

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why are you interested in working for [employer]?
2. Tell me about yourself. (Highlight how your qualities make you a strong candidate for the position.)
3. Why did you decide to go to law school?
4. Why did you choose Georgetown?
5. How do you feel about your law school experience thus far? Which courses have you enjoyed the most? The least?
6. Why are you interested in this agency/organization? Tell me what you know about our work. What recent issues have caught your attention?
7. How did you develop your interest in [issues related to employer's work]?
8. To which other employers are you applying? (Explain how your other potential employers share qualities similar to those of the interviewer's employer, and emphasize the extraordinary qualities of the interviewer's employer that make it particularly exciting to you.)
9. What is your greatest strength?
10. What is your greatest weakness? (Pick something unrelated to the job or a weakness that you have overcome, such as: "I used to be nervous about public speaking. I enrolled in a debate course in college and grew to enjoy public speaking. Now I am really active in Moot Court and I hope to be a litigator.")
11. Why should I hire you?
12. What ties do you have to this region? Why do you want to work in [San Francisco/Denver/etc.]?
13. Of what accomplishment are you most proud?
14. Describe a difficult relationship and how you handled it.
15. Tell me about a project that did *not* go well, at work or school, and what you learned.
16. How do you feel about your grades? (If you are not happy with your grades, be prepared to discuss that in a confident manner and to provide an example of how your on-the-job-ability is not fully reflected by your grades. Also, remember that many public sector employers are looking for a commitment to public service, enthusiasm, and additional skills that are not reflected in law school grades, including initiative, foreign language ability, flexibility, and resourcefulness. Highlighting these aspects of your background can serve as an effective counter to concerns about your grades. The counselors in OPICS are available to help you practice how to respond to this question.)
17. What else do you think I should know about you? (This question opens the door for you to emphasize skills and talents you have not had a chance to address and to convey your enthusiasm for the position.)

18. Criminal Law Hypotheticals: In some interviews, particularly with District Attorneys' Offices and Public Defender Offices, you can expect to be questioned about hypothetical situations. See https://www.nalp.org/assets/library_2/459_1106criminallaw.pdf for more information and make an appointment with an OPICS counselor to practice.
19. What do you like to do outside of law school?
20. In what other cities are you applying? (If you are applying in multiple regions, be prepared to explain why you are undecided about where you plan to live and why you wish to be where the employer in question is located.)
21. Do you have any questions that I can answer?