

Attorneys are of vital importance to the survival of our republic and, together with judges, have been the stewards of our democratic ideals and the rule of law for centuries – from the founding of the nation. The

Those who are considering a career in law must recognize this proud history and ongoing commitment – and that as a result, law does not lend itself to a 9-5 schedule. Nor is law just a job. It is a profession and vocation.

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data is not always clear, and different numbers can and should be examined for more information. For example, if one looks at the *percentage* of those in the class of 2017

Nevertheless, *competition* for jobs over the next 10 years is expected to be strong because more students graduate from law school each year than there are jobs available.”¹³

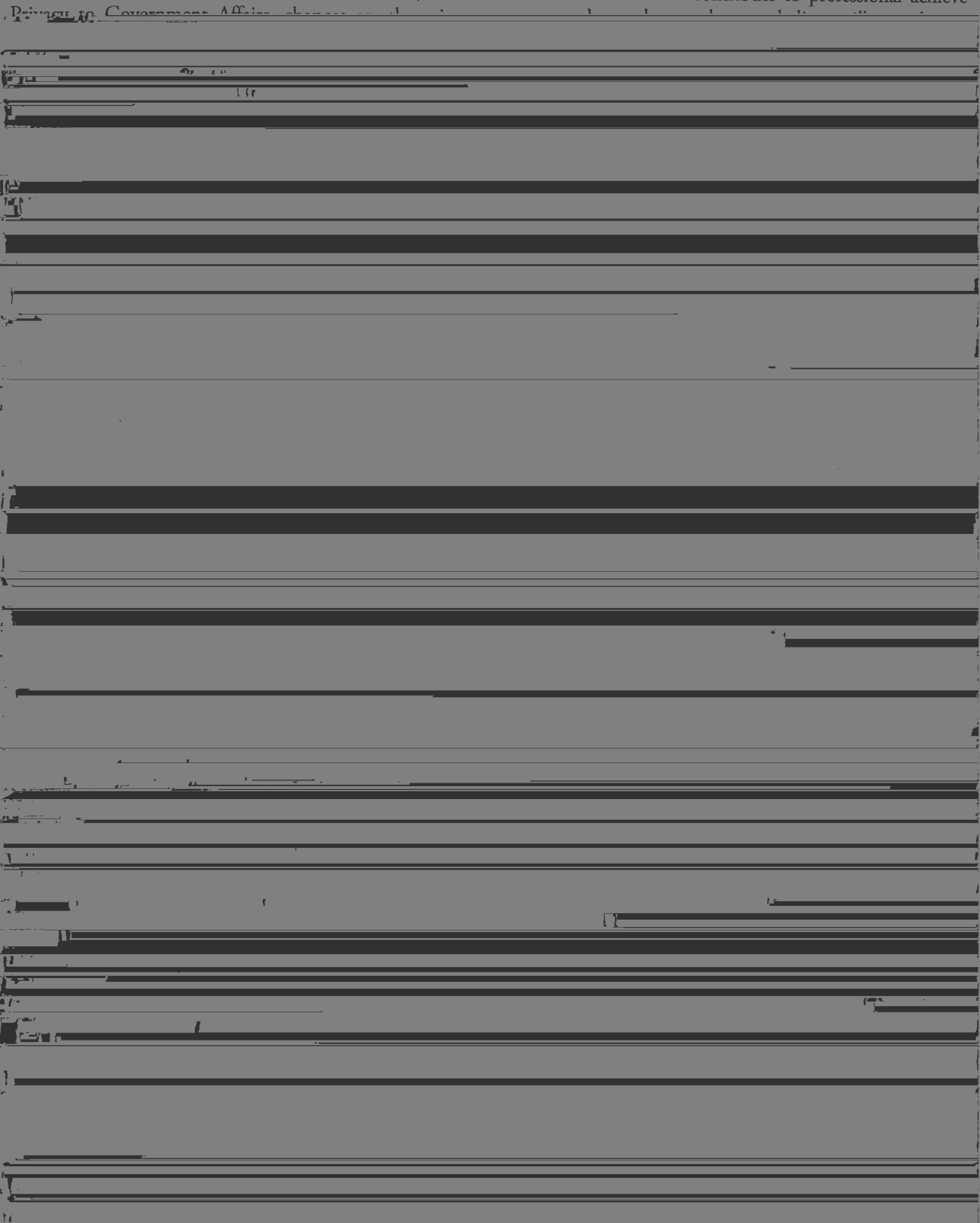
As mentioned by the ABA's article, despite any so-called "Trump Bump"¹⁷ in the market for attorneys, there are those in the field who state that the

job market for entry-level lawyers is 25 percent smaller than it was 10 years ago, and we are in the

or co-majoring in, or at least minoring in, accounting, finance, computers or a STEM subject. Not only will this likely enhance your law school application, but, perhaps more important, it will likely give you a leg up in the increasingly competitive legal job market. And, if you

through a master's program while in law school. So, if you are interested in public health, consider a J.D./MPH program. If international affairs is where your ultimate career ambitions lie, consider a J.D./M.A. in International Relations. From Biotech to Human Resources, Data

in response to the question: "how will I know?" "Take a year, or two, off between undergraduate school and law school." Obtain a master's degree in a field of interest to you – but, as with a law degree, make sure the master's is in a field that will contribute to professional achieve-



you are seriously considering attending, and to which you believe you have a strong chance of getting accepted. Most law schools are open to allowing prospective students to sit in on classes; some even have formal programs for prospective students to visit their campus, visit classes and

would likely still have to use a valid and reliable test of some kind).³⁰ However, the proposal was withdrawn prior to a debate or vote in the ABA House of Delegates at its Annual Meeting in Chicago on August 6-7, 2018. Instead, the House of Delegates considered and passed

CONCLUSION

We have attempted in this relatively short space to provide

25. See LSAC website, at <https://www.lsac.org/jd/applying-to-law-school/cas>.

26. See ABA's *Law School Accreditation Process*, Sept. 2016, https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publications/misc/legal_education/2016_accr_ditation_

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