



## THE RICHARD LINN AMERICAN INN OF COURT MENTOR/PROTÉGÉ AND PUPIL GROUP MENTORING PROGRAMS

One of the purposes of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court is to facilitate the development of private “one-on-one” mentoring relationships between members of the Inn outside of the regularly scheduled Inn meetings. To this end, the Inn has established two mentoring programs, the **Mentor/Protégé Program** and the **Pupil Group Mentor Program**.

The **Mentor/Protégé Program** provides a special opportunity for an experienced practitioner and new attorney to meet and discuss specific practice experiences, exchange professional insights, and share candid perspectives about “everyday” practice issues and concerns.

The **Pupil Group Mentor Program** pairs two Inn members (at least one of which is a recent law graduate) with the Pupil members from each of the Inn’s participating law schools. The idea is to provide an informal forum in which Pupils (and possibly even other students from their schools) can explore their questions regarding preparation for and transition to professional practice. Pupil Group Mentors need not be alumni of the law school to which they are assigned.

Mentor pairings will be assigned by the Officers of the Inn. In determining the pairings, the Officers will do their best to accommodate the interests of the Protégés and Pupils by pairing them with Mentors having experience in one or more of the areas of interest indicated on the registration form. The subject matter of the mentoring relationship and the individual meetings, however, *e.g.*, personal, professional, career-development oriented, is at the sole discretion of the participants.

Normally, the formal term of the Mentor/Protégé or Pupil Group Mentor relationship is nine months, beginning with the announcement of the pairings in October. Protégés and Pupils are expected to contact their Mentors within two weeks of announcement of the pairings to propose a get-acquainted meeting (*e.g.*, lunch or dinner). During the nine month term, **each mentor pair is expected to meet a minimum of four times outside of the regularly scheduled Inn meetings**. The initial get-acquainted meeting counts as one of the four meetings, which absent extraordinary circumstances, should occur within one-month of the announcement of pairings. Since this program lasts only nine months, the program begins as soon as mentors and protégés are paired up.

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#### RL MENTORING PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM ~ 2009

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:  EMERITUS  MASTER  BARRISTER  ASSOCIATE  PUPIL  LAW CLERK

I AM INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS (check as many that apply; for example, you may participate as both a Protégé and also as a Pupil Group Mentor):

MENTOR  PROTÉGÉ  PUPIL GROUP MENTOR  PUPIL GROUP MENTEE

PRACTICE AREAS OF INTEREST:

PATENT  TRADEMARK  COPYRIGHT  LITIGATION  PROSECUTION  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

MY IDEAL MENTOR, PROTÉGÉ, OR PUPIL) WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE IN \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER COMMENTS/PREFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

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