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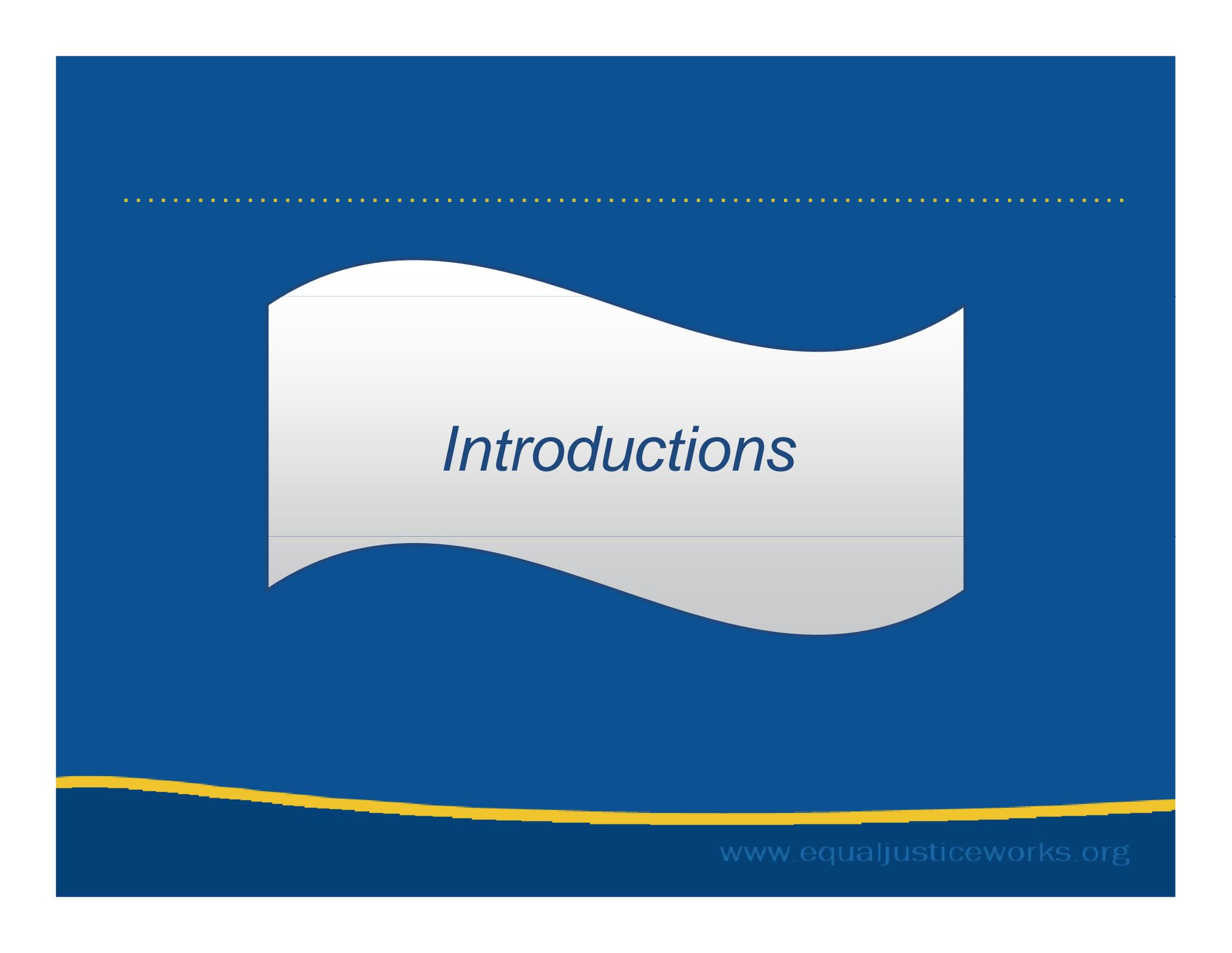
Destination: Public Interest...

*The Summer Public Interest Job Search: Part II
Best Practices in Interview and In-Person Networking*

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Introductions

Today's Presenters

- Akua Akyea, Yale Law School
- Ivy Finkenstadt, Legal Aid Justice Center
- Nita Mazumder, Equal Justice Works

