

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS: LAW INTERVIEWS

These are commonly asked questions by law firms during training contract interviews.

About you

- Tell me about yourself.
- Why did you decide to do law?
- Take me through your CV.
(Note: Be prepared to address tricky questions about a bad grade or other weakness and inconsistency in your CV).
- Tell me more about your CCAs / Mooting Experience / leadership position(s).
- What are your hobbies / interests / language capabilities?

Employer

- Why did you apply to this firm (and not other firms)?
- Why do you want to work in this department / practice area?
- Why are you a good fit for our firm culture?
- Which other firms have you applied to?
(Note: A candid answer is recommended because the legal circle is small. A good answer would be one that illustrates a clear strategy in your application.)

Experience

- Tell me about your internship(s).
- Why do you think you are suited to be a corporate lawyer / dispute resolution lawyer?
 - For litigation trainees: Tell me about your mooting experience (or lack thereof and why). What have you learnt from your mooting experience?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- What are your long-term career goals?

Substantive law

- Tell me about a recent development in law relevant to this practice area.
- What do you think about this recent change in the law?
- What do you expect the nature of work in this practice area to be like?

Working Style

- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Do you work well in a team?
- What are your expectations as to mentorship / working hours / working environment?

Parting Words

- Do you have any questions?
(Note: This is an opportunity to show that you have researched the firm. Suggested questions include questions on firm culture, a recent news / deal involving the firm, or broad industry trends.)