

SAMPLE LETTER TO MENTOR AT BEGINNING OF PROGRAM PERIOD
[South Carolina Commission on the Profession Letterhead]

Dear _____,

This letter confirms your agreement to participate in the pilot South Carolina Lawyer Mentoring Program as a mentor for _____. Your active participation is vital to the success of the program and the fulfillment of its goal of improving the transition of new lawyers into the profession, with a stronger understanding of the accompanying ethical and professional expectations. At the end of the one-year mentoring period, your comments and recommendations regarding this pilot program will be vital to subsequent evaluation of the program and a decision by the Supreme Court as to whether the program should be made permanent.

As a mentor, you must complete a two-hour mentor orientation program provided by the South Carolina Bar during January or February 2007. Completion of the orientation program will qualify for 2 hours of MCLE credit during 2007.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the reporting form that you will be required to submit in December 2007. During the mentoring period, you will be expected to complete with the lawyer being mentored each of the activities set forth in the Uniform Mentoring Plan, attached to that form. If any activities are not completed, you will be asked to explain the omission of those elements. A purpose of the pilot program is to ascertain which activities are feasible and appropriate to require and your explanations will be important in that determination. Fulfillment of your mentoring obligations will also qualify for an additional 4 hours of South Carolina MCLE credit for 2007.

We thank for your participation as a mentor. If any questions arise during the year regarding the program, you should direct them to Kali Campbell Turner, Public Affairs Director, or Bob Wells, Executive Director of the South Carolina Bar, whose office is assisting in the administration of the pilot program.

Sincerely,