



Family Law

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Themes:

- Guiding the practice of family law.

Conversation Starters:

- Why are you drawn to this area of law? Do you have any experience?
- What are some typical family law matters?
 - Dissolution (division of assets, parenting plans, child support, spousal support)
 - Parentage actions
 - Modifications
 - Protection orders and restraining orders
 - Committed intimate relationships, residential schedules, restrictions on parent
- Where might there be intersection with other areas of law?
 - Contract law
 - Trust and estate law
 - Immigration law
 - Dependency law
 - Alternative dispute resolution
 - Property law
 - Criminal law
- What are the different types of experts you may potentially work with?
 - Financial expert
 - Real property appraiser
 - Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)/Parenting evaluator
 - Mental health expert

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Activities:

- Shadow at family law clinic.
- Visit the courthouse to learn about family law resources at court.
- Interview a family law practitioner.
- Attend a Family Law Section meeting or activity.
- Observe family law motion calendar.
- Network.
- Attend CLEs.
- Join WSBA Family Law Section and local county family law bar association.

Resources:

- Discuss what additional resources the mentor/mentee have found useful in their own practice.
- [WSBA Family Law Section](#)
- [Washington Law Help resources](#) relating to various family law issues
- Washington state court [forms](#)
- Legal Voice: Women’s Rights, [tools and resources](#)