

# Junior Practitioner Mentoring Programme Feedback



- My mentor was very helpful with such a wide range of experiences (and clearly very highly skilled) and was very approachable at all times. I consider myself very lucky to have had the opportunity of meeting regularly with a barrister of this level of experience.
- The program helped me to put things into context and to see the wider picture, to help identify my needs and how to try to achieve a work/life balance by keeping work in perspective and to help identify the challenges faced by a practitioner.
- I consider myself lucky to have been included in the program. I believe the mentoring scheme is an excellent idea.
- The benefit of this type of professional relationship is that it provides a confidential forum to allow a senior lawyer to impart the best pointers of their years of ‘hands-on’ experience in the practice of law.
- The things a junior lawyer will learn from this programme are all the little pearls of wisdom known only to those who have been in the profession for years. In my experience one will not find this type of knowledge in a law book or a university lecture
- I feel as though I now have a better appreciation of the choices, opportunities and even some of the pitfalls before me in my future as a legal practitioner. I feel a greater sense of freedom as to how I progress my career as a result of the guidance I received.
- The program gave me the incredible opportunity to meet and learn from a very well respected practitioner, and to build a network of support outside of my immediate working environment. I believe that it is vital for junior practitioners to have this sort of support and be exposed to the ‘bigger picture’ of legal practice so that they are in a position to find their niche within the profession. I feel my involvement has helped me tremendously in pursuing my career goals.
- It helped me understand what I really want as a career and how I can achieve that. Topics discussed included legal issues, challenges and the working conditions of lawyers.
- The mentor programme is worth its weight in gold to any practitioner who cares to open their minds to it.