

## Why Do Law Firms Need Your Undergraduate Transcripts?

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### Question:

I am an intellectual property associate. My recruiter has asked me not only for my law school transcript, but for my undergraduate transcript as well. Is this unusual?

### Answer:

Law school transcripts are an absolute requirement for your recruiter. Many law firms will consider an application incomplete until law school transcripts are received.

See [A Comprehensive Guide to Working with a Legal Recruiter](#) for more information.

In the case of an intellectual property associate, a candidate's undergraduate major and coursework is often as important to a firm as the candidate's J.D. if that candidate is being considered on the basis of an undergraduate technical degree. When you are beginning a lateral job search, it is important to quickly secure your law school and undergraduate transcripts for your recruiter so that she can get the process started. Usually, firms are content with unofficial transcripts during the application process. These can often be quickly attained through an institution's website or via fax. The firm may later request an official transcript when they are engaged in the due diligence process related to an offer.

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