

Timestamp	University?	Average Law Mark	UAI/ATAR	Extra-Curriculars	Work Experiance	Steady Work History
10/7/2013 0:31:52	USyd, UNSW	82		100 (minor contribution)	Secretarial), Non-	Yes
10/7/2013 9:56:34	Notre Dame Sydney	76		97 Internal Skills Comp	Research	Yes
10/7/2013 12:49:24	Notre Dame Sydney	75		98 Club/Society Elected	Research, Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 18:46:11	Outside Sydney	78		99 Club/Society Elected	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 9:33:03	USyd, UNSW	76		99.6 (including ALSA),	Research, Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 21:00:04	Notre Dame Sydney	81		93 Charity Work (minor	Research, Non-Legal	No
10/7/2013 21:19:57	Outside Sydney	72		99 Recreational Sport,	Research, Non-Legal	No
10/5/2013 20:32:16	Notre Dame Sydney	79		98 Internal Skills Comp	Research	Yes
10/5/2013 22:13:58	USyd, UNSW	82		99 Recreational Sport,	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/6/2013 20:11:16	Outside Sydney	68		96 Position, Other	Non-Legal	Yes
10/9/2013 9:40:20		78		94 Internal Skills Comp	Research	Yes
10/10/2013 21:41:03	Notre Dame Sydney	76		93 Internal Skills Comp	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/16/2013 2:39:06	USyd, UNSW	83		99.85 Position, Charity Work	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/19/2013 15:02:49	USyd, UNSW	82		99 Recreational Sport,	Secretarial), Non-	Yes
10/5/2013 23:24:09	Outside Sydney	71		97 Position	Non-Legal	No
10/8/2013 4:43:12	Notre Dame Sydney	66		92		Yes
10/8/2013 5:40:56	Outside Sydney	65		97 Other	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 11:47:59	Outside Sydney	72		99 Recreational Sport,	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 13:00:03	USyd, UNSW	57		100 Club/Society Elected	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/10/2013 11:24:51	USyd, UNSW	83		95 Recreational Sport	Non-Legal	Yes
10/16/2013 22:05:56	Outside Sydney	64		88	Research	Yes
10/7/2013 10:36:55	USyd, UNSW	75		99.55 Position, Charity Work	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 18:01:30	USyd, UNSW	75		95 Internal Skills Comp	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/5/2013 22:05:43	USyd, UNSW	79		99.95 Club/Society Elected	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/6/2013 17:56:19	Notre Dame Sydney	74		89 Club/Society Elected	Non-Legal	Yes
10/6/2013 18:53:49	Notre Dame Sydney	72		96 Public Speaking,	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/6/2013 21:27:53	USyd, UNSW	71		100 Club/Society Elected	Research	Yes
10/8/2013 2:35:40	USyd, UNSW	79		96 Internal Skills Comp	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 10:18:07	Notre Dame Sydney	74		97 Club/Society Elected	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 10:18:38	USyd, UNSW	54		99 External Comps	Research	Yes
10/8/2013 15:46:23	USyd, UNSW	70		98.35 (Negs, Client, Witex),	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 17:19:05	Outside Sydney	64		91 Elite Sport	Research	Yes
10/8/2013 21:46:19	USyd, UNSW	80 NA		Club/Society Elected	Non-Legal	No
10/9/2013 1:20:22	USyd, UNSW	89		98 Internal Skills Comp	Research	Yes
10/9/2013 11:59:13	USyd, UNSW	74		98 Other	Non-Legal	Yes

10/9/2013 16:30:58	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	76	97	Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	No
10/9/2013 22:45:16	USyd, UNSW	78	100	Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/11/2013 12:00:44	Outside Sydney	68	98	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/11/2013 12:00:54	Outside Sydney	68	98	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/11/2013 17:07:10	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	70	94	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Club/Society Elected Position, Other	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/13/2013 14:29:08	USyd, UNSW	78	99.8	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work (major contribution)	Non-Legal	Yes
10/18/2013 8:45:56	Outside Sydney	73	99	Recreational Sport, Other	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes

