



**LAWYER TO LAWYER MENTORING PROGRAM
WORKSHEET D
INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY**

Worksheet D is intended to facilitate a discussion about the organized bar, including local, state and national bar association opportunities and the advantages of being involved in bar association activities.

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- Attend any meeting/event of an organized bar association together (other than a CLE program), and introduce the new lawyer to other lawyers in attendance at the event.
- Give the new lawyer examples of local, state, specialty, and national bar associations and discuss the differences between them. Examples:
 - Local associations: your county/city bar association, Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, Toledo Women's Bar Association
 - State associations: Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Women's Bar Association, Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers
 - Specialty associations: National Organization of Bar Counsel, Federal Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, American Intellectual Property Law Association, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Asian American Bar, National Bar Association (African American lawyers & judges), Association of Corporate Counsel
 - National associations: American Bar Association, American Inns of Court
- To the extent possible, provide to the new lawyer brochures or website links to local, specialty or national associations so that the new lawyer can review information about each in his or her spare time.
- Share with the new lawyer the association(s) in which the mentor is a member, the reasons the mentor choose to be involved in the association(s), the activities the mentor is involved in at the association(s) and how involvement in the association(s) has benefited the mentor over the course of his or her career.
- Provide to the new lawyer examples of activities one can get involved in as a member of an association. Discuss specific reasons why one would want to be involved in those activities.