

MENTORING AGREEMENT

The Mentor and Beginning Lawyer have signed this agreement and will participate in the _____ Bar Association's Transition to Practice Program ("Program") under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

1. The Mentor and Beginning Lawyer agree to attend six seminars which constitute the Program and to meet at least six additional times in a business like environment to discuss the information and considerations addressed in the seminars. They agree to participate in the Program with sufficient effort to provide the Beginning Lawyer an opportunity to acquire the practical skills, judgment, and professional values to practice law with integrity and in a highly competent manner. They agree to devote the time and effort necessary to achieve these goals.
2. The Mentor will act in good faith to guide the Beginning Lawyer.
3. The Mentor and Beginning Lawyer understand that any information, advice, or other communication between them in the course of the Program is intended to provide educational guidance to the Beginning Lawyer in his or her law practice and to assist the Beginning Lawyer in acquiring practical skills and in deepening his or her understanding of ethical and professional values.
4. The Beginning Lawyer agrees that neither the local bar nor the Mentor warrants or represents that any information or advice that may be imparted to the Beginning Lawyer through the Program is to be acted on or relied upon by the Beginning Lawyer in handling a specific matter for a client.
5. The Beginning Lawyer agrees not to ask the Mentor for case specific advice, not to give the Mentor actual names of clients, and not to reveal to the Mentor any confidential communications between the Beginning Lawyer and the Beginning Lawyer's clients.
6. The Beginning Lawyer acknowledges that the information the Beginning lawyer receives in the course of the Mentorship will not be relied upon by the Beginning Lawyer as a substitute for the Beginning lawyer's own judgment or legal opinions, and the Beginning Lawyer understands that the opinions or statements of the Mentor are not a substitute for the Beginning lawyer's own opinion or independent research.
7. The Beginning Lawyer expressly agrees not to and disclaims any right to rely upon the continuing legal education by the Mentor or the local bar association with respect to any acts or omissions to act, or any other behavior, in which the Beginning Lawyer may engage, whether such future acts, omissions or other behavior is known or unknown to the Beginning Lawyer as of the date of this Agreement.

8. The Beginning Lawyer and the Mentor agree that no client of the Beginning Lawyer nor any other third person, firm, or corporation shall be a beneficiary of this Agreement and that this Agreement shall not confer any rights upon any person, firm, or corporation other than the rights of the parties hereto as herein specified.
9. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Texas.
10. This Agreement and the representations and promises herein constitute the full and complete agreement between the Mentor and the Beginning Lawyer and shall not be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing duly executed by both the Mentor and the Beginning Lawyer. The Mentor and the Beginning Lawyer each warrant that such party has read, understands, and accepts the provisions hereof.

Printed Name of Mentor

Date

Signature

Printed Name of Beginning Lawyer

Date

Signature