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As the year starts coming to a close, we're fast approaching the closing dates for law school applications. You may have applied to some JD programs which invite students for interviews. Don't be intimidated. The interview is a way for admissions officers to understand who you are, what makes you tick, and what you can contribute to their program. To help you prepare, we've compiled a list of some of the most common law school interview questions that candidates may face.

1. Why do you want to become a lawyer?

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2. Why are you interested in our school?

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3. What kind of law interests you the most?

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4. What is your dream job in law?

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5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

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6. How would you contribute to your class?

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7. What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?

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8. Tell me about an experience you had in an internship or job that makes you proud.

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9. How do you spend your free time?

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10. What's one thing that you might be scared of or hesitant about in law school?

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11. What has been your biggest challenge so far?

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12. What kind of law student do you expect to be?

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13. If you had a chance to have dinner with anyone alive or dead, whom would you choose?

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14. Share a book that influenced you or a book you're currently reading.

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15. Explain your journey from your previous career to law.

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16. What excites you the most about moving to this city?

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17. Tell us more about a particularly meaningful extracurricular activity.

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18. What would you tell the US President?

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19. What was the best part about your summer job last year?

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20. What kind of student do you expect to be?

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21. What do you hope to accomplish with your JD?

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22. Why are you interested in X type of law?

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23. Why are you switching careers? (For older applicants.)

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24. Why are you applying to law school now?

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25. Tell me about a time you were challenged while working in a team.

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26. Tell me about a time you overcame an obstacle.

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27. What have you learned at your current job?

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28. Talk to me about [the hobbies or interests you listed on your resume].

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29. Tell me about a time you've received feedback you didn't agree with.

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30. How do you navigate a difficult conversation?

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31. What do you value most for a community?

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32. Talk about someone who's been an important mentor to you.

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33. If you had to choose any contemporary or historical figure to be your mentor, who would it be?

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34. Why law instead of doing an MPP or MBA?

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35. How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

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36. Who is your favorite author?

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37. What will you contribute to this school?

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38. Who is a famous lawyer you admire? Why?

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39. What's a potential downside of your application? How might you address it?

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40. What is something that you have done for the first time recently?

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41. What contemporary news issue are you following?

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42. What do you do to unwind?

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43. What kind of student do you think you were in college and graduate school?

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44. Describe your undergrad educational experience and your achievements while in school.

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45. Which student organization would you be interested in?

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46. Describe your best and worst days.

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47. If I were to ask your best friend what your three best qualities are, what would they say?

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48. Pick two things off of your resume to talk about.

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49. Have you ever been in [the city the law school is located in?] Would you be comfortable moving there?

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50. When did you seriously begin considering law school, and what were your first steps?

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When your law school interviews start knocking on the door, make sure you come across as a motivated, committed, and likable individual. Moreover, do your research on each of the schools you're talking to and be prepared to answer why you're interested in them and how you hope to take advantage of their resources. It's important that the interviewer understands your potential both as a student and a future lawyer. Practice through mock interviews and articulate yourself in a composed manner. Good luck!