

SAMPLE LETTER TO LAWYER BEING MENTORED
[South Carolina Commission on the Profession Letterhead]

Dear _____,

As a newly admitted member of the South Carolina Bar, you have been selected to participate in a pilot South Carolina Lawyer Mentoring Program. The goal of this new program is to assist your transition into the legal profession and to provide you with a stronger understanding of its accompanying ethical and professional obligations and expectations.

Enclosed are materials describing the program as implemented by the South Carolina Supreme Court. You should review those materials immediately. If you work in a law firm or office with other lawyers who meet the qualifications to be a mentor as set forth in those materials, you may seek a mentor from among those qualified lawyers. You should discuss the program with potential mentors and attempt to secure their consent to serve as a mentor. They should be made aware that they will be required to complete a two hour orientation that qualifies for MCLE credit and that completion of their work as a mentor would qualify for an additional four hours of MCLE credit in 2007.

If you prefer, you may select a qualified mentor who does not work with you or you may request that a mentor be appointed for you. In any event, you must return the enclosed form to the South Carolina Bar by December 15, 2006, indicating the name of a mentor who has consented to serve in that role or requesting appointment of a mentor.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the reporting form that you and your mentor will be required to submit in December 2007. During the mentoring period, you will be expected to complete with your mentor 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.

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,