1. To what size group will the speech be delivered?

Large audience 250+ people

2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of

mostly?

Family, Friends, Law school professors, judges, lawyers, fellow classmates.

3. Where will the event be held?

It will be held at a large auditorium at the University.

4. What kind of speech do you want?

Inspiring, motivating, professional yet not too academic. If we can sprinkle a little humor, that would be good.

5. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given?

No, it would be mainly about the graduating class, but not 1 person individually.

6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.

* Prepping and taking the LSAT exam, and thinking whether or not the score was good enough to get into law school; Then getting that acceptance letter in the mail and feeling undefeated and overjoyed with getting in; Yet we didn’t know what was waiting for us behind door #1. Then orientation started…. We took an assessment on the first day called the Nelson-Denny test. And for many of us, we bombed it. Feeling like we got punched in the gut..
* After getting thru that first week of orientation, door number #2 opened and we began our journey..
  + Some of us may remember the Contracts Professor who would quote hip hop songs, specifically Snoop Dogg as part of his lecture.
  + .. or the Ethics Professor who instilled what it means to carry a Florida Bar Association card; and how easy it is to get it taken away
  + And we can't forget the Torts Professor who had us on pins & needles hiding behind our laptops in hopes of not being called on to brief a case.

7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?

Door #3, passing the bar and changing the lives of those who entrust us in their most desperate time of need. I’d like the audience to feel inspired, and ready to take the bar exam. Ready to go out and help those in distress. Make a difference in our communities/world.

8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?

Don’t take their foot off the pedal. We still have to open the last door of this journey…. Passing the bar..

9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?

I have to furnish the speech to the President of the School for review no later than July 30.

10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.

I love famous quotes such as:

* "Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage."
* “The more I practice, the luckier I get”

Some other ideas:

* After law school people may look at us strange and say we changed…... As if we worked that hard to stay the same…. You cannot evolve unless you are willing to change. Its ok to change..
* We have a duty and obligation to use the newly acquired working tools (JD) to help those in distress… whether it’s the widow or orphan….the poor or indigent.. we treat others equally.. the call it the scales of justice for a reason….
* We are newly minted JD's.  You may think of it as a meal-ticket to the good life.  I challenge you to think in the alternative.  Think of it as your ticket to change the communities we serve, the world we live in...