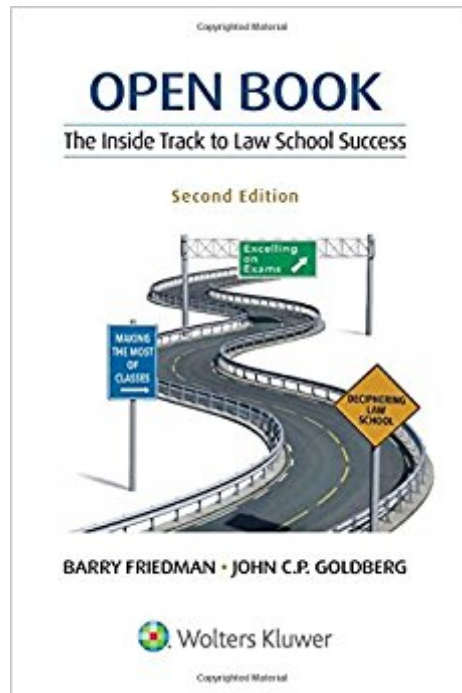




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This is the one single book I recommend I urge incoming LLM students to read before classes start and reread during the semester and close to exams. It should be mandatory reading for all incoming LLM students.
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There is an additional group of people who should buy this book. It says it's aimed at new law school students, those about to attend and those already in their first year of law school. This is a superlative book for those students, and can easily be the difference for many as to how well they succeed in law school and how well they enjoy it. However, I also strongly recommend this book to anyone who is considering whether or not to apply to law school, or to become a pre-law undergrad. This book will give you clear ideas of both what law school will be like, and what it will be like to practice law. For prospective law students, this book is near perfection.

Excellent Resource for Incoming Law Students!
Professors Friedman and Goldberg break down the essentials on doing well in and out of the classroom. They bridge the gap between classroom lectures, final exams, and legal practice. What better way to learn about expectations in the classroom and on exams than from law professors themselves. The included online content provides a wealth of additional outlines, case summaries, and sample exams for students to examine. A must read for any law student wanting to make the most of their educational experience.
A+

As someone who has little familiarity with law school exams or classes -- I studied biology in undergrad -- I found this book quite helpful. The book anticipated the first classes of school well, explaining the fundamentals of common law systems and of U.S. court hierarchy. Essentially, the authors answer a lot of readers' "dumb" questions so they don't have to be asked in class. From there, they proceed to explaining how to brief cases and study for exams. I've yet to take my first

exams, so I can't attest to how well the authors' advice works, but I feel better prepared. The writing throughout is humorous and clear. There is a fair amount of repetition of key points, but this serves to drive important ideas home. I recommend as a friendly, unintimidating beginning to law school!

It's a great book but I recommend buying a paper version, not the kindle edition, so you can get the access for a website with great exam help materials. I wish I didn't buy kindle!

This is a great book. I am a 1L and this book was a game changer for me, I just wish I had started reading it earlier in the semester. Reading it again now over winter break.

Very good advice! Information was clear and accurate. Easy to read.

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