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Practice Makes Perfect

Does interviewing make you nervous? If so, you are in good company. Just keep in mind: the more you practice, the better you will become. A great way to prepare for an interview is to think about all of the accomplishments you have made. What in your past are you most proud of? What sets you apart from the competition? How have you contributed to other organizations you have been a part of? Focusing on what you have done well will not only help you prepare for an interview, but it will also increase your confidence.

Here are a few questions you should be prepared to answer:

- 1. Tell me a little about yourself.
- 2. What attracted you to the practice of law?
- 3. Why are you interested in this position?
- 4. What is your greatest asset? What is your greatest asset liability?
- 5. What contributions can you make to our organization?
- 6. What do you see yourself doing 5 years from now?
- 7. Why did you decide to go to law school? Your law school?
- 8. What are you long range career objectives? How did you establish these goals?
- 9. What three accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction?
- 10. In what area of law would you like to practice?
- 11. Do you think your law school grades are a good indication of your ability?
- 12. What three adjectives best describe you?
- 13. Why should I hire you?
- 14. What is your favorite movie?
- 15. What is the last book you read?



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- 16. Do you work better with others, or on your own?
- 17. Why did you leave your last job?
- 18. How do you deal with stress?
- 19. Do you have any outstanding job offers?
- 20. What sets you apart from others interviewing for this position?
- 21. What salary are you looking for?
- 22. Are you aggressive?
- 23. Do you have any questions I can answer?

Be sure you relate your responses to the position you are interviewing for so that the interviewer will see why you are right for the position. You will inevitably be questioned about the information included on your resume, so do not forget to review the resume prior to your interview.

Rehearsing your answers will help you to feel more confident. Set up a video camera, watch yourself in front of a mirror, or get someone else to practice with you. It is true what they say, practice makes perfect.