



LAWYER TO LAWYER MENTORING PROGRAM

WORKSHEET C

INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANIZED BAR

Worksheet C 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.

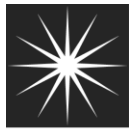
WHAT WENT WELL?

Start by sharing with each other a brief story of something that went well in your practice this week:

Share your reflection by on one of these questions: What caused the good event? What does it mean? How did you contribute? Others? How can you have more such events in the future?

ACTIVITIES FOR TODAY

- Attend any meeting/event of an organized bar association together (other than a CLE program), and introduce the beginning lawyer to other lawyers in attendance at the event.
- Give the beginning lawyer examples of national, state, and local bar associations and discuss the differences between them. Examples:
 - a. American Bar Association, <http://www.americanbar.org>
 - b. Tennessee Bar Association, <http://www.tba.org>
 - c. Knoxville Bar Association, <http://www.knoxbar.org>
 - d. Chattanooga Bar Association, <http://www.chattbar.org>
 - e. Nashville Bar Association, <http://nashvillebar.org/>
 - f. Memphis Bar Association, <http://www.memphisbar.org/>
 - g. Other local bar association in your area _____
- Give the beginning lawyer examples of bar associations aimed at lawyers in particular areas of practice. Examples:
 - a. American Association of Justice (trial lawyers), <http://www.justice.org>
 - b. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, <http://www.nacdl.org/>
 - c. Other _____



- Give the beginning lawyer examples of bar associations focused on the needs of lawyers by gender or race. Examples:
 - a. National Bar Association, <http://www.nationalbar.org>
 - b. Hispanic National Bar Association, <http://www.hnba.com/>
 - c. National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, <http://www.napaba.org>
 - d. National Association for Women Lawyers, <http://www.nawl.org/>
 - e. Napier Looby Bar Association, <http://www.napierlooby.com>
 - f. Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association, <http://www.benfjones.org/>
 - g. Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women, <http://www.tlaw.org>
 - h. Lawyers' Association for Women, Marion Griffin Chapter, <http://www.law-nashville.org/>
 - i. Association for Women Attorneys, <http://www.awamemphis.org/>
- Share with the beginning lawyer the association(s) in which the mentor is a member, the reasons the mentor chose 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. If the mentor has not been active in bar associations, consider a session involving an attorney who the mentor knows has been active.
- Provide to the beginning 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.

ACTION STEPS

End the session by discussing what action steps you can take to either improve or set yourself up for future success based on today's discussion. Discuss how one or more of your Signature Strengths can help you achieve success in these steps.
