

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I access the Mentoring Program?

A. Just visit the LSBA website and click on the Mentoring Program icon.

Q. Who are the mentors?

A. Mentors are LSBA members who have volunteered to share their experiences with mentees. All mentors have agreed to program requirements that include: being in good standing with no pending formal charges; professional liability insurance unless they are a full time governmental employee or In-House counsel; a one-year commitment to serve; and any other terms of the “Mentor Disclaimer and Release”.

Q. What is done with the information provided on the mentor application?

This information, reviewed by LSBA staff will be used to match a mentor and a mentee based on background, experience, and areas of interest.

Q. Are there any special requirements for mentees?

A. Mentees must be LSBA members and must agree to the terms of the mentoring program as put forth in the “Mentee Disclaimer and Release”, which is available at the Mentoring Program area on the web site, under mentee application.

Q. How do the mentees and mentors make contact?

A. Mentees can search for potential mentors by area of practice or parish. Mentors will indicate on their profiles whether they prefer to be contacted by phone or e-mail, and mentees are responsible for initiating the contacts.

Q. What is the duration of the mentor-mentee relationship?

A. It is up to each mentor and mentee. This program can be used for a single question, or the parties may choose to have a more formal relationship.

Q. Is access to the Mentor Program as a mentee restricted to new or young lawyers?

A. No. All LSBA members who need assistance or consultation from colleagues are welcome to utilize the program.

Q. How do I access the Web site for the Mentor Program?

A. Mentees will need their password to access the Mentor Program. If there is difficulty logging on, a member can contact the LSBA for assistance.

Q. Will there be support for mentors?

A. Yes. LSBA staff and members of the Committee on the Profession, Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee or Mentoring Subcommittee will provide help and information to mentors. In addition, resources will be available to help mentors answer questions about such topics as trust accounts, law office management, conflicts and other issues.