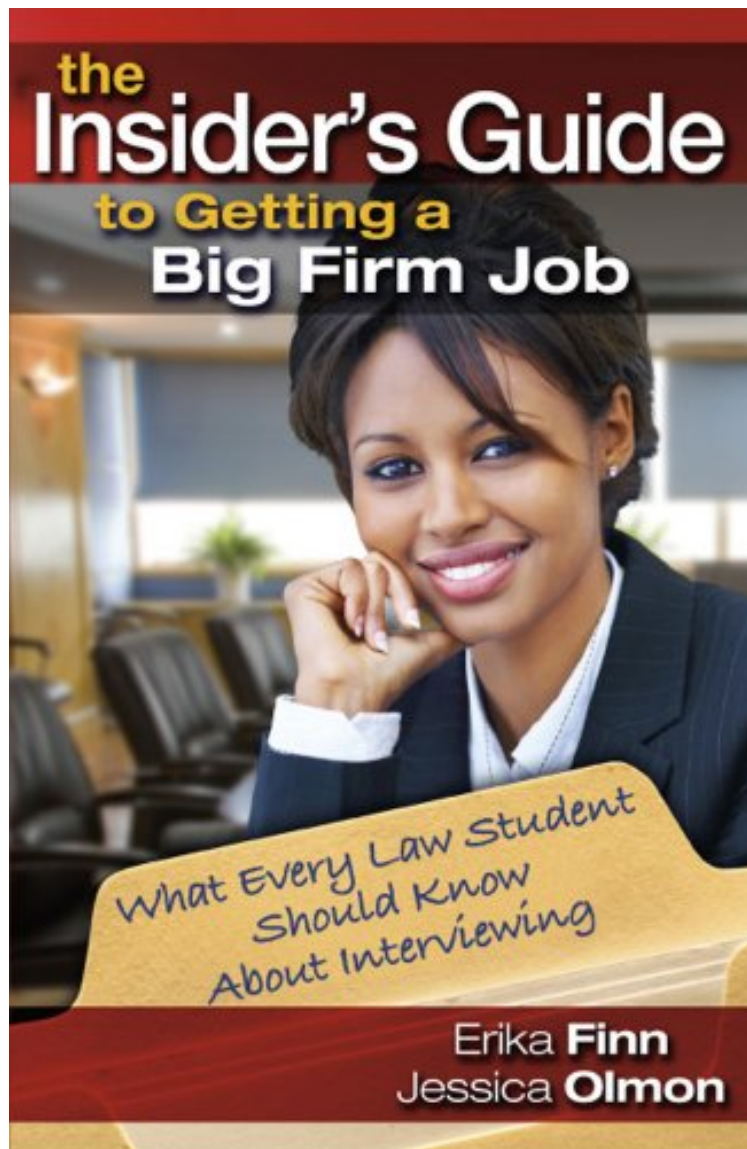


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Finn and Olmon's book gives an excellent overview of the law firm interviewing process, which can be invaluable information particularly for law students who don't have a parent, relative, or close friend who is an attorney, but also for those who would simply use more tips and pointers. I give this book five stars and highly recommend it to anyone embarking on the search for a big law firm job. Even if you understand the basic workings of the OCI system, *The Insider's Guide to Getting a Big Firm Job* offers a valuable peek into the minds of recruiters and interviewers and tells you exactly what you need to do to make yourself stand out and snag that job.

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