

The Solo & Small Practice Incubator (SSPI) is a program designed to help a select group of entrepreneurial-minded recent IIT Chicago-Kent graduates start their own solo or small-firm practices.

The aim of the yearlong program is to accelerate and support the successful development of new lawyers in an “incubator” environment while providing quality legal services to low- and moderate-income client communities in the Chicagoland area who cannot afford mid- or large-firm prices.

SSPI encourages and supports its graduates by providing substantive and skills training workshops, coaching in marketing and business development, mentoring support, networking opportunities, and an array of other business-support resources. Other program features include free working space or office space in the law school, a shared conference room, and other office fixtures.

SSPI draws from its robust networks, including Chicago-Kent’s experienced and respected alumni practitioners and clinical faculty.

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