

TL;DR: Reminding yourself of the reason(s) you came to law school will help you sort which opportunities serve you best. 5 questions to get you started: What do I do? How do I do it? For whom do I do it? Why do I do it? What value am I bringing?

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Dear Class of 2022,

Why are you here? What inspired you to become a lawyer? How many different ways do you dream about using your legal education? Why are **you** here?

[Knowing your why](#), discovering your why, or even remembering why you decided to become a lawyer can sometimes be a challenge in law school. A lot is new—reading and briefing cases, the Socratic Method, being in class with so many talented people. Extracurricular activities abound—student organizations, student practice organizations, clinics, journals. Ideas, guidance, and advice are everywhere—lunch talks, career panels, workshops, evening receptions.

Having a sense of purpose, reminding yourself of your purpose, or searching for your purpose will keep your study of the law connected to the reason(s) you decided (or will decide) to become a lawyer. Having a sense of purpose will also help you chart your own path and choose a career that you find meaningful and fulfilling. Without a sense of purpose, law school can feel like an endless round of things you ought to do because everyone else is doing it. This could result in charting a career path based on what everybody else is doing instead of what you are passionate about.

A few things you can do to practice purpose:

1. **Pursue what overlaps; be mindful of the gaps:** List the things you want to pursue in law school. Now list the things you feel like or you've heard you ought to pursue in law school. Where pursuits on each list overlap, go for it. Where pursuits do not overlap think through the pros and cons of each pursuit and rank them in order of importance to your why.
2. **Do you remember the you who applied to law school?** Find some time this week to re-read your personal statement—you know, the one you spent so much time re-writing for your law school applications. What do you think?
3. **[The Importance of Having a Sense of Purpose](#).** Check out this insightful article on the relationship between having or pursuing purpose and overall health.

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