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Expert Learning For Law Students, Second Edition



Synopsis

Expert Learning for Law Students is designed to help law students build the analytical skills necessary to succeed in law school, on the bar exam, and in law practice. This book reveals how successful law students and lawyers plan, monitor, and implement their work and it provides detailed guidance regarding individual student personality types and learning styles. The accompanying workbook includes questions and exercises to assist students in practicing the concepts explained in the text. The second edition includes greater emphasis on students personalizing all strategy suggestions by adapting strategies to their individual learning styles, personality types, and, most importantly, their results and their evaluations of the causes of those results. It includes additional materials designed to help students deal with law school stress and offers insights for ameliorating that stress developed within the Humanizing Legal Education movement. Tips on time management and avoiding procrastination; a revised discussion on case reading reflecting recent research; a new section on using color as a memorization tool; and a revised discussion of how to apply rules to facts and how to apply and distinguish cases are also provided.

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I have not completed the reading yet, however what I have read has enlightened me. Law school is different from any other learning I have attempted. After completing my first year, it is readily apparent the professors expect you to have much of the knowledge already and what you don't have you are expected to get on your own. This book has helped with identifying the skills to analyze and then to put that information down on paper.

I was very disappointed with this book. While it does have some good information about law school and strategies to be successful, in general as a 'success guide' it's not very helpful. The first half of the book was basically 'work hard, be diligent, and organized'. There is also some information about different personality learning types which is interesting, but at the end of the day the main point is that you need to work hard and be extremely organized. The second half of the book is made up of strategies for law school learning. Essentially just different approaches and tips to exams, briefs, outlines, legal research and writing, etc. Some of the information IS helpful, but the author's writing style is very bulky and the amount of information gathered is not very proportionate to the large amount you have to read. As an alternative to this book I would recommend Andrew McClurg's "1L Of A Ride". It's a much easier read, it's engaging, and it has all the same information and more about being a law student. I ended up reading both books because they were on my summer reading list, but if I could go back I would have skipped this because it was not a very efficient to read and there are similar better books out there.

Book was recommended by a friend (whom I hadn't spoken with in a while but told I was applying to law school) and I'm glad I got it. By the way, just got accepted!

Great study tips for 1Ls; I found it invaluable for the task ahead of me in law school this year.

The book had some very solid pointers. It was very direct in spots. I did find it a little slow if you are already a solid performing student and have had any legal background.

Awesome book, easy to read and explains what you need to know what to expect in law school. It actually tells you what method of study works best.

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