**Mentoring Plan for Lawyers Transitioning Practice Areas**

**NOTE: If you wish to delete activities or to add activities not listed, simply confirm with CAMP or with your Sponsoring Program facilitator, especially if you plan to apply for CLE Credit Certification.**

1. **Initial Planning Meeting, Personal and Professional Development**

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| Meet in person (where practical) or virtually to prepare the customized mentoring plan based on Mentee’s needs and interests. Utilize the CAMP [Initial Goal Plan & Meeting Guide](http://coloradomentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Initial-Meeting-Guide-Goal-Plan-June-2018.pdf) to assist your mentoring pair in developing goals for the mentoring relationship. Discuss best communication methods for each participant and consider scheduling all remaining meetings/activities for the mentoring term. |  |
| In tailoring the mentoring plan to Mentee’s interests, discuss long-term career goals and identify ways to achieve them. |  |
| Mentor should introduce Mentee to the office’s attorneys and staff (if not already done) if practical. |  |
| Include in the meeting a day-in-the-life discussion, including discussion about work-life integration, mental health and substance abuse issues facing lawyers, and the services available to attorneys regarding these health issues. |  |
| Focus on building rapport with your mentoring partner through the following steps:   1. Shift Your Mindset to “I Am Worthy of Mentoring” 2. Look for Indicators of Shared Humanity With Your Mentoring Partner 3. Identify One Thing You Can Appreciate About Your Mentoring Partner 4. Listen to Understand 5. Be Open…Not Transactional |  |

1. **The Colorado Bar and Legal Community**

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| **Complete at least one of the following:** |  |
| Attend a meeting of an organized bar association or other attorney networking event together, specifically a section meeting in the lawyer’s new or intended practice area. Introduce Mentee to other attorneys in attendance. Discuss the advantages of bar association involvement and discuss the many local, state, and national associations available, including any in Mentee’s specific practice area. |  |
| Meet at the local courthouse(s), particularly the one in which Mentee may be appearing, and make introductions to members of the judiciary, court personnel, and clerks of court. Discuss customary rules of civility or etiquette in court and among lawyers and judges in the community. |  |

