

TRANSITION INTO LAW PRACTICE PROGRAM TIMELINE - 10 YEARS IN THE MAKING

1996

State Bar of Georgia creates Standards of the Profession Committee with charge to investigate and report to Board of Governors as to whether the State Bar should require beginning lawyers to complete a period of internship or other supervised work prior to admission.

1997

Standards of the Profession Committee recommends Pilot Project to test the feasibility of a transition into practice program combining mentoring with continuing legal education.

1998 – 1999

Pilot Project logistics are planned and funding secured.

2000 – 2001

State Bar conducts 2-year Pilot Project with 100 mentors and 100 beginning lawyers.

2002

Pilot Project is evaluated as successful in conveying to beginning lawyers the practical skills and professional values necessary to practice law in a highly competent manner.

2003

Standards of the Profession Committee formally recommends a mandatory Transition Into Law Practice Program that combines mandatory mentoring with continuing legal education for newly admitted lawyers in Georgia.

Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia approves the concept of a mandatory Transition Into Law Practice Program and authorizes the Standards of the Profession Committee to propose an Implementation Plan.

2004

Supreme Court of Georgia approves the concept of a mandatory Transition Into Law Practice Program and authorizes the Standards of the Profession Committee to propose an Implementation Plan.

Standards of the Profession Committee prepares Implementation Plan.

Board of Governors approves Implementation Plan.

2005

Supreme Court of Georgia approves Implementation Plan calling for mandatory Transition Into Law Practice Program to commence January 1, 2006.

QUOTATION:

**Sometimes the struggle for something that is worthwhile
makes it all the better, once you achieve it.**

- Harry S. Truman