Using Bloomberg Law to do Job-Hunting Research

When targeting potential employers or researching a firm or interviewer before an interview, Bloomberg Law can be a powerful tool.

Let’s start with Bloomberg Law People and Firm Profiles in the Business Intelligence tab. These profiles are for both business executives and lawyers, though the profiles of lawyers on their law firm websites are usually more informative. In the case of publicly traded companies, Bloomberg Law pulls information from SEC filings about their career history, compensation, board memberships, and other information.

Another search strategy is to use the education field to target Georgetown law alums or alums from your undergraduate college to network with. Say you were interested in trying to find a job as counsel to a software company in California. Begin to enter the school and select the appropriate one from the menu of suggestions. Then enter the industry and state. If you get only a few hits, you might think about ancillary industries to search such as computer hardware.

If you’re looking at corporations or practicing corporate law at a firm, you can look up law firms and companies in Litigation Analytics and Deal Analytics.
For litigation analytics, you can search for either a company or a law firm and drill down into the types of litigation they do, what jurisdictions they have been active in, and the dockets of the cases they have worked on.
For deal analytics, you can look at mergers and acquisitions or equity offerings, using the tools provided to drill down to find deals and review their terms.

Law Firm Client Memos are reviews of recent changes in the law that affect the clients of large law firms. These are good to get up to speed on various industry issues and important to review if you will be interviewing with one of the attorneys who wrote or co-wrote one. If you search for an interviewer’s name, you will find client memos they have contributed to.

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