

Sign Up for Mentoring Program

The LCBA is making available a mentoring program to lawyers of Lubbock and the surrounding counties who have practiced five years or less. This program will be of great benefit to newer lawyers whether they are working as a solo practitioner, associate with a firm, law clerk to a judge, or employed by a corporation or governmental entity. It is also open to lawyers who have just moved to the area, lawyers who are entering private practice from government or industry, lawyers who would like to meet other members of the bar, and lawyers who would like help with the practical side of the law. It is designed to be a small group of four or five newer lawyers meeting with a more experienced lawyer who will serve as a mentor to guide them in making a smooth transition into the practice of law. The mentor and the group functions as a sounding board, rather than to provide any particular legal advice or solution, which would be outside the scope of the program.

The group will use an informal written curriculum as a guide to initiate discussion at the monthly meeting sessions; however, the group is free to discuss anything of interest to the group. Topics of discussion will range from how to engage with the legal community (judges, court officials, and other lawyers), law practice management, ethical dilemmas, effective client representation, and optimal ways to practice law. Mentor groups are intended to be a way for newer lawyers to develop professionally so that they will become both competent and congenial practitioners of the law, allowing them to be more comfortable with the legal community in which they practice. Participation in a mentoring group, along with being an active member of the local bar and specialty bar associations, is an ideal way to transition from the study of law to a happy and successful career practicing the law.

There will be no cost associated with the mentoring program, except for the cost of the lunch if the group decides to meet at lunch. Although it is intended that the groups will meet for at least a year, they can continue to meet and share experiences after that period if they desire. Please make a commitment to be part of a mentoring group by completing and mailing the application form for protégés. Applications will be accepted up to the end of December, with the new groups to start in January 2011.