



Introduction Resource

What is a “Great” Legal Job?

Lots of law students don't know where to start in terms of career planning. If you are one of these people perhaps it will help to ask yourself some of the following questions and evaluate your responses.

Self-evaluation

- What made you choose to attend law school?
- What was attractive to you about the practice of law?
- What do you see yourself doing five years from now?
- How would you respond to “tell me about yourself”?
- How would your _____ describe you?
 - Friends
 - Fellow law students
 - Professors
 - Former employers
 - Family members
- Who do you look up to and why?
- Are there any practicing lawyers you look up to? If so, why?
- Where do you see yourself needing further development to be the most effective as a lawyer?
- What qualifications do you have that will help you be successful in the law?
- In what kind of working environment are you most comfortable?
- What accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction? Why?
- What so-called “failures” have you learned the most from? What were the lessons?

Law School

- What law school classes do you find the most and least interesting? Why?
- How, if at all, would you change the law school curriculum so that it is most effective in preparing young lawyers for their career?
- What is the most useful thing about law school in terms of preparing you for a legal career?
- What has been your most rewarding experience in law school?
- What have you learned from participating on journals or clinical programs?

Work experience

- What professional abilities do you have?
- What prior positions have helped you prepare for legal career?
- Describe the most interesting legal project you have worked on? What was so appealing?
- Describe the duller legal project you have worked on? Why was it so boring to you?