A Micro-Reading List: From Panic to Solution

Many books on law school success cover specific topics such as reading cases or writing essay exams. But sometimes you just don’t have time to read an entire book on a subject. The list below includes individual chapters from books held in our library. Our collections hold many other references, but these have been selected for their brevity and clarity.

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Reading Cases

Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law School: Strategies for Success

Pp. 17-25

Case Briefing

Christopher J. Yianilos, The Law School Breakthrough, Pp. 74-92, 133-64

Herbert N. Ramy, Succeeding in Law School, 2d. ed., Pp. 41-59

Kenney F. Hegland, Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell,

Pp. 111-28

Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success

Pp. 25-35

Dennis J. Tonsing, 1000 Days to the Bar, 2d. ed., Pp. 32-37

The Socratic Method

Christopher J. Yianilos, The Law School Breakthrough, Pp. 102-8

Herbert N. Ramy, Succeeding in Law School, 2d. ed., Pp. 65-70

Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law School: Strategies for Success

Pp. 37-46
Kenney F. Hegland, Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell,
   Pp. 129-37

Outlining
   Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law
   School: Strategies for Success
   Pp. 47-75

Creating Flow Charts
   Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law
   School: Strategies for Success
   Pp. 77-93
   Dennis J. Tonsing, 1000 Days to the Bar, 2d. ed., Pp. 70-80

Strategies for Writing Essay Exams (Hypotheticals)
   Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law
   School: Strategies for Success
   Pp. 101-32
   Dennis J. Tonsing, 1000 Days to the Bar, 2d. ed., Pp. 103-49

Wellness, Managing Time & Organization
   Christopher J. Yianilos, The Law School Breakthrough, Pp. 44-61
   Ruta K. Stropus & Charlotte D. Taylor, Bridging the Gap between College and Law
   School: Strategies for Success
   Pp. 133-40
Sample Appellate Briefs

L.H. LaRue, Guide to the Study of Law

Appendix: multiple professional samples, including famous cases.

Oral Argument

Kenney F. Hegland, Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell,

Pp. 262-82

Sample Essay Questions with Sample Answers

John C. Dernbach, Writing Essay Exams to Succeed in Law School, 3d. ed.

One question in Contracts   Pp. 25, 32-35
Two questions in Property   Pp. 74-86, 87-103

Charles H. Whitebread, The Eight Secrets of Top Exam Performance in Law School

Criminal Law   Pp. 105-16
Property P. 125-31
Torts P. 132-36
Contracts P. 137-43
Civil Procedure P. 144-51

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How to Understand the Progression of a Lawsuit

Peter N. Simon, Anatomy of a Lawsuit, 2d. ed.

Samples of Documents within a Lawsuit

Peter N. Simon, Anatomy of a Lawsuit, 2d. ed.
Litigation

Kenney F. Hegland, Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell,

Pp. 283-344