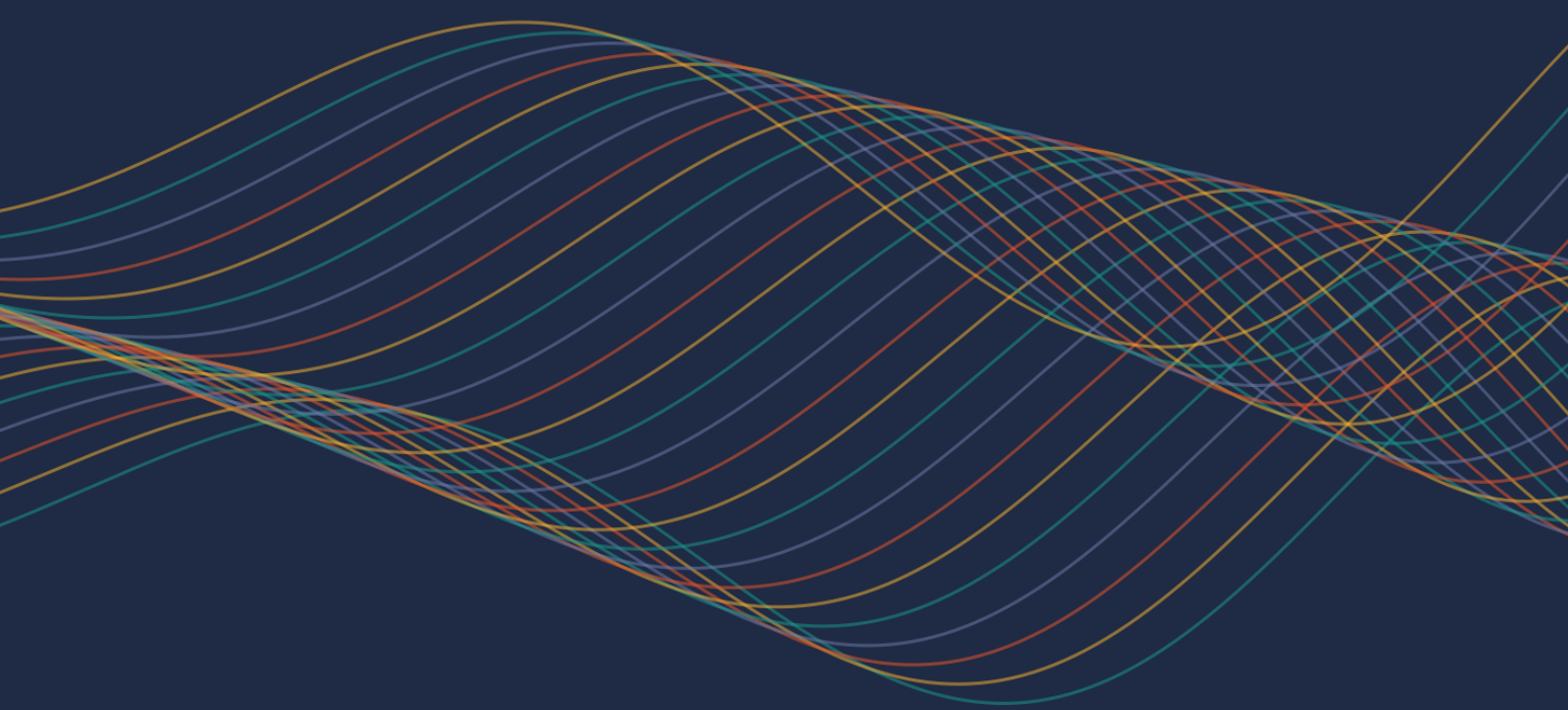




Premier 5-Year Career Map

Pathway · Skills · Mentors · Yearly milestones · Projects

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Your five-year map

From where you are today to your first role in fashion law

The Career Vantage Report told you *who you are* and which careers fit. This map answers the next question: **what exactly should I do, year by year, to get there?** It turns your results into a practical plan with five parts.

Part	What it gives you	Where
Pathway fit	Which route suits you best: employment, family business, a new venture, independent practice, or a mix.	Page 3
Roadmap	A five-year view of education, experience, skills, and projects, with four decision points.	Page 4
Year by year	What to do in each year, including one capstone project per year and a milestone to check against.	Pages 5–7
Skills	The personal skills to build, with a target for each.	Page 8
Mentors	Who to learn from, how to find them, and how often to meet.	Page 9

What we added for this map

Premier candidates complete a short extra questionnaire about their situation. For this sample, Aarohi told us:

- Her family runs a **small handloom textile business**, and she is open to supporting it in some way.
- She prefers to **study and start work in India** for the next five years.
- She is **moderately comfortable with risk**: willing to take a chance on something she believes in, but wants a steady income soon after qualifying.

