session for L1 students
November 5-7, 2007:	L1 students sign up for individual appointments to clarify their placement
November 9-16, 2007:	L1 students meet individually with staff to discuss their placement
November 20 -30, 2007:	Staff match L1 students with LEAP sponsors
December 5, 2007:	Deadline for all LEAP placements to be made and all students/sponsors notified of their matches
December 7, 2007:	LEAP orientation for student participants
December 7-21, 2007	LEAP students contact sponsors for final arrangements and notify career services of plans
January 7-11, 2008:	LEAP program occurs
January 18, 2008:	LEAP program student debriefing and evaluation

