



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

Worksheet C is intended to facilitate an introduction to the organized bar, including local, state, and national bar associations. The new lawyer 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 any meeting/event of an organized bar association together (other than a CLE program) and introduce the new lawyer to other lawyers. (Alternatively, introduce the new lawyer to colleagues in another way.)
  
- Discuss various examples of bar associations, including:
  - Your local county/city bar association
  - Ohio State Bar Association
  - Local affinity bars: e.g., Women Lawyers of Franklin County, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio, or the Norman S. Minor Bar Association (in Cleveland)
  - Practice 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
  - National associations: e.g., American Bar Association, Asian American Bar, American Inns of Court
  
- Share with the new lawyer the bar associations in which the mentor is a member and explain:
  - 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 mentor has held
  - how involvement in the association has benefited the mentor and his/her career development
  
- Provide examples of activities a new lawyer can get involved in as a member of a bar association, including, but not limited to, the new lawyers' division or committee of your local bar. Discuss specific reasons why the new lawyer may want to get involved in bar activities now at the beginning of his/her career.



- Discuss other ways, if any, the mentor has met and stayed connected with colleagues outside of bar association involvement.