

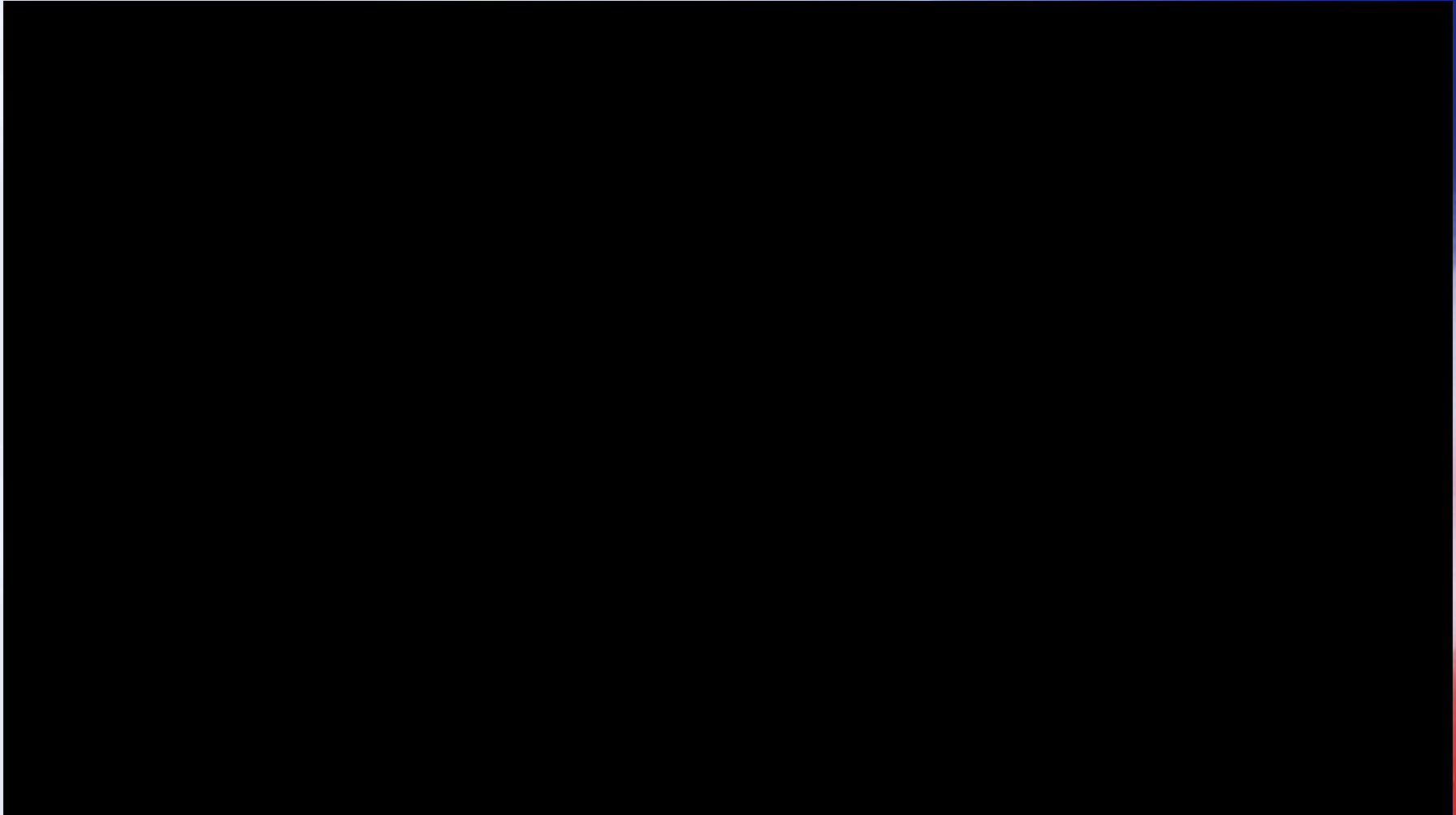
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The World Needs Ditch Diggers Too

Beyond the Nuts & Bolts of Pre-Law Advising

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Low-Quality Pre-Law Advising



Why Go Beyond the Basics?

- Law Can Be a Treacherous Profession

Job Satisfaction

Health Issues

Public Perception



The Wrong Reasons to Go to Law School

It's all my liberal arts major is good for

I don't know what else to do

Law school sounds intellectually stimulating



My parents want me to go

My uncle is a lawyer

I like to argue

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I can use a legal education for anything



I want to be like Tom Cruise/Demi Moore (insert TV/movie star)

The Right Reasons to Go to Law School

- I want to be a lawyer (find out what that means)**
- I want to serve others**
- I feel it is my “calling” (gifts + passion)**
- Others?**

Practical Steps

Engage in “enhanced” pre-law advising:

- Ask “Why?” and challenge students to explore their motivations
- Encourage students to find out what it means to be a lawyer
 - Take attorneys in area of interest out to lunch/coffee
 - Shadow an attorney for a day
 - Go work as a law clerk/intern
- Arrange for “honest” pre-law speakers
- Others?