The Best Boards Focus on the Big Picture

- The best boards focus on the big-picture issues—like how to equip lawyers to practice in the changing landscape, how to increase access to justice and the courts, or how the bar can help the community better understand the justice system.
- The best boards make time to talk about these kinds of issues at their regular board meetings.
- The best boards recognize when they’re veering into the weeds or into management territory. They call attention to it and shift back to the more strategic issue or question.
- The best boards create a culture of trust where different perspectives can be shared. They encourage candor and dissent.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion

- Of the practices described in the video, what does your board do well?
- Which board practices need more work?
- What big strategic issues will we need to focus on over the next 12 months?