

## Adjusting to Law School and Study Aids Bibliography

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### A. How to Think About Studying Law

Kenney F. Hegland, *Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law*, 2003 (Reserve Nutshell KF 273 .H43 2003)

Patrick M. McFadden, *A Student's Guide to Legal Analysis, Thinking Like a Lawyer*, 2001 (Treatise KF 283 .M396 2001)

Ruta K. Stropus and Charlotte D. Taylor, *Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School*, 2001 (Treatise KF 283 .S78 2001)

### B. How to Adjust Academically

Many books that discuss how to do well in law school may be found in the stacks or on reserve, particularly grouped at Call Number KF 283. Selected titles include:

Gary A. Munneke, *How to Succeed in Law School*, 2008 (Treatise No. KF283 .M86 2008)

Michael Hunter Schwartz, *Expert Learning for Law Students*, 2008 (Treatise KF283 .S39 2008)

*The Law School Survival Guide*, 2003. (Reserve KF 283 .L38 2003)

Rachel Gader-Shafran, *The International Students' Survival Guide to Law School*, 2003 (Reserve KF 283 .G33 2003)

Dennis J. Tonsing, *1000 Days to the Bar*, 2003 (Reserve KF 272 .T66 2003)

Helene Shapo and Marshall Shapo, *Law School Without Fear*, 2nd ed., 2002 (Reserve KF 283 .S44 2002)

Shana Connell Noyes and Henry S. Noyes, *Acing Your First Year of Law School*, 1999 (Reserve KF 283 .N69 1999)

Carolyn J. Nygren, *Starting Off Right in Law School*, 1997 (Reserve KF 273 .N94 1997)

### **C. How to Do Well On Exams**

Ann M. Burkhart, ***Law School Success in a Nutshell: A Guide to Studying Law and Taking Law School Exams***, 2008 (Reserve KF283 .B87 2008)

John C. Dernbach, ***Title Writing Essay Exams to Succeed (not just to survive)***, 2007 (Treatise KF283 .D47 2007)

John C. Dernbach, ***A Practical Guide to Writing Law School Essay Exams***, 2001 (Reserve KF283 .D47 2001)

Richard Michael Fischl and Jeremy Paul, ***Getting to Maybe: how to excel on law school exams*** 1999 (Reserve KF 283 .F57 1999)

Charles H. Whitebread, ***The Eight Secrets of Top Exam Performance in Law School***, 1995 (Reserve KF 283 .W48 1995)

### **D. How to Find Subject Specific Study Guides**

Several topical study aid series exist which provide summaries of legal concepts. Current study aids are located on Reserve. Popular series include:

- *Examples & Explanations* series (Aspen)
- *Law School Legends on Audio CD* (Gilbert Law Series)
- *Nutshell* series (Thomson/West)
- *Understanding the law* series (LexisNexis)

To find other specific study materials, use the library's online catalog, GoCat (link.....). A good search strategy is to perform a keyword search on GoCat, by name of the study aid series and topic [for example, "understanding" or "understanding and torts"]. Scroll down the list of titles displayed on GoCat -- write down the complete call number and provide it to the attendant at the Reserve Desk to obtain the desired materials.

Note: Books on reserve can be used in the Library only, for two hours. CDs may be borrowed for three days.

### **E. Other Resources**

Pacific McGeorge School of Law provides further support and resources to help students do their best in law school. Students interested in learning more may contact Ms. Courtney Lee, Director of Academic Success, 916 739 7242.

### **F. Finding These Materials at Your Local Library**

You can use WorldCat at <http://www.worldcat.org> to search local libraries for the materials listed above.