

# Structural Tension

## Age 22 – Graduation (Intermediate End Result #1)

I have made the 1<sup>st</sup> level decision – which career path to pursue. I have made the 2<sup>nd</sup> level decisions: Technical: I have found a great job; Business: I have been accepted at a good MBA program, I have found a way to pay for the MBA and have a good summer internship; Law I have been accepted at a good Law school, I have found a way to pay for Law school and have a good summer internship.

### Objectives to get from Current Reality to Intermediate End Result #1

- Continue to build resume through student activities such as Editor of school newspaper, President of Student Body and Blue Key Honor Society
- Graduate with at least a 3.0 GPA (currently 2.95)
- Make the career path decision
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Implementation
  - o Technical Path: improve my resume, pick some industries, find the best job
  - o Business Path: find best MBA program, get accepted, obtain scholarship/fin aid & find a summer Mgmt Dev Internship
  - o Law: find best Law school, get accepted, obtain scholarship/fin aid & find summer internship

## Age 20 – Summer before Senior Year

I will be a senior, majoring in Electrical Engineering at a top private engineering school. I see myself in a leadership role when I am 30. But I do not know which career path to follow. Should I continue on the path I started when I entered engineering school and pursue a technical career? I am not sure I really want to practice engineering and I think I might enjoy a business career more. If I decide I don't want to practice engineering there is always law.

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## INSIGHTS

Nothing is going to happen until I make a decision on which path I am going to pursue: Technical, Business or Legal. But this has really helped me see I have very little time to make that decision if I want to use either an MBA Program or Law school as my way to get off the Technical career path. If I don't act quickly I will end up on the Technical career path as my default.

This exercise made it clear I have to decide by January in order to apply to MBA Programs or Law Schools. I probably need to start researching those paths before I have made a decision about which path to pursue.

No matter what I need to continue to enhance my resume and get my GPA over 3.0.