

# Application to Serve as a VBA Mentor

Note: This information may be disclosed on the VBA website to potential mentees.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Mentoring Interest** (Check any/all which may apply):

- Ad hoc inquiries  
 On-going mentoring relationship

I am also licensed to practice law in the following states: \_\_\_\_\_

I speak the following languages (foreign, sign, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

I also accept  Federal Cases  Appellate cases

I presently carry professional liability insurance with minimum coverage amounts of \$100,000 per claim annual aggregate, and I agree to withdraw as a mentor immediately if for any reason the insurance coverage terminates.

I agree to accept a status of suspension from serving as a mentor during such time as public disciplinary charges are pending against me or during the time period that I am suspended or disbarred.

YES  NO

**Please check all areas in which you would like to serve as a mentor:**

**A. Addressing Personal & Professional Demands of Practice**

1. Balancing Your Personal & Professional Life  
 2. Law Office Management  
 3. Case Management; Docket Controls; Follow up  
 4. Law Office Accounting; Trust Account; Financial Records  
 5. Building a Law Practice; Hanging out your shingle  
 6. Bridging the Gap: Networking

**\*\* Please print completed form & mail to: Vermont Bar Association, PO Box 100, Montpelier, VT 05601-0100 or via fax 802-223-1573.**

**B. Substantive Law Areas**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Adoption
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Arbitration
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Appeals to VT Supreme Ct
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Appeals to Federal Court
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Arts Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Banking Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Banking Law/Commercial
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Bankruptcy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Bankruptcy Law/Creditor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Business/Partnerships
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. CHINS
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Civil Litigation/General
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Civil Litigation/Commercial
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Civil Rights
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Civil Unions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Class Actions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Collaborative Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Collaborative Family Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Commercial Real Estate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Construction Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Consumer Complaints
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Contracts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Copyrights
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Criminal
  - \_\_\_\_\_ DWI Only
  - \_\_\_\_\_ State
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Federal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Education Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Elder Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Employment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Entertainment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Environmental
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Estate Administration
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Family Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Foreclosures
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Gay/Lesbian/Transgender Rights
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Guardianship
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Immigration
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. Intellectual Property
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. International Law

- \_\_\_\_\_ 39. Juvenile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40. Labor Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41. Landlord/Tenant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42. Landlord Only
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43. Legal Malpractice
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44. Mediation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45. Mediation Domestic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46. Medicaid
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47. Medical Malpractice
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48. Mental Health
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49. Military
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50. Municipal Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 51. Non-Profit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 52. Patents
- \_\_\_\_\_ 53. Professional Licensing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 54. Public Health
- \_\_\_\_\_ 55. Real Estate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 56. Securities
- \_\_\_\_\_ 57. Social Security Disability
- \_\_\_\_\_ 58. SSI
- \_\_\_\_\_ 59. Taxation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 60. Property Tax Appeals
- \_\_\_\_\_ 61. Tort & Negligence
- \_\_\_\_\_ 62. Trademarks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 63. Traffic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 64. Unemployment Comp.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 65. Wills & Trust
- \_\_\_\_\_ 66. Workers' Compensation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 67. Zoning
- \_\_\_\_\_ 68. Other

**C. Types of work performed**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extensive Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transactions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appellate Work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drafting Documents/Filing Motions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Negotiation/Mediation/Arbitration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mentor Disclaimer and Release

I understand that as a mentor taking part in the Vermont Bar Association Mentoring Program, any advice I provide in the course of the mentoring relationship is solely for the purpose of guiding the mentee in the practice of law. I understand this relationship is an educational resource to discuss general issues confronted in the practice of law, including, but not limited to: attorney/client relations, law office administration and management, professionalism and legal ethics, and substantive law issues. I understand that the mentee will not rely upon my advice and/or statements as legal advice. I agree that I am not representing any of the mentee's clients or rendering legal advice to any client through the mentee.

I understand and agree that the information I provide in the course of my mentorship will not be relied upon by the mentee as a substitute for his/her own independent judgment or professional legal opinion. I understand that I am not a supervising lawyer as defined by Rule 5.1 of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct. Neither I nor the Vermont Bar Association provides any warranty for information shared, divulged or given to the mentee.

The Mentoring Program is part of the Lawyer (Peer) Assistance Program of the Vermont Bar Association as provided for in V.R.P.C. 8.3(c).

I hereby agree that in no event will I file suit or otherwise attempt to hold liable for damages the Vermont Bar Association, its Board of Managers, or any staff or agent of the Vermont Bar Association or any mentee as a result of my participation in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I agree**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **I do not agree\***

**\*Note: you must agree to the terms of this disclaimer and release to serve as a mentor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature