

Key Media Outlets for Regular Review

When asked what distinguishes their preferred candidates, employers inevitably often mention passion, interest and knowledge. Whether expressed about a type of law, a community, current legal developments or the firm itself, awareness of the important issues facing your future colleagues is a key networking and interviewing skill. Visit some or all of the websites below regularly to show employers that you can talk the talk!

Legal Media

Several well-respected websites provide summaries and articles about current legal events, from hiring practices and firm mergers to recent legal developments and well-publicized deals or cases, including: www.Law.com; www.AmericanLawyer.com; www.TheLawyer.com (UK-based).

Newspapers

You should read one or more newspapers daily, with an eye toward your intended field of practice. Consider www.LATimes.com, www.NYTimes.com, www.WSJ.com and/or a local paper in your chosen jurisdiction(s).

Blogs

Wall Street Journal Blogs: blogs.wsj.com

- The Law Blog covers a wide range of topics, including appellate decisions, high-profile cases and legal politics.
- The Wall Street Journal has many other blogs of interest to attorneys, including Corruption Currents (prosecution of money laundering, terrorism finance), Deal Journal (transactional work, including M&A), Developments (real estate), Private Equity Beat, Real Time China, Real Time Brussels (European Union news), Venture Capital Dispatch and Washington Wire (politics).

Above the Law: www.abovethelaw.com

- In addition to coverage of big law and law school gossip, this website contains blogs with advice for students and associates, divided into Big Law, Small Law Firm and In-House Counsel.
- The Career Center page links to firm profiles provided by LateralLink.

Ms. JD: www.ms-jd.org

- This website contains advice on law school, passing the bar exam, career advancement, professional development and work-life issues. Many of the posts are equally applicable to men and women.
- Frank Kimball's blog on the site contains advice on how to succeed in the workplace.

Caroline Dowd Higgins at the Huffington Post: www.HuffingtonPost.com

- Written by the Director of Career and Professional Development at Indiana University School of Law, this blog provides career advice applicable to lawyers and other professionals.

Many other blogs and websites are directed at a specific audience or a particular type of practice, including www.LeiterLawSchool.typepad.com, www.85Broads.com, and www.law.umich.edu/connection/a2z.

See the *Career Planning Manual* or talk to your Career Counselor if you would like additional references.