Law School Fair Tips

Admission representatives from 40+ law schools are eager to speak with you at the fair; no matter if you are just beginning considering a career in law, or in the process of submitting applications.

Prepare in Advance: View what Law Schools are attending by looking through the online directory (http://www.dartmouth.edu/~csrc/docs/fair_guide.pdf) and make a list of schools you want to visit.

Keep an Open Mind: Visit schools that you are not as familiar with. You may find that they are a great match.

Make the Best use of Your Time: If an area is crowded, go to another school and then return to the ones that were previously busy. If you are unable to visit all the schools of interest, be sure to pick up information at their tables so you can research them further after the event.

Dress Appropriately: Wear business casual attire (ie: khakis or dress pants, skirts, blouses, polo shirt, etc.).

Ask questions! Prepare questions that go beyond the information easily found on the school's website (ie: LSAT, GPA, tuition, etc.). Use this as an opportunity to engage in depth in a conversation with representatives.

Sample Questions:

Admissions Process
- How do you evaluate multiple LSAT scores (highest LSAT or an average)?
- Is it important to have a law related internship or job before law school?
- How much weight is given to the personal statement?
- What kinds of recommendations stand out? What makes a valuable letter?
- When do you typically inform applicants about admissions decisions?

Curriculum
- What type of instruction is typically used? How are classes taught in the first year?
- What joint degree programs are offered?
- Do you offer study abroad programs?
- What is the faculty/student ratio? How would you describe faculty/student relationships?
- What clinical programs are offered?

Study Body
- How would you describe the diversity of the study body?
- How is the supportiveness of the study body?

Graduate Employment
- What types of career services are available for students and graduates?
- What kinds of jobs do graduates typically take after law school?
- What kinds of jobs do students take during their 1L and 2L summers?

Financial Aid
- Are there loan repayment or loan forgiveness programs available?
- Does your school offer merit and/or need-based scholarships?