

## Prelaw Student Self-Assessment

Now that you are more familiar with what it is that law schools look for in applicants, take some time to assess your own preparation. Beside the following statements **rank your strength in that area on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 indicating an area that needs much improvement and 5 representing outstanding achievement or effort.** For those aspects that require more improvement, jot down some next steps on how to go about strengthening that element of your law school application.

<b>Exploration of Legal Field</b>	Score	Ways to Improve
Conducting informational interviews (with friends, family, using Alumni ICAN)		
Volunteering/interning in a legal setting		
Exploring current legal issues		
Attending Law School Admissions Presentations		

<b>Prelaw Advising</b>	Score	Ways to Improve
Meeting with a Preprofessional Advisor in the MIT Careers Office		
Contacting a Prelaw Advisor		
Speaking with my academic advisor and other professors		
Looking through the Prelaw Website online		

<b>Activities and Academics</b>	Score	Ways to Improve
Extracurricular activities		
Volunteer work or community service		

Work/research experience		
Grade Point Average		

<b>Targeting Schools</b>	Score	Ways to Improve
Reviewing the <i>Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools</i> Book		
Attending the Annual Law School Forum in November		
Attending Law School Admissions Presentations		
Visiting law schools		
Contacting alumni		

<b>Other Application Considerations</b>	Score	Ways to Improve
Letters of Recommendation - Building rapport with professors/supervisors		
Registering for the LSDAS		
Personal Statement		
LSAT – Prep and Completion		
Motivation to study law		
Uniqueness and personality		
Displaying leadership skills		

