



GET A JOB!

The Dos and Don'ts of
Job Talks



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Are your legal writing faculty candidates required to present a job talk? (68 responses)

	#	%
Yes, to the entire faculty	58	85
Yes, to a smaller group (faculty committee, legal writing faculty, etc.)	4	6
Not required or permitted	4	6
Not required but can be given at the candidate's option	2	3



IF candidates are presenting to the entire faculty, the majority of the faculty expects the talk to be:

	#	%
On a doctrinal topic	16	24.5
On a pedagogical topic	22	34
A mock class	11	17
Other	16	24.5

Is someone at your school available to provide guidance about job talks to the candidate?

	#	%
Yes	55	85
No	10	15

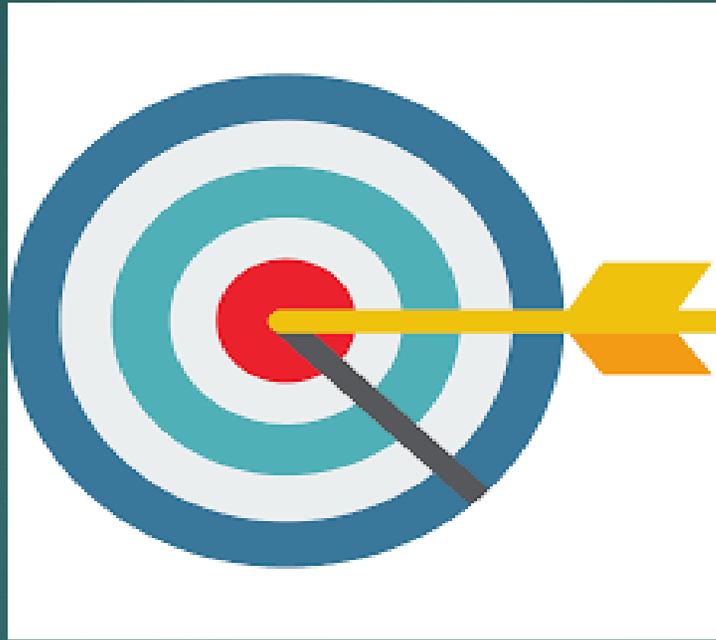
The person providing guidance to candidates is likely to be:

	#	%
A non-legal writing person on the appointments committee	8	13
A legal writing person on the appointments committee	18	30
A designated legal writing person (program director, etc.)	11	18
Any of the legal writing faculty at your school	7	12
Anyone on the entire faculty at your school	14	24
Someone else	2	3

A few of the tips we promised:



Our main point: know your target



▶ So let's hear from you!

Thank you!

▶ Let us know how we can help!

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Survey Results

Q 1: Are your legal writing faculty candidates required to present a job talk? (68 responses)

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Q 2: If legal writing faculty candidates are required to present a job talk to the entire faculty, do the majority of the faculty expect the talk to be: (65 responses)

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On a pedagogical topic	22	34
A mock class	11	17
Other	16	24.5

Q 3: Is someone at your law school available to provide guidance about job talks to your legal writing faculty candidates? (65 responses)

	#	%
Yes	55	85
No	10	15

Q 4: If someone at your law school can provide guidance about job talks to your legal writing faculty candidates, is that person: (65 responses)

	#	%
A non-legal writing person on the appointments committee	8	13
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Q 5: Are legal writing faculty job talks as well attended as talks by non-legal writing faculty candidates? (65 responses)

	#	%
Yes	52	80
No	13	20

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