Today's Agenda

Interviewing

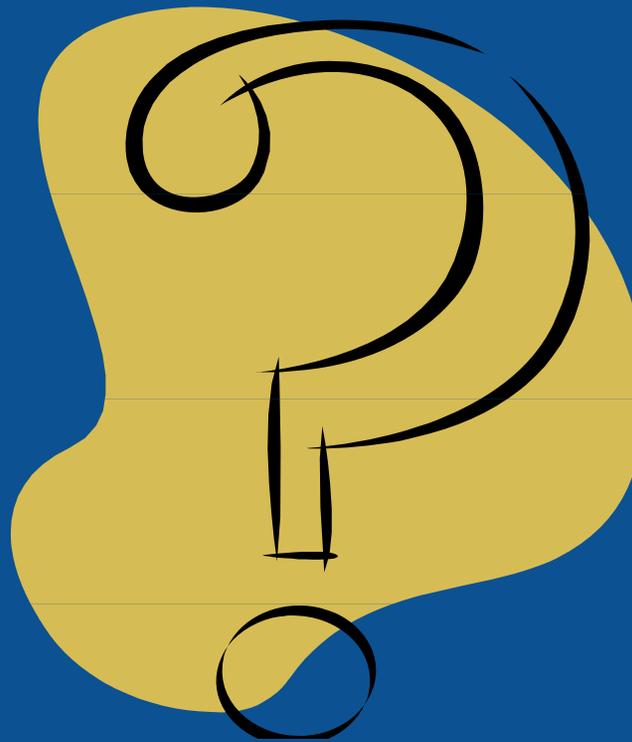
- Do Your Homework
- Mock Interviews
- Anticipate Hard Questions
- Ask Questions
- Thank You

Networking

- Cultivating Relationships
- Listen More than Talk
- No Phones
- Elevator Speech
- You Never Know Who...

Poll

Let's see who's out there!





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Equal Justice Works Programs to Know About

- Student Debt
- National Advisory Committee
- Conference and Career Fair
- Law Student Pro Bono
- Student Engagement
- Post Grad Fellowships

How Equal Justice Works Can Help with Summer/Post Grad Employment

- AmeriCorps JD
- Post grad fellowships
 - Equal Justice Works Fellowships
 - Veterans Legal Corps

AmeriCorps JD (formerly Summer Corps)

What is AmeriCorps JD?



- 300 hours of service during the summer – at least 20% of hours must be veterans work
- 360 positions filled for Summer 2013
- \$1,175 AmeriCorps education award
- Preferences this year
- Able to choose a Fall (Sept 1-Dec 31), Winter (Jan 1-April 30), or Summer (May 1-June 30) start date, but must complete your project and at least 300 service hours no later than August 31, 2014.

AmeriCorps JD (formerly Summer Corps)

Why should you apply?



- Gain firsthand experience and legal skills
- Provide critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities in the U.S.
- Access to the Equal Justice Works network
- Become an official member of AmeriCorps

Post Grad Fellowships

- Equal Justice Works Fellowships
- Veterans Legal Corps



What are Equal Justice Works Fellowships?

