

Get the Edge- Study Aids from the Law Library

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Need to know

- Try out different series to see which work well for you and your course
- Use them for exam prep but also quick background research on any area of law
- Ask your professor or upperclassman if they have suggestions
- Use the List of Call #s on top of the shelves to find books by subject

Study Aids Policies

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Titles on Taking exams / Succeeding in Law School

- John C. Dernbach, Writing Essay Exams to Succeed in Law School: Not Just to Survive, 4th ed. (2014) KF 283. D47 2014
- Leah M. Christensen, One L of a Year: how to Maximize your Success in Law School (2012) KF 283. C485 2012
- Ann M. Burkhart, Law School Success: A Guide to Studying Law and Taking Law School Exams (2008) KF 283 .B871x 2008

Library Staff Favorites:

Acing Series

These are specifically designed for exam preparation going beyond sample problems and answers by providing checklists that give a "systematic approach to problem solving" that can be relied on when writing exams.

Black Letter Outlines

Outlines of all major law school subjects written by legal experts. Each section also includes sample true/false questions. Useful for both exam prep and studying.

CALI Lessons

(Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) www.cali.org Authorization Code: WIDNDEstu238

CALI lessons are online tutorials/study aids covering most law school subjects. CALI also offers ebooks of the Rules of Evidence, Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, and more.

Examples and Explanations

Most popular study aids series. Each section starts with a brief intro to the topic and then a set of examples followed by the author's explanations. (Bonus for Torts: The last 3 chapters focus exclusively on exam prep.)

Glannon Guides

These guides, written in a clear, conversational style contain multiple choice questions, along with a detailed analysis of both correct and incorrect answers.

Legalese to English

Only two titles so far: Civ Pro and Torts. Breaks down legal terms and concepts into easy to understand conversational English. Workbook format provides prompts for answering questions and creating outline. Study Recipes provide daily, weekly and monthly study suggestions. (Criticism: the backgrounds-the "lined paper" gimmick is distracting.)

Sum & Substance Audio Series

Audio lectures on CD covering all major law school subjects. Good for listening in the car or while exercising.

Others to consider:

Nutshells

Use these to gain a quick understanding of virtually every area of law. The most complete series of study aids; there is a Nutshell on everything. Even if you don't use them for exam prep, keep them in mind for general research questions, interview prep and when you enter practice.

Hornbooks

Probably the most "scholarly" of the study aids including extensive footnotes. These are highly rated by professors. Might seem dense and daunting, but like *Nutshells* they are great for general legal research and you are likely to rely on them when you enter practice. If these seem too dense for exam prep, take a look at the *Concise Hornbook Series*.