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Administrative Law

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Themes:

- Guiding the practice of administrative law through understanding what administrative law is and the roles of state agencies.

Conversation Starters:

- Why are you interested in this area of law?
- What subject matter or focus areas do you want to target?
- What are the roles for an attorney?
 - Representation of petitioners (private or advocate), representation of the administrative agency, administrative law judge, review judge
- What is the judicial review process?
- What is the difference between agency statutory authority, agency rules, and agency policies?

Activities:

- Review the WAC's governing administrative hearings involving different agencies, discuss when agencies adopt the Model Rules (WAC 10-08) and when agencies have other rules.
- Discuss the differences between administrative and superior court processes, rules of evidence, etc.
- Review the APA provisions governing superior court judicial review hearings.
- Review the standards of review when the Court of Appeals reviews agency decisions.
- Discuss the differences between a statute (RCW), a rule (WAC), and an agency policy.
- Connect mentee with administrative law practitioners in various practice areas for observation or informational interviews.
- Attend an administrative hearing at OAH; introduce mentee to administrative hearing dockets so that they can find other observational opportunities.
- Attend a judicial review hearing at a superior court.
- Review the Code Reviser's webpage and an agency rule-making webpage; review rule-making forms and a rule-making record.

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Activities (continued):

- Attend a rule-making hearing.
- Review and discuss a JLARC report; attend or observe archived video of JLARC hearing on the report.
- Attend a [WSBA Administrative Law Section](#) meeting or activity.

Resources:

- Discuss what additional resources the mentor/mentee has found useful in their own practice.
- WSBA Administrative Procedure Desk Book
- [Washington State Code Reviser](#)
- [The Administrative Procedure Act](#)
- [Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings](#)
- University of Washington Gallagher Law Library Washington State Administrative Law [Resource page](#)