



## **THE MENTOR PROGRAM**

The Mentor Program of the Palm Beach County Bar Association is designed to help attorneys who are new to the Palm Beaches learn our local practices and procedures and understand the professionalism and civility standards to which attorneys practicing within the Circuit are held. The program may also be utilized by both new and seasoned attorneys as a way to obtain ideas, suggestions or general information from an attorney who is more experienced in a particular area of law. We will seek to match Mentees with Mentors both for discrete questions on a one-time basis, and also, for those interested, for a year long relationship during which we hope that new lawyers will become more comfortable with the practice of law here in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

When substantive areas are discussed, the new or inquiring attorney (“Mentee”) shall ascertain that no conflict of interest exists before posing any questions, and shall do so through the use of general fact patterns whenever possible. Mentees are reminded that any disclosure into the specifics of the problem or situation of his/her client may involve attorney client privilege.

The Mentee agrees and understands that the Mentor will not be expected to do any legal research or review documents or pleadings, and that the Mentor accepts no professional responsibility for any advice given. The Mentor Program does not contemplate a Mentor rendering professional service to the Mentee’s client and the Mentee must ultimately exercise his/her own independent professional judgment on behalf of the client. A Mentee shall make a professional evaluation of all advice received from the Mentor and shall advise his or her client based solely upon his/her professional opinion, research and evaluation.

In no case shall the Mentor, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, or any of its subcommittees, committees, members or employees be liable for the advice provided, or for the use of the Mentor Program. By participating in this program, the Mentee releases and waives any claim resulting from or relating to the use of the program.

The Palm Beach County Bar Association is sponsoring and administering the Mentor Program, together with the Mentors, and are merely rendering a benefit to the legal profession generally, especially to help instill a strong sense of professionalism. Use of the Mentor Program is governed by the above conditions. Questions about the program should be directed to the Mentor subcommittee of the Professionalism Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.



## MENTEE WAIVER

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to comply with the attached information as set forth. I am using the Mentor Program based upon the conditions set forth in the attached program description. Further, I understand that I must be a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association in order to utilize this program.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY NEW ATTORNEYS TO PALM BEACH COUNTY WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH A MENTOR FOR A YEAR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to The Florida Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

I am currently employed (law firm, government agency, corporation)

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Lawyers: \_\_\_\_

I am currently a solo practitioner/self-employed

I am unemployed and seeking legal job opportunities

### **Practice Areas of Interest.**

Please select up to three (3) areas in Order of Preference. Please number them 1 – 3.  
A mentor will be assigned based on availability and not in all areas.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADR                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate             | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills and Estates    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Family                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business              | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Trial           | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections           | <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff Personal Injury |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate Litigation        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction          | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities                |   |

If you have any special interests (i.e., hobbies, foreign language skills, organizations) that you would like us to consider when matching you, please include below:

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Please mail the above signed waiver to the Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1507 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or via email to Mikki Johnson at [mjohnson@palmbeachbar.org](mailto:mjohnson@palmbeachbar.org) If you have any questions, call (561) 687-2800