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The JD admissions process can be long — and it can be even longer if the schools on your list [want](#) applicants to interview with them. If you've been selected for an interview, you might be anxious about how to prepare. The best way, of course, is to practice! To help you get a sense of the questions you might be asked at your law school interview, we have compiled 50 of the most common law school interview questions below.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESUMÉ AND BACKGROUND

- What has been your biggest challenge so far?
- What was the best part about your summer job last year?
- Why did you switch from [one field] to [another field]?
- Tell me about an experience you had in an internship, or job that makes you proud.
- What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?
- How would your teammates describe you?
- Tell us about where you grew up.
- How do you handle failure?
- What have you learned at your current job?
- Tell me about a time you showcased leadership.
- Tell me about a time you've received feedback you didn't agree with.
- Explain to us a little more about your multiple attempts on the LSAT.

GETTING A SENSE OF YOUR CAREER GOALS

- Why do you want to become a lawyer?
- What do you hope to do or accomplish with your JD?
- Why are you applying to law school now?
- What are your short term goals?
- What are your long term goals?
- What is your field of interest within law?
- If you weren't attending law school, what career would you pursue?
- What's one thing that you might be scared of or hesitant about in law school?
- How would you define success?
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
- What is your dream job in law?

ASSESSING YOUR SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING

- Would you be able to handle large amounts of reading and writing assignments?
- What was the most challenging part of the LSAT for you?
- Are you a good communicator?
- Do you speak any languages besides English?
- Describe a situation in which you have worked with a diverse group of people -- what did you learn from the situation?

ASSESSING YOUR INTEREST IN THE SPECIFIC SCHOOL

- Why are you interested in our school?
- What excites you most about our school?
- What excites you the most about moving to this city?
- What courses appeal to you the most?
- From what you understand of law school, what part of the program will be most difficult for you?
- Are there any specific features of our law school that can help your career goals that you can't find elsewhere?
- Which particular clinics are you interested in?

UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU WOULD BRING TO LAW SCHOOL

- What kind of student do you expect to be?
- What can you bring to the class that no other student can?
- If you were an admission officer, what would you see as your weakness?
- What are you looking for in potential classmates?
- If a school didn't take you, what would they be missing out on?

TALKING ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS

- How do you spend your free time?
- Tell us more about a particularly meaningful extracurricular activity.
- Share a book that influenced you or a book you're currently reading.
- If you had a chance to have dinner with anyone alive or dead, whom would you choose?
- If you had to choose any contemporary or historical figure to be your mentor, who would it be?
- If you could teach your fellow students a class in anything, academic or not, what would you teach them?

QUESTIONS ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS

- What current events have you been following the most closely?
- What do you think is the biggest challenge society faces today?
- What would you tell the US President?

Now that you have a list of questions, it's time to start practicing. Try talking in front of a mirror, or getting a friend to do a practice interview with you. Hopefully, you'll gain a clearer picture of what you might be asked as you sit down to face the admissions officers at some of your top-choice law schools. Carefully think about your interests and goals before you attend the interview so that the school can understand who you are and how you can contribute to their institution, and ultimately, the field of law.