

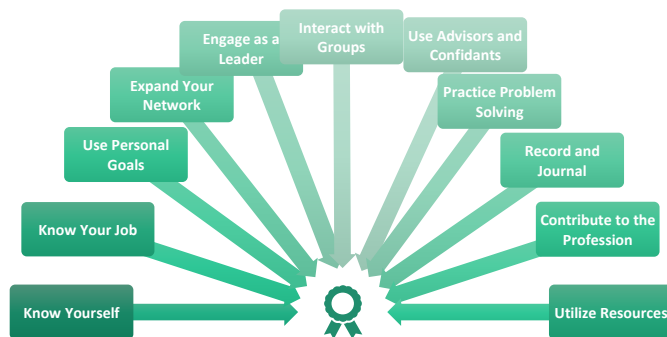


## Issue #11

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# I'm a Court Administrator!\* – Now What?! Issue #11

The Series...covers aspects about being or becoming a court administrator and includes actions and strategies for success. This issue reviews the practice of contributing to the profession.



\* court manager, court director, court executive officer, clerk of court, registrar, or similar titles

## Topic in This Issue: Contribute to the Profession



The action of contributing to your profession is a trait of a seasoned pro. Giving back may be formal or informal, large or small and reflects your passion for the profession, ultimately benefiting you as a court leader.



Suggested and select notes and sources are noted below.

### Professional Traits

- Credentials
- Training and research
- Standards
- Competence
- Work ethics

### Contributor Traits

- Giving
- Sharing
- Donating
- Assisting
- Participating

### What It Means to be a Professional

- Join a professional association
- Engage with organizations
- Serve on a board or panel
- Serve as a role model and mentor to others
- Share and discuss with others
- Author articles for professional publications
- Teach, present, and speak at conferences
- Volunteer on groups and committees

### Professional Contributions

- Let people know you appreciate what they do
- Take someone under your wing
- Make an introduction for a friend or colleague
- Give another an opportunity to stretch and grow
- Provide direct and honest feedback
- Give back

### Benefits of Giving Back to the Profession

- Use experience to advocate for the profession
- Share what you've learned to aspiring and new to profession individuals
- Be reminded why you chose the profession
- Reignite passion, enthusiasm and sense of purpose for the job



### Tips

- Dive in
- Be involved
- Take risks
- Work from experiences
- Share using lessons learned



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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

In what ways can you give back to your profession and colleagues?

What lessons and experiences can you share with others?

What sharing do you wish you had when you were starting in the court?

