

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recommendation of the Louisiana State Bar Association that a voluntary mentoring program be established for new Bar admittees, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that:

The following rules shall govern a voluntary mentoring program to be established and administered by the Louisiana State Bar Association:

I. Name of Program

The mentoring program shall be designated as the "Transition Into Practice" (TIP) program.

II. Term

The voluntary TIP program shall be in effect for two years, commencing on January 1, 2015 and terminating on December 31, 2016. The program will be limited to new bar admittees in the Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and Greater New Orleans areas (including Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes). The

program will be evaluated for possible expansion into a state-wide program.

iii. Selection and Qualification of Mentors

Mentors shall be nominated by the Louisiana State Bar Association and appointed by this Court. In order to participate as a mentor in the TIP program, attorneys:

- Shall be admitted to practice for at least ten years;
- Must be in good standing, with no previous record of suspension or disbarment from practice;
- Must carry professional liability insurance with limits of \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 in the aggregate. Insurance is not required of in-house attorney mentors, government attorney mentors, or attorney mentors employed by a non-profit entity.
- Must be of good moral character, willing to voluntarily participate in the program and commit throughout its terms to the obligations and duties of being a mentor.

IV. Bridging the Gap

For new bar admittees who choose to participate in the voluntary TIP program, attendance at the Bar Association's two-day Bridging the Gap Program, or

participation via simulcast, shall be mandatory. With that participation, mentees will fulfill their mandatory continuing legal education requirements as new bar admittees.

V. Continuing Legal Education Credit for Mentors

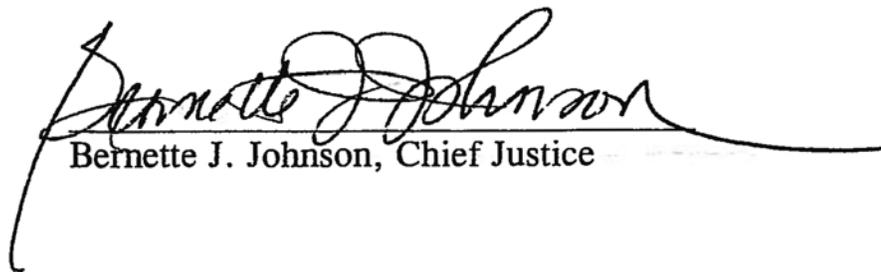
Six (6) hours of continuing legal education credit, including one (1) hour of professionalism, shall be given to mentors who complete the first-year requirements for participation as a mentor in the TIP program.

For mentors who serve for more than one year, four (4) hours of continuing legal education credit, including one (1) hour of professionalism, shall be given to mentors who complete the requirements for participation as a mentor for any succeeding year(s) of service.

Given under our hands and seal this 15 day of May, 2013,

New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COURT:


Bernette J. Johnson, Chief Justice

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