

## **MSBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION MONTHLY MENTORING PROGRAM**

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The Bankruptcy Section is pleased to announce its new program aimed to break-down the barriers and to welcome the many fresh faces either entering the field for the first time or those returning after a break while the BAPCPA dust settled.

### **The Program**

Since it can be easier to participate where there are friendly faces, the Section's new program aims to pair attorneys newer to bankruptcy (and not just newer to practice) with an attorney more experienced in bankruptcy. Each month, the participants will receive an e-mail with a list of pairings and contact information for his or her match. The emails will also contain suggested ice-breakers for conversation and activities for the individual meetings. The pairings will change each month, allowing participants to meet different practitioners with a variety of experiences.

The paired participants will both be encouraged to make contact with his or her match within seventy-two hours of the monthly email. Each pair will then schedule a mutually convenient time to informally meet face-to-face for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or drinks at some point during the month. These one-on-one meetings are an opportunity for the participants to network, but also to discuss more substantive matters, ask questions, and share helpful information or bankruptcy practice pointers. After the meeting, the participants are encouraged, but not obligated, to continue to maintain contact in whatever means is most useful to the individuals, but could be in the form of an occasional social meeting, a friendly ear for a more substantive or practice management question, or even a more long-term "mentoring" relationship.

To encourage statewide participation in this informal mentoring opportunity, independent rotation pairing lists will be created for Duluth, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Redwood Falls, Rochester, and St. Cloud as participation permits.

### **Why Sign-Up**

The Section encourages all of its members to sign-up regardless of your level of bankruptcy experience. The goal of this program is to create opportunities for participants to develop mentoring relationships and network with other bankruptcy attorneys outside of the monthly Section meetings. Even if the daily grind of your practice limits your ability to commit to a long-term "mentoring" relationship, this program is the perfect opportunity for you to gain the benefits of a mentoring relationship whether you are a mentor or a mentoree. In the very least, your participation might even help you to find a few more friendly faces in the crowd at the next Section meeting or at your next hearing.

### **How to Join**

Please complete the attached Registration Form and return it via e-mail or fax to Sue Bores at [sbores@mnbar.org](mailto:sbores@mnbar.org) / 612-333-4927 (fax). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kathy Harrell-Latham at [klatham@larkinhoffman.com](mailto:klatham@larkinhoffman.com).

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Region:     Duluth     Fergus Falls     Mankato     MPLS/STP  
               Redwood Falls     Rochester     St. Cloud

Years of Bankruptcy Experience:  1-4     5-more

Suggestions for monthly proposed icebreakers and discussion topics:

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