COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW DIVISION

Recommendation for Graduation from CAFL Appellate Panel Mentoring Program

Mentee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ graduate from the CAFL Appellate Panel

Mentoring Program. I certify that Attorney\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(check all that apply):

1. Understands the substantive law of child welfare cases, including relevant case law, statutes, regulations and agency policies.

2. Understands and follows the rules governing child welfare appeals.

3. Counsels clients effectively regarding relevant law, the appellate process, settlement and other issues.

4. Identifies appealable issues.

5. Creates/preserves appealable issues (where applicable).

6. Conducts thorough, original research.

7. Writes clearly and persuasively.

8. Meets all deadlines.

9. Files appropriate motions in the trial and appellate courts.

10. Meets clients as soon as practicable after appointment and advocates for their positions consistent with CAFL Performance Standards.

11. Prepares thoroughly for oral argument and argues persuasively.

12. Seeks assistance from mentor and CAFL staff in appropriate circumstances.

Comments (optional):

Signature of Mentor

Date

Signature of Mentee Date

*Mentors should review this form with the mentee, then fax it to Andrew Cohen, CAFL Director of*

*Appeals, at (617) 988-8455, or email a scanned copy of this form· to* *acohen@publiccounsel.net.*