

Overview

Law school is incredibly exciting. You get to learn broadly, and everything you learn is exponentially *relevant* to someone in real need. You will earn the keys to many rooms most people never get to access, and in each room is someone in need of assistance. Law school can be fun. Law school could be understood as a degree in practical philosophy. Do not buy the hype that if you're not suffering and hating life that you are not trying hard enough. Expect to be challenged. Remember your values.

Law School Differences

1 – Graduate Level

- Professionalism starts today.
 - plan!
 - opportunities, learning, reputation, BAR
- Peers
 - type A's increase dramatically
- Expectations

2 – Mentality

- Adversarial
- Aristocratic
- Depression

3 – Prioritization

4 – The Arc of Law School

- the speed and pace is very different

Crucial

1 – have a goal, mission, and solidified identity.

Decide, share, and hold to it. Recast if necessary, but only upon consideration with your accountability partners/mentors.

2 – Submit.

Submit to the process. Submit to the hypos. This is a new vocabulary and you are being embedded. First learn the locals then make your moves. In grappling martial arts, the ones that learn the fastest are the ones that begin to fight with their legs the earliest. Suspend what you *think* you know, and allow your experiences to guide, not inhibit your learning.

3 – Remedy

Understanding the range of remedies will both help you to think globally about the law and enable you to learn more freely. If you're feeling a lack of justice in a hypo or a case it may

infuriate you and preclude your absorption of the material. Learn and understand that where one remedy fails, another is likely to take its place.

Class Choice

Goals, interests, Bar courses, professors
Liberal arts approach, leave the rest to bar course.

Textbooks

Used copies are hard to come by because the law is constantly changing (which makes it exciting to learn!). Slugbooks is reputable, but I'm not sure of their selection. Best bet is school bookstore/older students. **Note:** understand outlines. Bar courses and peers.

Class Etiquette

Note: Semi-crucial: IRAC/CREAC/syllogistic thinking.

Typical class: cases and cold calls, with (hopefully) law elucidated and discussed at some point.

“Hiding the Ball”

Vingettes of students you'll encounter:

- slight experience thinks they know everything
- posturing
- sleeper brilliant
- gunner
- second career

Different approaches. Some professors grade participation, some don't. Know your learning style. Generally, do the reading and be prepared to discuss/apply it. Nothing new.

Programs/Clinics

Consider attaining Certified Legal Intern through your state Bar. Court experience/trial teams. MOOT COURT. Journals. Feds. DOJ Honors internships.

CLERKING.

Preparation

Biggest thing: plan/cast vision, and solidify those things. Where do you want to work? Look at different Bar options. General political awareness, as you always maintain. Read stuff you love. If you really want to start early, get good at legal citation.