

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Amicus- Sample Talking Points

- Ask thoughtful questions about the student's interests, experiences and background
- Do you have similar experiences from when you were a student or young attorney that you can share?
- If you could be a student again is there anything you would have done differently?
- What do you wish someone had told you when you were a law student?
- What are some mistakes you have made in your career from which you have learned?
- Do you have a mentor? How have they had an impact on your life and career?
- Tell the student about a particularly challenging situation and how you overcame it.
- Do you know of resources that might be helpful to the student that you could share?
- What matters most as a young attorney starts his or her career?
- Are there traits or commonalities you see in successful junior lawyers that you can highlight to the student?
- Ask the student what their end-goal is. What are they working towards?
- What inside knowledge do you have of the legal profession that might not be obvious to a law student?
- What has surprised you about the legal profession?
- How do you balance work, family, and other outside interests?
- How did you get where you are in your career?
- Are there professional organizations, student groups, or journals you think the student could benefit from joining?
- Are there any courses you found particularly helpful while you were in law school?
- How have you incorporated *pro bono* work into your career?
- Is there anything you wish someone had told you about managing your finances as you started your career?