



The Supreme Court of South Carolina
Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession

LAWYER MENTORING PROGRAM
NEW LAWYER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ SC Bar Number _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Date of Admission to the SC Bar _____

2. QUALIFYING LAWYER INFORMATION

A) Residency

I am a resident of South Carolina. Yes _____ No _____

If not a resident, please list state of residency. _____

B) State of Practice

I practice/will practice law in South Carolina. Yes _____ No _____

If not practicing in SC, please list state(s) where you will practice. _____

C) Prior Admissions

I have practiced law in another jurisdiction(s) for a minimum of two (2) years.

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please designate state(s) and years of practice _____

PLEASE PROCEED TO SECTION 5 OF THIS APPLICATION IF ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLIES TO YOU:

- You are not a resident of South Carolina
- You do not/will not practice law in South Carolina
- You have practiced law in another jurisdiction for minimum of two (2) years

3. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

A) I am/will be employed:

1) ___ In a law firm or agency.
The following member of the law firm/agency or outside lawyer has agreed to serve as my mentor:

Mentor's name _____ SC Bar Number _____

2) ___ In a law firm or agency which has an in-house mentoring program that has been certified by the Commission.

Please contact the Commission to confirm that your law firm's in-house program has been certified.

My mentor has been/will be appointed in consultation with my employer.

Mentor's name _____ SC Bar Number _____

3) ___ As a solo practitioner. The following lawyer has agreed to serve as my mentor:

Mentor's name _____ SC Bar Number _____

4) ___ As a sole practitioner.

I do not have a mentor and request that one be appointed by the Lawyer Mentoring Program.

My area(s) of practice is/are as follows (please list all areas):

B) I am unemployed or working in a non-legal capacity:

1) ___ The following lawyer has agreed to serve as my mentor:

Mentor's name _____ SC Bar Number _____

2) ___ I request that a mentor be appointed by the Lawyer Mentoring Program.

4. PARTICIPATION WAIVER/DEFERMENT REQUEST

I am requesting that my participation in the Lawyer Mentoring Program be waived or deferred pursuant to the circumstances specified for waiver or participation deferment, as outlined in Section 3 of the Order of the Supreme Court dated December 2, 2008 (see Page 4).

Circumstances include qualifying lawyers who are employed as non-permanent state or federal clerks or those who will not actively practice law for a minimum of two (2) years.

_____ I have completed the attached Participation Waiver/Deferment Request Application and request that I be considered for a participation waiver or deferment.

5. SIGNATURE

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

DATE

SIGNATURE

**Order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, December 2, 2008
RE: Lawyer Mentoring Second Pilot Program**

Section 3. Qualifying Lawyer Defined

A qualifying lawyer is any lawyer admitted to the South Carolina Bar during the prescribed period if that lawyer (1) is a resident of the State of South Carolina or practices law in an office located in South Carolina on more than a temporary basis; and (2) has not previously practiced law actively in another jurisdiction for more than two years.

Special Circumstances:

a) A qualifying lawyer who is employed as a non-permanent, full-time clerk to a state or federal judge during the first year of admission to the South Carolina Bar may elect to participate in the mentoring program after the completion of his or her clerkship.

b) A qualifying lawyer who is not engaged in the representation of clients nor any other form of the active practice of law may request a waiver of this requirement by certifying that he or she is not engaged in the active practice of law in South Carolina and does not intend to do so for a period of at least two years. If that lawyer later begins to actively practice law in South Carolina, he or she must then notify the Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization and participate in the mentoring program for one year after beginning to actively practice law. [This last sentence will not apply to lawyers who begin to actively practice law in South Carolina after January 1, 2011, unless the mentoring program is made permanent.]

If you are seeking a waiver or deferment from participation in the program, you must submit both the New Lawyer Registration Application and the Participation Waiver/Deferment Request Application.

Please note that mentors must meet the qualifications as outlined in Section 7 of the Order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and be certified by the Lawyer Mentoring Program.

THIS REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER YOUR ADMISSION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

Please return the completed form(s) to:

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