

Interview Assessment 1

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My first interview was with Anthony Magee, a University of Oxford law graduate. I found him through the previous law firm that he worked with, but now he opened up his own practice. I had my questions prepared and was very excited to meet him.

I was unsure of how the meeting would go and was quite scared about what responses I would get. I wanted to gain insight into what being a lawyer is like from a real attorney. Luckily, our meeting lasted over an hour and it truly wasn't enough! Mr. Magee had an amazing office and a lot of knowledge to share with me. He has won multiple awards and is known as a top-rated attorney in Dallas. It was very exciting seeing how much he has accomplished and I was truly baffled. I never expected this interview to go so well. I started the interview by asking him his definition of an invention. He defined an invention as "something that no one has ever done before and is useful." I liked this definition a lot because it is concise and not misdirecting. He went through his background and how he became an Intellectual Property Attorney. Mr. Magee was a former barrister in the United Kingdom and studied law there as well. We talked a lot about the fundamentals of law. He explained to me how the IP law field requires a lot of reading and writing which is something that I am very comfortable with. He showed me a few of his briefs and I was very intrigued.

I asked him the question of "What should I major in for college so I can be fully prepared when heading off to law school." He studied in Europe so it was hard for him to answer the question for me, but he told me to major in engineering because it is the most beneficial. I found this unexpected because I had expected an answer like political science. He explained to me how it is important for me to understand innovation and how a client doesn't want to go to someone who has to 0 background on their innovation. Patents are very technical and understanding what someone has made and transcribing it requires a lot of knowledge in engineering. I found this as the biggest highlight of the interview because it was an eye-opener. I have realized that I need to start becoming familiarized with either the mechanical or electrical side of engineering so the major I choose in college isn't completely new to me.

Mr. Magee was a very smart individual who has a confident aura that comes along with him. Funny enough, he asked me a question, "Where do you want to go for law school?" He gave me the options of Harvard or Yale. I told him that I don't think that I am academically strong enough to attend such a high-level school and he told me that I was setting a ceiling for myself. His advice to me was to "aim for the highest and achieve it, if you don't, then at least you'll get the second-best" This quote still stands out to me because he told me that I was a smart person but I just need to set my expectations higher and that he believed in me.

I have learned a lot from this interview and a lot more than I would have ever expected. I have realized that I need to start researching the basics in engineering so I can get a better idea of the patent field. He gave me a lot of motivation and I aspire to reach that level of success in the field. Even as successful as he is, he still holds himself to new desires and wishes to accomplish more. He taught me many valuable lessons in just over an hour. There is still so much to learn!