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DRAFT SURVEY QUESTIONS - Electronic Version

Law School Alumni Survey Questions

1. I have read the implied consent form statement and my participation in the survey is completely voluntary.  
    *Yes/I agree to participant in this study*
2. Are you Male or Female?  
    *Male  
    Female*
3. What is your ethnicity?

*[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*

1. What year were you born?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options]*
2. What law school did you attend?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options]*
3. How long have you been practicing law?   
   *[Insert dropdown menu options]*
4. Did you attend law school full-time or part-time?

*Full-time*

*Part-time*

1. What publications did you review when searching for information concerning law school profiles?

*[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*

Logic answer path: US News and World Report [*BEST LAW SCHOOLS*]

Sub- question #8:   
Did the US News and World Report publication [*BEST LAW SCHOOLS*] influence on your decision as to which law school(s) you might apply to for admissions?

*[Dropdown menu options]*

* 1. *Definitely*
  2. *Somewhat*
  3. *Yes*
  4. *Maybe*
  5. *Not at all*

1. What were the deciding factor(s) for choosing your law school?

*[Insert dropdown menu options, choose all that apply, and open text box]*

1. When making your decision did you consider either of the following factors?

*A. Summer clerk opportunities associated with the law school?*

*B. Law firms who traditionally hire graduates from that particular school?*

1. Did your law school help you find suitable housing and a roommate?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
2. Did you work part-time during law school?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
3. Did you take part in study groups? *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
4. Did you find your classmates to be overly competitive or collegial?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
5. What was the most common complaint among your fellow students?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
6. How safe did you feel on campus in general?

*[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*

1. If needed, was public transportation accommodating to the law library hours?   
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
2. How would you rate the law library resources?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
3. What was your GPA after your 1st year of law school?   
   *[Dropdown menu options]*

*2.0 – 2.4*

*2.5-3.00*

*3.1 – 3.4*

*3.5 – 4.00*

*Pass [Pass/Fail Grading System]*

*Other:*

1. What field of law did you declare in school? *[Dropdown menu options]*

* *Admiralty & Maritime*
* *Antitrust*
* *Appellate*
* *Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy*
* *Climate Change and Sustainable Energy*
* *Construction*
* *Corporate & Securities*
* *Drug & Medical Device Litigation*
* *Eminent Domain-Condemnation*
* *Energy*
* *Environmental*
* *Fidelity and Surety*
* *Financial Services*
* *Franchise & Distribution*
* *Governmental Relations*
* *Health*
* *Immigration*
* *Intellectual Property*
* *International*
* *International Trade Compliance*
* *Labor & Employment*
* *Litigation*
* *Oil, Gas & Petroleum*
* *Products Litigation*
* *Professional Liability*
* *Real Estate*
* *Taxes, Estate Planning & Employee Benefits*
* *Transportation/Logistics*
* *White Collar Crime*
* *Zoning & Land Use*
* *Other – practice group not listed:[text box]*

1. Did you have any problems registering for classes?  
   Logic answer path – Yes [skip to sub-question]  
   Logic answer path – No [skip to next question]

Sub-question #21:  
 What types of problems did you have?  
 *[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*

1. How accessible were the law professors for coursework questions and feedback during the semester?

*[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*

1. What type law clinics were offered as part of the practical skills curriculum?

*[Dropdown menu option – choose all that apply]*

1. *Animal Law Clinic*
2. *Appellate Advocacy Law Clinic*
3. *Capital Defense Law Clinic*
4. *Civil Law Clinic*
5. *Civil Rights Police Accountability Law Clinic*
6. *Community Development Law Clinic*
7. *Criminal and Juvenile Justice Law Clinic*
8. *Criminal Defense Law Clinic*
9. *Domestic Violence Law Clinic*
10. *Elder Law Clinic*
11. *Employment Discrimination Law Clinic*
12. *General Legal Aid Services Law Clinic [divorce, child custody, modification of divorce and child custody, domestic violence protection orders, stalking orders, Guardian ad litem appointments in juvenile and domestic relations cases, consumer debt, public benefits, return of property and immigration issues. ]*
13. *Housing Initiative Law Clinic*
14. *Immigrant Children's Advocacy Law Clinic*
15. *Juvenile Defense Practice and Policy Law Clinic*
16. *Low-Income Taxpayer Law Clinic*
17. *Mediation Law Clinic*
18. *Mental Health Advocacy Law Clinic*
19. *Small Business Law Clinic*
20. *Street Law Community Law Clinic*
21. *Other: [text box]*
22. How beneficial was your law clinic the experience?  
    *[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*
23. What was your summer employment after your 1st year of law school?  
    *[Dropdown menu options and connect answer to sub-question #18]*
    1. *Law Firm Clerkship Paid*
    2. *Law Firm Clerkship Unpaid*
    3. *Non-Legal Work*
    4. *Government Legal Work Paid*
    5. *Government Legal Work Unpaid*
    6. *Did not work during the summer break*
    7. *Other:[text box]*
24. Summer employment after your 2nd year of law school?  
    *[Dropdown menu options]*
    1. *Law Firm Clerkship Paid*
    2. *Law Firm Clerkship Unpaid*
    3. *Non-Legal Work*
    4. *Government Legal Work Paid*
    5. *Government Legal Work Unpaid*
    6. *Did not work during the summer break*
    7. *Other:[text box]*
25. After graduation, was your first legal job as a direct result of your summer employment?

*[Insert dropdown menu options and open text box]*Logic answer path – Yes [skip to sub-question]  
Logic answer path – No [skip to next question]

Sub-question #27:   
Are you currently employed with the same law firm/company/government agency?  
 Yes  
 No

1. What advice would give to future students concerning summer employment/law clerk opportunities?  
   *[Insert open text box]*
2. What field of law are you currently practicing?

*[Dropdown menu options]*

* *Admiralty & Maritime*
* *Antitrust*
* *Appellate*
* *Business Reorganization and Bankruptcy*
* *Climate Change and Sustainable Energy*
* *Construction*
* *Corporate & Securities*
* *Drug & Medical Device Litigation*
* *Eminent Domain-Condemnation*
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* *Franchise & Distribution*
* *Governmental Relations*
* *Health*
* *Immigration*
* *Insurance Litigation & Counsel*
* *Intellectual Property*
* *International*
* *International Trade Compliance*
* *Labor & Employment*
* *Litigation*
* *Oil, Gas & Petroleum*
* *Personal Injury*
* *Products Litigation*
* *Professional Liability*
* *Real Estate*
* *Taxes, Estate Planning & Employee Benefits*
* *Transportation/Logistics*
* *White Collar Crime*
* *Zoning & Land Use*
* *Other – practice group not listed:*

1. If you had the chance to start over, would you choose the same law school?  
   *[Insert dropdown menu options plus open text box]*
2. What advice would you give to future students about law school selection? *[Insert open text box]*