

## **MENTOR WAIVER**

The Mentor Program is designed to provide attorneys within the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division the opportunity to heighten the degree of civility, professionalism and competence with which they represent their clients by creating an avenue to learn from more experienced attorneys. Any attorney who is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, whether newly admitted or an experienced practitioner, may use the Program.

I understand the mentee shall contact me and pose his or her questions in the form of a "fact pattern" to avoid divulging the client's identity and to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

As mentor, I will not be expected to do any legal research, review documents or pleadings, and I accept no professional responsibility for any advice given. The mentee is expected to make a professional evaluation of all advice received from me and shall advise his or her client based solely upon his/her professional opinion, research and evaluation. In no case shall I be liable for the advice provided.

Mentors are reminded that any disclosure of the specifics of the problem or situation of his/her client may involve attorney client privilege. Neither the Tennessee Bar Association, the Mentor Program, nor the mentors assume any liability or responsibility with respect to the response to an inquiry made pursuant to the Mentor Program. The Mentor Program does not contemplate a mentor rendering professional service to the mentee's client and the mentee must ultimately exercise his or her own independent professional judgment on behalf of his or her client.

The Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is sponsoring and administering the Mentor Program, together with the mentor attorneys, and is merely rendering a benefit to the legal profession generally by facilitating contact between those attorneys seeking a mentor and those willing to provide such mentorship services. The Tennessee Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division makes no representation or warranty as to the skill of a designated mentor or the quality of any legal advice provided pursuant to this program. Mentor applicants are only screened to ensure that they have an active law license in good standing with the State of Tennessee.

Any opinions expressed by the mentor are those of the mentor alone and do not necessarily reflect those of the Tennessee Bar Association, its Young Lawyers Division and their respective officers, board or staff.

Use of the Mentor Program is governed by the above conditions. Please contact the Tennessee Bar Association at (615) 383-7421 regarding questions about the Mentor Program. The Tennessee Bar Association will direct you to the appropriate individual to answer your questions.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the waiver and agree to comply with the above information as set forth.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_