1. **Developing Professional Identity & Lawyer Well-Being**

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| **Complete at least two of the following:** |  |
| It is envisioned that this component of the Mentoring Plan should be creatively tailored for the individual mentee’s needs. The discussion should focus on understanding “why” Mentee chose the profession of law and what Mentee seeks to accomplish in their professional role.   * How does Mentee define “professional success” and whose input/feedback did they utilize in developing this definition? * What characteristics, skills, and attributes does Mentee have that will allow them to find professional success? * Who are the people in Mentee’s personal and professional community who will support them in finding professional success?   Assist Mentee in articulating their “Professional Identity” as a lawyer. Utilize John Bliss’ [The Professional Identity Formation of Lawyers](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afPxGz51Sy0) to assist your mentoring pair in facilitating this discussion. |  |
| Engage Mentee in a self-reflective exercise to determine whether Mentee believes they are thriving in all dimensions of “well-being” including:  **Emotional:** Recognizing the importance of emotions; developing the ability to identify and manage our own emotions to support mental health, achieve goals, and inform decision-making; and seeking help for mental health when needed.  **Occupational:** Cultivating personal satisfaction, growth, and enrichment in work; financial stability.  **Intellectual:** Engaging in continuous learning and the pursuit of creative or intellectually challenging activities that foster ongoing development, monitoring cognitive wellness.    **Spiritual:** Developing a sense of meaningfulness and purpose in all aspects of life.  **Social:** Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support network while also contributing to our groups and communities.  **Physical:** Striving for regular physical activity, proper diet and nutrition, sufficient sleep, and recovery; minimizing the use of addictive substances; seeking help for physical health when needed.  Assist Mentee in developing well-being objectives and a plan to address Mentee’s self-identified deficiencies in these dimensions of well-being. Consider the [ABA Well-Being Toolkit for Lawyers and Legal Employers](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/lawyer_assistance/ls_colap_well-being_toolkit_for_lawyers_legal_employers.authcheckdam.pdf) in building a well-being action plan. |  |
| Engage Mentee in a reflective exercise regarding resilience. How does Mentee assess their own resiliency? What factors account for Mentee’s measurement of resilience? Assist Mentee in developing a plan to improve their resiliency. Consider the following resources:   * [Three Ways Lawyers Can Become More Resilient](https://abovethelaw.com/2016/02/3-ways-lawyers-can-become-more-resilient/) * [Survival Skill No. 1 for Lawyers: Emotional Resilience](https://www.attorneyatwork.com/survival-skill-no-1-for-lawyers-emotional-resilience/) |  |
| **Defining Professional & Personal “Success”**  Work with Mentee to create a sustainable and fulfilling definition of professional and personal success for themselves. To assist in this discussion, follow the steps below:  **Traditional Concepts of Success**  Defining success may seem easy at first. When asked to define success, most people cite conventional ideas of success, such as achieving independence, attaining a position of power, or amassing wealth. Pop culture is filled with characters who have achieved one of these traditional goals for success, but who are unsatisfied with it, from Ebenezer Scrooge to Charles Foster Kane. These are hyperbolic illustrations, but they serve a valuable lesson about the illogical appeal of wealth and power. They're alluring goals, but they are often not actually what make people feel happy and fulfilled. It's impossible to set good goals unless you know which ones are going to truly make you happy. Figuring out what's truly important to you and filtering out the influence of traditional concepts of success, is the first step to creating a goal structure and ultimately forging a path to that success.  **Unconventional Definitions of Success**  History is ripe with individuals who have earned great respect because they followed an unconventional path, usually inspired by an unconventional definition of success. To many of these entrepreneurs and mavericks, that level of respect doesn't matter because they've found ultimate satisfaction in the work they do on a regular basis.  **Finding Your Definition of Success**  You may find it difficult to define your version of success and, if you do, you aren't alone. Figuring out what your definition of success is early on is the best way to create goals that will result in true satisfaction—not just money or power.  Picture yourself with all the money and time you could ever want. What would you do? Would you help promote a specific cause? Would you pursue a certain hobby or try to solve a major problem in the world? How would you find satisfaction? If you can answer these questions, you may have just found your definition of success. If not, look outward for inspiration. Speak with your mentors to get their insights on what success is and what's most important in their lives.  **A Foundation for All Your Goals**  Once you've figured out what success means to you, you can build the rest of your goals from there. Usually, you'll have two or three primary goals that allow you to achieve your definition of success, each of those goals will have several smaller goals it depends on, and so on.  The key to staying motivated in the face of adversity or unanticipated challenges is contextualizing those shortcomings. Your definition of success also dictates your definition of failure—you’ve only failed if you've given up on achieving success. |  |
| **Assessment Of Current Professional Identity**  Ask Mentee to answer the question “what do you do” to initiate the conversation about professional identity. Work with Mentee to expand the answer to the question to include a broader definition of Mentee’s strengths, interests, and professional passions. |  |

1. **Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, Professionalism, and Civility**

