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## Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by Bob - 2008/05/14 13:50

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I've been watching this thread for a while and it is my first post. I need some advice:

My LSAT practice scores are coming in around 159 -161 which will not get me into a top law school. However, my MCAT score is solid and I can get into a top tier business MBA. I'm not sure which route to go, ultimately i need to make a lot of money, so what do you think i should do? Law school at a 2nd tier LS or MBA at NYU in business.

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by Kera - 2008/05/14 15:33

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Which law schools can you get into?

What do you want to do with an MBA?

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by Miami LS - 2008/05/15 15:48

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A degree from a decent law school is probably just as valuable as an MBA from a top grad program.

The difference is that your law degree gives you a license to practice law and to transact business at the same time whereas the MBA is just an advanced business degree without the law license.

Have you considered doing a Joint JD/MBA?

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by abr41 - 2008/05/15 16:01

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These are my thoughts: I would NOT go straight from undergrad to grad school for an MBA. Its my opinion that you simply won't get as much out of the MBA program. You won't really bring anything to classroom discussions or be able to relate to the casework, lessons learned, etc. which is what makes an MBA program beneficial. Additionally, you likely won't be paid on par with others in your program because you won't have any work experience. It may get you into a company faster, but you won't be paid what the traditional MBA (say 5 years experience) is, and frankly, you shouldn't be.

Professional MBA programs are becoming the norm as they are the real money makers for the universities. MBA program takes 2 years whereas a JD program takes 3 yrs.

I agree with Miami LS that a joint JD/MBA should be considered.

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by Bob - 2008/05/16 11:59

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I'd like to get into investment banking or private equity. So, an MBA seems appropriate. I can get into Duke MBA, but my LSAT score is so weak the best i could do is get into a Jersey LS.

I could do a joint JD/MBA, but th eMBA would be done at the law school which is not top-tier.

I will sit for the June LSAT and see if I can pull out a hail Mary.

Thanks for the post, I appreciate the advice. :S

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by Mevadus - 2008/06/25 11:02

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Have you thought about a career as a CMA or CPA?

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by LK311 - 2008/06/25 11:25

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CMA or CPA just pigeon holes you. You can't demand more \$ with a CPA license, but you can as a JD. A law degree opens more doors than an MBA. But I agree with the other comments about a joint JD/MBA, that would be ideal.

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## Re:Good Law school or Great MBA

Posted by norton - 2008/06/26 06:32

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I generally tend to agree that more education is always better than less education. But, there needs to be a balance as well. I have a friend that has more degrees after his name than dollar bills in his bank account. He took the education route to the extreme and still continues to this day to go to school. At some point you have to make it work for you, that in my opinion is the point of education unless you are independantly weathly. I think the key is to figure out where it is you want to go, get the tools for it, and then try to get there. While preparation is always great, don't overdue it- if you get what i am trying to say.

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