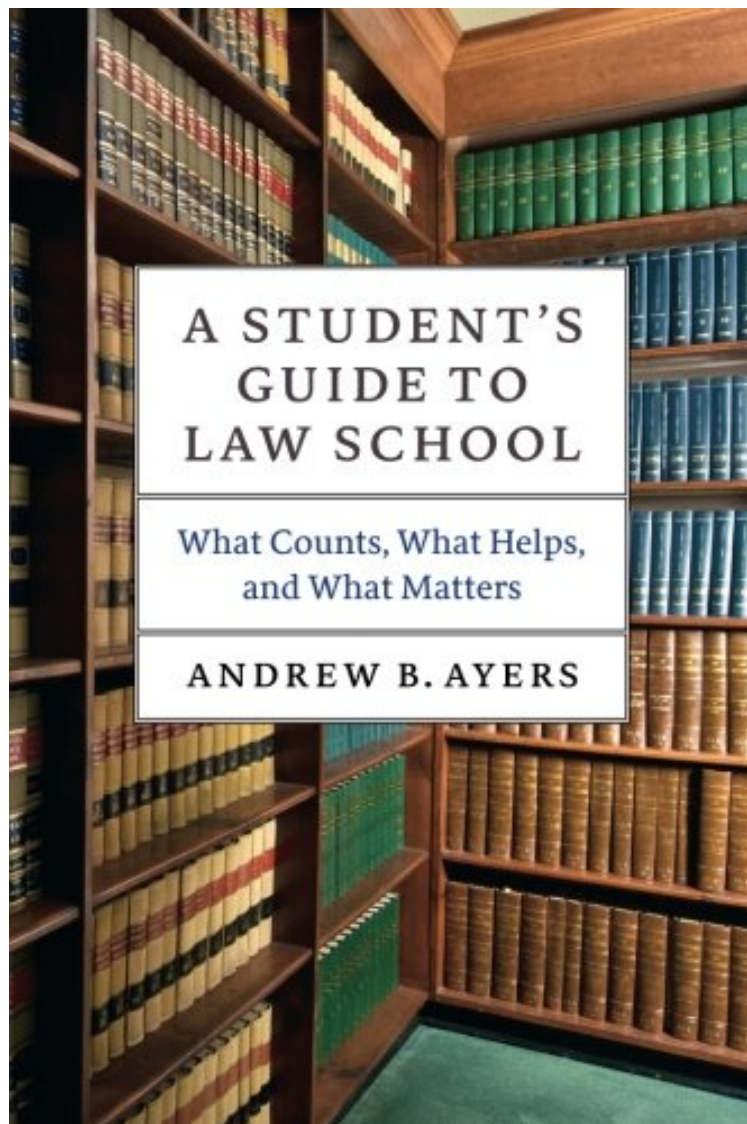


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Law school can be a joyous, soul-transforming challenge that leads to a rewarding career. It can also be an exhausting, self-limiting trap. It all depends on making smart decisions. When every advantage counts, *A Student's Guide to Law School* is like having a personal mentor available at every turn. As a recent graduate and an appellate lawyer, Andrew Ayers knows how high the stakes have been there, and not only did he survive the experience, he graduated first in his class. In *A Student's Guide to Law School* he shares invaluable insight on what it takes to make a successful law school journey. Originating in notes Ayers jotted down while commuting to his first clerkship with then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor, and refined throughout his first years as a lawyer, *A Student's Guide to Law School* offers a unique balance of insider's knowledge and professional advice. Organized in four parts, the first part looks at tests and grades, explaining what's expected and exploring the seven choices students must make on exam day. The second part discusses the skills needed to be a successful law student, giving the reader easy-to-use tools to analyze legal materials and construct clear arguments. The third part contains advice on how to use studying, class work, and note-taking to find your best path. Finally, Ayers closes with a look beyond the classroom, showing students how the choices they make in law school will affect their career and even determine the kind of lawyer they become. The first law school guide written by a recent top-ranked graduate, *A Student's Guide to Law School* is relentlessly practical and thoroughly relevant to the law school experience of today's students. With the tools and advice Ayers shares here, students can make the most of their investment in law school, and turn their valuable learning experiences into a meaningful career.

From Booklist The movie *The Paper Chase* and Scott Turow's *One-L* (1977) are the standard cultural images of law school as grueling and exhausting. But if a student makes wise decisions and maintains balance, including a social life, it can also be joyous and transforming, according to Ayers, who survived law school and went on to a career as an appellate lawyer. Drawing on his experiences as a top-ranked student, a clerkship with then-judge Sonia Sotomayor, and his early years practicing law, Ayers offers a practical guide to budding lawyers. Lamenting the reality that law students are judged on the final exam (so all coursework should be treated as preparation for the exam), he cautions that good grades alone don't make a good lawyer. Still, the skills required to do well on the exam—distilling basic legal concepts, developing a sense of what matters, and making strong arguments and counterarguments—are all skills needed in a legal career. Ayers offers strategies for studying and test-taking and advises that day-to-day choices made during the semester, including reading, class discussion, notes, outlines, study groups, and law review, will prepare students for the exam. --Vanessa Bush "Andrew Ayers has provided a straightforward and witty guide to getting the most out of legal education for the right reasons: to develop legal competence, cultivate professional judgment, and become a lawyer of credit. An admirable book."