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| **Required**  **(to be completed with the activity elected from list below)** |  |
| The pair should discuss:   1. The distinction between the Colorado RPC and professionalism 2. The attorney’s obligations to the court, the client, and opposing counsel in transitioning firms or practice 3. Common ethical issues and resources for how to resolve difficult ethical questions arising from engaging in a new practice area or field 4. Common grievance and malpractice “traps” and how to avoid them 5. The role of professionalism and the Colorado RPC in public interest policy development |  |
| **Complete at least two of the following:** |  |
| Discuss how to screen for, recognize, and avoid conflicts of interest. |  |
| Work with Mentee to develop communication and leadership skills necessary to establish professional working relationships with support staff, associates, and partners. Consider the following resources in your discussion:   * [Fire & Ice: An Associate’s View of Partners](http://coloradomentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Mamounas-J-Fire-and-Ice-An-Associates-View-of-Partners-Litigation-2013.pdf) * [I Don’t Feel Your Pain: A Partner’s View of Associates](http://coloradomentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/I-dont-feel-your-pain.pdf) * [Six Ways to Work Successfully With Support Staff](https://coloradomentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/How-to-Build-Successful-Work-Relationships-with-Paralegals-and-Assistants.pdf) |  |
| Discuss competency and professionalism during discovery. |  |
| Discuss how to prepare for negotiation of a legal matter, when and how negotiation is initiated, how to involve the client, ethical, and professionalism obligations of negotiators, skills needed to be an effective negotiator and how to acquire them. |  |
| Discuss appropriate ways to handle situations where a lawyer believes another lawyer has committed an ethical violation or otherwise acted unprofessionally or uncivilly; the obligation to report misconduct; and the appropriate way to handle a situation where Mentee is asked by a senior member of the firm/organization to do something that is unethical or unprofessional. |  |
| Discuss the grievance process and a lawyer’s duty to cooperate with a disciplinary investigation. |  |
| Discuss client development and marketing, appropriate procedures and ethical implications. |  |
| Have coffee with opposing counsel to practice discussing different points of view and objectives of both sides. |  |
| Discuss the benefits of the Colorado Bar Association Ethics Hotline.  *Certain members of the Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee are available for BRIEF discussion of attorneys' own immediate ethical dilemmas or questions. Attorneys are asked to do their own research prior to calling the Hotline. Hotline inquiries are handled by individual members of the Committee to help identify ethical issues and do not necessarily reflect the thinking of the Committee as a whole. To contact the Hotline call the Colorado Bar Association office at 303.860.1115, or 800.332.6736 (in-state only).* |  |
| Discuss terminating representation (See RPC 1.16A). |  |
| Discuss the possibility of conflicts from your prior practice in new representation. |  |
| Discuss the norms of the new practice area and what is/isn’t adaptable from the prior practice area. |  |

1. **Surviving Transition**

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| **Complete at least two of the following:** |  |
| **THE CARROT**  One of the most important factors to assess is the “carrot.” What are your needs? What draws you away from your current practice of law and how deeply does it excite your interest? What does Mentee envision themselves doing other than their current practice, or who is someone who has the job they think they would like to have? Identify at least 3 factors and discuss courses of action.  Use the “carrots” to help guide Mentee into practice areas or jobs that are better matches for their personalities. |  |
| **THE STICK**  Another important factor is the “stick.” The stick is whatever it is you are trying to get away from in your current work world. Your stick might be a difficult partner, the stress of trial work, demanding clients, or a poisonous work environment. Identify 3 factors and strategies to overcome or engage these difficulties.  But what if you never liked the practice of law at all? What if you became an attorney to please your parents, for example? Many attorneys enter the field because they are urged to do so by well-meaning significant people in their lives. What if you are living out someone else’s dream? That is a stick with greater weight. Discuss Mentee’s “stick” in an effort to help Mentee make better understand why they are seeking change and whether the transition will truly help them obtain their carrot. |  |
| **GRIT**  Next, there are a group of personality traits that indicate you have the motivation and tenacity to make a career transition. These traits include initiative, creativity, flexibility, endurance, and perseverance. These are the ingredients that compose what we call “grit.” Discuss with Mentee how hard they are willing to work to accomplish their goals and what personality traits they will invoke to find success. Identify at least 3 traits to develop. |  |
| **ECONOMIC REALITY**  Another factor that must be assessed is your economic situation. Help Mentee to explore, evaluate, and rank their priorities. Use those priorities to help Mentee establish short and long term professional goals. Career transitions require a delicate balance of maintaining economic stability and while moving toward achieving professional goals. Discuss with Mentee how the economic realities of their situation inform their career transition. Create a spreadsheet of income, expenses, savings. Discuss short-term (0-3 months) and long-term (2-5 years) goals with a loose budget. |  |
| **EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  The last key piece to a successful career transition has to do with understanding and utilizing information about how to effectively develop opportunities and jobs.  It is important to be prepared to have well-scripted, small vetting meetings with multiple people in the industry or practice area Mentee is trying to move into. The goal is to become known and trusted by people who are already in the industry or practice area; this is an effective way to become the “insider who gets hired.” Such an approach opens doors and develops potential jobs and other opportunities for the job-seeker. Attend 3 meetings/events with attorneys or stakeholders in the new practice area. Write a list of transferrable skills. Draft a resume and cover letter as an exercise to reflect on your skills and experience to prepare for these vetting meetings.  The focus is on learning about the industry and developing knowledge about what is happening on-the-ground, finding people already doing the work you would like to be doing, and learning from them. The focus is also on doing research so that you know the places where your skills could be useful and valuable, and articulating your value in these vetting meetings. Since more magic happens in person, discuss with Mentee how to engineer their luck by identifying people who are well positioned in the field and understanding how to connect with them in person if possible. |  |

