



CDO: Upcoming Virtual August Mock Interview Program, Fall Interview Program (FIP) and Submitting Your Summer Employment Evaluation

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Hello!

We hope you are doing well. This email contains a lot of detailed information on a couple of upcoming virtual recruitment programs. Please read it in its entirety.

Virtual August Mock Interview Program

The CDO is hosting a virtual Mock Interview Program for rising 2L students on **August 4th, 5th and 6th**, between **3:00 - 5:00 PM PST/6:00 - 8:00 PM EST**. The purpose of the program is to help you prepare for your 2L summer job search. Fall (Semester) Interview Program (FIP) interviews (with public interest, government and small firms) will begin as early as August 31 (more details below). Those of you who intend to interview with large, corporate defense side firms in our Winter Interview Program (WIP, formerly EIW), which is scheduled for January 12-15 can also benefit from an early mock interview. You can sign up for only **one** 30-minute mock interview slot via the OCI tab of b-Line **between Tuesday, July 28 and Friday, July 31**. The slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be on the lookout for an email closer to the sign up period for more logistics.

Virtual Fall Interview Program

FIP, which is open to both 2Ls and 3Ls, is divided into two phases to accommodate variations in employer hiring schedules. Each phase has its own set of deadlines. Like our Spring Interview Program (SIP) -- and unlike WIP (formerly EIW), which is purely lottery based -- employers in FIP select in advance the students they would like to interview.

Students apply via the "OCI" tab of [b-Line](#). You can find instructions for each step of the process on [our website](#). Here are the key FIP dates:

IMPORTANT FIP DATES

July 27	Students can begin viewing employers who have registered for FIP - Phase 1 and 2.
July 31	FIP - Phase 1 Employer Registration Deadline
August 3 – August 16	FIP - Phase 1 Application Period. Students will apply through the "OCI" module of b-Line .
August 25 – 26	FIP - Phase 1 Student Interview Accept/Decline Period for pre-selects
August 27	FIP - Phase 1 Student Interview Accept/Decline Period for alternates
August 28	FIP - Phase 2 Employer Registration Deadline
August 31 – September 13	FIP - Phase 2 Application Period. Students will apply through the "OCI" module of b-Line .
August 31 – September 18	FIP - Phase 1 Virtual Interviews
September 22 – 23	FIP - Phase 2 Student Interview Accept/Decline Period for pre-selects
September 24	FIP - Phase 1 Student Interview Accept/Decline Period for alternates
September 28 – October 16	FIP - Phase 2 Virtual Interviews

Keep in mind that FIP employers generally require a **cover letter** in addition to a resume as part of your b-Line applications. These will need to be tailored to individual employers. Allow yourself enough time before the FIP application deadlines to prepare them. If you would like the CDO to review your cover letters for Phase 1 employers, please submit it to career@law.berkeley.edu by 5pm on August 3rd, so that we are able to get it back to you in time to complete any needed revisions before the August 16 application deadline). For CDO review of Phase 2 employers,

please submit your drafts by August 31.

Summer Employment Evaluations

Finally, please be aware that you will need to complete the brief online summer employer evaluation (if you have not already done so) before you will be able to access the OCI section of b-Line . If you attempt to sign up for the August Mock Interview Program or apply to the Fall Interview Program (FIP) without completing the evaluation, you will be redirected to the summer evaluation page.

Even if you choose not to access the OCI section of b-Line until much later in the semester to participate in WIP, it will make sense to fill out an evaluation now while the summer experience is fresher in your mind. Click on "Evaluations" from the Shortcuts menu of the b-Line homepage to access the form.

Filling out the evaluation will only take a few minutes and will be of enormous assistance to current and future Berkeley Law students (employers do not have access to the evaluations). Your evaluation will be the most helpful to others if you take a little extra time to thoughtfully complete the questions at the end of the survey that call for a "narrative" type response (as opposed to just a 1 through 5 rating). Note: b-Line permits you to respond anonymously, by selecting "no" in response to the required question "May students contact you for further information about your summer experience?" towards the bottom of the evaluation form.

You will be able to view other students' evaluations from this past summer and from the previous five summers by clicking on "Evaluations" from the "Shortcuts menu on the right sidebar of b-Line's homepage. Once you are in the "Evaluations" section, click the "Search" tab, enter an employer name and click the "Submit" button.



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