

## MY IDEAL JOB

If you can come close to understanding the components of your ideal job, then as opportunities arise, you can evaluate each against that ideal.

Criteria	What I really want/need	What I really don't want/need
<p><b>Interests</b> (specialties, areas of practice, types of assignments, etc., characteristics of some jobs)</p> <p><i>Why did I go to law school? What do I enjoy doing?</i></p>	<p>(Be sure to identify those which realistically could be satisfied in an ideal job)</p>	<p>(List those which are evident in some jobs but I <u>don't</u> especially enjoy)</p>
<p><b>Skills you want to use</b> (those generally used in job settings)</p> <p><i>What skills have I acquired that I enjoy using?</i></p>	<p>(Legal or other skills you have acquired or want to learn and use in your ideal job)</p>	<p>(Skills you have acquired but <u>don't</u> particularly want to use on a job)</p>
<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><i>What is really important to me?</i></p>	<p>(List values you want embodied by an ideal organization.)</p>	<p>(List values embodied by some organizations you <u>don't</u> share)</p>
<p><b>People</b></p> <p><i>What kind of people do I enjoy spending time with? What kind of people do I generally avoid?</i></p>	<p>(Types of people you would really enjoy as colleagues or clients)</p>	<p>(Types of people you would <u>not</u> enjoy as colleagues or clients)</p>

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<p><b>Working Environment</b> (tangible &amp; intangible characteristics) <b><i>What's important to me on a daily basis?</i></b></p>	<p>(List concrete examples of where the ideal job would be located, hours, mode of commuting, what people wear to work, etc.)</p>	<p>(List characteristics which turn you off such as specific locations.)</p>
<p><b>Salary and Benefits</b>  <b><i>Reviewing my post-JD budget, what do I need to meet fixed monthly expenses (rent, food, loan repayments, commuting costs, etc.)?</i></b></p>	<p>(Specify what you <u>need</u> to support your fixed expenses and lifestyle.)</p>	<p>(What things can you compromise on? e.g., paid parking, bar review fees, etc.)</p>
<p><b>Long Term Goals</b>  <b><i>Where would I like to be professionally in 10 years?</i></b></p>		
<p><b>Lifestyle &amp; Motivation</b>  <b><i>What do I really want to do in my life and how hard am I willing to work in order to achieve it?</i></b></p>	<p>(What do you want to be able to enjoy outside of the job? Realistically, how hard are you willing to work? How much of a trade-off are you willing to accept between lifestyle and the realistic demands of the ideal job?)</p>	