How to use this map: treat it as a plan to follow and to revise, not a fixed script. Each year ends with a milestone check, and four decision gates let you change course if the evidence says you should.

1. Pathway fit

Which route to take after you qualify

Choosing a *career* is one decision. Choosing *how* you will practise it is another. We compared six routes against four things: how well each matches your values, how ready your skills are for it today, how much financial risk it carries, and how soon it is likely to give you a steady income.

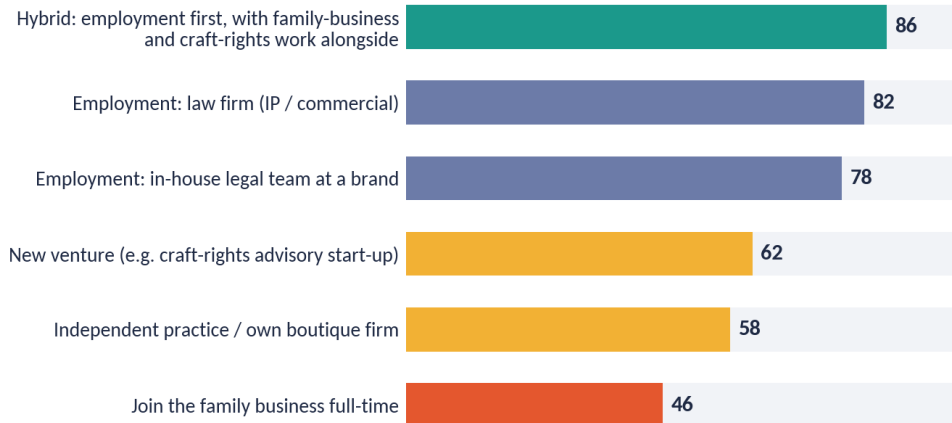


Figure 1. Pathway fit scores for your profile (0–100)

Route	How it scores	In plain words
Hybrid • 86	Values: high . Readiness: medium . Risk: low-medium . Income: steady from your first job.	Work for a firm or brand first. Advise your family business and build craft-rights experience on the side.
Law firm • 82	Values: medium-high. Readiness: medium. Risk: low. Income: soon after enrolment.	Strong training and structure. Hours are long and the work is more procedural than you may enjoy.
In-house • 78	Values: high. Readiness: medium. Risk: low. Income: steady.	Close to creative teams. Often easier to enter after some firm experience.
New venture • 62	Values: high. Readiness: low today. Risk: high . Income: slow and uncertain.	Exciting, but needs planning and business skills you are still building.
Own practice • 58	Values: high (autonomy). Readiness: low today. Risk: medium-high.	Realistic after five to seven years of experience, not at the start.
Family business • 46	Values: medium. Readiness: medium. Risk: medium (tied to one business). Income: depends on the business.	Better as a project you support than as your full-time career.

Our recommendation: the hybrid route. Starting in employment gives you structure, mentors, and income while you build the planning habits you are still developing. Your family's handloom business gives you a real place to practise brand and design protection, and it points you toward a niche (craft and geographical-indication rights) where few lawyers specialise. Own practice or a venture becomes a sensible option later, once your delivery habits are proven.