10/5/2013 22:39:45	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	73	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/5/2013 22:50:51	USyd, UNSW		Recreational Sport, Elite Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	100 (major contribution) Non-Legal	Yes
10/5/2013 23:21:23	Outside Sydney	80	Internal Mooting, External Comps (including ALSA), Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 7:28:59	USyd, UNSW	81	Recreational Sport, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/7/2013 10:10:21	Outside Sydney	66	External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	98 (major contribution) Non-Legal	Yes

10/7/2013 15:28:41 USyd, UNSW	69	Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work 98 (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/7/2013 19:45:46 USyd, UNSW	75	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work (major contribution), Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/6/2013 20:32:05 Outside Sydney	78	Recreational Sport, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes

10/6/2013 22:24:40	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	75	94	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	No
10/6/2013 23:55:55	USyd, UNSW	69	99.35	Internal Mooting, Recreational Sport, Other, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	No
10/7/2013 12:55:23	USyd, UNSW	80	97	Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Non-Legal	No
10/7/2013 15:59:49	USyd, UNSW	78		Other	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 1:47:05	USyd, UNSW	78	100	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Club/Society Elected Position	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes

10/8/2013 8:39:22 USyd, UNSW	76	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal Paralegal/Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 9:00:37 UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	75	Recreational Sport, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial)	Yes
10/8/2013 12:12:11 USyd, UNSW	73	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/8/2013 12:29:03 USyd, UNSW	74	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	No
10/10/2013 13:33:26 USyd, UNSW	76	External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes

10/11/2013 2:35:26	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	76	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Elite Sport, Club/Society Elected Position	99	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/12/2013 18:06:20	Outside Sydney		Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other		Paralegal/Legal Research	No
10/17/2013 13:18:45	USyd, UNSW	70	Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	99.3	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/18/2013 9:55:03	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	85	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Elite Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work (major contribution)	98	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes

10/6/2013 23:34:18	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	84	99.05	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/7/2013 15:43:32	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	78	97	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (major contribution), Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 19:05:16	USyd, UNSW	78	99	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Recreational Sport, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 19:44:10	USyd, UNSW	77	100	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Other, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes



10/7/2013 19:53:45 USyd, UNSW	84	99	Internal Mooting, Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/7/2013 20:58:55 Notre Dame Sydney	80	97	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 10:23:26 Notre Dame Sydney	67	98	Recreational Sport, Other	Paralegal/Legal Research, Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 15:25:03 USyd, UNSW	74	88	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work	Non-Legal	Yes
10/8/2013 23:02:48 USyd, UNSW	72	98	Recreational Sport	Non-Legal	Yes
10/9/2013 11:29:14 USyd, UNSW	78		Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Recreational Sport, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes

10/9/2013 17:15:16	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	71	Internal Mooting, Recreational Sport, Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/10/2013 20:35:38	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	88	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp 99 (Negs, Client, Witex)	Paralegal/Legal Research	Yes
10/11/2013 15:20:07	USyd, UNSW	71	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Other, Charity Work 99.4 (minor contribution)	Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/12/2013 10:33:43	USyd, UNSW	72	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), Charity Work (minor contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/12/2013 13:14:06	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	70	Internal Mooting, Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Club/Society Elected Position, Charity Work (major contribution), Charity Work (minor contribution)	Legal Support (inclu Secretarial), Non- Legal	Yes
10/14/2013 10:19:48	USyd, UNSW	83	Internal Skills Comp (Negs, Client, Witex), External Comps (including ALSA), Debating/ Other Public Speaking, Club/Society Elected Position, Other, Charity Work (major contribution)	Paralegal/Legal Research	No

10/16/2013 7:19:30	UTS, MQ, UWS, Notre Dame Sydney	80	Internal Mooting, Charity Work (minor 92 contribution)	Non-Legal Paralegal/Legal	Yes
10/18/2013 21:13:24	USyd, UNSW	76	100 Recreational Sport	Research, Non-Legal	Yes
10/7/2013 16:52:19					
10/7/2013 22:28:28					

