

FY2026 State Bar of Wisconsin Leadership Programs

	G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy	Ready.Set.Practice. Mentoring Program	Leadership Development Summit
Application Timeline	<p>Application period: Aug. 1 to Sept. 15, 2025</p> <p>Mon. Sept. 15, 2025: Applications Due</p> <p>Fri. Oct 3, 2025: Participants Notified of Acceptance</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 31, 2025: \$400 Registration Fee Due (Scholarship request can be submitted with application.)</p> <p>Goal: Through 3 mandatory sessions, the program helps lawyers build or hone their leadership skills and feel more confident using them in their employment, community and within the profession.</p>	<p>Mentor and Mentee applications accepted: September 15-October 15, 2025</p> <p>Matching Process: November 1-December 31, 2025</p> <p>Mentor/Mentee work: January 1-December 31, 2025 (follows the calendar year)</p>	<p>Call for Nominations distributed in November via email. All you need to do is send us your nominations—we'll do the rest!</p> <p>Goal: Identifying the next generation of lawyer leaders and helping them find the right State Bar spot to volunteer.</p> <p>Summit participants are reviewed, selected, and notified in January.</p> <p>Ideal candidates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New lawyers not yet involved in the State Bar; • Community and civic-minded lawyers; • Those demonstrating leadership abilities; and • Candidates who would benefit from an introduction to State Bar opportunities and who are interested in engagement.
Program Dates	<p>Three 1 ½ day sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: November 14 & 15, 2025, Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to Noon • Session 2: January 16 & 17, 2026, Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to Noon • Session 3: April 24 & 25, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. <p>Session 3 culminates with a G. Lane Ware Keynote Address speaker and lunch with the Leadership Summit class and State Bar leadership.</p>	<p>Mentor/Mentee Recruitment Period: September 15 – October 15, 2025</p>	<p>Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:30 a.m. to Noon followed by lunch with the G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy class to hear the Keynote Speaker, network with the Leadership Academy Class and State Bar leadership.</p>

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Time Commitment	Due to the nature of the course content, mandatory attendance is required.	We encourage mentors and mentees to connect 10 times during the calendar year. We also suggest connecting via videoconference and phone as a time-saving strategy.	4 hours on a Saturday morning. Interest forms are provided to attendees to help identify a volunteer opportunity for the next fiscal year which starts July 1.
Key Website Links	<p>Leadership Academy website</p> <p>The 2025-26 Application Instructions link and the 2025-26 Online Application link can be found on the webpage.</p> <p>Discover what past participants have to say about the program.</p> <p>Articles:</p> <p>--Gain Skills to Enhance Your Career</p> <p>--A Pipeline to Leadership Positions</p> <p>--I Thought I was a Pretty Good Leader</p> <p>--Become the Leader You Want to Be</p> <p>--Discover what past participants have to say about the program</p>	<p>Ready.Set.Practice. Program website</p> <p>For mentor or mentee application, contact Katie Castle-Wisman</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions</p> <p>Getting Started</p> <p>Inside Track article (2022)</p> <p>InsideTrack article (2021)</p> <p>InsideTrack article (2020)</p> <p>InsideTrack article (2019)</p> <p>InsideTrack article (2018)</p>	<p>Leadership Summit website</p> <p>Check out the website for videos from past participants on how the Summit prepared them for greater involvement in the State Bar.</p>
Cost	\$400 (Scholarship request can be submitted with application)	No registration fee.	No registration fee.