2. Five-year roadmap

October 2026 to September 2031 at a glance

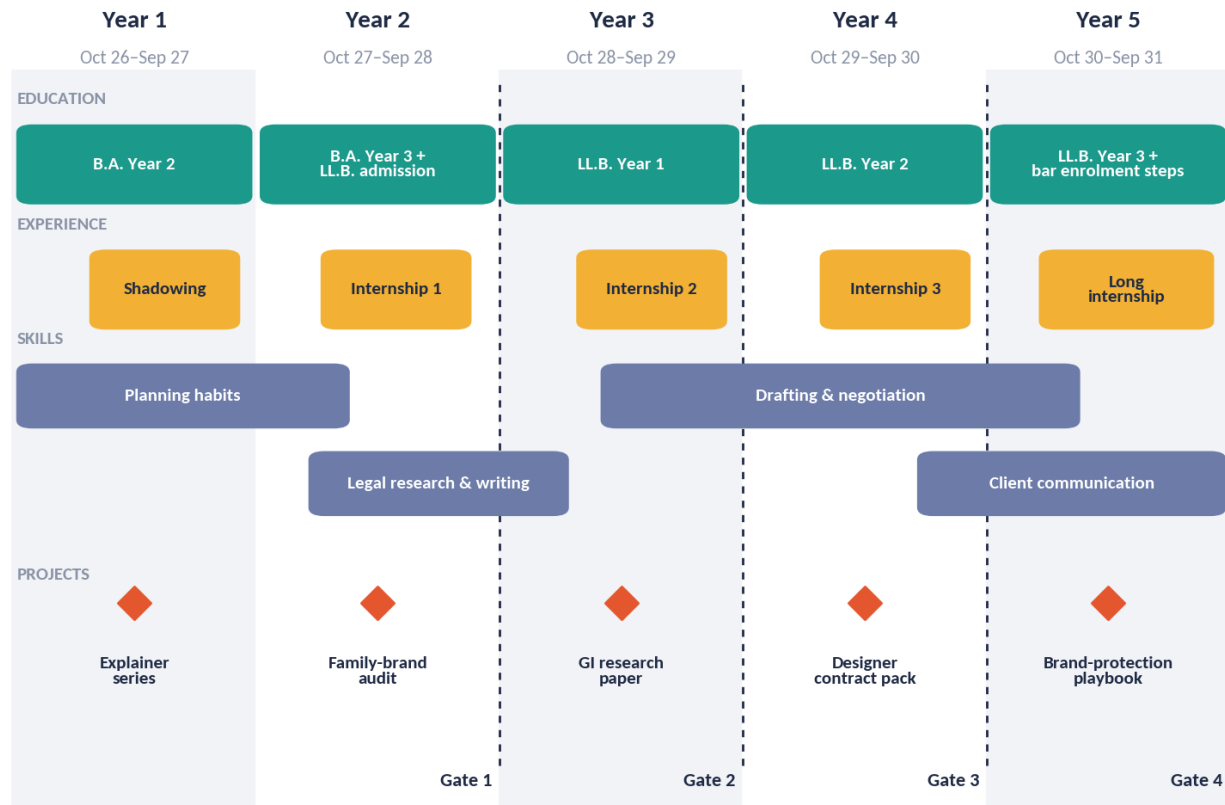


Figure 2. Education, experience, skills, and projects across five years. Dashed lines mark decision gates.

Gate	The decision
Gate 1 Sep 2028	Commit to law? After your first internship and your LL.B. admission.
Gate 2 Sep 2029	Is IP the right focus? After your first year of law and a second internship.
Gate 3 Sep 2030	Firm, in-house, or boutique? After two internships on different sides of the field.
Gate 4 Sep 2031	Launch. Confirm your first role and how you will combine it with family-business and craft-rights work.

Why these years look the way they do

- You are in the second year of a B.A. After graduation, a **three-year LL.B.** is the usual route into law. Admission rules, entrance exams, and dates differ by university and change from year to year, so check each one early.
- After the LL.B., lawyers in India enrol with a State Bar Council and take the **All India Bar Examination** before practising in court. Please confirm current requirements when the time comes.
- Each year has **one project** that you can show to a future employer. By Year 5 you will have a small portfolio, which matters a lot in a niche field.

3. Year by year

What to do, what to build, and how to know it is working

Year 1 • October 2026 – September 2027

Theme: *Build the foundation*

Education	Complete B.A. Year 2. Choose electives that build writing and reasoning. If your college offers an introductory course in law or public policy, take it.
Experience	Two to three weeks of shadowing or volunteering: a local designer, a handloom or craft cooperative, or a lawyer you meet through family or alumni. The goal is to see the work up close before you commit.
Skills focus	Time management and goal setting, your two lowest scores. Start a weekly planning habit and set three goals each month. Fifteen minutes of numerical practice, four days a week.
Capstone project	“Copying or inspiration?” Four short explainers on how design and brand protection work, using public examples. Publish them on a college blog or LinkedIn.
Mentor focus	Find a first guide: a law student or recent graduate who took the IP route. Meet monthly.
Milestone check	Four explainers published. Three assignments in a row handed in early. A numerical practice score of 7 out of 10 or more. A one-page note on whether shadowing made you want to continue.

Year 2 • October 2027 – September 2028

Theme: *Test the path and secure admission*

Education	Complete B.A. Year 3. Shortlist five to eight LL.B. programmes by strength in IP and commercial law, moot-court culture, and access to internships. Apply, keeping a close eye on each deadline.
Experience	Internship 1 (four to six weeks): an IP or commercial law firm, or the legal or brand team of an apparel or retail company.
Skills focus	Legal reading and research basics. Clear, concise writing. A simple “wins and lessons” log after every task.
Capstone project	Brand and design audit for your family’s textile business. Check name and logo registration, how products are labelled, which traditional designs or regional claims could be protected, and what a competitor could copy. A five-page findings note.
Mentor focus	Add a practising IP or commercial lawyer. Ask for a 30-minute conversation about what the work is really like.
Milestone check	LL.B. admission secured. Internship feedback reviewed. Gate 1 decision made: do you still want law?