Column averages

Second Language?	Experiance	Applications Lodged	applications lodged	Gender	Round Interviews	first round
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		27	9 Female	12	4
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		9	7 Female	7	5
Professional Fluency	No overseas travel		20	9 Female	8	3
Fluency	Holiday Travel		20	7 Male	12	5
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange		18	9 Male	9	4
No Second Language	Working Gap Year		5	5 Male	5	5
No Second Language	Uni Exchange		12	8 Female	6	6
No Second Language	Working Gap Year,		16	8 Male	11	6
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel		8	4 Male	4	3
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel		25	9 Female	8	3
No Second Language	+) living overseas		10	6 Male	6	3
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		12	7 Male	9	6
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange		10	10 Male	6	6
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel		8	4 Male	4	3
	Working Gap Year		11	6	9	6
Professional Fluency	Holiday Travel		12	4 Male	3	1
Basic Proficiency	No overseas travel		11	8 Male	5	2
Fluency	No overseas travel		9	9 Female	7	7
Basic Proficiency	Working Gap Year		3	2 Male	3	2
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel		11	9 Male	5	5
Professional Fluency			4	4 Male	4	4
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel		13	9 Female	4	2
	Holiday Travel		20	9 Male	8	3
No Second Language	Exchange		10	5 Female	6	3
Fluency	Holiday Travel		19	8 Male	6	2
No Second Language	Uni Exchange		15	4 Female	4	2
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel	All		Male	4	1
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		15	10 Female	8	5
Fluency	Holiday Travel		7	6 Male	3	2
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange		7	7 Male	3	3
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		5	1 Female	2	1
Fluency	Holiday Travel		6	6 Male	2	2
Basic Proficiency	Working Gap Year,		4	3 Male	3	3
Basic Proficiency	Extended Period (2yrs		3	3 Male	3	3
No Second Language	Holiday Travel		12	6 Male	4	3

No Second Language	Holiday Travel	15	6 Female	3	1
Conversational Fluency	Holiday Travel	11	7 Female	8	4
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange, Working Gap Year, Holiday Travel	5	3 Female	5	3
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange, Working Gap Year, Holiday Travel	5	3 Female	5	3
Conversational Fluency	Uni Exchange, Holiday Travel	12	10 Female	3	1
Conversational Fluency		16	12 Female	6	6
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel	16 All	Male	2	2

Conversational Fluency	Uni Exchange, Holiday Travel	14	10 Male	4	2
Conversational Fluency	No overseas travel	1	1 Male	1	1
No Second Language	No overseas travel	13	6 Male	5	2
No Second Language		6	6 Female	1	1
No Second Language	Holiday Travel	6	6 Male	2	2

Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange, School Exchange, Holiday Travel	6	3 Female	1	1
Conversational Fluency	Uni Exchange, School Exchange, Holiday Travel	13	7 Female	6	5
Conversational Fluency	Uni Exchange, School Exchange	23	4 Female	3	2

Conversational Fluency	Holiday Travel	10	1 Male	2	0
Conversational Fluency	School Exchange	14	5 Male	2	0
Basic Proficiency	Uni Exchange	12	9 Male	3	1
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange	13	6 Female	3	0
Conversational Fluency	Working Gap Year	15	4 Female	4	3



Basic Proficiency	Uni Exchange	12	4 Female	3	1
Basic Proficiency	Working Gap Year	15	6 Female	1	0
Basic Proficiency	No overseas travel	15	10 Female	3	2
Basic Proficiency	Uni Exchange	3	3 Female	1	1
No Second Language	Holiday Travel	11	7 Female	5	4

No Second Language No overseas travel	12	10 Male	2	1
No Second Language Extended Period (2yrs +) living overseas	7	7 Male	2	2
No Second Language Holiday Travel	4	2 Female	1	0
No Second Language Working Gap Year	17	10 Female	11	5