1. **Transitioning to an In-House Position**

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| **Complete at least two of the following:** |  |
| **COMMUNICATION**  Learning to “think like a lawyer” includes learning to speak like a lawyer. While argumentative writing and communication may get you praise in the legal world, it can backfire in the business world. Discuss with Mentee how communication in the legal world differs from communication in the business world. Include in your discussion an analysis of the formality of communication in each world and communicating in a limiting manner (legal world) versus a manner that inspires more openness to possibilities that exist (business world). |  |
| **RELEGATED TO RISK MANAGEMENT**  At times, the business world can only view attorneys through the lens of risk manager. As a result, lawyers transitioning into the business world may be relegated to positions in risk management and policy development. Discuss how Mentee will overcome the potential for pigeonholing lawyers in the business world, including how the development of Mentee’s professional identity can assist them in selling themselves as more than a risk manager. |  |
| **BUILDING FINANCIAL, SALES, & OPERATIONAL SKILLS**  General counsel today bring more to the table than just their legal expertise. Acting increasingly as legal and business advisors to the CEO and senior leadership team, general counsel draw upon broader business knowledge and a wider skill set. Having the legal pedigree is a given. Differentiation comes from being, in the words of one general counsel, “more than just a lawyer.”  To truly distinguish themselves, however, legal executives must develop other attributes, such as greater knowledge of the business. The more attorneys know or learn about an industry, the better they perform as legal and business advisors; they then can advise a company in the context of the business issue and are not merely dispensing pure legal advice. Further, lawyers’ overall job performance improves with increased financial acumen, following a track similar to that of corporate administration/executives. The best-in-class general counsel is a fully functioning member of the senior leadership team who “just happens to be an attorney.”  Discuss with Mentee how to intentionally seek out opportunities to build their business and financial knowledge and skills to become an in-house attorney who is more than just a lawyer. Include in your discussion an analysis of Mentee’s current strengths and weaknesses as it pertains to business and financial knowledge and how to leverage the strengths and improve upon the areas of weakness. |  |
| **PASSION**  What separates successful business leaders and entrepreneurs from the pack is an inner drive and passion for what they are doing. The business world expects passion and innovation from all who engage with it. As general counsel, you have the ear of business leaders. They will expect you to share in their passion for the work you are doing and to utilize that passion to bring success to the business and to yourself. Discuss with Mentee their passions related to in-house, corporate work. Include in your discussion whether Mentee’s inner drive is related to a specific industry area and how Mentee will sustain their long-term passion for the work, even during difficult professional experiences. How will Mentee know if or when it is time to change direction or seek different opportunities? How does Mentee’s passion for this type of work inform the development of their professional identity as an in-house lawyer? |  |
| **LEVERAGING LEGAL BACKGROUND**  A law degree can give attorney-business leaders confidence to stick with decisions, even in the face of potential litigation. Other business leaders might find it difficult to make similar decisions because of today’s litigious business environment. General counsel never take off their legal hats. Their thinking, however, should be broader than purely legal matters to consider the longer-term impactions of a transaction, litigation, or other corporate matter. In fact, there are times when general counsel think more about the impact on the business over time than a short-term legal strategy. If they display broader thinking, general counsel can dispel the perception that having a law degree means they are only interested in legal issues. Instead, legal talent is recognized for being business minded.  Discuss with Mentee how to leverage their legal background to take a long-term, broad-based approach to advising their in-house clients. Include in your discussion an analysis of ways in which Mentee can find opportunities to learn more about the enterprise and the industry by seeking out new challenges that allow them to see the bigger picture. For instance, joining cross-functional teams, even for one project or as part of an in-house task force. |  |

