



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
**Prelaw™**

## **Potential Questions to Ask SWAPLA Representatives**

### Preparation for law school

- What types of classes should I be taking to prepare for law school?
- How should someone decide whether to enter law school immediately after graduation or to work for a few years? What do you recommend?
- How do law schools assess applicants' extracurricular activities? What types of leadership or service roles should I pursue?
- What types of internships or work experiences should I pursue?
- What skills should I develop in college that will be useful for law school?

### The Admissions Process

- How do you review applications?
- What are your projections for this year's applicant pool?
- What are my chances for admission with my grades and LSAT score?
- Is there an advantage in applying early?
- Does your school have "early action" or "early decision"?
- When do you typically let applicants know about admissions decisions?
- How important is the personal statement in your admissions process?
- What kinds of recommendations are most helpful?
- What percentage of matriculating students have taken time off after college graduation?

### Curriculum and Faculty

- What clinical opportunities are offered at your school?
- How is the first year program organized?
- Do you offer a part-time option?
- Can first year students start other than in the fall?
- What joint degree programs are offered?
- Do you offer law school study abroad programs?
- Describe areas of specialization in course offerings.
- How are students selected for law journals or law review?

- How many participate?
- How would you describe faculty-student relationships?

### Campus Community

- What makes your law school unique?
- Describe the physical location of the school.
- Describe the on and off campus housing opportunities for students.
- Describe the atmosphere within the student body concerning competition.
- What complaints do students have about your school?
- When students turn down your school over another, what factors do they list?

### Employment Outcomes

- How many graduates practice in the region around your school?
- How do you help students and graduates find jobs outside the region around your school? What percentage of graduating students find jobs?
- What percentage of students find jobs through on campus recruiting?
- What kinds of jobs do your graduates take after law school?
- How many students find summer employment through law school?
- How many students find part-time employment during the 2d or 3rd years of law school? What career services are offered to students and graduates?
- How much does class rank determine your job search success of your graduates?
- What is your school's bar passage rate?
- What support do you provide students seeking judicial clerkships?

### Costs and Financial Aid

- How is financial aid handled at your school?
- Can I expect to receive a decision on my financial aid application before I have to pay a deposit?
- Do you offer merit or need-based scholarships or grants? If so, what criteria do you use?
- How do most of your students pay for law school?
- What are the average costs at your school for tuition, room and board, and other expenses? Do you anticipate a tuition increase?
- Do you have a loan repayment assistance program for graduates who go into public interest law?
- If you represent a state-supported institution, what are the criteria and procedures for obtaining state residency status while in law school?