Q. How do I find and choose a mentor?
Go to the LIV mentor webpage. There you will find the LIV Mentor Directory which contains a list of LIV trained mentors. Mentees are expected to select their own mentor that suits their needs. Some mentees may choose a mentor who practices in the same area of law or in the same suburb. However bear in mind that the mentor you choose need not be experienced in the same area of law that you practice or work, although at times it may be useful. Mentors that practice in a different area of law from you may offer a different perspective that can provide a good starting point for discussions.

Q. Do mentors and mentees ever meet face-to-face?
There is no reason that the relationship must be limited to email or telephone. We encourage both mentor and mentee to communicate by other means as well. Most importantly, both parties should maintain regular contact with each other.

Q. How much contact should I have with my mentor?
We suggest that initially you should set up short meetings or conversations frequently to get off to a good start and later meet less regularly or more frequently as required. Remember, mentors volunteer their time and their time is limited, so be reasonable.

Q. What happens if I encounter problems?
Contact LIV Mentoring on 9607 9565 or email mentor@liv.asn.au and the LIV is ready to help with support and intervention as needed.

Q. What sort of topics can I discuss with my mentor?
The LIV leaves the topics for discussion up to the parties. You may discuss with your mentor any topic for which you feel you need guidance and support. For example, a mentor may try to help you focus on your practical legal skills, look at your strengths, work on weak areas or perhaps help with time management.

Q. What if I cannot find a mentor who has the skills and experience I am looking for?
Then you may be expecting too much from a mentor and you may need to be referred to other mentoring programs. If this is the case contact LIV Mentoring on 9607 9565 or email mentor@liv.asn.au and they will refer you to another mentoring program.

Q. What if I am not happy with the help or advice a mentor is providing?
You should discuss this directly with your mentor. Many problems can be sorted out through a frank exchange of views, and it is unfair not to tell your mentor if you are having reservations. However if you are still dissatisfied, visit the LIV Mentor Directory and select another mentor.