

# Succeeding in Law School

## Research Basics #13

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(For introductory guides to the U.S. legal system, see the Zief Library research guide “Introduction to United States Law.”)

## **General Advice**

- Deaver, Jeffery., *The Complete Law School Companion: How to Excel at America's Most Demanding Post-Graduate Curriculum*, Rev. and updated ed. (New York: Wiley, c1992) KF 283 .D4 1992 LAW STACKS
- Falcon, Atticus, *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* (Honolulu, Hawaii: Fine Print Press, c2003) KF 283 .F35 2003 LAW STACKS
- Greene, Rebecca, *Law School for Dummies* (New York: Wiley Pub., c2003) KF 283 .G74 2003 LAW STACKS
- Hegland, Kenney F., *Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell*, 4th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson/West, c2003) KF 273 .H4 2003 LAW RESERVE
- Law School Survival Guide* (Cambridge, Mass.: Jungle Media Group/Perseus Pub., c2003) KF 283 .L375 2003 LAW STACKS (“From the editors of JD Jungle”)
- Nygren, Carolyn, *Starting Off Right in Law School* (Durham, N.C.: 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
- Shapo, Helene S. & Shapo, Marshall, *Law School Without Fear: Strategies for Success* (New York, N.Y.: Foundation Press, 2002) KF 283 .S53 2002 LAW STACKS
- Stropus, Ruta K. & Taylor, Charlotte D., *Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success* (Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, c2001) KF 285 .S76 2001 LAW STACKS

## **Reading & Analysis**

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

## **Research & Writing**

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

- Clary, Bradley G. & Lysaght, Pamela, *Successful Legal Analysis and Writing: The Fundamentals*, 2nd ed. (St. Paul, MN.: Thomson/West, c2006) KF 250 .C52 2006 LAW STACKS
- Cohen, Morris L. & Olson, Kent C., *Legal Research in a Nutshell*, 8th ed. (St. Paul, MN: Thomson/West, 2003) KF 240 .C54 2003 LAW RESERVE
- Fajans, Elizabeth & Shapo, Helene S., *Writing for Law Practice* (New York, N.Y.: Foundation Press, c2004.) KF 250 .F352 2004
- Garner, Bryan A., *Legal Writing in Plain English: A Text With Exercises* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001) KF 250 .G373 2001 LAW STACKS
- Garner, Bryan A., *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (St. Paul, Minn.: West Group, c2002) KF 250 .G376 2002 LAW RESERVE
- Neacsu, Dana., *Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Research* (Ardsley, NY: Transnational Publishers, [2005]) KF 240 .N42 2005 LAW STACKS. Intended primarily for LL.M students with non-U.S. law degrees.
- Ramsfield, Jill J., *Culture to Culture: A Guide to U.S. Legal Writing* (Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, c2005) KF 250 .R354 2005 LAW STACKS. Intended primarily for LL.M students with non-U.S. law degrees.
- Shapo, Helene S.; Walter, Marilyn R. & Fajans, Elizabeth, *Writing and Analysis in the Law*, 4th ed. (New York: Foundation Press, 1999) KF 250 .S5 1999 LAW STACKS

## **Taking Exams**

- Dernbach, John C., *A Practical Guide to Writing Law School Essay Exams* (Littleton, Colo.: F.B. Rothman, 2001) KF 283 .D47 2001 LAW STACKS
- Whitebread, Charles H., *The Eight Secrets of Top Exam Performance in Law School: An Easy-to-Use, Step-by-Step Program for Achieving Great Grades!* (Chicago, IL: Harcourt Brace Legal & Professional Publications, c1995) KF 283 .W48 1995 LAW STACKS

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