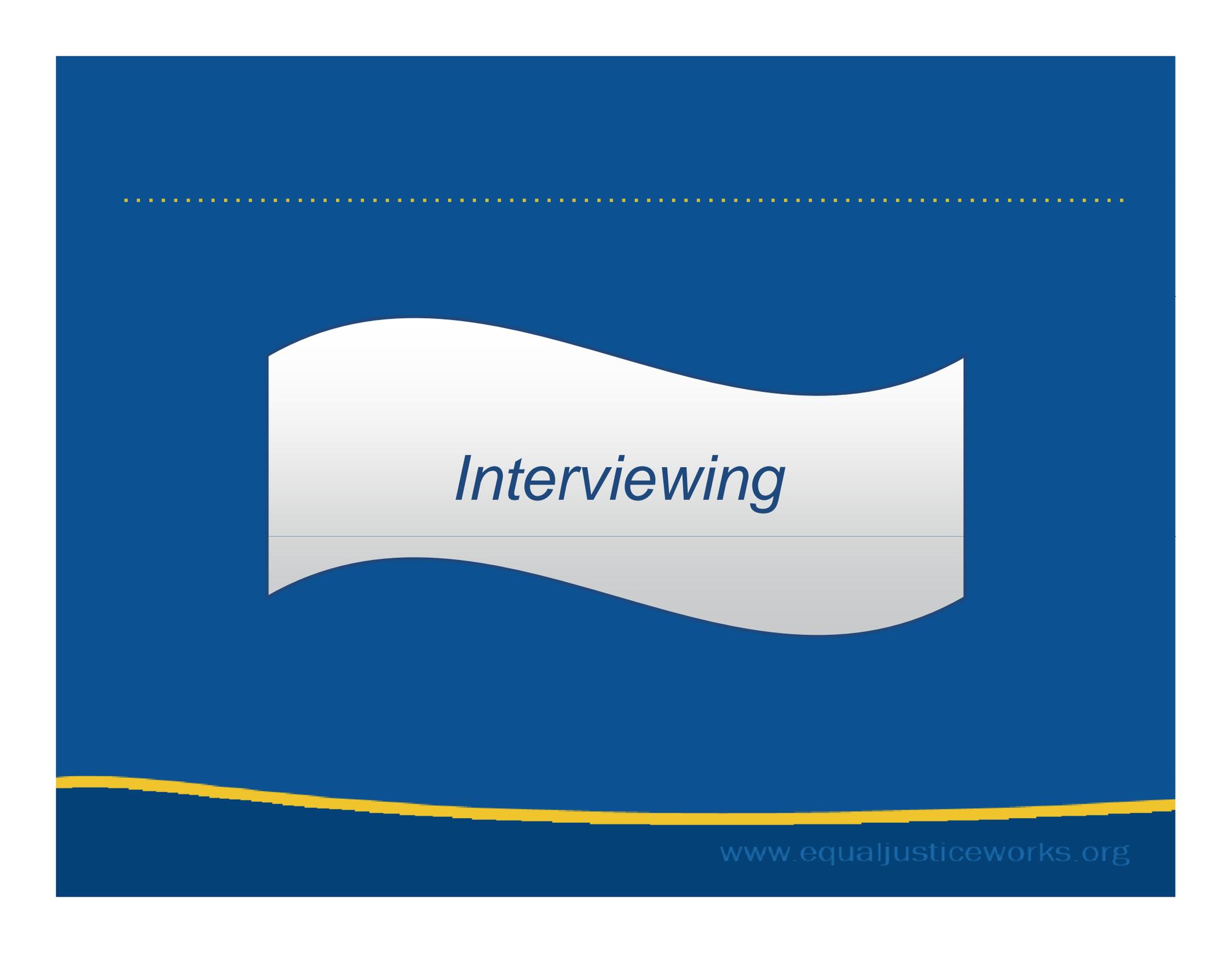
- Largest postgraduate legal fellowship program
 - The number of Fellowships varies each year due to number of sponsors
 - 2013 class will have 57 fellows
- Project-based two-year fellowships
 - You design the project
 - You secure the host organization

Veterans Legal Corps (formerly AmeriCorps Legal Fellowships)

What is Veterans Legal Corps?

- Fellows address gaps in legal services through direct legal services and pro bono promotion at a qualifying nonprofit
- One year fellowship, renewable for a second year
- Our Fellows work in a variety of issues areas, with an emphasis this year on veterans issues
- Check our web site for the next webinar





Interviewing

Five Tips for Interviewing...

Tip 1

Do Your Homework

Five Tips for Interviewing...

Tip 2

Do Mock Interviews

Five Tips for Interviewing...

Tip 3

Anticipate & Be Prepared for Difficult Questions

- Weaknesses/Situational Questions
- Hypotheticals
- Legal Questions

Five Tips for Interviewing...

