Evaluating Your Summer Experience

There are absolutely things you can be doing to make your 1L summer experience as valuable as possible for any 2L private sector job search. Check out the EIW Tip Sheet: Maximizing Your 1L Summer for a Private Sector Job Search and consider the below four suggestions to maximize your summer experience.

1. **Use your job to gain new professional skills and experiences:** Draft your resume bullet points as your summer progresses. Your goal by the end of summer should be to have 3-4 good bullet points describing varied tasks that transfer to the law firm setting.

2. **Get to know people:** Expand your network at your 1L summer organization, informational interviews, summer receptions, and MLaw alumni receptions. Check out the Guide to Networking for resources and tips. One word of caution though: try to do the bulk of your networking with law firm attorneys before interviews are scheduled or assigned. Initiating contact only after an interview is scheduled runs
the risk that your outreach may be perceived as contrived or overly-strategic. However, if you have existing contacts at the firm, reaching out after an interview is scheduled remains appropriate, as you are merely following up on prior connections. Talk to your Attorney-Counselor if you have questions.

3. **Consider alternatives to EIW:** Summer Interviewing, resume collects (*while resume collects have posted deadlines, get those applications in sooner rather than later! Employers may elect to close the posting at any time without warning*), non-biglaw firms. Additionally, OCP has compiled a list of diversity career fairs that, if applicable, you may wish to consider as part of your parallel plan. You can view them on the second tab of this Google Sheet of Diversity Opportunities.

4. **Practice and improve your self-advocacy skills:** As reviewed in last week's email, we strongly recommend doing a mock interview with an Attorney-Counselor.

---

**Reminders**

- If you have not scheduled your required bid list review appointment, the deadline for 2Ls to have a bid list review appointment is **Friday, July 12**. Please schedule ASAP via Symplicity, as counseling spots are filling up fast!
- If you are participating in early (pre-EIW) interviewing, please remember to report any callbacks and offers.
- As a reminder, if you miss an email in this series, a PDF of each week's update can be found in the Archive section of the EIW Student Site.

Questions? As always, please email us at lawcareers@umich.edu.

Have a great week!
Shannon

---

Shannon Delecki
Manager of Recruitment Programs
sdelecki@umich.edu
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Do you have feedback about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Law School? Click here to provide your thoughts to the Educational Environment Committee.

If you witness or experience conduct that discriminates, stereotypes, excludes, harasses or harms anyone in our community based on their identity (such as race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age or religion) please report it to the University. Click here to report a biased-related incident.