



Feature

## Two Demonstrative Personalities Law Students Identified in Law School

*This article talks about an evening discussion with a number of law school students in attendance who were trying to come up with some common personalities they have encountered during their time at law school. The law school students actually decided on two personality types that they all had encountered and basically agreed upon.*

Whatever people think about lawyers, be it good or bad, there is potentially some part of a bad character in all of us and it takes about half our life time to identify our faults and straighten ourselves into a more acceptable human being. The two personalities identified at the beginning of law school are not altogether on the good side. In fact you may know people outside of the law profession with these traits. A group of law students came up with a description of one of the two personalities most often seen on the Law School Campus.

### Impotent yet Opinionated

This is the opinionated soul who believes he knows better than everyone else. He has an opinion but no real wherewithal to back it up. The opinionated-yet-impotent person believes he/she has the right opinion but they have no real sustenance or authoritative position that would lend to their credibility. This fact is certain; every attorney will learn how to be confrontational when it is necessary. The problem from a law student's point of view is confrontation is often unnecessary when law students work as partners to get a project completed. The issue from the professor's outlook says, "Let's teach them when it is proper in life and law to use their lawyering skills."

An older law student commented that it seems to be the nature of the 1st year law school student that changes personalities of a handful of scholars. The advanced law students say it is easy to hold on to an opinion relentlessly but takes some maturity and ability to reflect and see where areas

of compromise will benefit everyone right now or sometime in the future.

### I Speak My Mind

The group of lawyers also agreed they saw yet another common personality. These are the law students who say, "I speak my mind." The law students claimed the others were using this as a license to be rude to others. One belief by law students is to be careful with words, too many show weakness. Law students learn that being direct as possible is the best way to show strength when lawyering. Along with speaking their minds come condescending tones and remarks. This is where it starts and the beginning law students have a difficult time separating lawyering from their everyday relationships.

These young law students were very aware of the twists and turns in their first few years of learning their profession. This will give them a better start when interacting with people outside the court and the office. There are so many lawyers and law firms who have contributed to society to make life better for young people who have failed in their beginnings. In the transition from law school to practice it is the law firms who bring in 100's of new graduates each year to train. These are shaping the lawyers' personalities. Despite the obstacles for young law school students they soon recognize what is important in life and adapt.

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