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NCBA Intellectual Property Section Student Mentorship Program

The Intellectual Property section of the North Carolina Bar Association desires to increase networking and professional development opportunities for law students interested in the IP profession. To further this goal, we are creating a formal mentorship program to pair current law students with local IP attorneys during the 2022-2023 academic calendar year.

Eligibility Requirements for Mentees

To participate in the 2022-2023 mentorship program as a student-mentee, you must fit the criteria below:

1. Be a current law student (1L, 2L or 3L) enrolled and in good standing at a law school in North Carolina;
2. Complete the attached mentee application form;
3. Express genuine interest in intellectual property law as a career path; and
4. Be committed to communicating with your mentor on a monthly basis to schedule meetings, networking events, and other professional learning opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements for Mentors

To participate in the 2022-2023 mentorship program as an attorney-mentor, you must fit the criteria below:

1. Be a current attorney in good standing licensed to practice in North Carolina;
2. Be a member of the NCBA's Intellectual Property Section;
3. Primarily or substantially practice intellectual property law (including practices related to patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, and transactional IP).
4. Be committed to communicating with your mentee on a monthly basis to schedule meetings, networking events, and other professional learning opportunities.

Program Outline

1. Deadline to submit mentee applications: September 9th
2. IP Section to announce mentor-mentee pairings: on or before September 15th
3. Kickoff reception for all mentors and mentees on the evening of October 6th at the NC Bar Center)
4. Monthly events for each individual mentor-mentee pairing October through March or April
5. Closing reception for all mentors and mentees: March/April, date TBD

Suggested Monthly Events

Mentees and mentors may use their discretion in choosing monthly events that further the goals of networking and professional development for mentees. If you need help getting started, here are some ideas:

1. Attending the mentorship welcome reception and closing reception together
2. Having an initial lunch/call/coffee break for the mentor and mentee to discuss their respective goals and practices
3. Attending a relevant CLE, lecture, or other presentation together
4. Attending a bar luncheon, dinner, or other networking event together
5. Shadowing an IP attorney during a deposition, trial, or other meeting (where appropriate)
6. Introducing mentees to other attorneys at your firm or in your professional network

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**NCBA Intellectual Property Section
Student Mentorship Program Application**

To apply for a position in the IP Section's Student Mentorship Program, please submit the following information to lcarter@ncbar.org by **September 9, 2022**.

Full Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Year in Law School:

Law School You Are Currently Attending:

In 3-10 sentences, please explain why you are interested in participating in the Mentorship Program. If relevant, (1) include a description of any relevant IP-related coursework, internships, or other activities that you have experienced; and (2) state which type of IP law you are most interested in pursuing (patents, trademarks, copyright, or trade secret/transactional IP).