

# 10 Hashtags for Law Students to Follow for Career Inspiration

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Twitter has been called the cocktail party of the Internet. People can jump into conversations or simply listen and observe. As more and more lawyers and law students flock to Twitter, there are more conversations among members of the legal industry taking place on Twitter. The conversations range from interview advice and legal writing tips to light banter about life as a lawyer or law student and more.

Law school career professionals can follow these conversations and advise law students on how to capitalize on these interactions. Following Twitter conversations is simple, using designated hashtags — the # sign — followed by a word or phrase. To follow a hashtag, type the hashtag, including the # sign, into the Twitter search bar.

To help you get started in following or engaging in the conversations, here are 10 hashtags frequently used by the legal profession. You can join the conversation by asking questions, sharing your thoughts or retweeting and liking the tweets of others. Happy Tweeting!

## 1. #LawTwitter

#LawTwitter is the broadest hashtag for the legal profession and widely used by lawyers and law students for tweets related to the legal industry, such as a law firm issuing a subpoena through Twitter.<sup>1</sup> Law school law libraries have recently used the hashtag as well.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. #AppellateTwitter

The first hashtag to become popular among lawyers was #AppellateTwitter which has a following of 400-500 lawyers and has been featured in leading legal publications.<sup>3</sup> This hashtag contains conversations on topics ranging from tips for brief writing to pet peeves in

appellate practice. You will also find law students and recent law grads using the #AppellateTwitter hashtag to pose questions to the lawyers following this hashtag.<sup>4</sup> More than 50 attorneys are so involved with this group that they include the #AppellateTwitter hashtag in their Twitter bios.<sup>5</sup>

## 3. #PracticeTuesday

#PracticeTuesday began as a hashtag for attorneys, law school professors, judges, and law students to share advice on practicing law. Sean Marotta (@smmarotta), an attorney with Hogan Lovells in DC and frequent contributor to #AppellateTwitter, and Rachel Gurvich (@RachelGurvich), a legal writing professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, started the hashtag. This hashtag has a corresponding blog, PracticeTuesday.com, where you can find longer discussions on topics ranging from the business of law to interviewing to diversity and inclusion.<sup>6</sup>

## 4. #InHouseTwitter

If you are looking to connect with in-house lawyers across the country, you'll find them tweeting with the hashtag #InHouseTwitter. This hashtag evolved in 2017 after two in-house lawyers were inspired by the conversations happening with #Appellate Twitter. By following #InHouse Twitter, you can ask questions about your in-house job search or observe what in-house lawyers are saying about working with outside counsel.<sup>7</sup>

## 5. #LadyLawyerDiaries

If you are looking to network with other women lawyers or share articles on topics impacting women lawyers, search the #LadyLawyerDiaries hashtag and follow or engage in the conversation.

## 6. #TrialTwitter

If you are a trial attorney looking to network with other trial lawyers or a law student who aspires to be a trial lawyer, search the #TrialTwitter hashtag and engage in the conversation

## 7. #LitigatorTwitter

The #LitigatorTwitter hashtag will contain some topics that overlap with #AppellateTwitter, some that overlap with #TrialTwitter, as well as some original content and topics.

## 8. #BarExam (or, #MPRE)

During bar review preparation, you'll find law students tweeting about their prep experience and using the hashtag #BarExam (or, #MPRE during MPRE prep). Law schools, law professors, and practicing lawyers will also use the hashtags while tweeting bar exam tips and well-wishes.

## 9. #BarExamChat

Additionally, the ABA Law Student Division (@AB-ALSD) hosted two #BarExamChat sessions in connection with the July 2018 bar exam. The #BarExamChat sessions took place on Twitter on May 31 and July 5 for a specified timeframe and were led by Professor Renee Nicole Allen (@profallentweets), Director of Academic Success at the University of Tennessee School of Law, and Professor Katherine Silver Kelly (@ksilverkelly), a legal writing professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and founder of The Bar Exam Wizard blog.<sup>8</sup> Discussions in these chats ranged from how many hours a day or week to study to how to manage stress and anxiety. Follow @ABALSD to see if they offer #BarExamChat for the February 2019 bar.

## 10. #LawStudents

#LawStudents is another broad hashtag — similar to #LawTwitter except the conversations and advice are geared toward law students. You'll also find law firms tweeting about on-campus interviews and using the #LawStudents hashtag.<sup>9</sup> ■

## ENDNOTES

1. <https://twitter.com/pfb360/status/1029068820323938309>
2. <https://twitter.com/TechLawLibrary/status/1029063084718084097>
3. <https://www.bna.com/appellatetwitter-appellate-law-n73014449501/>
4. <https://twitter.com/baileylmcgowan/status/1029090629198831616>
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