Year 3 • October 2028 – September 2029

Theme: LL.B. Year 1, build the legal core

Education	LL.B. Year 1. Put extra effort into contracts, property, and constitutional law. Join the legal-writing or moot-court society.
Experience	Internship 2 (summer): an IP-focused firm or a law-and-policy organisation.
Skills focus	Drafting basics (simple contracts and notices), legal research, and managing a heavy workload. Treat moot rounds as practice for deciding calmly under time pressure.
Capstone project	Research paper: “How geographical indications can protect a regional handloom product.” Three to four thousand words, aimed at a student journal or conference.
Mentor focus	Meet your lawyer mentor every two months. Use the paper as your discussion topic.
Milestone check	Passing results with at least one strong grade in contracts or IP. Paper submitted. First moot round completed. Gate 2 decision made.

Year 4 • October 2029 – September 2030

Theme: LL.B. Year 2, specialise

Education	Electives in IP, trade marks, and commercial law. Take an IP clinic if offered, or compete in an IP or media-law moot.
Experience	Internship 3: the legal team of a fashion or retail brand, or an IP boutique. Look for exposure to licensing and contracts.
Skills focus	Negotiation practice. Reading a licence or supply contract line by line. Basic royalty and pricing calculations, where your numerical work pays off.
Capstone project	Designer’s Contract Pack: plain-language templates for a small independent designer (supplier agreement, collaboration letter, influencer agreement), each with a one-page “what to watch for”. Review it with your mentor.
Mentor focus	Add an in-house counsel from a brand. They show the brand-side view and help you decide between firm and in-house.
Milestone check	Contract pack reviewed by a practising lawyer. One published article. A clear preference between firm, in-house, or boutique. Gate 3 decision made.

Year 5 • October 2030 – September 2031

Theme: LL.B. Year 3, prove it and choose

Education	Final-year LL.B. Choose a fashion-law topic for your dissertation or final project. Plan the bar enrolment steps and exam preparation.
Experience	Long internship (eight to twelve weeks) in your target setting. Aim for a conversation about a pre-placement or first-job offer.
Skills focus	Client communication, delivering unwelcome news clearly, and working to real deadlines. This is your main growth edge as a working lawyer.
Capstone project	Brand-Protection Playbook for an Indian fashion label, real or hypothetical: trade-mark and design checklist, counterfeit response steps, and a review of sustainability claims. This becomes your portfolio.
Mentor focus	Ask both mentors for a mock interview and a portfolio review. Decide whether a postgraduate degree should come next.
Milestone check	LL.B. completed. Bar steps planned. At least two job conversations or offers. Gate 4 decision made. Retake the Career Vantage assessment to compare with today.

If a gate says “not this path”

A gate that points elsewhere is useful information, not a failure. Your profile fits two nearby paths almost as well, and the work you do in Years 1 and 2 carries over to both.

Sustainable Textile & ESG Compliance Specialist	Move toward a postgraduate course in sustainability, supply-chain management, or textile technology. Your audit and explainer projects still count as evidence of interest.
Craft Heritage & GI Rights Advisor	Move toward public policy, design management, or rural development studies, and build on your family-business audit and GI research paper.

4. Skills roadmap

Where you are today and where to be by Year 5

Your Career Vantage results showed five measured areas worth strengthening. The chart shows your starting score and a realistic Year 5 target. Targets assume steady practice, not a dramatic change.

