SWITCHING SECTORS FOR A BETTER FIT

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Moderator Bio

Kathy Morris is the moderator of the American Bar Association’s monthly Career Advice Series. A former criminal defense attorney, she has taught law, pioneered professional development initiatives in law firms, and in 2000, launched the original Career Resource Center of the ABA. She counsels law students, lawyers, law schools, and law firms through her longstanding practice Under Advisement, Ltd., www.underadvisement.com.

Kathy was recently named the Board Chair of the new ABA initiative called Legal Career Central, through which the ABA will be the go-to resource for legal career information and inspiration.

She received her JD from Northeastern in Boston in 1975 and her BA in 1971 from the University of Michigan.
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- **Search and apply** for more than 450 high-quality legal jobs nationwide
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- **Receive email alerts** when new jobs are posted that meet your search criteria
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Program Agenda

• Top Issues
• Tips on the Topic
• Participant Questions
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• Takeaways
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Top Issues

What do we mean by fit?

Sectors to consider...

Pros/cons/personalities

Myths/misgivings

Steps to take
Tips on the Topic

Get involved in what you care about.
Excel wherever you are.
Pave the way forward.
Handle your exits and transitions well.

Switching Sectors for a Better Fit

Audience Questions?

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Agree/Disagree

Wanting to change sectors is likely to be seen as an admission that you’re unhappy.

Agree/Disagree

It’s never too late to take the road less travelled.
Takeaways

- Compete strategically.
- Learn the available resources.
  - Make and access connections online.
  - Always think.

Final Career Advice Series Program

**Negotiating Work Perks that Matter**

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