

Law Firm Interview Resources

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Summary: This contains everything attorneys need to know about law firm interviewing. This includes general preparation, how to dress, common mistakes, and even conducting an interview.

When it comes to job interviews, there is no one profession that has the corner on the market. While attorneys are trained in negotiation, litigation, and legal argument, these skills don't automatically transfer over to their job interviews. This is why we have put together a [comprehensive list of articles](#) about law firm job interviews. This list features articles about general preparation, dress, interview questions, turning interviews into offers, post-interview tips, law student interviewing, and many more areas. It even features a section with advice for law firms on how to properly conduct attorney interviews.

We hope you find this page to be a helpful resource throughout the [interview process](#), and we will continue to update this page as new interview articles are added to our site.

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[Why You Should Visualize the Interview as an Attorney](#)

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[THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CONFIDENCE IN A LAW FIRM JOB INTERVIEW](#)

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[What Should I Do If the Legal Recruiter Working with Is Not Following Up with Firms They Have Submitted Me To?](#)

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Law Firm Interview Questions

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[The Most Important Six Questions Attorneys and Law Students Should Ask Themselves Before Interviewing With Law Firms](#)
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[How Attorneys and Law Students Should Answer the Most Important Questions in Law Firm Interviews](#)
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[The Importance of Interest, Energy and Enthusiasm in a Law Firm Interview](#)
[How to Ace the Interview](#)
[How to Repackage Yourself as an Attorney to Get the Job](#)
[What Are Some of the Best Ways to Impress a Law Firm in an Interview?](#)
[The Attribute Shared by Attorneys Who Most Consistently Land Jobs](#)
[The One Key Goal You Must Focus on During the Attorney Interview Process](#)
[The Five Things Employers Really Want to Know during a Law Firm Interview](#)
[Why You Need to Keep It Simple in an Attorney Interview](#)
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[Why You Should Never "Wing It" in an Attorney Interview No Matter How Good You Are with People Knowing What to Ask and When to Ask It](#)

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[Do NOT Pass Up an Interview Just Because the Firm Is Not Footing the Bill](#)

[What You Should Never Talk About During an Attorney Interview](#)

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[How to Conduct an Interview for Lateral Hires](#)
[Behavioral Interviewing Techniques to Help Your Law Firm Get Great Laterals](#)
[Interview Yourself First - Questions to Ask Before Starting Your Lateral Search](#)

Summer Interviewing Tips

[The BCG Guide to Summer Interviewing](#)
[Bikinis or Briefs ... What Lies Beneath the Perfect Summer Interview](#)
[The #1 Thing Attorneys and Law Students Need to Say in Law Firm Interviews to Get Hired](#)
[Top 12 Reasons Attorneys and Law Students Do Not Get Law Firm Interviews: Why Law Firms Are Not Interviewing You](#)
[How Should I Respond When Law Firms Ask Why I Don't Want to Return to My Summer Firm?](#)
[Interviewing in Law Firms in the Summer: A Guide for Attorneys Seeking New Positions in the Summer](#)

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[How Attorneys Can Get Jobs Rapidly In Interviews and Even After Being Rejected by Law Firms](#)

[What Does Silence Mean When a Law Firm Fails to Respond to Your Application, or Interviews You and Then Goes Dark?](#)

[Handling References after a successful interview: A Basic Guideline](#)

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