

WORKSHEET P
INTRODUCTION TO RESOURCES FOR ETHICAL ISSUES

- Suggest resources that your mentee can consult for making important ethical decisions, including the following:
 - Identify the procedure for obtaining in-house ethics advice (if you are in an in-house mentoring relationship).
 - Provide suggestions for finding outside ethics counsel and when such action is recommended.
 - Identify other helpful ethics materials, where they can be found, and the importance of supplementing general ethics resources with independent research on Ohio disciplinary case law, especially when the ethics resources reviewed are not based on the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct
 - Identify ethics inquiry services from local or state bar associations.
- Discuss procedures for requesting or researching ethics advisory opinions of the Board of Professional Conduct.
- Review the conflict of interest rules. See Prof. Cond. Rules 1.7–1.10 and 1.18.
- If your mentee is a government employee (or has been in the past), discuss Prof. Cond. Rule 1.11.
- If the new lawyer served (or is serving) as a law clerk to a judge or other adjudicative officer, see Prof. Cond. Rule 1.12.
- Discuss the importance of adequately screening for conflicts of interest. Share with your mentee the firm’s procedure for screening for conflicts (if in an in-house mentoring relationship) or your office’s procedure for screening for conflicts (if in an outside mentoring relationship).
- Discuss different types of conflicts of interest that can arise—particularly in your mentee’s practice area(s)—and give examples of conflicts which can be waived with informed consent. Explain how to document your clients’ consent to conflicts
- Discuss screening walls, when they apply, and how a law office manages them.

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Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Advisory Opinions <https://ohioadvop.org/>

American Legal Ethics Library <http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/>

Findlaw <https://www.findlaw.com/hirealawyer/choosing-the-right-lawyer/ethics-and-professional-responsibility.html#:~:text=Legal%20ethics%20is%20a%20term,to%20individuals%20and%20to%20society.>

Legal Malpractice Resource Links <https://www.stangerlaw.com/blog/malpractice-resources/>

practicePRO by the Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company <http://www.practicepro.ca/>

sunEthics <http://www.sunethics.com/>

FAQ's on Malpractice Insurance for the New or Suddenly Solo Attorney
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/lawyers_professional_liability/resources/faqs_on_malpractice_insurance_for_the_new_or_suddenly_solo_attorney/