

Suggested Reading for

First-year law students

Many admitted 1L law students wonder what they should read in the summer before entering law school. We have asked our Wayne Law experts for their opinion. The list that follows was compiled from suggestions of Wayne Law faculty members and administrators. By no means do we suggest that you read the entire list. We offer the list as suggested reading for those who wish to immerse themselves in the law before classes begin.

Law School Preparation

"1L of a Ride: A Well Traveled Professor's Roadmap to Success in the First Year of Law School," by Andrew J. McClurg

"Reading Like a Lawyer," by Ruth Ann McKinney

"The Elements of Style," by Strunk and White

"Eats, Shoots & Leaves," by Lynne Truss

All suggested by Legal Research and Writing Instructor Clara McCarthy

"Getting to Maybe: How to Excel on Law School Exams," by Richard Michael Fischl and Jeremy Paul

"Law School Without Fear: Strategies for Success (2nd Edition)," by Helene Shapo and Marshall Shapo

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

All Suggested by Dean Michele R. Miller, Dean of Students

"Style: Toward Clarity and Grace," by Joseph M. Williams
Suggested by Professor Jonathan Weinberg

"Looking at Law School: A Student Guide from the Society of American Law Teachers," edited by Stephen Gillers

"Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes and Law Review Competition Papers," by Elizabeth Fajans and Mary R. Falk

Both suggested by Professor Adele Morrison

Non-fiction

"Storming the Court," by Brandt Goldstein
Suggested by Professor Gregory Fox

"The Nature of the Judicial Process," by Benjamin Cardozo

"The Common Law," by Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

Both Suggested by Professor Paul Dubinsky

"One L," by Scott Turow
Suggested by Instructor Clara McCarthy

"Gideon's Trumpet," by Anthony Lewis
Suggested by Professor Stephen Calkins

Novels

"Bleak House," by Charles Dickens
Suggested by former Visiting Professor William Mateikis

"Anatomy of a Murder," by Robert Traver
Suggested by Professor Stephen Calkins

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Contracts

"Death of Contract," by Grant Gilmore
Suggested by Professor Peter Hammer

Criminal law

"Bad Minds, Guilty Acts," by Leo Katz

"A Crime of Self Defense," by George Fletcher

Both suggested by Professor Anthony Dillof

Environmental Law

"A Civil Action," by Jonathan Harr
Suggested by Professor Noah Hall

Equality, fairness and distributive justice

"A Theory of Justice," by John Rawls

"Sovereign Virtue," by Ronald Dworkin

"Fairness versus Welfare," by Louis Kaplow & Steven Shavell

"Does Atlas Shrug? The Economic Consequences of Taxing the Rich," by Joel Slemrod

"The Myth of Ownership: Taxes and Justice," by Liam Murphy & Thomas Nagel

"Making America Work," by Jonathan Forman

All suggested by Professor Linda Beale

"The Alchemy of Race and Rights: A Diary of a Law Professor," by Patricia J. Williams

"Critical Race Theory: An Introduction," by Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic

"Civil Wars: The Battle for Gay Marriage," by David Moats

All suggested by Professor Adele Morrison

History

"Simple Justice," by Richard Kluger
Suggested by Professor Gregory Fox

"A Problem from Hell," by Samantha Power

"Original Meanings," by Jack Rakove

Both suggested by Professor Paul Dubinsky

"The War Lovers: Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst and the Rush to Empire, 1898," by Evan Thomas
Suggested by Professor Linda Beale

"Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age," by Kevin Boyle
Suggested by Professor Adele Morrison

International Law

"Humanitarian Occupation," by Gregory Fox
Suggested by Professor Paul Dubinsky

"Asylum Denied: A Refugee's Struggle for Safety in America," by David Ngaruri Denney and Philip G. Schrag
Suggested by Professor Jonathan Weinberg

"The Guantanamo Lawyers: Inside a Prison Outside the Law," by Jonathan Hafetz and Mark Denbeaux
Suggested by Professor Gregory Fox

Politics

"The Dark Side," by Jane Mayer
Suggested by Professor Gregory Fox

"A New World Order," by Anne-Marie Slaughter

"Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq," by Thomas Ricks

Both suggested by Professor Paul Dubinsky



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The Supreme Court

"Louis D. Brandeis: A Life," by Melvin I. Urofsky

"The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court,"
by Jeffrey Toobin

"Supreme Conflict: The Inside Story of the Struggle for
Control of the United States Supreme Court," by Jan
Crawford Greenbert

All suggested by Professor Gregory Fox

Business and Finance

"Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap
and Others Don't," by Jim Collins

"The Long Tail: Why the Future of Business is Selling Less
of More," by Chris Anderson

"Free: The Future of a Radical Price," by Chris Anderson

"A Random Walk Down Wall Street," by Burton G. Malkiel

All suggested by Professor Kathy White

"Econned: How Unenlightened Self Interest Undermined
Democracy and Corrupted Capitalism," by Yves Smith

"The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine," by
Michael Lewis

"Thirteen Bankers: The Wall Street Takeover and the Next
Financial Meltdown," by Simon Johnson and James Kwak

All suggested by Professor Linda Beale

