

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

**Pilot Program -- Mentor Application Form**

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

Thank you for your interest in advancing the Wisconsin legal profession! Your participation will greatly benefit the new Wisconsin lawyers who are joining our profession, and we believe that this experience will be equally rewarding for you.

The objectives of the Program can be viewed broadly as promoting pride in the profession; excellence in service; and strong relationships with the bar, clients, and the public, through teaching the core values and ideals of the legal profession and the best practices for meeting those ideals.

If you would like to serve as a Mentor in the Ready.Set.Practice Mentoring Program, please complete and send this form to Kris Wenzel (kwenzel@wisbar.org) **by September 30**.

**SECTION I**

Name:

State Bar of Wisconsin ID#:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Other jurisdictions where you are licensed (provide date of licensure):

**SECTION II**

Have you been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction, or have you surrendered your license to practice law for the purpose of disposing of a pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Have you been sanctioned by a governing authority in the five years preceding application as a Mentor? (“Sanctioned by a governing authority” includes receiving any form of discipline, public or private, from an attorney regulatory or licensing authority, being held in contempt of court for conduct in connection with a legal proceeding, or being fined or monetarily sanctioned by a court for rule violations or conduct before the court or within the scope of a legal proceeding.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

**If your answer is yes to either of the preceding two questions, you are not qualified for appointment as a mentor.**

Do you have malpractice insurance? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No\*

 \*\_\_\_\_ I don’t have malpractice insurance because I am not in private practice.

**SECTION III**

Local or Specialty Bar Association membership:

What is your level of involvement?

Group Affiliations:

Areas of Practice:

 Interests and activities:

Please read carefully the following requirements to be a mentor and the limitations of the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program:

1. The required qualifications to be a Mentor include the following:
	1. Wisconsin attorney or judge, with an active license, in good standing, and engaged in the practice of law; or retired Wisconsin attorney or judge, who retired from the practice of law in good standing.
	2. Admitted to practice law in Wisconsin for more than five years.
	3. No suspensions or disbarments from the practice of law from any jurisdiction, nor surrender of license to practice law for purpose of disposing of pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction.
	4. No sanction by a governing authority in the five years preceding application as a Mentor.
	5. No formal disciplinary complaint pending before the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) pursuant to SCR 22, or current participation in a diversion program pursuant to SCR 22.10. An attorney is not disqualified from serving as a Mentor if an investigation was conducted or if there was previous successful completion of participation in a diversion program, and no formal complaint was filed.
2. 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 relationship between the Mentee and the Mentor. Similarly, for Mentors and Mentees not of the same law firm 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.

By signing this application I certify the following:

1. All of my answers to the questions above are true and accurate;
2. I have read the foregoing requirements and limitations;
3. I agree to and understand the terms and as such qualify to be a Mentor in the Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program; and
4. I agree to participate in a short 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 Mentor upon selection.

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