Making sense of all the information available about employers in EIW or Resume Collect (as well as non-EIW employers you might reach out to during the recruiting season) can be daunting. We have two webcasts to help you decide what is important to you in an employer and how to find it, and how to learn more about individual firms.

If you want to know what other students have found to be important factors in choosing an employer, or if you have a sense of what you're looking for and want to find firms that meet your criteria (or make sure your list of employers is complete), watch How to Develop a List of Employers (approx. 20 min.)

If you know you are interested in a certain firm, and want to find out more about it (to decide whether to bid, to prepare for your interviews, or to decide whether to accept an offer), watch How to Research an Employer (approx. 20 min.)

We also have two written resource guides to assist you in your research process: 1) a quick one page summary with links to the most popular sites students use; and 2) a more detailed guide that is organized by research inquiry (e.g., how to research firms that work in a particular practice area).

Keep in mind that some of the resources identified in our guides, such as Chambers-Associate, Vault, and the American Lawyer magazine, purport to go deeper than firms’ marketing materials through surveys, reviews, and rankings. However, you should remain as circumspect with surveys and rankings as you would with statements on a firm’s own self-serving recruiting webpage. We recommend that you take some time to understand their methodology and think critically about their conclusions.

In addition to the above employer research tools, the CDO has collected and published information about EIW-participating employers’ use/non-use of mandatory arbitration and non-disclosure provisions in their employment agreements with summer associates/interns and incoming associates/attorneys. Last year, Berkeley Law students, as well as students from several other law schools, raised concerns about how such provisions might be applied, especially in disputes involving sexual harassment and/or discrimination. We agreed that students should have the facts in advance about employers’ use/non-use of these provisions. The survey results, which are contained in an excel workbook in the b-Line Documents Library (click on Resources from the b-Line homepage), may serve as another useful data point as you evaluate your potential employment opportunities. Please feel free to contact me or any of the CDO counselors if you have any questions about the survey results, or would like advice about handling conversations about these topics, navigating your summer experience, or anything else.

You will find other useful items in b-Line’s Document Library, including:

- A list of firms that are hosting Hospitality Suites during EIW
- Bidding, Callback and Offer Data from 2018’s EIW (which will be helpful later on in ranking your bids -- for more info, see the Bidding Strategy section either in the 2019 EIW Guide or on the EIW Mechanics webpage).
- Rising 3L 2019 Summer Firm Placements (for those students who gave us permission to publish their information), so you can contact students who are working at firms in which you are interested.

We'll be posting some additional research related resources shortly and email you about them as they become available.

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