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Author Shares Job Search Tips with Students

FORT WORTH, Texas – Job hunting in an unstable economy is a frightening prospect, but legal job search expert Kimm Walton shared tips with students at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law that she assured would get them a job “no matter what the market is.”

The author of several legal job-related books, Walton has spoken with countless lawyers and law firms to gather information about what employers look for when making new hires. She shared tips with students on everything from resume content to interview preparation.

Encouraging students to look beyond selling factors such as top grades, Walton told students there are many ways to bolster a resume and show that they have the skills necessary to secure a job they desire.

“If you show [potential employers] that you volunteer, you show them you’re a rainmaker,” Walton said.

She also encouraged students to explore networking opportunities and CLE courses as a way to understand what field of law they might like to practice in, with the reminder that these outlets also provide the chance to present oneself to potential employers.

“If you don’t know what you want to do with your law degree, you are in a very large, very quiet demographic,” Walton said.

Walton is the author of *Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*, *America’s Greatest Places to Work with a Law Degree*, *What Law School Doesn’t Teach you But You Really Need to Know*, and *The Best of the Job Goddess*, a collection of her favorite “Dear Job Goddess” columns. She is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and has presented her seminar over 1,000 times “from Harvard to Hawaii.” Her presentation was hosted by the office of career services and marks the third visit made by Walton since 2003.

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