

FBA Mentoring Program: Service Project Opportunity with the BRIDGE Program

The South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is seeking mentors to work with participants in the BRIDGE Program, our Federal Drug Court. The BRIDGE Program began in Charleston in November of 2010, and as of March 2013, eight individuals have graduated from the Program. The SC Chapter of the FBA adopted the Program as its service project in November of 2012 and needs volunteers to support this new Federal Court initiative.

Mentors would be expected to meet with the participant on a regular basis. While no set number of meetings is required, it would be best to meet with the participant at least once a month. Attendance at Court is expected during the very beginning of the mentoring relationship but not required once the participant reaches the second phase of the Program. FBA members could assist BRIDGE Participants in countless ways, including:

- Assisting with job applications and interviewing skills,
- Helping the BRIDGE Participant obtain his or her GED,
- Teaching the BRIDGE Participant about healthy living,
- Serving as a positive role model, and
- Formulating a plan to help the participant with debt and credit issues.

If you would like to sign up for the Mentoring Program, please fill out a Mentorship Application Form located on the Drug Court website: www.scp.uscourts.gov/DrugCourt/default.aspx. For more, general information about the BRIDGE Program, please review the document entitled “InterAgency Understanding” posted on the site. Thank you for supporting this important initiative.