

18 Concrete Ways a 1L Can Network in Fall 2025

- 1-Call or email firm recruiting coordinators: Ask if you can chat with a junior lawyer about firm life. You need real info—and they'll remember your name.
- 2-Ask professors, alumni, mentors, and family members and friends if they know anyone at your top firms. One intro leads to another.
- 3-Track superconnector networks. If you see an overlap in firms and connections for Lisa Blasser, Miller Leonard, or Amanda Haverstick, consider asking for a warm intro.
- 4-Connect on LinkedIn with student organization leaders: BLSA, APALSA, OUTLaw, FirstGen. Bridge those affinity groups to firm recruiters.
- 5-Find a legal recruiter in your city for a short informational. Their insider knowledge is gold on local firm culture; they know what's going on generally at firms with hiring; and they may give you contact names of current or former lawyers at the firms.
- 6-Optimize your LinkedIn: Use a businesslike photo, state "J.D. Candidate [School], Aspiring [Practice Area]" up top, and keep your About section pitch perfect and error-free.
- 7-Add "J.D. Candidate" to your Experience (law school is your "job" right now). Spotlight any law review, clinic, or meaningful activity.
- 8-Follow your top firms and individual lawyers on LinkedIn. Comment thoughtfully (not just likes) to prove you're paying attention.
- 9-Join law-student and law-firm alumni LinkedIn groups. Post, comment, ask smart questions. You'll get noticed and eventually remembered.
- 10-Use LinkedIn search: Find alumni and lawyers in your city and field.
- 11-Attend in-person or virtual firm events—aim to leave with one real contact from each. Follow up with a personalized thank-you.
- 12-Volunteer for org or event roles at your law school that give exposure to firm recruiters.

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13-Register for city bar associations as a student member. The mixers and CLEs are full of firm lawyers you wouldn't meet otherwise.

14-Show up to live LinkedIn events, panels, or webinars—and ask a smart question. Follow up right after with a thank-you DM or email.

15-Use cold DMs or emails for info interviews in which you are concise, polite, and specific about what you want to learn.

16-Read firm press releases + recent cases to ask smart questions + show you're truly interested.

17-End every conversation by asking, "Who else do you think I should talk to?" One answer always leads to more.

18-Send immediate, substantive thank-you notes after every meeting where you mention at least one thing you learned or found interesting about the conversation.
