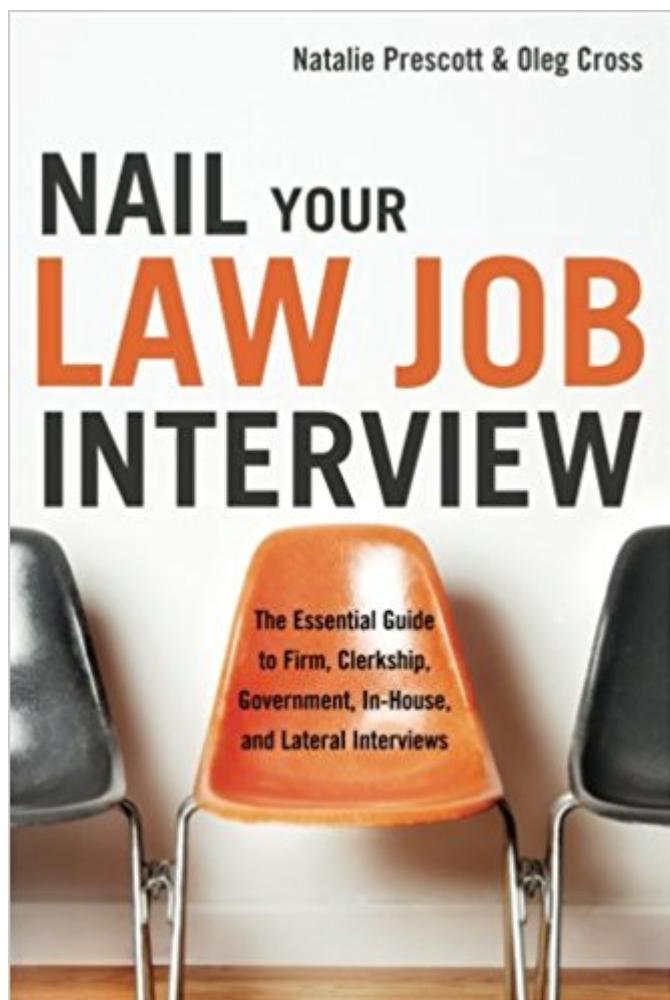


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# Nail Your Law Job Interview: The Essential Guide To Firm, Clerkship, Government, In-House, And Lateral Interviews



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Winner, 2009 Career Book of the Year Award in ForeWord magazine (Gold Medal)Finalist, 2009 BOYTA Awards from Foreword Book ReviewsFinalist, 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Awards in career categoryNail Your Law Job Interview provides tips, examples, and substantive advice. This award-winning book is the only comprehensive interview guide for lawyers interviewing for any type of a legal job. Through real-life examples, interviews, and tips from hundreds of prominent legal professionals, judges, recruiters, and firm partners, this book reveals successful interview strategies, insider perspectives, bold moves, and unique challenges facing candidates in a difficult economy. Some topics covered in this book include: Questions to ask and what not to ask Dangerous answers and risky interviewing techniques Body language, gap-filters, and sample list of effective questions What to wear, what to bring, and how to do your homework before the interview Lunch interview etiquette Dealing with inappropriate questions and arrogant interviewers Tips for working with a headhunter and negotiating an offer Interviewing after getting laid-off Specific advice for government, clerkship, foreign, and in-house job applicants

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Excellent. Seriously a must read for preparing for an interview. It reads very quickly and will absolutely prepare you for any type of interview. When I walked in to my interview I knew I was ready--which meant I was confident and faced no surprises. This book contains information and ways to prepare I would never have thought of, and which were necessary after considering them. I read a review that said to read guerrilla tactics instead, and I would just like to say that is incorrect if you are focused on interviewing instead of getting interviews. Guerrilla Tactics helps you get interviews, While this book is mostly focused on a succinct review of how to prepare once an interview is set.

I received this book in the mail today, and I have already read or skimmed almost all of it. I was looking for a book that would give tips specifically for legal job interviews specifically, and there's not a lot out there on this. If there is someone please leave me a comment and point me that way! Yes, a lot of this book was common sense. A lot of it refreshed what I'd been told before. And a lot of it confirmed what I already thought. As another reviewer said, it's nice to have it all in one place. It's also nice to receive confirmation on things I believed about the interview process because as a new attorney, I don't know it all... yet, haha. And maybe it's true that most interviewers won't expect a woman to wear a skirt to an interview anymore, but why risk it? Or at least know when it's a wise time to risk it. This book is a great starting point for law students all the way up to experienced

attorneys. I'm a new attorney currently seeking a job, and this is a book that I will keep around and refer back to throughout my career as a refresher in what I need to do when transitioning between jobs - which I hope will not be often. If the authors are out there thinking of an updated version, I'd love to see more info on small firm interviewing and negotiation. Maybe there's even enough out there to make stand-alone books on some of the sub-topics.

I've never been a very good interviewer. I picked this up during the second semester of 3L and read it all the way through in about two sittings. While a lot of the suggestions might seem common sense for someone who's been to a lot of legal interviews, some people (like me) just don't get it and need to be told. While I still didn't magically get callbacks for all the jobs I interviewed for, having read this book greatly increased my confidence so that I could focus on things other than my nerves. I ended up getting a clerkship, so I think things worked out pretty well for me. And I give it a high rating EVEN THOUGH the authors are Dookies, so you know I mean it. :]

This is a well thought out and well written book that is filled with gold. The advice that the authors put forward is invaluable. If you are a law student or already have been in the game for a while, this book will help you. I enjoyed how the authors took the time to address every issue involved in a law job interview. The book is filled with good examples and has a mini-review at the end of each chapter. The obvious breadth of experience the authors have with this topic is displayed in the book. Plain and simple, give this book a read if you want a better shot at getting that job.

I read this book in one sitting. It was very enjoyable and had great important advice for any law student or lawyer. The advice in this book made sense and is invaluable! Unfortunately for me, I read this book after my interview and I know had I read this book first, I would have been more prepared to handle the pressure and I would have taken steps to prevent any foolish mishaps from occurring at the interview. This book is great and I will recommend it to any lawyers I know who are facing a job interview or even looking.

nothing that any law student doesn't already know

The book is a well-researched, detailed, and engaging interviewing resource for J.D. and LL.M. candidates, attorneys, as well as foreign lawyers planning to practice in the U.S. The authors address the intricacies and pitfalls of not only firm interviews, but also in-house, clerkship,

government, and lateral interviews. As a result, the book is an invaluable comprehensive interviewing guide for law students and attorneys pursuing various career paths within the legal profession.

From the perspective of a law student who recently finished summer associateship interviews (and got a job at a large regional firm), this book does a fantastic job of introducing you to the basic structure that is the legal job interview. I headed into interview season not really knowing what to expect, but this book helped to prepare me for what kinds of things I should be prepared to discuss, what to wear, and how to handle myself in a legal interview. Most importantly, knowing what to expect boosted my confidence, which cannot be overestimated. Once I had gotten past the initial interview stage, the book also helped alert me to what to expect on the callback interview. I think the most important thing this book helped me to do was engage in some serious self evaluation prior to heading into interviews... if you can't articulate why you are the best candidate in a very limited job market for new lawyers, you simply will not interview well. That said, I would recommend this book to anyone thinking about doing on campus interviewing at a law school. It accurately sets the parameters of what you should and should not do and/or discuss during the interview. However, it shouldn't supplant speaking to career services and/or other law students who have gone through OCI. If you just read the book you might picture the interview as something overly formulaic rather than what it is, or at least, what a good one feels like... an enjoyable conversation. Get information from as many sources as you can for the best picture!

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