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## Amanda Zuretti Quoted in "From the Ground Up" in the Northeastern Law Magazine

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Northeastern Law graduates are helping to build a more diverse justice system in the four-pronged Massachusetts Bar Association Tiered Community Mentoring Program (TCM), which engages lawyers with students in high school, college and law school. TCM was designed to expose students — especially those from historically marginalized communities — to career choices in the justice profession. Working in teams of four — a high school student, a college student, a law student and an attorney mentor — participants meet and connect with judges, lawyers, clerks, probation officers, court officers, police officers, FBI agents, federal marshals, interpreters and others to learn about the legal system, criminal justice and the law environment.

Amanda Zuretti, who is in her second year as a mentor, discussed the program with the Northeastern Law magazine:

"Those of us who've been working professionals have a chance to listen to those just beginning their journey, and they have a safe place to ask questions: 'How did you get where you are now? What do you have to do? Is it really possible?'" Amanda notes that there is significant diversity among the participants, including race, gender identity, age and educational experience. She said, "The primary focus is to encourage students of color in high school and college to consider the law but also — and here's the key part — to feel a sense of belongingness to the profession."

Continue reading "From the Ground Up" in the Northeastern Law magazine.