**7. Improve Resiliency & Emotional Intelligence**

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| **Complete at least one of the following:** |  |
| Stress, long hours, uncertainty, and the pressure to be on 24/7 are part of the everyday life of a lawyer. Because of this lifestyle, it is critical for lawyers to develop resilience to bounce back from and grow and thrive during challenge, change, and stress. Discuss with Mentee the ways in which Mentee engages in self-care to support themselves during times of change and challenge. Include in your discussion an assessment of Mentee’s level of resilience: ability to overcome professional and personal negative issues or setbacks. |  |
| According to clinical psychologist and resilience researcher George Bonanno, a central element of resilience is perception—how you perceive stress, challenge, and adversity directly influences how you will respond to any stress trigger. When lawyers think that they have the resources to deal with a stressor, they are more likely to view stress or adversity as a challenge; conversely, when lawyers perceive their resources to be lacking under stress, they may view stress as a threat. In fact, having a rigid, inflexible response to stress, change and adversity can lead to the following:   * Increased errors and missing information and deadlines * A “protect my turf” mentality * Diminished collaboration and cooperation * More stress * Poorer work quality * Reduced collegiality and even an increase in incivility * Survival-based emotions and reactions like impatience, defensiveness, and hyper-criticality   Discuss with Mentee what resources they must deal with in the stress of transition and how they can engage with these resources during times of professional stress. Include in your discussion ways in which Mentee can assess whether they are effectively utilizing their resources. |  |
| A major transition in practice usually involves having to approach new people in unfamiliar situations. Whether it is navigating a new section of the bar, a new cohort of opposing counsel, or a new law firm, government office, or company setting, it is important for all transitioning attorneys to be conscious of their emotional intelligence.  Emotional intelligence is the awareness of one's own emotions and the emotions of others. Basically, we live and work in the presence of others, and our success shouldn't be based just on how smart we are, but also on how we interact with others.  As ABA's *Law Practice* magazine observed in 2007, "Studies at Harvard and elsewhere have shown that high IQ does not necessarily translate into high productivity, while the ability to 'get along with people' has been found to be more critical than intelligence, decisiveness or job expertise in achieving bottom-line results." Makes sense, right? Would you really want to work with someone who's smart, but tactless and cold?  Problems can often be solved even before they start with a little bit of massaging and the "counselor" part of being a lawyer. Discuss with Mentee the personality traits they embody that both help and hurt their emotional intelligence quotient. Include in your discussion of how Mentee can improve upon their “EQ” in the next phase of their practice.  Related Resources:  [The Emotional Path to Success (Harvard Magazine)](https://www.harvardmagazine.com/sites/default/files/html/1998/09/path.html)  [Emotional Intelligence: How to Find It in Prospective Associates (FindLaw's Strategist)](https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/strategist/emotional-intelligence-how-to-find-it-in-prospective-employees/)  [Lawyer Yogis Share Relaxation, Mindfulness Tips in 'Yoga for Lawyers' (FindLaw's Strategist)](https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/strategist/lawyer-yogis-share-relaxation-mindfulness-tips-in-yoga-for-lawyers/) |  |