Tip 4

Ask Questions That Are
Not Answered on the
Website

Five Tips for Interviewing

Tip 5

Thank You Notes

Other Types of Interviews

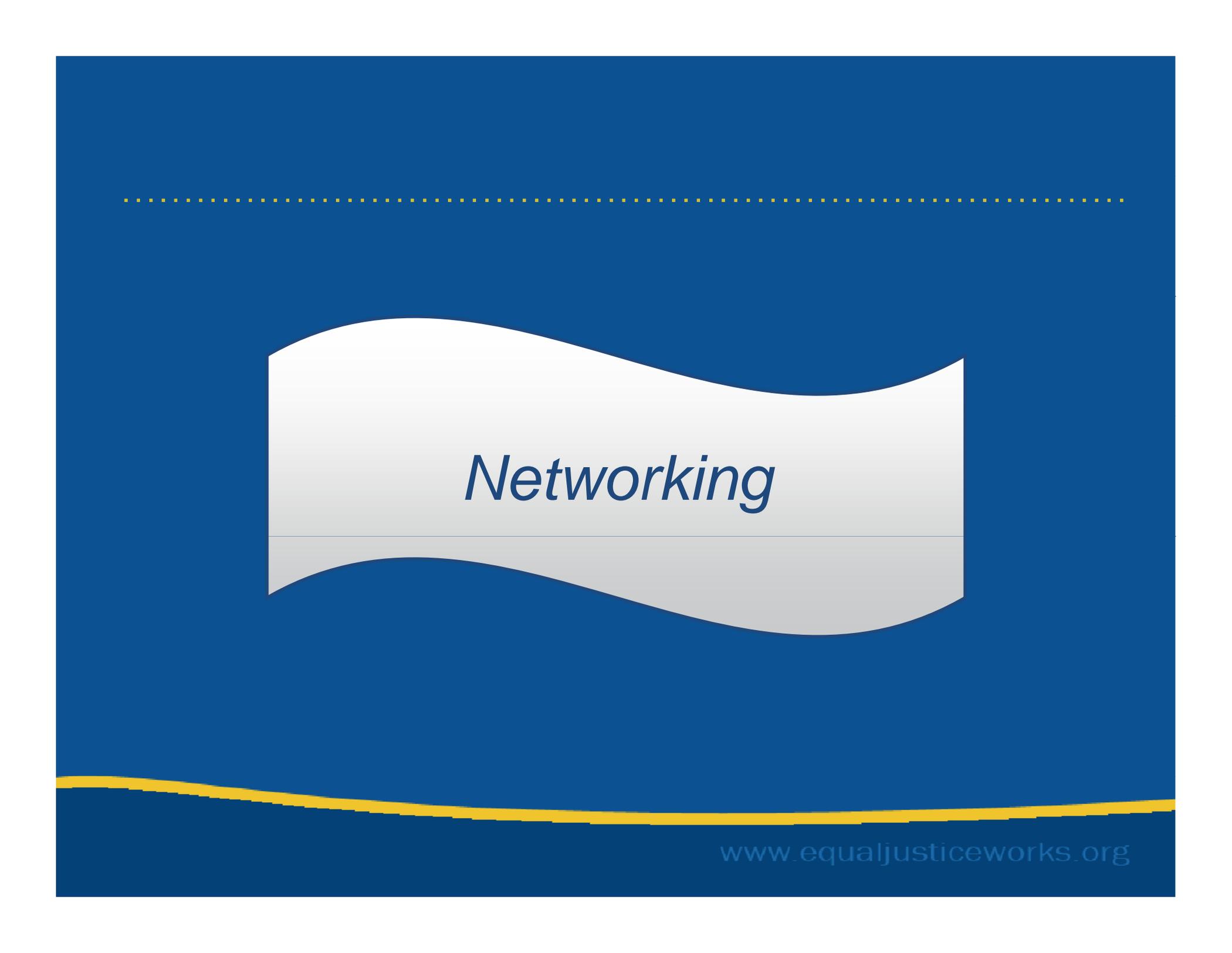
Phone Interviews

Behavioral Interviewing

Tell me about an instance when...

Consider a time when...

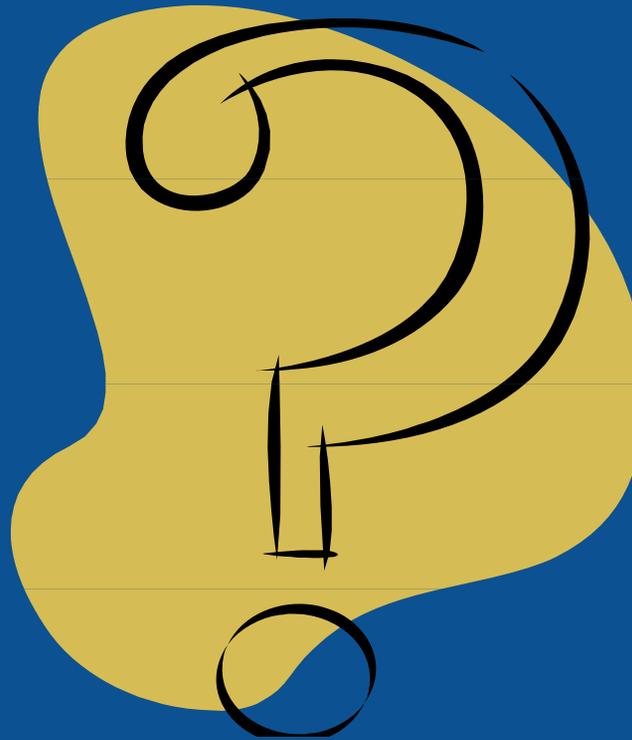
Give me an example of...



Networking

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Have you networked recently?



Five Tips for Networking

Tip 1

Networking \neq Schmoozing

Networking = Cultivating
Relationships

Five Tips for Networking

Tip 2

Do More Listening than
Talking

Five Tips for Networking

Tip 3

**Absolutely No Cell
Phones**

Five Tips for Networking

Tip 4

Perfect Your Elevator Speech

Five Tips for Networking

Tip 5

You Never Know Who...

Informational Interviews

- What are They?
- Always Follow Up

What Can Students Do During Law School

- Clinical experience or any type of experiential learning
- Externships during the semester, and summer internships, including AmeriCorps JD
- Advocacy coursework
- Mock interviews with fellow alumni
- Apply to sit on the Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee
- Attend Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair each year!
- Get engaged with Equal Justice Works

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