



FIRST DISTRICT APPELLATE PRO BONO PROGRAM

MENTOR ATTORNEY APPLICATION

The First District Ohio Court of Appeals offers self-represented litigants the opportunity to apply for Volunteer Counsel through its Appellate Pro Bono Program. The purpose of the program is to aid appellate review of matters before the Court that would benefit from the involvement of counsel, in which a litigant without a right to counsel cannot afford to hire his or her own lawyer. A case is most likely to be selected for the program if it presents an issue of first impression or of substantial complexity.

One of the goals of this program is to pair inexperienced or junior lawyers with litigants who would benefit from the representation of counsel. If you are an attorney who would like to mentor a newer lawyer who is participating as a member of the Court's panel of Volunteer Counsel, please complete the following application and email it to COA@firstdistrictcoa.org, with the subject heading: "Mentor Attorney Application for Pro Bono Program." You can also submit in hard copy at 230 E. Ninth Street, Cincinnati 45202, 12th Floor. Please note that this application is only to mentor volunteer pro bono attorneys. If you wish to also be a part of the panel of volunteer pro bono attorneys, please complete an attorney application.

Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of appellate matters for which you have had primary responsibility (either supervising or writing the brief) before any appellate court:

6-8 9-10 11 or more

What is your primary area of practice? _____

How many years have you been in practice? _____

Are you willing to mentor an attorney for criminal appeals or civil appeals? (check all that apply)

Criminal Civil