



**LAWYER TO LAWYER MENTORING PROGRAM  
WORKSHEET C  
INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANIZED BAR**

Worksheet C is intended to facilitate introductions to the organized bar, including local, state, and national bar associations. The mentee should 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 the 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 the mentee connect with the bar association and also with other participants in the mentoring program. Alternatively, introduce the 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 of which the mentor is a member and explain to the mentee:
  - why the mentor chose to join the bar association;
  - the bar association events the mentor attends;
  - the committees/sections the mentor has joined;



- any leadership position the mentor has held; and
  - how involvement in the association has benefited the mentor's career development.
- Provide examples of activities a mentee can get involved in as a member of a bar association, including, but not limited to, the new lawyers' division or committee of the mentee's local bar. Discuss specific reasons why the mentee may want to get involved in bar activities at the beginning of their career.

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### RESOURCES

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*An Introvert's Guide to Networking:* <https://lawyerist.com/introvert-guide-to-networking/>