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**MENTORSHIP (WINNER): HARRY BREMOND**

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**Q&A** When Harry Bremond first joined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in 1967, he was among the first Black attorneys practicing in the San Francisco Bay Area and mentored a number of attorneys during his 40 years as a partner with the firm.

The retired attorney has been nominated for the California Legal Award’s Mentorship Award.

Bremond and his mentee Luke Liss, the pro bono partner of Wilson Sonsini, told The Recorder about Bremond’s mentorship style and its impact on Liss’ career.

**How would you describe your mentorship style?**

**Bremond:** Consistent and patient. I have seen a lot over the years, and I’m happy to share whatever wisdom I’ve accumulated with others. I always try to be available when people ask and always look to be positive.

**What drives you to provide mentorship?**

**Bremond:** As one of the first Black attorneys in the Bay Area, I did not have Black role models



**Harry Bremond, retired member of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.**



**Luke Liss of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.**

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in practice when I was younger. It gives me great satisfaction to think that I have filled that void for some attorneys in the decades since.

**What can individuals and law firms do to develop better mentors?**

**Bremond:** Most simply, and most obviously: value mentorship. Promote the people who make time for it and excel at it.

**How has this mentor made an impact on your career?**

**Liss:** I would not be where I am today without Harry. He was the Black male role model I

never had growing up, and that I needed as a lawyer. Our numerous conversations and his guidance over the years have made everything possible. He has also inspired me to mentor others, as I have watched him do the same for so many people of various backgrounds.

**What is one lesson you have learned from your mentor?**

**Liss:** To endeavor to reach his level of selflessness and patience. He always helps people, even when he doesn’t know them or doesn’t have an obvious reason to. He is always paying it forward.