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KCBA Pro Bono Services Family Law Mentor Program

Volunteer Position: Mentor Attorney

Program Description: The Family Law Mentor Program facilitates the representation of low income clients in contested dissolutions of marriage, petitions to establish parenting plans and parentage proceedings where children are at risk. Mentees (new or non-family law attorneys) are paired with a Mentor (experienced family law attorney) who provides training and assistance throughout the case. Mentees attend two initial training classes and represent one pro bono client.

General Duties:

- Mentor a small group of Mentees (three to five)
- Conduct two Mentee training sessions (usually held on consecutive Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- Review pleadings drafted by mentees
- Share best practices and provide mentee support throughout the entire case

Time Commitment: Cases vary in difficulty and length and may require 6 to 12 months to complete.

Qualifications:

- Must be licensed to practice law in Washington State
- Must be experienced family law attorney with an understanding of how to work with domestic violence survivors

Benefits:

- Provide opportunity for low-income clients to access legal help
- Teach new attorneys negotiation and litigation skills
- Network with practicing family law attorneys
- Attend free or low-cost CLEs, receive CLE credits for pro bono service
- Professional Liability Insurance provided by the KCBA

Training and Support:

- Mentor Program Manual CD Rom, materials for working with domestic violence survivors
- Workshop 1: Mentor teaches family law basics
- Workshop 2: Review case summaries with Mentee, select client. Attorneys meet with new client for approximately one hour, debrief to discuss next steps
- Family Law Mentor Program Managing Attorney serves as backup mentor

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