

## Questions to Get and Keep the Conversation Going

### One-on-One Mentoring with Members of the Riverside County Bar Association (RCBA)

We hope your 30 minute meeting with an RCBA mentor is an enjoyable and productive experience that helps inform whether you decide to pursue a career in law. This is your time to get your questions answered, but the list below may help you get and keep the conversation going.

#### Questions about Them

1. Can you tell me a little about your career path?
2. What made you decide to go to law school?
3. How did you choose your specialty?
4. What does a typical work day look like for you?
5. What do you enjoy the most about your work?
6. What do you enjoy the least about your work?
7. How did you decide where to attend law school?
8. What jobs and experiences led to your current position?
9. What is the company culture like where you work?
10. If you were hiring, types of skills or experience would you look for in an applicant?

#### Questions about the Field

1. Is there a high demand for a particular type of lawyer?
2. Do you think there is a personality type that isn't well-suited for this field?
3. Law school is expensive. Is it reasonable to expect to pay off loans within 5 years?
4. What skills, talents, or experiences are most appreciated in the field?
5. What kind of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?
6. What is the work / life balance in this field?
7. What are the employment prospects like for someone fresh out of law school in this region?
8. What are the salary ranges in this field?
9. Is the field changing? If so, how can I prepare for the field after I graduate from law school?
10. What does career advancement typically look like within the field?

#### Recommendations for You

1. Are there any resources that would help me decide whether I should go to law school?
2. What can I do now to prepare for law school?
3. What do you wish you had known about this career when you were my age?
4. Are there any questions I'm not asking that you think I should?
5. Would it be okay to stay in-touch after our meeting in case I have questions? (e.g. email, LinkedIn)