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Resources on Mentoring and Preparing for the Profession

Research shows that new lawyers are expressing that law school does not adequately prepare them for the profession, citing that law school courses do not provide basic lawyering skills or teach students to think on their own. The ABA Pulse of the Profession 2006 Report<sup>1</sup> indicated that 56% of those surveyed have a mentor. The Report correlated having a mentor with career satisfaction. The Report further indicated that a mentor has a greater impact on an attorney who finds a mentor within the first 3-5 years of practice. The Summit Team hopes to provide our peers with information on how to best create and maintain this professional relationship, see below.

[Building a Good Mentoring Relationship](#)

by Michael Geibelson  
*Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine  
Fall 2005

[Finding A Mentor](#)

by Penelope Trunk  
Forbes  
July 6, 2006

[Why Can't Law Students Be More Like Lawyers?](#)

by Stephen J. Friedman  
*The University of Toledo Law Review* Volume 37 –  
Number 1- Fall 2005

[Finding Great Resources about Mentoring on the Internet  
May Be Even More Difficult Than Finding a Great  
Mentor On Your Own](#)

by Dennis Kennedy  
*Law Practice Today*  
August 2004

[When Big Brother is Watching \[Out For\] You: Mentoring  
Lawyers, Choosing a Mentor, and Sharing Ten Virtues  
from My Mentor](#)

by Julie A. Oseid  
*South Carolina Law Review*  
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[The Importance of Mentoring](#)

by Wendy L. Werner  
*Law Practice TODAY*  
July 2004

[Getting the Right Fit](#)

by Deborah Hodgson  
*Lawyers Weekly*  
May 19, 2006

[Mentoring: Constructing a Personal Advisory Board](#)

by Ellen Ostrow, Ph.D.  
*Wisconsin Lawyer*  
October 2001

[Advice for Young Lawyers about Career Development](#)

by Paula Nailon, J.D.  
*Law Practice TODAY*  
March 2005

[The Lawyer's Guide to Mentoring](#)

by Ida O. Abbott  
published by NALP  
2000

[Want a Mentor? Find and Develop Your Own](#)

by Steven C. Bennett  
*New York Law Journal*  
March 25, 2003

[The 21st Century Lawyer: Is There a Gap to be  
Narrowed?](#)

by Paul Brest and Linda Krieger  
*Washington Law Review*  
July, 1994

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<sup>1</sup> ABA Pulse of the Profession Report, 2006.