

Book I - A Report

Deciding On Law School - The Pre-Law Career Counselor

Summary And Introduction

My Advice To You Is

Treat your undergraduate years as an opportunity to explore new things. Take the courses you like. Don't consider law school as a move into a new area. See law school as an extension of something you already like. Every academic background is relevant in law school and as a lawyer! By the way, the only good reason to go to law school is, that you want to study law!

We live in an age of unprecedented choice in career options. In fact, the options are so plentiful that many of you will have difficulty deciding which road to take. Some of you are sure you want to become lawyers. Some are considering law as one of a number of options. In the words of one commentator:

“A ranking of ‘career desirability’ shows that 36 percent of surveyed students are interested in law or another profession; 3 percent would consider teaching; 23 percent might become technology workers; and 22 percent would like to be filmmakers, musicians, artists or writers.”

*Virginia Galt - Globe Workplace Reporter - The Globe And Mail -
December 9, 2000*

Some of you may be considering law school but have no intention of ever becoming licensed as a lawyer.

Book I has been designed to explore these issues.

Specifically:

- how to decide whether law school is for you; and
- what to do prior to the application process to assist yourself.

In Book I, I will play the role of a “Pre-Law Career Counselor.”

Let's begin!

Book I - Chapter Summaries

1. So, You Want To Be A Lawyer - Is It REASONable For You?

Focus: The identification of a reason for attending law school

2. The Pre-Law State Of Mind - What Should It Be Filled With?

Focus: Pre-Law Years - 10 Specific Issues Of Concern To Pre-Law Students: how to select courses, summer jobs, extra-curricular activities, when to begin, etc.