

Dear future lawyer,

Thank you so much for taking the time to participate in our interview and share your experiences and insights as a senior year/former Smith Legal Success Project member. Consider this the only repayment we expect for the funding provided to you through the project. Your thoughtful responses and valuable advice will undoubtedly assist future pre-law students in navigating the process and properly utilizing the resources made available to them through this initiative.

Your contributions have provided a wealth of knowledge that will help guide and inspire those following in your footsteps. I greatly appreciate your willingness to support and mentor the next generation of aspiring legal professionals through our stellar undergraduate program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Workman", written in a cursive style.

Seth Workman
Founding Student Director
Smith Scholar Class of 2025

1. Personal Journey and Motivation:
 - Can you share your journey in choosing your major/minor and how it has influenced your decision to pursue a legal career?

 - What initially inspired you to consider a career in law?

2. Academic Preparation:
 - Which courses or specific topics have you found most beneficial in preparing for law school?

 - How did the classes in the Smith Scholars cohort assist with your decision to attend law school?

 - What additional courses or activities do you recommend for students interested in law?

 - What skills have you developed through your business studies that you believe will be advantageous in law school and a legal career?

3. Extracurricular Activities:
 - Explain any extracurricular activities or internships that have been particularly valuable in your pre-law journey.

4. LSAT Test Preparation:

- Which (if any) test preparation program/book did you use?
- What were the most useful and least useful parts about the structure and setup of the program?
- What were the most efficient and least efficient teaching methods or strategies employed by the program?
- Would you take this program again or recommend it to others?

5. Challenges and Overcoming Obstacles:

- What were some of the biggest challenges you faced while preparing for law school as a Smith Scholar?
- How did you overcome these challenges, and what advice would you give to others facing similar obstacles?
- What Smith Scholar classes were you taking during the bulk of your studying and did that significantly affect your studies?
- How did you work around/adapt to the Smith Scholars Study Abroad trip as it relates to your LSAT studies?

6. Resources and Support:

- What resources (e.g., faculty, career services, Smith Legal Success Project, Pre-Law Society) were most helpful to you during your pre-law preparation?

7. Law School Application Process:

- Can you walk us through your law school application process, including asking for recommendations, selecting schools, and writing personal statements?
- What tips do you have for making a strong application and standing out to law schools?

8. Career Aspirations:

- What are your career aspirations in the legal field, and how did you come to these decisions?
- Has the business core or Smith Program impacted your career aspirations or legal specialty?

9. Work-Life Balance:

- How have you managed to maintain a work-life balance while juggling the Smith Cohort, business studies, and pre-law preparation?

10. Reflection and Advice:

- Looking back, is there anything you would have done differently in your preparation for law school?
- Any miscellaneous advice for future pre-law students in the Smith Scholars?
- If you are willing, could you provide an email that future students may reach you at with any questions they may have about your experience?