

Syracuse University

College of Law

How to use this list: You should pick a few titles that are of interest or that address a particular area of concern and read them at a leisurely pace. **You should not** try to read every book on this list, nor should you buy every book on this list, such an exercise would be redundant as many books cover the same topics. If you want to read a few titles for fun, that's okay too. ¹

Law School Confidential by Robert H. Miller

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

1L by Scott Turow (novel)

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

1L of a Ride by Andrew J. McClurg – (all editions are available in the library either in print or eBook)

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

The Law of Law School: The Essential Guide for First-Year Law Students by Andrew Guthrie Ferguson

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Reading Like a Lawyer: Time Saving Strategies for Reading Law Like an Expert by Ruth Ann McKinney

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Law 101: Everything You Need to Know About American Law by Jay M. Feinman²

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

¹ If a book that is recommended for a later time period seems interesting now, feel free to read it now.

² This book is best suited for students who have no experience with the American legal system, otherwise it should just be a refresher to things you may already know, such as the civil system, appellate structure, etc.

Expert Learning for Law Students by Michael Hunter Schwartz

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Logic for Law Students: How to think like a lawyer by Ruggero J. Aldisert et al.

- [PDF](#)
- [West](#)
- [Lexis](#)

How to be Sort of Happy in Law School by Kathryn M. Young

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Succeeding in Law School by Herbert N. Ramo

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Letter to a 1L friend by Isaac Mamaysky, Esq.

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Suggested reading on law school exams

Getting to Maybe: How to excel in law school exams by Richard Michael Fischl and Jermy Paul

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Open Book: The Inside Track to Law School Success by Barry Friedman

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Suggested reading on academic legal writing

Legal Writing Style by Antonio Gidi (Syracuse Law Professor) and Henry Weihofen

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Legal Writing in Plain English by Bryan A. Garner

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Academic Legal Writing, 3rd ed. by Eugene Volokh

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

Suggested reading after 1L Fall Semester

Tough cases Edited by Russell F. Canan

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

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

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)

The Articulate Advocate: Persuasive Skills for Lawyers in Trials, Appeals, Arbitrations, and Motions by Brian K. Johnson, Susan Ericksen, et al.

- [Amazon link](#)
- [Library link](#)