

PARRIS INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL FORMATION

PRECEPTOR PROGRAM 2015-2016

OPTIONAL PROMPTS FOR DISCUSSION

Connection 1 – Sometime in September/October

“Taking Care of Yourself”

1. Student and Preceptor tell your life story highlights in 10 minutes each.
2. Preceptor: Knowing what you know now, what would you do the same or different if you went back to law school? Discuss your challenges and develop a plan of attack.
3. Preceptor: How do you suggest balancing professional stress, family, exercise and vacation time, and is that achievable during law school?
Student: Discuss challenges and develop a plan of attack.

Connection 2 – Sometime in October/November

“First Impressions”

1. Student: Discuss the best parts of law school and the greatest challenges you are facing. Preceptor: What suggestions do you have for overcoming these challenges?
2. Preceptor: What catches your attention negatively when you read a cover letter or resume’?
3. Preceptor: What are the most important things to you and what impresses you the most when you read cover letters and resumes’?
4. Give feedback on the student’s cover letter and resume.

Connection 3 – Sometime in January/February

“Personal Impressions” The purpose of this meeting is to refine your interviewing skills.

1. Ask your Preceptor to do a 15-30 minute interview with you as if you were apply for a position in their firm. Tell them they may invite others to participate if that will help create an actual interview feel.
2. Ask the Preceptor and other interviewers to provide you with honest feedback on at least the following:
 - a. Professional attire
 - b. Professional demeanor
 - c. Eye contact
 - d. Pleasant face
 - e. Confidence
 - f. Quality of answers
 - g. Impressions of you
 - h. Any other suggestions they may have
3. Take notes for future review on all of your Preceptors feedback.