



Mentor Participation Agreement for 2015 Academic Year

The Mentoring Program at Shepard Broad College of Law (“Program”) provides its law students (“Mentees”) the opportunity to work with an attorney (“Mentor”) to help develop legal competencies, professionalism, and good human relationship skills that are important for early career success. As you begin your participation in the Program, it is important to understand the nature and purpose of the Mentor-Mentee relationship, particularly what is and is not contemplated by this relationship.

By participating in the Program, you, as the Mentor, acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. You shall currently be, and at all times during your participation in the Program, maintain your status, as a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or a bar of another state in the United States of America or other jurisdiction.
2. You shall assume personal professional responsibility for, and supervision of, Mentee(s) during any aspect of the Program in which you and Mentee(s) are engaged.
3. You shall be present with the Mentee(s) during all interaction with your client(s) as it concerns the Program.
4. You shall report to The Mentoring Program Director as required or requested by the Program Director.
5. You shall carefully consider the Mentee’s/Mentees’ access to confidential information and safeguard same in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable in your particular state or jurisdiction (i.e., The Florida Bar or other governing body) and your employer’s policies and procedures.
6. You are encouraged to and should discuss the importance of maintaining client confidentiality according to the rules of professional responsibility and ethics with the Mentee(s) and your firm/organization’s policies and procedures in that regard.
7. Mentees should not have any contact with Mentor’s (s’) client(s) that would create an attorney-client relationship or give the appearance of same.

8. As the Mentor, you will not assist Mentee(s) with any of the following issues:
 - a. Direct Involvement in any personal legal matter the Mentee(s) may have;
 - b. Providing legal advice to Mentee(s) for any of his/her/their personal matters;
 - c. Lend Mentee(s) money or assist with personal financial matters outside the scope of any *bona fide* scholarship provided by the Mentor through the Shepard Broad College of Law for which Mentee(s) may happen to be the recipient(s);
 - d. Assistance with a class assignment including, but not limited to, any legal research and writing assignments or other work related to Mentee(s) earning a Juris Doctor from the Shepard Broad College of Law or any student competition program;
 - e. Assistance with any work assigned to Mentee(s) by Mentee(s) employer, regardless of whether the employer is a public or private law firm or entity of any kind, or whether the employer is the Shepard Broad College of Law, Clinic program or otherwise, or Nova Southeastern University or any of its colleges, centers, or other affiliates.
9. You agree to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (and bar of other jurisdiction where you practice, if applicable) and you will not engage in any conduct which may subject you or your Mentee(s) to disciplinary or other action by The Florida Bar or other bar. This includes any experiences or observations made by Mentee(s) during their participation in the Program with the Mentor(s) and the client(s).
10. As the Mentor, you recognize that the Program is one that involves creating professional relationships among Mentors and Mentees. Learning how to form and manage professional relationships and maintain appropriate and professional boundaries with and among fellow Mentee(s) and Mentor(s) is paramount. As a Mentor, you must ensure that your conduct is always professional and only appropriate business relationships should be formed during your participation in the Program.
11. The relationship you create with the Mentee(s) and fellow Mentor(s) requires you to understand that Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, its Law Alumni Association, and Nova Southeastern University and its employees (collectively "NSU") are not responsible for the Mentor(s) and/or Mentee(s) who participate in the Program. You understand that NSU makes no specific representations or warranties in connection with (i) the fitness of the Mentor(s) and/or Mentee(s); (ii) the nature of the relationship that ultimately develops or fails to develop with the Mentor(s) and/or Mentee(s); (iii) any statements, advice, actions, negligence, intentional wrongdoing, or any other conduct or statements of the Mentor(s) and/or Mentee(s). You understand that you are ultimately responsible for your decisions made as a result of advice, guidance or suggestions made by the Mentor(s) and/or Mentee(s), and you agree to hold

harmless NSU from any and all liability and/or claims allegedly arising in connection with your participation in the Program.

12. You understand that your participation in the Program may be governed by the Code of Academic Regulations of the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (f/k/a Shepard Broad Law Center) and you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of same.
13. Questions about the Program should be directed to the Program Director.
14. BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY CONCERNING NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW, THE NSU LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (INCLUDING NSU COLLEGES, CENTERS, PROGRAMS, AFILIATES AND ALL OF THEM) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DAMAGES ALLEGEDLY SUFFERED THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTORING PROGRAM AT SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW.

Signature of Mentor

Date

Are you an alumnus of Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law? ____ Yes ____ No

Name Printed

Telephone

Email

Employer Name

Employer Address, City, State, ZIP

Thank you joining the NSU Law Mentoring Program. Please return the Mentor Participation Agreement to:

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