

## Researching FRP Employers

This year more than ever, it is *essential* that you make the most of your FRP bids! The best way to do that is to **research the employers participating in FRP**. Below are some of the most useful resources – for additional suggestions, be sure to check with you career counselor!

1. [The NALP Directory of Legal Employers](#). an electronic, comprehensive database of the majority of firms that are recruiting summer associates (Class of 2011) and first-year associates (Class of 2010). It provides detailed information on the firms and – if accessed through the GW Law Portal – also allows students to download contact information into an Excel spreadsheet for mail merges. Access through the GW Law Portal under “Career Development.”
2. [Chambers and Partners Guides](#). An on-line directory of the top law firms in 175 countries by practice area, providing independent rankings and helpful commentary. Provides useful insight into a firm's given practice area in specific cities and states – great for cover letters and interviewing! Chambers also recently launched a website that “profiles 100 of the best firms in the country,” <http://www.chambers-associate.com/>.
3. [Employers' Websites](#). Gain insight into the mission of the employer, recent press releases, research which practice areas are prominent, identify GW Law alums, etc.
4. [Summer surveys from your other GW Law students online in Symplicity](#). Great way to identify other GW Law students that you can talk to about particular employers. Get advice about how to tailor your resumes and cover letters for particular employers and maybe even get someone to put in a “good word” for you! Instructions available in the handout “How to View Summer Employment Surveys on Symplicity” on the CDO's “[Informational Handouts](#)” webpage.
5. [Legal Research Databases](#). Lexis Nexis and Westlaw both provide a lot of great information to help you identify which firms and practice areas you should focus on. For GW-specific information, please see the “Lexis Nexis Job Search Guide” and the “Westlaw Job Search Guide” on the CDO's “[Informational Handouts](#)” webpage.
6. [The Leadership Directories](#). An amazing resource to help you figure out the organization, specialty areas and biographical information for all types of employers – government, non-profit, law firms, companies, etc. Access The Leadership Directories through the [GW Law Portal](#) under “Career Development.” For directions about how to use The Leadership Directories, please see the “Leadership Directories Guide” “ on the CDO's “[Informational Handouts](#)” webpage.
7. [PSLawnet](#) and the [Arizona Guide](#). These are great resource to research non-law firm employers. Registration with PSLawnet is free if you use you GW Law email address. For username and password information to the Arizona Guide, please contact the CDO. *Note: the updated version of the Arizona Guide will be available around Aug. 1!*
8. [Vault Career Library](#). has additional information about a variety of employers. The link is available on the CDO's “[Online Job Search Resources](#)” page. Click on “Get Your Password Now” and enter your GW Law email address for a 24 hour password that can be renewed any time.
9. [2008 Working Mother & Flex-Time Lawyers Best Law Firms for Women](#). An annual survey by *Working Mother* magazine and legal consultant Flex-Time Lawyers LLC.
10. [Law Students Building a Better Profession](#). provides information on the diversity statistics for law firms in major cities.

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11. [The National Law Journal Survey](#). An annual survey by *The National Law Journal* ("NLJ 250") that ranks some of the nation's top firms by number of lawyers. (Access the rankings with free registration to *The American Lawyer*).
12. [The American Lawyer 2008 Summer Associates Survey](#). An annual ranking of law firm summer associate programs, based on surveys completed by summer associates. (Access the rankings with free registration to *The American Lawyer*).
13. [The American Lawyer Survey](#). An annual survey by *The American Lawyer* ("AmLaw 100") that ranks some of the nation's top firms by revenue metrics. (Access the rankings with free registration to *The American Lawyer*).