

# Is Law School Right for Me?

## Questions to Ask Yourself

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- How deep is my interest in law?
- Am I willing to go into a sizable amount of debt?
- How will law school and working in the legal profession affect my social and personal life?
- Do I like to research, read, and write?
- What does it mean to practice law?
- How are my analytical thinking and writing skills?
- Will law school and being an attorney satisfy my professional needs and ambitions?

## How to Research those Questions

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- **Talk with a prelaw advisor.** The prelaw advisors are trained to help you with the decision and application process and are happy to meet with you during office hours without an appointment.
- **Attend prelaw events.** We host the Law Fair in October as well as prelaw events in conjunction with the Prewlaw Student Association. Sign up for our weekly email (in our office or by emailing prelaw@byu.edu) or “like” BYU Prewlaw on Facebook to stay informed on upcoming events.
- **Take a prelaw student development class.** Many of the prelaw courses offered can provide you with the opportunity to talk with lawyers, examine attorney work product, and help you develop your analytical abilities.
- **Observe a first-year class at the BYU Law School.** There is a list available in our office of classes you may observe.
- **Talk with current law students.** There are approximately 450 students at the BYU Law School and many BYU alumni contacts at other law schools. Most students are happy to talk to prospective students and will be frank about their experiences. The student alumni database contains a list of alumni who have agreed to talk with students about law school. Contact our office for access to that database.
- **Apply for a legal internship through the Preprofessional Advisement Center.** Students who are chosen for the internship will work each week as a legal intern at a local law office for academic credit. For more details, inquire at our office.
- **Attend court proceedings.** Go to [www.utcourts.gov](http://www.utcourts.gov) under the Court Calendar for available times.
- **Talk to or shadow an attorney.** Ask them about their specialty, their workday, and the pros and cons of their job.

## Reasons NOT to Go to Law School

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- Somebody else wants you to.
- You like to argue.
- You don't know what else to do.
- You want to help people.
- You want to make a lot of money.
- You need another degree.
- You want to avoid job hunting.
- You love TV shows and movies about law firms and legal issues.