**8. Public Service**

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| **Complete at least one of the following:** |  |
| Acquaint Mentee with legal aid programs, local pro bono programs, volunteer boards, and other opportunities for engaging in pro bono activities and civic and charitable work. Discuss the reasons for making time to engage in volunteer legal service to the public and any impediments to undertaking such work. |  |
| Mentee attends a civic club of which Mentor is a member or some other community service activity in which Mentor participates. Discuss the reasons for making time to engage in volunteer legal service to the public. |  |
| The pair participates in a bar-sponsored or other volunteer program aimed at delivering legal services to the public. Discuss the reasons for making time to engage in volunteer legal service to the public. |  |
| The pair uses the [Succession to Service](https://app.joinpaladin.com/succession-to-service/) platform to find a pro bono opportunity relevant to Mentee’s practice of law. Discuss the reasons for making time to engage in volunteer legal service to the public. |  |

**9. Developing a Competent Practice**

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| Evaluate how Mentee assess their legal competencies. As an outcome to this discussion, Mentee might develop an analysis of practice areas, matter types, client types, and Colorado judicial districts in which they feel “competent” to practice law. Create a plan for Mentee to routinely visit and update this “Zones of Competency” analysis. |  |
| Highlight areas where Mentee may not feel competent today, but wishes to improve competency over time. Generate a long term plan for Mentee to obtain necessary competencies in these areas of interest. |  |
| Assist Mentee in developing a short-term “Competency Plan” in the event that Mentee is approached to take on a matter or client outside of their scope of Zone of Competency. Included in this plan should be the educational resources, mentors, co-counselors, etc. Mentee can access to timely acquire the competency required. |  |
| Discuss the advantages of bar association involvement and discuss the many local, state, and national associations available, including any in Mentee’s specific practice area, as a means to develop referral relationships and networks. |  |
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**10. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (Complete at least two)**

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| Discuss what diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility mean to both Mentee and Mentor and how these concepts manifest in the legal profession. This exercise is designed to create a safe space for conversation and the sharing of different perspectives on how the legal profession is incorporating these concepts and how it can continue to improve. Describe what an ideal practice and legal profession would look like based on these concepts. |  |
| Discuss the dimensions of identity for the Mentor and Mentee. Which identities are most salient for each person? Why? How have these identities served you in the legal profession? How have these identities led to challenge or limitation in the legal profession? |  |
| Discuss roadblocks and challenges the Mentee and Mentor may have experienced because of their underrepresented identities. What methods were taken to address these challenges? What resources were helpful? If there were any resources that would have been helpful but were not available, discuss what those are and how to best implement them in the future. |  |
| Engage one another in a reflective exercise to assess cultural empathy. Use the [Cultural Competence Self-Assessment Checklist](https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Diversity-CulturalCompetenceChecklist.pdf) as a guide in your discussion. Discuss the ways in which cultural empathy are important to the practice of law and the building of community within the legal profession. |  |
| Attend a diversity awareness or training workshop or CLE together. Discuss the takeaways and next steps in applying what each participant learned.   * [CBA-CLE Equity/Diversity & Inclusion courses](https://cle.cobar.org/Practice-Area/Equity-Diversity-and-Inclusion) |  |
| Discuss various career paths such as Big Law, small firm, government, corporate, legal aid, and nontraditional legal positions and how they related to the Mentee’s personal and professional identities and professional goals.   1. Examine resources for underrepresented attorneys in the organizations or companies appropriate to Mentee’s career path. 2. Discuss how these paths might influence or support Mentee’s professional identity and goals. |  |