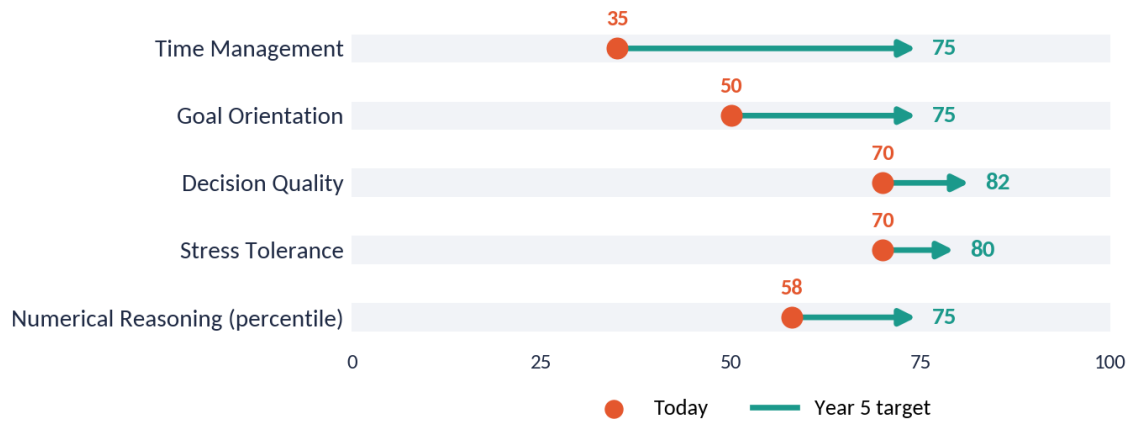


Figure 3. Measured skills: today and Year 5 target (0–100; reasoning shown as a percentile)

Professional skills to build from scratch

Some skills a fashion lawyer needs are not part of the assessment because you have not had the chance to learn them yet. These are the ones to add.

Skill	Today	Year 5	How you will build it
Legal research and writing	Beginner	Professional	Moot courts, legal-writing society, internship notes, your capstone papers.
Contract drafting	None yet	Competent	Drafting basics in Year 3, then the Designer's Contract Pack in Year 4.
IP law (trade marks, designs, copyright, GI)	Beginner	Strong working knowledge	Electives, IP clinic, your family-brand audit, the GI research paper.
Negotiation	Informal	Competent	Role-play with mentors. Your Influencing strength (90) is a strong base.
Commercial awareness	Beginner	Working	Read how fashion businesses make money: licensing, wholesale, retail, e-commerce. Learn from your family business.
Client communication under pressure	Good	Strong	Internships and mock client meetings. Practise saying difficult things kindly and clearly.

5. Mentor map

The five people who will shape your next five years

Mentors save years of trial and error. Because your field is niche, you will probably need a small group of guides rather than one. You do not need to find them all now: the table shows when each one becomes useful.

Mentor	Helps you with	Where to find	Start	Rhythm
1. Peer guide Law student or recent graduate on the IP route	Admissions, study routines, an honest first-year picture	College alumni, law societies, LinkedIn	Year 1 onward	Monthly
2. Practising lawyer IP or commercial	A realistic view of the work, project feedback, internship leads	Alumni network, bar-association events, seminars	Year 2 onward	Every two months
3. In-house counsel At a fashion or retail brand	The brand-side view, firm versus in-house decision	Brand legal teams, alumni, LinkedIn	Year 4 onward	Quarterly
4. Craft-sector professional Cooperative, textile institute, or NGO	Ground reality of artisan communities, how GI applications work	Craft organisations, cooperatives, textile institutes	Year 2 onward	Two or three times a year
5. Accountability partner A friend with a goal of their own	Weekly goals and deadlines. Directly supports your time-management target	A classmate or friend	Right now	Weekly, 15 minutes

How to ask for a mentor

- **Start small.** Ask for one 20-minute conversation with a specific question, not for “mentorship”.
- **Do your homework.** Read about their work first and send two or three clear questions in advance.
- **Show progress.** After each meeting, send a short note on what you did with their advice. People keep mentoring those who act.
- **Give back.** Share an article, an introduction, or a summary. Even a student can offer something useful.

Tip: your Self-Awareness and Communication scores are two of your strongest. Mentors will find you easy to guide, because you listen, reflect, and explain clearly.

Using and reviewing your map

Keep it alive

When	What to do
Every month	Check your three goals. Move the next milestone forward or adjust it. Thirty minutes is enough.
Every year	Review the milestone check on the year's card. Write a half-page note: what worked, what did not, what to change.
At each gate	Use the "commit or pivot" questions honestly, with a mentor, and, if you choose, with a counsellor from Alderwood Vantage.
After Years 1 and 5	Retake the Career Vantage assessment and compare it with today. Time Management and Numerical Reasoning should show visible movement.

Assumptions behind this map

- **This is a sample.** The candidate, her family, her answers, and every score and target in this document are fictional and for illustration only.
- The map assumes the Premier questionnaire answers listed on page 2. If your circumstances change (family needs, finances, health, relocation), the map should change too.
- **Costs are not included.** Tuition, living costs, and exam fees vary widely. We recommend mapping them with your family before Gate 1.
- **Rules change.** Entrance exams, admission dates, degree structures, and bar requirements are updated from time to time. Always check the official source before you act.
- A plan describes a good route, not a guarantee. Opportunities, results, and interests will shift, and that is expected.