To Ask Or Not To Ask, That Is The Question:
What To Ask An Employer During An Interview

**Appropriate Questions:**
- What are you looking for in a summer intern? (then be prepared to demonstrate how you fit those desired skills)
- What has been your most interesting case/project in the past year?
- What drew you to this employer/what was your path to this organization/firm?
- I spoke with ______, the Michigan student who worked here two summers ago, and s/he said (fill in positive aspect of the organization). Can you tell me a little more about this?
- What do you think is the most interesting or challenging opportunity/case coming up for your organization/division in the near future?
- Can you tell me more about some of the significant cases/projects that you are working on right now? (if not obvious from the website)
- Can you describe some of the specific projects/cases that your summer interns might be working on?
- What is your typical day like?
- I’m very interested in the type of law that you practice. Are there any classes that you recommend that I be sure to take to make me more prepared for a future career in this area of law?
- Are there any additional materials that I can provide for you?
- What is the next step?

*Ask intelligent questions that stem from your research on the employer as well as questions that encourage the person interviewing you to talk, thus leading to more questions!

**Inappropriate Questions:**
- Anything that is easily answerable from reviewing the employer’s website. For example - Can you tell me about your summer program?
- Any questions about compensation, benefits, time off, etc.
- Why should I choose to work for you?
- So, how is your organization/firm faring in this economy?
- What do I need to know about your organization?

* Do not ask anything that demonstrates lack of research on your part or that would put the employer on the defensive.