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Cracking the Code: Insider Tips for Law Students' Job Applications.

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Each year, law students across Canada seek summer and articling positions with major law firms. To get these positions, law students apply through a formalized recruitment process. Though each law student will have their own advice on job applications, below I highlight tips I learned from my own recruitment experience:

Tip #1: Apply, Apply, Apply!

As the saying goes, "All roads lead to Rome". Each application is a potential pathway to a job offer. While applying to countless firms does not guarantee you a job, it raises your odds of success. Further, no firm is identical. Some firms will suit you better than others, so applying far and wide can lead to the best job for you. I recommend applying to as many firms as you can. It might bring the career break you have always wanted.

Tip #2: Speak to Students

Research can reveal the qualities that make each law firm unique. While online research provides a basic background to each law firm, speaking with summer and articling students is a great way to understand the workplace culture of a law firm. Moreover, summer and articling students can share personal insight into a firm's notable practice areas and connect you with lawyers at the firm. This inner knowledge



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strengthens your application, as you can communicate your qualifications and your interest in the firm with specificity.

Tip #3: Consider Your Life Experience as Qualifications

Reflect on your life experience. What lessons did your work experience teach you? How has school qualified you for a professional career? Which of your hobbies distinguish you? Every law student has unique qualifications, and law students can prove their qualifications through the recruitment process. Also, consider how you might convey your experiences in conversation, as it is important to demonstrate that you can connect with lawyers in a personable way.

Tip #4: Be Humble and Keep Working Hard!

Don't let the outcome of the recruit change your attitude. If the recruit goes well, pat yourself on the back and be thankful. But don't let the job offer go to your head! Success is no right to brag. Instead, expand your horizons. Meet new people or try a new hobby. Find a new challenge and maintain your work ethic.

If you do not land a job in the recruit, don't give up. While rejection is sad, one day you might look back and recognize that the job wasn't meant to be. Regardless, see the recruit for the benefit that it was – a chance to update your resume, meet new people, and participate in a storied law school experience. Your resilience will pay off!

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