

12 Questions That Could Change Your Career

Evaluate your career
before you start
law school.

CURRENTLY:

- What is/was your most recent job, and what about it did you like and dislike?
- Who are two people you admire, and what are their best qualities?
- Is there anyone you know or know of whose job you aspire to have, and why?
- What skills do you possess that you most want to use in the workplace, and what additional skills would you most like to be developing?

LOOKING BACK:

- What jobs do (did) your parents and siblings hold, and how do (did) their expectations affect you?
- Why do you want to attend law school, and how is that decision similar to or different from the other choices you have made?
- What hobbies or activities have you engaged in and enjoyed, from childhood forward, and what about them do you enjoy?
- Have you held any jobs in the past that you enjoyed? What about them did you enjoy?

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Do you have a sense of what you want to do after law school, or do you need to learn what kinds of options are available?
- Do your resume and cover letter present you with strength, or do you need to describe your background more persuasively?
- Have you thought about how much money you want to make, and how much you need to make in your first job after law school?
- How have you integrated your current job search goals into a longer-term career plan?



For input on these and other job search resources,
visit the ABA Career Counsel website:
<http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel>