

Succeeding in Law School

Research Basics #13

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These books offer advice on surviving — and thriving — in law school. They are just a selection of what's available in the Zief Library. To see what else is available, ask a reference librarian or call 415.422.6773. (For introductory guides to the U.S. legal system, see the Zief Library research guide "Introduction to United States Law.")

For more tips on getting adjusted to law school, check out the "Surviving First Year" category of ZiefBrief, the Zief Library blog, at http://ziefbrief.typepad.com/ziefbrief/surviving_first_year/.

General Advice

- Jeffery Deaver, *The Complete Law School Companion: How to Excel at America's Most Demanding Post-Graduate Curriculum*, Rev. and updated ed. (Wiley, c1992) KF 283 .D4 1992 LAW STACKS
- Atticus Falcon, *Planet Law School II: What You Need to Know (Before You Go) — But Didn't Know to Ask, and No One Else Will Tell You* (Fine Print Press, c2003) KF 283 .F35 2003 LAW STACKS
- Rebecca Greene, *Law School for Dummies* (Wiley Pub., c2003) KF 283 .G74 2003 LAW STACKS
- Kenney F. Hegland, *Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell*, 5th ed. (Thomson/West, c2003) KF 273 .H4 2008 LAW OPEN RESERVE
- Ann L. Iijima, *The Law Student's Pocket Mentor: From Surviving to Thriving* (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business/Aspen Publishers, c2007) KF 283 .I35 2007 LAW STACKS
- Law School Survival Guide* (Jungle Media Group/Perseus Pub., c2003) KF 283 .L375 2003 LAW STACKS
("From the editors of JD Jungle")
- Carolyn Nygren, *Starting Off Right in Law School* (Carolina Academic Press, c1997) KF 273 .N97 1997 LAW STACKS
- Roth, George J., *Slaying the Law School Dragon: How to Survive—and Thrive—in First-Year Law School*, 2nd ed. (New York: Wiley, c1991) KF 283 .R68 1991 LAW STACKS
- Helene S. Shapo & Marshall Shapo, *Law School Without Fear: Strategies for Success* (Foundation Press, 2002) KF 283 .S53 2002 LAW STACKS
- Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, *Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success* (Carolina Academic Press, c2001) KF 285 .S76 2001 LAW STACKS

Reading & Analysis

- Linda L. Edwards, *Practical Case Analysis* (West Pub. Co., c1996) KF 280 .E38 1996 LAW STACKS
- Patrick M. McFadden, *A Student's Guide to Legal Analysis: Thinking Like a Lawyer* (Aspen Law & Business, c2001) KF 283 .M396 2001 LAW STACKS
- Ruth Ann McKinney, *Reading Like a Lawyer: Time-Saving Strategies for Reading Law Like an Expert* (Carolina Academic Press, c2005) KF 283 .M35 2005 LAW STACKS

Taking Exams

- Charles R. Calleros, *Law School Exams: Preparing and Writing to Win* (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business/Aspen Publishers, c2007) KF 283 .C35 2007 LAW STACKS

Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus, *Mastering the Law School Exam: A Practical Blueprint for Preparing and Taking Law School Exams* (Thomson/West, c2007) KF 283 .D37 2007 LAW STACKS

John C. Dernbach, *A Practical Guide to Writing Law School Essay Exams* (F.B. Rothman, 2001)
KF 283 .D47 2001 LAW STACKS

Wentworth Miller, *The Legal Essay Exam Writing Primer*, 5th ed. (LEEWS, c1997) KF 303 .M55 1997
LAW OPEN RESERVE

Charles H. Whitebread, *The Eight Secrets of Top Exam Performance in Law School: An Easy-to-Use, Step-by-Step Program for Achieving Great Grades!* (Harcourt Brace Legal & Professional Publications, c1995)
KF 283 .W48 1995 LAW STACKS

Also, most of the books in the “General Advice” section discuss exams.

Research & Writing

Veda Charrow, Myra K. Erhardt & Robert P. Charrow, *Clear and Effective Legal Writing*, 3rd ed. (Aspen Law & Business, 2001) KF 250 .C45 2001 LAW STACKS

Bradley G. Clary & Pamela Lysaght, *Successful Legal Analysis and Writing: The Fundamentals*, 2nd ed. (Thomson/West, c2006) KF 250 .C52 2006 LAW STACKS

Morris L. Cohen & Kent C. Olson, *Legal Research in a Nutshell*, 9th ed. (Thomson/West, 2007)
KF 240 .C54 2007 LAW OPEN RESERVE

Elizabeth Fajans, Mary R. Falk & Helene S. Shapo, *Writing for Law Practice* (Foundation Press, c2004.)
KF 250 .F352 2004

Bryan A. Garner, *Legal Writing in Plain English: A Text With Exercises* (University of Chicago Press, 2001)
KF 250 .G373 2001 LAW STACKS

Bryan A. Garner, *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style*, 2d ed. (Thomson/West, c2006)
KF 250 .G376 2006 LAW OPEN RESERVE

Dana Neacsu, *Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Research* (Transnational Publishers, 2005) KF 240 .N42 2005
LAW STACKS. Intended primarily for LL.M students with non-U.S. law degrees.

Jill J. Ramsfield, *Culture to Culture: A Guide to U.S. Legal Writing* (Carolina Academic Press, c2005) KF 250
.R354 2005 LAW STACKS. Intended primarily for LL.M students with non-U.S. law degrees.

Helene S. Shapo, Marilyn R. Walter, & Elizabeth Fajans, *Writing and Analysis in the Law*, 4th ed. (Foundation Press, 1999) KF 250 .S5 1999 LAW STACKS