

**Q: Are there any hidden downsides to focusing your resume/extracurriculars around one specific area of law if you're certain about what you want to do?**

**A:** We'd love to talk to you about this in our one-on-one counseling appointment! We get this question all the time and the answer is a personal one. Some students are dedicated to one area of law - and maybe even knew that before coming to law school - and they focus on building their skills most applicable to that area of law. That's totally fine. On the other hand, we have students who discover a new interest later and look to pivot - while having diverse extracurriculars may help, we encourage you to think of your transferable skills as a way to articulate a switch. Again, come talk to us about your particular interests and maybe some areas or ways to develop skills that would be complementary!

**Q: I will always have class during the coffee chats. What should I do? I feel like I will be left behind without that opportunity.**

**A:** We'd love know what that the conflict is! Our understanding of the class schedule is that there should be a window for all 1Ls to attend, either before or after their morning classes. Of course, if this is not the case, please email us at [career@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:career@law.berkeley.edu).

