

WORKSHEET C
INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANIZED BAR

Objectives:

- Introduce mentee to the organized bar, including local, state, and national bar associations.
- Help mentee learn the importance of participating in bar association activities and forming close relationships with others in the legal community.

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- Attend an event of an organized bar association together (other than a CLE program) and introduce your mentee to other lawyers. Many of the metro bar associations host events specifically for participants in the Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program in the March-May time period, which will help your mentee connect with the bar association and other participants in the mentoring program. Alternatively, you may introduce your mentee to colleagues in another way.
- Discuss various examples of bar associations, including:
 - Your local county and city bar associations;
 - Ohio State Bar Association;
 - Local affinity bars, *e.g.*, Women Lawyers of Franklin County, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio, John Mercer Langston Bar Association (Columbus), the Norman S. Minor Bar Association (Cleveland);
 - Practice-related specialty associations, *e.g.*, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Association of Corporate Counsel, American College of Trial Lawyers, Federal Bar Association, American Association for Justice, American Intellectual Property Law Association, American Immigration Lawyers Association; and
 - National associations, *e.g.*, American Bar Association, Asian American Bar, American Inns of Court.
- Share the bar associations which you are a member of and explain to your mentee:
 - why you chose to join that bar association;
 - the bar association events you attend;
 - the committees/sections you joined;
 - any leadership position you held; and
 - how involvement in the association benefited your career development.
- Provide examples of activities your mentee can get involved in as a member of a bar association, including, but not limited to, the new lawyers' division or committee of your

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mentee's local bar. Discuss specific reasons why your mentee may want to get involved in bar activities at the beginning of their career.

RESOURCES

The Introvert Lawyer's Guide to Networking: https://adamsattorneys.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/DRI-Introvert-Lawyer_s-Guide-to-Networking-03.19-Issue.pdf

<https://prepwww.ohiobar.org/member-tools-benefits/practice-resources/practice-library-search/practice-library/8-simple-networking-tips-for-lawyers/>