

3 TIPS ON HOW TO ANSWER ‘WHY LAW?’



Be Personal and Specific

Avoid the cliché.

“I want to help people.”

“I enjoy arguing.”

It's not enough.

Instead:

Share a moment that made law feel real.

A story. A shift. A spark.

Something that made you think:

“This is what I want to do.”

Ask yourself:

- When did I first really consider law?
- Have I seen law change someone's life?
- Was I ever drawn to how lawyers think or solve problems?
- What kind of legal work made me stop and think — this is interesting?

Make it personal. Make it specific. That's what makes it stick.



Highlight Your Strengths

Don't just list your skills.

It's not enough to say "I'm good at problem-solving."
Show how your strengths actually fit legal work.

Think about:

- What skills do I naturally excel at?
- How have I used these in real life — whether at uni, work, or volunteering?
- What aspects of legal work excite me — research, advising, negotiating, teamwork?
- How do my strengths fit into what lawyers do every day?

It's not just what you can do — it's how it fits the role. Make that link clear.



Show Your Vision for the Future

Think beyond just getting an apprenticeship/training contract offer.

Show that you've thought about the bigger picture.

What kind of solicitor do you want to become?

And why does this firm help you get there?

Ask yourself:

- What areas of law or industries genuinely interest me?
- What type of work do I see myself doing day to day?
- What have I learned about this firm's work, values or clients that stands out?
- How do my goals align with what the firm offers?

Show you're not just chasing a job — you're building a career.

Make it clear you've thought about where and why you want to grow.





WAS THIS HELPFUL?

BE SURE TO SAVE IT SO YOU CAN COME
BACK TO IT LATER!

