

TIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM STUDENTS

5 things I would tell my first-year Self

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Starting law school can be quite daunting, and as someone who did not know any lawyers when I started school, I had no idea what to expect. Now, having been through it, I look back at 1L and remember being overwhelmed and confused because law school was so different than anything I had experienced before. Below, I share five things that I wished I had known in 1L, so you can hopefully feel more prepared than I did and get the most out of your 1L experience.

Get involved (in things that you are interested in)!

Law school is full of extra-curriculars, law related, and non-law related. With the number of clubs, groups and societies available to join, it can easily get quite overwhelming and deciding what to participate in can be a challenge. Take advantage of the fun side of law school and pick a few things that you are genuinely interested in! Extra-curriculars are a great way to meet friends, gain research skills, and can make you stand out in applications and interviews.

Stay Organized & Prepared

You will encounter many readings and deadlines throughout law school. Pick an efficient way to stay organized, whether it be a planner, a digital calendar, or some other system and ensure you note down all your deadlines. Block off time each week to review materials for classes. Realistically, you may not be able to do every required reading, but at least make sure you know the general gist of what's going on prior to each class!

Networking Advice

Your first networking event is going to seem very intimidating but it's not as bad as it seems! A few reminders before going in to any networking situation: be kind, genuine, engaged in the conversation you're having, and don't forget to relax.



Try your best!

It's no surprise that law school is hard. Not only are you learning the law, you are also learning a new way to study and take in information. Just try your best, some classes are going to be harder than others, and the occasional bad grade won't break you.

Don't stress too much.

Building off my last point, try not to stress too much. Law school is supposed to be an enjoyable, memorable experience. Other may seem like they've got their lives together, but I guarantee that almost everyone has felt the same way that you are feeling at some point. Build a good support system of law school friends, and remember that you will get through it!

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