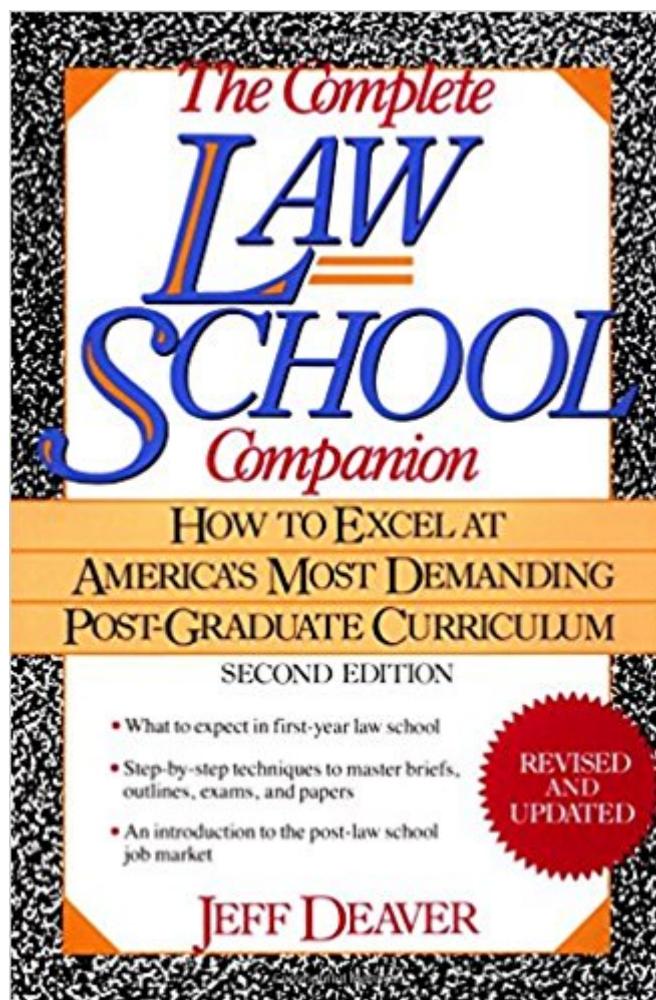


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# The Complete Law School Companion: How To Excel At America's Most Demanding Post-Graduate Curriculum



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I just finished my first year at a top ten law school. I didn't read this book or The Law School Companion in full before school started, but I read through parts of it during the year and over winter break. Overall it does help with giving you hints if you are utterly clueless on what to expect, but it is very outdated and there are far more useful books out there. One that I prefer is called Introduction

to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell (based off the Nutshell series which is very helpful and used by practicing lawyers). I would recommend Law School Companion but I think that book will tend to scare you too much and be counter-productive. I wish I had gone into law school having read the nutshell book, but the truth is that you will figure everything out once you are there and there is no reason to read a pre-law book unless you are in really in a panic. If you do choose to buy this book BUY IT USED. I had a copy I put into recycling because the used copies are selling for so little.

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I bought this book, and while I'm not exactly sorry that I did, I don't think it's the best of the plethora of similar books out there. Deaver spends a great deal of time outlining his system, which he used WITHOUT A COMPUTER. While the system is easily adapted to a computer format, it makes many of his points about what kind of paper to write on and such useless. I also found his description of a study system less easy to follow and less promising than that described in Law School Confidential, which I recommend highly. Overall, I'd say if you're a really anal-type looking to have a system laid out to follow to the letter, this book might work for you. For me, I just wanted something a little more flexible and with more information about why the author likes a certain method of studying.

I bought this book on a whim when I got accepted at my first law school. I was desperate for any and all information I could get, since none of my friends or anyone in my immediate social circle had gone to law school. I devoured this book, particularly the portion that describes different areas of law and the expected rate of advancement, reasonable starting salary expectations, etc. However, this book is no substitute for touring a law school, talking to students and faculty, and doing some more creative research. I think this book is best suited for people debating whether or not to attempt law school, not people who have already committed to it.

I found this immensely helpful some years ago when I began law school. I applied about 80% of the suggestions. I graduated summa cum laude, and have been in practice over eight years now. I am buying another copy for an intern at my firm who begins law school next fall. It is a thank you for doing a good job.

I've bought several similar books in an attempt to get some idea what to expect and how to attack law school. This is by far the best one. I feel much less anxious about starting law school next fall. The author gives specific systems for mastering briefing cases, preparing course outlines and preparing for exams. The emphasis in this book is to develop a system where you continually learn through excellent organization throughout the term so there is no burst of frantic studying before the exam. This book will continually be a good reference throughout my first year in law school. Its the only book you need!

Great plan - but putting it into action will take tremendous self-discipline! Suggest buying it and seeing which tips and tricks work best for you rather than thinking you have to implement Deaver's plan in its entirety in order to have it "work"... EXCELLENT if you've got "law school nerves"!

Overall-not a horrible book by any stretch of the imagination. I'd suggest buying a used copy for cheap. I still am looking for a another book to prepare me for law school.

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