

# If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now



**Niusha Arbabi** – University of Toronto, 2017 Call

The interview process is structured in a way to allow you to get to know the firm and the firm culture, and yes, will allow you to eventually understand the elusive ‘fit’ everyone keeps talking about! Try to enjoy the process and get to know as many people from the firms as possible while asking yourself at each stage in the process, “Can I see myself here in the long-term?” Lastly, remember to put your best foot forward, but still be yourself!



**Mark Bowman** – Osgoode Hall, 2014 Call

When writing your resume and cover letter, make sure to frame any previous experience through transferable skills that are relevant in a law firm. This is especially important for mature students with established careers, who possess skills that may not be evident to someone not familiar with their previous industry.



**Kai Kramer** – University of British Columbia, 2017 Call

The interview process is a great opportunity to learn about private practice. Set yourself some goals to learn about the many areas of law and general day-to-day practice. This will naturally steer the conversation towards your resume and your interests within the context of the firms you meet. It will also allow you to learn more about the firms, so you can make an informed decision. Most importantly, remember that each firm has asked to meet you because they see value in your skills and experience. Carry this attitude forward to every interview.