## Resources

**Videos**

* + - [Reimagining Law: DEI in the Legal Profession – What’s Working and What Isn’t](https://www.2civility.org/reimagining-law-dei-in-the-legal-profession/)
    - [Reimagining Law: Systemic Racism in the Legal Profession](https://www.2civility.org/reimagining-law-judge-ann-claire-williams-ret/)
    - [Reimagining Law: Supporting LGBTQ Legal Professionals](https://www.2civility.org/reimagining-law-moses-suarez-president-of-lagbac-chicagos-lgbtq-bar-association/)
    - [Reimagining Law: Creating a Sense of “Belonging” in the Legal Profession](https://www.2civility.org/reimagining-law-create-a-sense-of-belonging-in-the-legal-profession/)
    - [Reimagining Law: How Lawyers Can Combat Discriminatory Behavior](https://www.2civility.org/reimagining-law-how-lawyers-can-combat-discriminatory-behavior/)

**Articles**

* + - Commission’s most recent [DEI news and articles](https://www.2civility.org/news-updates/?_topics=diversity)
    - [Implicit Bias: Cloaked in Color-Blind Clothing](https://www.2civility.org/implicit-bias-color-blind-clothing/)
    - [Addressing Diversity Challenges in Law Firms](https://www.2civility.org/addressing-diversity-challenges-in-law-firms/)
    - [What Kids Can Teach Lawyers About Diversity and Representation](https://www.2civility.org/minorities-representation-legal-profession/)
    - [5 Things to Know About Lawyers with Disabilities](https://www.2civility.org/5-things-about-lawyers-with-disabilities/)
    - [3 Ways Lawyers Can Promote DEI and More with the CBA Racial Justice Coalition](https://www.2civility.org/3-ways-lawyers-can-promote-dei-and-more-with-the-cba-racial-justice-coalition/)
    - [Inclusive Language is Allyship](https://www.2civility.org/inclusive-language-is-allyship/)
    - [Unconscious Bias in Mentoring Relationships](https://www.2civility.org/unconscious-bias-in-mentoring-relationships/)
    - [Four Reasons You Need a Mentor](https://www.2civility.org/four-reasons-for-mentoring/)

**American Bar Association**

* + - [Bias Interrupters Project](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/women/initiatives_awards/bias-interrupters/) - You Can't Change What You Can't See: Interrupting Racial and Gender Bias in the Legal Profession
    - [Model Diversity Survey](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/racial_ethnic_diversity/aba/credp_2020_mds_report.pdf) from the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
    - [Implicit Bias Videos and Toolkit](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/diversity/resources/implicit-bias/) from the ABA Diversity and Inclusion Center

1. **Integration and Development of “Whole-Person Lawyering”**

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| **Complete at least two of the following:** |  |
| This component of the Mentoring Plan addresses the unique contribution of the mentee to the legal profession while working with the mentor to shape an approach that expresses the whole person as a lawyer. The discussion should focus on how the unique interests, history, and talents of the mentee influence the mentee’s perspective and how this perspective affects their practice of law. Suggested discussion topics are below: |  |
| * What are your values and how do these fit with your choice to become an attorney? How is this expressed in your practice? |  |
| * Do you have a spiritual context, such as a particular religion, nature or the outdoors, or philosophy? How does this impact why and how you practice law? |  |
| * What are your hobbies and how do they connect with your professional life? Do you use them to offset stress? Do your hobbies directly relate to your practice? How do your hobbies reflect why and how you practice law? |  |
| * What are your talents that express the most essential parts of your personal identity? Do you feel like you are fully expressing all the components of your perspective and experience in life? How do you think doing so would affect why and how you practice law? |  |
| * What are the key relationships in your life? How are they integrated into your professional life? |  |
| * What would be your ideal in integrating your personal life with your professional life? Or are these interests best served separately? Or a combination of both? |  |
| * How does your history affect the reason why you chose to be a lawyer? How does it affect your practice today? |  |
| * How do your hopes and dreams for the future affect your professional decisions? |  |
| * At the end of your career, what would you like to have accomplished? Has this changed over the duration of your practice? If so, how? |  |
| * Do an activity related to the mentee’s personal interests. |  |