Self-Assessment Exercise: Skill Sets

The information that you distill from this exercise will be very helpful in the long term as you define what a satisfying career means to you. Before you begin, keep the following two things in mind:

1. **Tell the Truth.** No one else needs to see this, so be completely honest with yourself! Don’t taint the outcome with anything less than the truth.

2. **This is Only a Rough Draft.** Revisit this exercise from time to time, and update it as you gain more skills and develop more interests. This will create a clearer picture for you as you begin to make decisions about your career.

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<th>Which of your past experiences are you most passionate about? Former job or internship? Volunteer experience? Undergraduate course?</th>
<th>What skills are included among your greatest strengths? Public speaking? Resolving conflict between others? Meeting deadlines?</th>
<th>What skills would you like to explore and develop over time? Identifying issues? Articulating positions? Organizing tasks?</th>
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*For help answering the following questions, talk to career counselors, mentors, faculty, etc.:*

What might you do in law school to expand your skills?

How might your skills and interests shape how to use your law degree?

What other questions do you need answered that will help you develop a satisfying career?

*A goal without a plan is just a wish.*

-- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry