STATE BAR PRO BONO MENTOR PROGRAM
MCLE CREDIT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant's full name:	
Applicant's State Bar number:	
Applicant's eligible category: (please select one)	☐ Mentor ☐ Mentee
Applicant's requested MCLE hours*: *Rounded to nearest .25 hours	☐ Participatory hours, of which ☐ is ethics. Texas MCLE Regulations Rule 2.1.1.d authorizes group participatory credit (up to 5.0 hours, of which 1.0 hour will be classified as ethics) for participating as a mentor or mentee in a State Bar accredited mentor program.

I hereby swear or affirm that I have participated for the hours reported above as a mentor or mentee under the auspices of an eligible program in compliance with the State Bar Pro Bono Mentor Guidelines. I understand that a false statement or misrepresentation regarding any CLE credits on my record is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Rule 8.04 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Applicant's Signature:	
Date:	

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION:

Name of Sponsoring Organization:	
Sponsoring Organization's Classification: (please select one)	☐ Legal Services Corporation grantee ☐ Texas Access to Justice Foundation grantee ☐ Texas non-profit or governmental entity that provides civil legal services where at least 50% of these services are free and benefit Texans whose is 175% or less of the federal poverty guidelines.
Authorized Representative's Full Name:	
Title:	
Authorized Representative's Phone Number:	
Authorized Representative's Email:	

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION MUST RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO
LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT DIVISION – P.O. BOX 12487, AUSTIN TX 78711-2487

Authorized Representative's Signature:	
Date:	

Questions? Contact 1-800-204-2222, ext. 1855 or probono@texasbar.com.

Received by: _____ on _____
Sponsoring organization classification verified?
Applicant State Bar number verified?

GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR MCLE CREDIT
STATE BAR PRO BONO MENTOR PROGRAM

Texas MCLE Regulations Rule 2.1.1.d authorizes group participatory credit (up to 5 hours) for participating as a mentor or mentee in a State Bar accredited mentor program. These guidelines govern eligibility for MCLE credit for participation in the State Bar Pro Bono Mentor Program.

A. Definitions

Pro Bono Mentor: An attorney, knowledgeable in an area of law, who provides advice and counsel in that area of law to an attorney handling a legal matter assigned by an eligible staff legal services/pro bono program as defined in Section C.

Pro Bono Mentee: An attorney handling a legal matter assigned by an eligible staff legal services/pro bono program as defined in Section C who receives advice and counsel from an attorney knowledgeable in the relevant area of law.

B. Program Approval: The Legal Services Support Division will annually apply for accreditation of the State Bar Pro Bono Mentor Program through the MCLE department on MCLE provided forms. Accreditation is available for up to five hours, including one hour of ethics, of group participatory credit for each eligible attorney as defined below.

C. Staff Legal Services/Pro Bono Program Eligibility: Individual attorneys who receive MCLE credit under this program must serve as a pro bono *mentor or mentee* under the auspices of a provider of legal services to the poor, which meets at least one of the following criteria: [a] a Texas recipient of Legal Services Corporation funds; or [b] a recipient of Texas Access to Justice Foundation funds; or [c] a Texas non-profit or governmental entity that provides civil legal services if at least 50% of the services provided are free and benefit Texans whose income is 175% of federal poverty guidelines or less. The Legal Services Support Division will determine legal services program eligibility according to the above criteria.

D. Pro Bono Mentor/Mentee Eligibility: A ***pro bono mentor*** who advises a pro bono mentee on legal issues that arise for the pro bono mentee in a legal matter assigned to the mentee through an eligible staff legal services/pro bono program may apply for MCLE group participatory credit for each hour of mentor service, up to five hours annually.

A ***pro bono mentee*** who receives advice and counsel from a pro bono mentor in a legal matter assigned to the mentee through an eligible staff legal services/pro bono program may apply for MCLE group participatory credit for each hour of assistance received from the mentor, up to five hours annually.

E. Application for Credit: Application forms for MCLE credit through the State Bar Pro Bono Mentor Program shall be prepared by the Legal Services Support Division and approved by MCLE and shall require the mentor/mentee to sign a statement of participation which indicates compliance with these guidelines and through which eligible staff legal services/ pro bono program the mentor/mentee qualifies. Application forms shall be submitted to the Legal Services Support Division by the eligible staff legal services/pro bono program. The Legal Services Support Division shall process the forms to determine the eligibility of the staff legal services/pro bono program. The Legal Services Support Division shall submit to MCLE, at regular intervals, attorney information and data from all applications submitted by eligible staff legal services/ pro bono programs.

F. Eligibility for Self Study Credit: Attorneys may also claim self study credit for any hours satisfying the above requirements (up to five hours) for which group participatory credit is not requested.