

“Casual Day” – What to Wear

Q. I am working as a summer associate at a large, downtown firm. The firm has an official "Casual Friday" policy. The code specifies "business casual" and states that blue jeans are not acceptable. On several recent Fridays I have noticed at least two partners wearing blue jeans. If they can wear them, why can't I? It would be great to be able to work in comfort one day a week.

A. My question to you is, "Do you want an offer at the end of the summer?" If not, you can probably wear whatever you like.

If, however, your goal is to receive an offer from the firm before you head back to school, I would follow firm policy. You might also want to read Kimm Alayne Walton's book, *What Law School Doesn't Teach You. . . But You Really Need to Know*. Of particular interest is the first chapter, entitled "The 1,640 Hour Interview: What Every Summer Clerk Should Know." The hiring committee is not only interested in whether you can compose a well-reasoned memo on *forum non conveniens*, they also want to know whether you can take direction and exercise good judgment.

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