No Second Language	Holiday Travel	15	12 Male	3	1
Basic Proficiency	Uni Exchange, School Exchange, Working Gap Year, Holiday Travel, Extended Period (2yrs +) living overseas	9	6 Male	4	2
No Second Language	Uni Exchange	20	9 Female	5	2
No Second Language		21 All	Male	0	0

Professional Fluency	School Exchange	16	9 Female	4	1
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel	20	9 Male	5	3
No Second Language	Holiday Travel	20	8 Female	2	1
No Second Language	Holiday Travel	18	10 Female	3	2
Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel	13	10 Male	1	1
Conversational Fluency	Uni Exchange, Working Gap Year, Holiday Travel, Extended Period (2yrs ) living overseas	13	6 Female	2	0

Basic Proficiency	Holiday Travel	28	10 Female	1	0
No Second Language	No overseas travel	5	1 Male	2	2
Conversational Fluency	Working Gap Year, Holiday Travel, Extended Period (2yrs +) living overseas	23	9 Male	3	0
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange	6 HSF, KWM, CU	Male	1	0
No Second Language	Holiday Travel	18	6 Female	1	1
Professional Fluency	Uni Exchange	1	1 Female	1	1

No Second Language No overseas travel	4	4 Female	1	1
No Second Language Holiday Travel	7	7 Male	2	2
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functions attended	functions declined	Round Interviews	second round	Number of offers	offers
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### Comments?

somehow needs to become much more efficient.

careers events which gave early exposure to employers. Lecturer No.

Well made form

marks were high-credit, I took a lot of first year electives to bring

No pre-application training.

None.

ANU student, recommendation from 2 lecturers is my ability to talk and sell myself. I am proficient in three friend who worked in clerk and graduate recruitment at one of the firms already, so I was able to get an insider's perspective on what relevant experience. Marks have not much weighting, as long as

personalities, rather than the firm.

than other applicants as a result of my degree switch.

No training.

Nothing.

hinder me even progressing past the first round. Through my role is important but it should never get in the way of the Society's main any concerns with students who have gone through the clerkship

Accepted DLA Piper

No training or much interview experience beforehand

I received an offer from Clayton Utz.

I also do a Commerce Degree (Accounting), for which I have an HD average.

This year was tough! I got feedback from some firms that in a different year they would have given me an offer. I think a lot of good people missed out.

In this day and age, a lot of you should be aiming for boutique/smaller commercial firms because according to statistics posted in legal publications (Lawyers Weekly, et al) many organisations are heading towards boutique firms for their legal problem solving.

I'm glad that I applied at a boutique firm. In comparing my interview experience between the larger and smaller firms, the former gave the impression of a very cold work culture. The latter, however, was friendlier and much more interested in what I was able to bring to the firm. In other words, the smaller firm seemed a lot more genuine than the larger firm. Although this doesn't go to say that the smaller firm wasn't selective at all - they were extremely selective based on the interview process that was involved (probably much more intense than the process involved in the larger firm).

Thank you for running this survey. I've been a long time lurker on the WP forum, but have not posted at all.

Best wishes to everybody.

N/A

minimal

yes, LSS training



Depressed!

Be yourself in interviews. Each interview will be different. A mix of behavioural questions and scenarios is to be expected.

My application answers and cover letter were all too generic. I didn't sound interesting, and that's the main thing that HR is looking for.

Unsuccessful applicant

no training from uni

I'M BUMMED.

No prior interview training.



Advice for future applicants	you offers?
emphasize enough how taxing mentally, physically and emotionally the recruitment/rejection roundabout can become. Be yourself!	CU, Allen & Overy,
helps. You'd be surprised by the amount of useful information lecturers who used to work in industry are willing to divulge. - Pursue EC and work experience vigorously for two years before application.	the small firm offers Bakers, TressCox. Clayton Utz
Study hard early in your degree, those grades matter too!	GT, Allens, JWS, NRF
clerkship positions. If you want to give yourself the best chance, find something which makes you stand out and follow it	Tresscox, Clifford Gadens KWM GT JWS K&L
to impose a positive impression months before the recruitment process even started. experience, don't act like you do. go into an interview looking to talk about your marks, you'll be laughed at (Based on my own personal experience). I think is.	a smaller firm Holding Redlich, Ellison, Thomsons accepted offer is
Research the firms and your interviewers	CU, Ashurst
FIRMS WANT TO KNOW THAT CANDIDATES ARE KEEN TO WORK THERE. Remember people's names, send thank when I went through the process. It showed that I bothered to put in the time researching the firm and didn't do "copy and	Addisons
I got offers from the places it got along with people and connected with on a personal level. Prepare from 1st or 2nd year. Grades aren't everything. promotional talk by HR - all the law firms sound the same on paper. Nothing is better than candid, honest testimonials from Don't just focus on studying Get involved in uni societies as early as possible	Davis York Minters and Clutz and two clerkship Minters + Clutz

DLA Piper

For interviews:

- be confident - you've made it this far! Otherwise, at least fake it!! :P seems to work better than being too humble, though obviously balance is best;
- know what skills you want to highlight from each point on your resume;
- practise talking through each section so it sounds natural and you highlight everything you want (bit of an oxymoron, but helped me feel more prepared and confident)

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Don't be afraid to apply interstate. Most firms don't seem to give a toss if you're not from Sydney.

One top tier and one large international

Highlight your commercial awareness.

CU

I volunteer with a Consulting group for charities. It allows you to put into practice commercial skills, whilst assisting worthy causes.

CU

Always convey humility during the interview. I know a friend who got interviews at four of the six. He received no offers for a clerkship, as he walked in there and expected them to offer it to him in the room.

I am waiting to hear back from KWM for a winter clerkship (fingers crossed).

Finally I think it's best to only write a handful of applications. I know a girl who wrote 40 applications! She received no interviews. I believe this was because she didn't spend enough time on each application. I spent a good two days on each application to ensure that they were well-researched and well-pitched. Given my pretty crap law average, I believe that the quality of my applications helped lift me back up the pile.

I also had offers from other (non-legal) firms.

Apply to as many firms as possible, and don't make up your mind about which firm you want to work at until offers are on the table - you are sure to be surprised about which firm you end up with. Also, be on your best behaviour at cocktail nights. I know someone who was going to get an offer but did something at the final cocktail night that made partners change their mind.

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A lot of it depends on luck. A mate of mine with a borderline HD combined average along with extensive legal work experience only managed 1 interview and that didn't result in an offer. It was really disappointing for him, but it goes to show that marks and work experience no longer cut it these days.

TL;DR: Do not restrict yourself to the large firms. If you have a \*genuine\* interest in the work that the smaller commercial firms offer (I'm not talking about mid-tier firms - I'm talking about the boutique single numbered discipline firms), you won't go wrong.

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Have a 'hook' - make yourself interesting. Once you're in the door anything is possible, but getting that first interview is the hardest part.

Start preparing your CV and cover letter early. Do not do generic cover letters. Do not get the simple details wrong (i.e. name of recruiter). Attend as many of the clerkship presentations as possible - they really do help.

Ashurst

Application advice - top tier less concerned about the letter being tailored to them. Crucial for mid tier applications to specifically talk about that firm and why you want to work for them.

I think the interview process was what let me down - I am a good candidate on paper, but very shy in person. I wish I had done some interview training beforehand. If you're shy definitely consider doing this.

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learn about the industry by doing things like talking to previous successful candidates, reading BRW and the financial column in the newspaper. learn to be able to talk the talk

try to be you best natural confident self on the day of interviews

G+T

apply to as many firms as possible

private

Apply widely no matter what, particularly in a tough legal market. Any clerkship is better than none.

None

Try to speak with as many people as possible before the process, especially those at the firms. It will give you a good idea of the culture and whether or not it's even worth your time applying.

N/A

N/A

Nepotism goes a very long way in law!

N/A

Apply everywhere

Your enthusiasm to work in commercial law must be genuine in order to come through. It must be more than a mere interest – it must be a genuine desire to be in the commercial legal industry.

None

Marks!

N/A

