

MABA Law Student Mentorship Program: Judicial Officer & Attorney Mentor Form

Prospective Law Student Mentee:

Thank you for your interest in MABA's Law Student Mentorship Program. To participate as a law student in the program, please fill out the form below. Your responses will be used to match you with an attorney or judge whose professional interests and/or educational background are similar to yours. Please do not hesitate to include additional information that you believe would be helpful in pairing you with your prospective mentor. The form must be returned to <u>admin@mabaattorneys.com</u> and <u>marilyn.valdez@lls.edu</u>.

Please note that participation in this program is subject to the availability of interested law students, judicial officers, and attorney mentors. By participating in the program, individuals agree to uphold the integrity and mission of the program, maintain a professional relationship with all participants, and understand that any complaints of misconduct are governed by MABA's Bylaws. Additionally, participants agree to be bound by MABA's Code of Civility; Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation; and Bylaws. If you would like to review these policies, they can be found on our website at <u>www.mabaattorneys.com</u>.

Importantly, because this is a program that is provided as a service to our membership, it is required that student participants be MABA members. Membership for students is free but does require filling out a membership application. The form can be found at: http://mabaattorneys.com/registration.

Again, thank you for your participation in the program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MABA Administrator, Odalis Flores, at <u>admin@mabaattorneys.com</u>.

Thank you,

/s/ Elizabeth Hernandez MABA 2024 President



## **Guidelines for Mentor Participation in MABA Mentorship Program**

It is MABA's goal that mentors and students are able to form beneficial relationships that foster the growth and professional development of law students. To achieve this goal, MABA has adopted the following guidelines.

- (1) Number of Meetings Per Academic Semester: It is encouraged that mentors meet inperson with law students at least twice per academic semester.
- (2) Meeting Locations: Meetings between program participants should be scheduled in public locations, e.g. at MABA mixers, in restaurants or coffee shops, or at other MCLE or bar association events. MABA strongly discourages meeting at bars or at the residence of either the law student or mentor.
- (3) Complaints: If any participating party feels that they have been sexually harassed by another program participant or has been subject to other untoward, harassing, or coercive behavior, a report should be immediately made to 2023 President Magdalena Casas (president@mabaattorneys.com). *All reports are confidential.*

Individuals who are found to have violated: (1) MABA's Code of Civility, (2) Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation, or (3) Bylaws are subject to expulsion from participation in the program.

(4) Contacting Your Mentor/Law Student: In addition to in-person meetings, students should feel comfortable emailing their mentors regarding professional opportunities or questions related to course-work or school activities. In-person or email communication is encouraged. Texting, while convenient, should not be the sole means of communication between mentors and students.

While MABA encourages students and mentors to learn more about one another, especially with respect to shared experiences, e.g. "What it is like to be a first-generation attorney," participants should not engage in conversations about intimate matters. MABA urges all participants to exercise their best personal and professional judgment while participating in the program with regard to their conduct.



# Law Student Application

### **Application Instructions:**

Please send your completed application and current resume to <u>admin@mabaattorneys.com</u> and <u>marilyn.valdez@lls.edu</u>. The file should be sent **as a single PDF.** The PDF should be named as follows, "Student First Student Last (Law School)- MABA Mentorship Application" (E.g. "Jane Roe (Loyola) – MABA Mentorship Application").

#### Section One: Contact & Biographical Information

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Address:
hone Number:Email Address:
Are You a Current MABA Member?
Iave you previously participated in MABA's mentorship program?
aw School Attending:Year of Graduation:
Indergraduate Institution:Year Graduated:
f you are a second or third year student, where did you work after your 1L and/or 2L summer?
irst Year Summer Placement:
econd Year Summer Placement:

## Section Two: Bar Associations, Memberships, Volunteer Activities

Please list activities and volunteer activities in which you participate (e.g. moot court, law review, La Raza, journals, clinical programs).

## **Section Three:**

Please list some of the practice areas you are interested in learning more about (e.g. civil litigation, federal practice, criminal defense).

#### **Section Four: Narrative**

In one to two paragraphs, please state why you are interested in MABA's mentorship program. Your application will be shared with your prospective mentor, so please include information you think may be helpful to your mentor. For example, are you a first-generation law student? Are there particular skills or information you'd like to learn from your mentor?

# **Verification**

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree that by participating as a mentor in MABA's Law Student Mentorship Program that I am bound by MABA's Bylaws; Code of Civility; and Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation. I agree to uphold the integrity and mission of the program, maintain a professional relationship with all participants, and understand that any complaints of misconduct are governed by MABA's Bylaws.

*Signature (electronic signature accepted)* 

Date