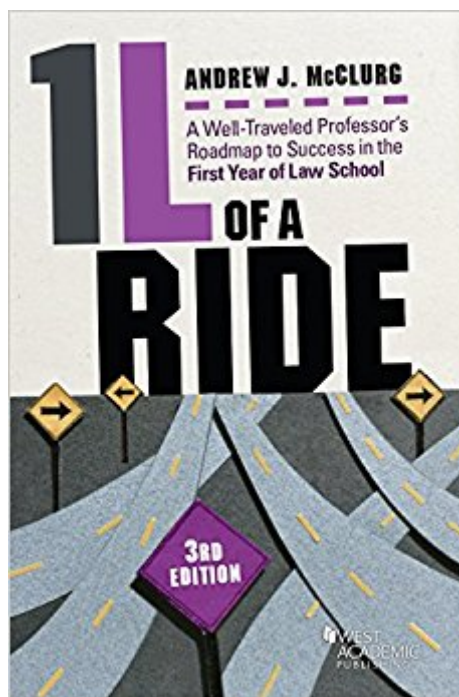




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# 1L Of A Ride: A Well-Traveled Professor's Roadmap To Success In The First Year Of Law School (Career Guides)



## Synopsis

Assigned as required or recommended reading at law schools throughout the country, 1L of a Ride provides a candid, comprehensive roadmap to both academic and emotional success in law school's crucial first year. Told in an accessible first-person voice, covered topics in the revised and updated third edition include pre-planning, top student fears, first-year curriculum, the Socratic and case methods of teaching, effective class participation, top habits of successful students, essential study techniques, legal research and writing, exam strategies, maintaining well-being, and much more. Combines anecdotes, comments from law students, empirical research, and authentic samples of signature documents from the 1L experience, including exam questions, Socratic dialogue, and student case-briefs, class notes, and course outlines. McClurg is an award-winning professor who has taught at six different law schools.

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Professor McClurg reveals what it's like to attend and succeed law school before you get there. This book opens your eyes to the good and bad sides of law school. From how to handle the extraordinary amounts of stress, to how to mesh life as a 1L with your normal life--1L of a Ride gives you a great 'what to expect' guide for all of this and more. Backed by empirical evidence as well as student testimonials, you see the real, objective side of what it's like during the first year of law school. I myself am a soon-to-be 1L at the University of Memphis (where McClurg is a prof.) and I found it extremely beneficial to me that the book is backed up by testimonials from many UM

students. After reading this book, I feel confident that I know what to expect and ultimately succeed in law school. I recommend this book for any student going to law school. You will see the good, bad & ugly of what to expect, but ultimately you will feel more prepared for the rigors that await you.

I am not a lawyer; yet found it informative as to the mindset of the 1L. It has good info for even the high schooler looking for suggestions to do well in undergraduate study of any pursuit. Humor and honesty top notch. I always found the law students congenial and having a large capacity for humor and fun when I was in another professional program and studied in law library; like some of the stories here. I found the stories here are what my lawyer-friends (oxymoron) said when I asked them their law school stories after I read this book. Easily the best book I have come across in years for readings outside of my usual interests of lawn mower and roof repair, anesthesiology journals.

Simply put, it's the best "what to expect" book on the shelves. One of the most important things mentioned was it is okay to be excited to go to law school. I often forget to allow myself to enjoy the experience and remember, I didn't get here by mistake! After recently completing a law school prep class and reading similar books, I can assure you that this particular book is filled with practical advice. Unlike others, it is layered your text with insight from the students, stories of practice, and overviews and examples, and I believe it makes a large difference. The overview of first year courses, and the emphasis put on the importance completing your own outlines and briefs I have feel has given me a leg up. Understanding what these are, and how to complete and utilize them, is priceless information. This book is definitely staying on my shelf as a reference tool for class and the experience itself. I will certainly recommend it to my colleagues as a source of finding out what other students thought during their first year, what to expect, and getting to know law school. In fact, I have already recommended it to the teacher of my prep course at Blackstone and she'll be buying a copy to show future students.

I picked this book up after having that: "Oh God, I just got into law school" moment. This book is an amazing read for that period between been admitted and actually starting law school. It addresses some of the most pressing questions and fears everyone has when preparing to start the law school journey. While there are many prep books out there, I myself have read a few, this one in my experience has been the best. It's a very good read and the author makes you feel like he actually cares about helping you get off to the right start in your career. Advice is backed up by examples and anecdotes that help bring them into perspective. It's not only written from the perspective of a

seasoned law professor but it also includes many contributions by some of his current and former students. It will certainly be a companion for me throughout my 1L year. I would certainly recommend it to anyone who's about to start, or considering, law school. Amazing!

I love Professor McClurg, and I am a current 1L taking his Torts class. 1L of a Ride is a comprehensive book that gives great insight on what to expect in your 1st year of law school, and also gives great insight on how to prepare before you start classes. I read the book probably three weeks into classes, and my only regret is that I didn't get it the summer before I started. I would have been much better prepared, and would have known some things upfront that it took me a little while to learn on my own. I wasted time getting adjusted and learning things about law school that were explained in this book. Professor McClurg is a thorough teacher, and it's more than obvious that he is committed to helping us continue to flourish and be successful in law school and beyond. I highly recommend getting the book the summer before, or a few weeks before classes starts. You will still need to refer back to the book throughout the semester, but it will definitely help make sure you start law school off right.

A must read before starting law school. As I enter 3L year, I still find myself going back to this book for advice and guidance. Tab the book as you read and even type notes from it. I promise it will help you navigate your first year and even after that.

I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I began law school. I was business major who decided late senior year to go to law school, with no real background or knowledge of anything relating to the legal profession. This book was the most helpful one I picked up the summer before arriving on campus. It addresses the fears, the pitfalls, and the practical knowledge every 1L would want to know. Understand that each person's needs are different, so you really have to take responsibility for yourself, know how you learn, and devote yourself to getting work done. There is no other way around it. I found that having the mentality of "attacking the challenge" was more beneficial than reacting to situations that came. Good luck, future 1Ls!

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