



CWBA *Lift* Mentoring Program
Mentor Application for Appointment by the Colorado

Thank you for your interest in advancing the Colorado legal profession. Your participation will greatly benefit the new Colorado lawyers who are joining our profession, and we believe that this experience will be equally rewarding for you. The Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP) has been authorized through Rule 255 C.R.C.P. to promote mentoring throughout Colorado. Mentors who successfully participate in the Mentoring Program are eligible for 15 Continuing Legal Education credits per three-year compliance period.

The objectives of the Program can be viewed broadly as promoting pride in the profession; excellence in service; and strong relationships with the bar, clients, and the public, through teaching the core values and ideals of the legal profession and the best practices for meeting those ideals.

If you would like to be appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court as a mentor, please complete and send this form to Ryann Peyton, Executive Director at the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program.

Ryann Peyton
Executive Director r.peyton@csc.state.co.us

Please feel free to contact the CWBA Executive Director
Kim Sporrer kimsporrer@cwba.org with questions.

Name / Bar #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Other jurisdictions where you are licensed (provide date of licensure):

Have you been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction, or have you surrendered your license to practice law for the purpose of disposing of a pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction?

_____ Yes _____ No

Have you been sanctioned by a governing authority in the five years preceding application as a Mentor? (“Sanctioned by a governing authority” includes receiving any form of discipline, public or private, from an attorney regulatory or licensing authority, being held in contempt of court for conduct in connection with a legal proceeding, or being fined or monetarily sanctioned by a court for rule violations or conduct before the court or within the scope of a legal proceeding.)

_____Yes _____No

If your answer is yes to either of the preceding two questions, you are not qualified for appointment as a mentor.

Do you authorize the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel to disclose to CAMP staff and the Executive Director the existence of private discipline imposed on you during the five years immediately preceding the date of your signature on this application?

_____Yes _____No

Do you have malpractice insurance? _____Yes _____No*

* _____ I don't have malpractice insurance because I am not in private practice.

Local/SpecialtyAffiliation: _____

I am a member (or plan to be a member) of the following local or Bar Association specialty bar associations:

Areas of Emphasis In Practice:

Please describe your involvement in the legal community and the greater Denver community:

Please describe how you are advancing women in the legal community:

Please describe your involvement and/or any leadership roles you have held in the CWBA:

Please read carefully the following requirements to be a mentor and the limitations of the Program:

1. The required qualifications to be a Mentor are:
 - a. Colorado attorney or judge, with an active license, in good standing, and engaged in the practice of law; or retired Colorado attorney or judge, who retired from the practice in good standing.
 - b. Admitted to practice law in Colorado for not less than five years.

- c. No suspensions or disbarments from the practice of law from any jurisdiction, nor surrender of license to practice law for purpose of disposing of pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction.
 - d. No sanction by a governing authority in the five years preceding application as a Mentor.
 - e. No formal disciplinary complaint pending before Attorney Regulation pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.12, or current participation in a diversion program pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.13. An attorney is not disqualified from serving as a Mentor if an investigation was conducted or if there was previous successful completion of participation in a diversion program, and no formal complaint was filed.
2. Appointment as a Mentor is valid for 5 years, after which time you may re-apply. During your term, you must notify the Executive Director of any change affecting the above qualifications.
 3. The Mentor Program is a professional relationship. It does not contemplate and is not intended to create a formal association or attorney-client relationship between the Mentee and the Mentor. Similarly, for Mentors and Mentees not of the same law firm or office, the Mentor Program does not create an attorney- client relationship between the Mentor and the Mentee's clients; Mentees must ultimately exercise their own independent professional judgment on behalf of their clients.
 4. **To obtain 15 CLE credits (including 2 ethics credits), Mentors and Mentees must successfully complete this program, which requires a commitment of approximately 16 to 20 hours per year (1 ½ hours per month).** (There is also a 6-month mentoring program available for mentoring lawyers new to Colorado but in practice three or more years. Participation in this program earns 7 CLE credits, including 1 ethics credit).
 5. You participate in the Mentoring Program through a Participating Organization (e.g. a bar association that has been approved as a Participating Organization). Your Participating Organization will assist you with matching to a mentee and with completing the requisite activities, including through the use of a Mentoring Plan prepared by the Participating Organization.

By signing this application I certify the following:

- 1) All of my answers to the questions above are true and accurate;
- 2) I have read the foregoing requirements and limitations;
- 3) I agree to and understand the terms and as such qualify to be a Colorado Supreme Court Pre-Approved Mentor; and
- 4) I, also, understand that I have a continuing obligation to notify the CWBA/CAMP should any of my answers and declarations change as to the status of my licensure.

Signature

Date