Potential Questions to Ask Law School Recruiters

PREPARATION FOR LAW SCHOOL
• What types of classes should I be taking to prepare for law school?
• How should someone decide whether to enter law school immediately after graduation or to work for a few years? What do you recommend?
• How do law schools assess applicants’ extracurricular activities? What types of leadership or service roles should I pursue?
• What types of internships or work experiences should I pursue?
• What skills should I develop in college that will be useful for law school?

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS
• How do you review applications?
• What are your projections for this year's applicant pool?
• What are my chances for admission with my grades and LSAT score?
• Is there an advantage in applying early?
• Does your school have "early action" or "early decision"?
• When do you typically let applicants know about admissions decisions?
• How important is the personal statement in your admissions process?
• What kinds of recommendations are most helpful?
• What percentage of matriculating students have taken time off after college graduation?

CURRICULUM/FACULTY
• What clinical opportunities are offered at your school?
• How is the first year program organized?
• Do you offer a part-time option?
• Can first year students start other than in the fall?
• What joint degree programs are offered?
• Do you offer law school study abroad programs?
• Describe areas of specialization in course offerings.
• How are students selected for law journals or law review?
• How many participate?
• How would you describe faculty-student relationships?

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CHARACTER/AMBIANCE
• What makes your law school unique?
• Describe the physical location of the school.
• Describe the on and off campus housing opportunities for students.
• Describe the atmosphere within the student body concerning competition.
• What complaints do students have about your school?
• When students turn down your school over another, what factors do they list?

EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES
• How many graduates practice in the region around your school?
• How do you help students and graduates find jobs outside the region around your school?
• What percentage of graduating students find jobs?
• What percentage of students find jobs through on campus recruiting?
• What kinds of jobs do your graduates take after law school?
• How many students find summer employment through law school?
• How many students find part-time employment during the 2d or 3rd years of law school?
• What career services are offered to students and graduates?
• How much does class rank determine your job search success of your graduates?
• What is your school’s bar passage rate?
• What support do you provide students seeking judicial clerkships?

COSTS/FINANCIAL AID
• How is financial aid handled at your school?
• Can I expect to receive a decision on my financial aid application before I have to pay a deposit?
• Do you offer merit or need-based scholarships or grants? If so, what criteria do you use?
• How do most of your students pay for law school?
• What are the average costs at your school for tuition, room and board, and other expenses?
• Do you anticipate a tuition increase?
• Do you have a loan repayment assistance program for graduates who go into public interest law?
• If you represent a state-supported institution, what are the criteria and procedures for obtaining state residency status while in law school?