

# Entering a Regulated Profession

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# Objectives

1. Introduction to the Law Society and a career in a regulated profession
2. Keeping a broad view of professionalism
3. Building great professionalism habits as a student and junior lawyer



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- Overview of the Law Society of Ontario
- Mandate to licence, regulate, and discipline lawyers and paralegals
- Duties:
  - to protect the public interest
  - to maintain and advance the cause of justice and the rule of law
  - to facilitate access to justice
  - to act in a timely, open and efficient manner



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- Purposes of professional standards
- Principles-based *Rules of Professional Conduct*
- Professional standards must always keep up with shifting professional environments



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1. Law is a service industry
  2. The practice of law is about managing risk
- Professional standards and practices will support you to provide great client service and to manage legal risks



# Key Professionalism Tips

1. Get a mentor
2. Communicate, communicate, communicate
3. Stay organized
4. Think from your client's perspective
5. Listen to your instincts



# Thank You

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