Prepping for EIW: Researching Law Firms
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Beginning to Prepare for EIW - Researching Law Firms

Every other Monday during the summer, students who are registered for EIW will receive an email providing relevant information and updates regarding EIW preparation. These do not replace the value of our 1:1 appointments, but they are meant to provide timely generalized advice and to hopefully highlight relevant resources that you might need.

Before I say more, let me say that I seriously questioned whether to send this email today. I hesitated because I don’t want to suggest that things are business as usual. They aren’t. I know there are students, particularly our Black students, who are hurting and are shouldering immense burdens. Our Black students matter. I support you, I see you, and I hear you. Black Lives Matter.

For my part, like many faculty and administrators, I am listening carefully. I have read the #MLawLoud threads, BLSA’s demand letter, and the many emails I’ve received over the past week. My (virtual) door always remains open to hear more. I recognize that listening must convert to action, and (along with the rest of OCP) am already thinking critically about the ways OCP can be better.

Today’s EIW preparation topic is mainly about researching law firms. The reason I ultimately decided to send this email today is, in part, to let you know that if you are already feeling
overburdened, there is nothing that you need to be doing today, this week, or perhaps even this month that you can’t do at another time. Save this email for future reference and come back to it when you have the bandwidth available. We will record all the programming. You will not be behind.

When you are ready to engage in the process of researching law firms, here are some resources to consider:

- **The EIW Student Site is now live.** This should be your first stop for any EIW question. Basically, we have curated materials from law.umich.edu that are relevant to EIW preparation and created a separate, mobile-friendly site. We recommend bookmarking the link as you will use it frequently. As you will see when you visit, there is a large section providing various resources for researching law firms. Over the next several months, we will continue to add materials to this site as details continue to come into focus about the fall and the recruiting process. We will also post copies of all of these emails for you to access.

- **The first installment of the EIW 2020 Student Guide is now posted to the EIW Student Site.** (Access is only for MLaw Students, so please make sure you are logged in using your umich account). The Student Guide is the one-stop resource you can use to find all of the deadlines and information on the logistics of EIW. This year we have split the document into two parts: the first addresses from now until August, and part two will address from September through January. We keep this as a Google Doc so that it can be updated regularly. Our advice is to use this document online and not to try to print it off because it may be updated.

- **Researching Law Firms Webinar.** On Thursday, June 11, from 12-1 pm, join the private sector counselors along with a few rising 3Ls to discuss how to effectively research law firms in preparation for EIW. If possible, reviewing the “June” portion of the EIW 2020 Student Guide will help make the most of the hour. For those unable to attend, again, we will record the program. You can also email lawcareers@umich.edu in advance with questions and we will try to address them during the program. RSVP via Symplicity > Events so you get an event reminder. The Zoom URL will be posted in the workshop.

In addition to resources for researching law firms, I also wanted to highlight a new legal writing workshop that Professor Patrick Barry has been working on along with one of our former clinical faculty members, Michael Bloom. The workshops will happen every Monday and Tuesday in June and are intended to give students a low-pressure way to bolster some of the hands-on writing experiences that you might have otherwise experienced in a full summer experience. There is one workshop for litigation work and one for transactional work. A description and sign-up form for the workshops is linked [here](#).

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

Best,

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