

Request for Mentor

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

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail: _____

I am a: _____ Lawyer _____ Vermont Law School Student

I. What characteristics of a potential mentor are most important to you?

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| _____ Size or type of practice (see #A below) | _____ Areas of law in which you seek a mentor (#II B) |
| _____ Location of mentor (#B) | _____ Time devoted to practice (#D) |
| _____ Type of work performed (#C) | _____ Gender (#E) |
| | _____ Age (#F) |

A. Size or type of practice

I request a mentor who is a(n):

- _____ member of a large firm (10/+ attorneys)
_____ member of a small firm (2-9 attorneys)
_____ solo practitioner
_____ in-house counsel
_____ government attorney
_____ legal services attorney
_____ other: _____

B. Location of mentor

- ___ I request a mentor who is located in or near: _____
___ It does not matter to me where the mentor is located.

C. Type of work performed

I request a mentor who works in the following areas of law (number them 1-3 with 1 being most important).

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| _____ trial work | _____ drafting documents/filing motions |
| _____ extensive research | _____ administrative skills |
| _____ transactions | _____ negotiation/mediation/arbitration |
| _____ appellate work | _____ other: _____ |

D. Time devoted to practice

I request a mentor who is engaged in practice:

- _____ full time
_____ part time

E. Gender

I request a mentor who is:

- _____ Female
_____ Male
_____ Doesn't Matter

F. Age

- ___ I request a mentor within the following age range: _____
___ Doesn't Matter

II. Areas in which you would like 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

B. Substantive Law Areas

I request a mentor who works in the following areas of law (pick no more than three; numbering 1-3 with 1 being most important).

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| _____ 1. Adoption | _____ 39 Juvenile |
| _____ 2. Arbitration | _____ 40. Labor Relations |
| _____ 3. Appeals to VT Supreme Ct | _____ 41. Landlord/Tenant |
| _____ 4. Appeals to Federal Court | _____ 42. Landlord Only |
| _____ 5. Arts Law | _____ 43. Legal Malpractice |
| _____ 6. Banking Law | _____ 44. Mediation |
| _____ 7. Banking Law/Commercial | _____ 45. Mediation Domestic |
| _____ 8. Bankruptcy | _____ 46. Medicaid |
| _____ 9. Bankruptcy Law/Creditor | _____ 47. Medical Malpractice |
| _____ 10. Business/Partnerships | _____ 48. Mental Health |
| _____ 11. CHINS | _____ 49. Military |
| _____ 12. Civil Litigation/General | _____ 50. Municipal Law |
| _____ 13. Civil Litigation/Commercial | _____ 51. Non-Profit |
| _____ 14. Civil Rights | _____ 52. Patents |
| _____ 15. Civil Unions | _____ 53. Professional Licensing |
| _____ 16. Class Actions | _____ 54. Public Health |
| _____ 17. Collaborative Law | _____ 55. Real Estate |
| _____ 18. Collaborative Family Law | _____ 56. Securities |
| _____ 19. Collection | _____ 57. Social Security Disability |
| _____ 20. Commercial Real Estate | _____ 58. SSI |
| _____ 21. Construction Law | _____ 59. Taxation |
| _____ 22. Consumer Complaints | _____ 60. Property Tax Appeals |
| _____ 23. Contracts | _____ 61. Tort & Negligence |
| _____ 24. Copyrights | _____ 62. Trademarks |
| _____ 25. Criminal | _____ 63. Traffic |
| _____ _____ DWI Only | _____ 64. Unemployment Comp. |
| _____ _____ State | _____ 65. Wills & Trust |
| _____ _____ Federal | _____ 66. Workers' Compensation |
| _____ 26. Education Law | _____ 67. Zoning |
| _____ 27. Elder Law | _____ 68. Other |
| _____ 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 | |

Mentee Disclaimer and Release

I understand that as a mentee taking advantage of the services offered by the Vermont Bar Association Mentoring Program, that any advice received in the course of my mentorship is to guide me 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 communications, law office administration and management, professionalism and legal ethics and substantive law issues. I understand that these are general discussions, and I can in no way rely upon the advice and/or statements of my mentor for legal advice. I understand that although the mentor is engaged in the practice of law, that the mentor is not rendering legal or professional advice to me or to any of my clients through me.

THE INFORMATION I RECEIVE IN THE COURSE OF MY MENTORSHIP WILL NOT BE RELIED UPON BY ME AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR MY OWN JUDGMENT OR LEGAL OPINION, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE OPINIONS OR STATEMENTS OF THE MENTOR ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MY OWN OPINIONS OR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH.

I also understand that neither the Vermont Bar Association nor any mentor warrants that any information shared, divulged or given to me is suitable for any area of my practice other than to aid me in developing a better law practice for myself. This is intended to be a Lawyer (Peer) Assistance Program.

In consideration for the services provided by the Vermont Bar Association Mentoring Program, I hereby agree that in no event will I sue or otherwise attempt to hold liable for damages the Vermont Bar Association, its Board of Bar Managers, Section/Committee members, staff or any agents of the Vermont Bar Association or my mentor as a result of my participation in this program. As a mentee, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Vermont Bar Association from any and all claims, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind arising out of, or in connection with, any advice or guidance I receive in relation to this program.

Date

Signature of Mentee