Questions Students Should Ask

Information/Mentorship Questions:

How did you become interested in X practice area/subject matter?
Did you focus on X while you attended law school?
Do you recommend any courses or clinics that would enhance my understanding of X field?
Why did you choose this firm/organization over others?
What do you like most about this firm/practice group/organization?
What makes this firm/organization unique from the other similar firms/organizations?
What do you find most challenging about your practice?
What makes someone successful in this role?
Tell me about the firm/practice group/organization culture.
What are the biggest challenges facing the firm/organization right now?

Questions about the work and working conditions:

What kind of responsibilities would I have?
How is work distributed/how will I receive assignments?
What type of assignments do interns typically work on?
Will I work with the same partners/senior attorneys often or will I be assigned to projects with different partners/senior attorneys?
How will my work be evaluated? What kind of feedback can I expect to receive?
Is there a shadowing or training period?