**Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program**

**Pilot Program--Mentee Application Form**

**(Return responses to** **kwenzel@wisbar.org** **by 9/30/2015)**

Welcome to the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program Pilot Project. Through this program, you will develop a professional mentoring relationship with an experienced Wisconsin attorney dedicated to mentoring you on the practical aspects of practicing law.

The Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program is designed to assist you by:

* Introducing you to the legal community in your geographical area;
* Providing valuable assistance in making the transition from law school to legal practice;
* Offering the opportunity to learn practical skills needed for the practice of law;
* Matching you with an experienced lawyer to turn to with procedural or ethical questions;
* Enhancing your competence, reputation, and professionalism;
* Expanding your personal network and increasing career satisfaction.

Please submit this form to Kris Wenzel, Young Lawyers Division Liaison, at kwenzel@wisbar.org **by September 30.**

**SECTION I**

Name:

State Bar of Wisconsin ID#:

Current Employment:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

**Please answer the following questions.**

**Limit your response to each question to no more than 175 words.**

**SECTION II**

1. What are your Practice area(s)/desired practice area(s)?
2. How many years have you been practicing?
3. How many attorneys are employed at your firm/entity?
4. How many attorneys do you work with in your current position?
5. Who would you consider your current Mentor(s), if any? Please describe your relationship with them.
6. Have you had any other legal jobs prior to your appointment? If yes, explain.
7. Please list any bar associations or other professional activities in which you are involved. What is your level of involvement?
8. Please list any hobbies/civic activities/interesting facts about you.

**SECTION III**

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program?
2. What are your goals and how does this program fit in to achieving these goals?
3. Will you commit to assisting other Mentor/Mentee partnerships in your community if you are accepted into the first class of participants?

**SECTION IV**

1. What characteristics would you like in a Mentor, if possible? [You can identify such things as type of practice (e.g. government vs. private), legal specialty, size of firm, years in practice, geographic practice area, practice management specialties/skills, gender, age or cultural/ethnic background.]
2. Do you have malpractice insurance? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**SECTION V**

**Please carefully read the following requirements to be a Mentee and the limitations of the Program:**

1. The following may participate as Mentees:

1. Wisconsin licensed, active lawyers, who are living and practicing in the state of Wisconsin. Preferences will be given to lawyers, who are within the first five (5) years following admission to practice law in Wisconsin. A lawyer in the 5th year of practice who is accepted into the program should complete the program prior to the end of their 5th year.
2. If a lawyer serves as a judicial law clerk immediately following licensure, the lawyer may participate in the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program within two years of completing the clerkship(s). A lawyer serving as a judicial law clerk is not precluded from participating in a Mentoring Program while a judicial law clerk, although due to ethical restrictions, the law clerk’s Mentor must be a judge on the same court as the law clerk’s judge.
3. The Mentee may participate in the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program only once.
4. The Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program is a professional relationship. It does not contemplate and is not intended to create a formal association or attorney-client or work product relationship between the Mentee and the Mentor. Similarly, for Mentors and Mentees not of the same law firms or office, the Mentor program does not create an attorney-client relationship between the Mentor and the Mentee’s clients; Mentees must ultimately exercise their own independent professional judgment on behalf of their clients.
5. Mentee agrees to participate in a training session to be familiar with all of the ethical implications involved with participating in the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program. Training session will be available by webinar for convenience, and details will be provided to Mentee upon selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ (please initial) I certify that I have read the foregoing requirements and limitations: I agree to and understand their terms, and I qualify to be a Mentee.

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