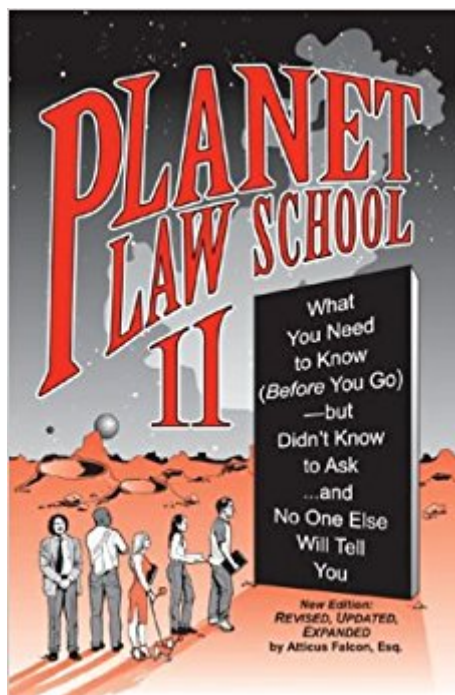




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Planet Law School II: What You Need To Know (Before You Go), But Didn't Know To Ask... And No One Else Will Tell You, Second Edition



Synopsis

This book contains 30 detailed chapters, plus addenda and additional material that set out everything a law student must do to excel in law school ...an absolute requirement for getting a good law job. It is completely updated, with an analysis of hundreds of legal resources and the realities of law school and the legal profession. Its 800 pages are an exhaustive and unique compendium of materials, advice, and precaution for the law student or soon-to-be law student.

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Customer Reviews

"Planet Law School II" by Atticus Falcon is a thorough examination of how to succeed in law school. The book goes through a step-by-step analysis of the 1L year and how to succeed. From there Falcon describes the professors, 2L/3L classes, summer associate positions, the bar exam, and everything in between. This is the most exhaustive "how-to-succeed-in-law-school" book that exists. However, Falcon often goes on long, and completely unnecessary, rants. The book could be cut down to ~400 pages and contain the exact information present in his 830 page tome. Many of the rants are only marginally relevant and could be included at the end of the book (ex: Popov v. Hayashi.) Other rants are the size of an entire book and could be entirely omitted (ex: CH26.) The first ~300 pages are especially relevant to 1L's, although very repetitive, with ~100 pages of the rest of the book being good for 2/3L's. The best part about "Planet Law School II" is Falcon's constant referencing to other popular "how-to-succeed-in-law-school" books. Chapter 16 provides a thorough list of supplements all students should read before law school. In later chapters he expands this list

to include books on legal research, logic, style, and arbitration."Planet Law School II" has its faults but overall is well worth the effort. I will personally try Falcon's method and reply to this review within a year on the value of PLSII.

I've been able to maintain above a 3.5 GPA in law school for two years now and I firmly believe part of that is owed to Atticus Falcon and this book. It deals with all the stuff that people don't want to tell you. Tips on how to approach class, tips on exam writing techniques and a program (that I bought at used as recommended by Atticus) that have helped me remain with the majority of my grades an A- or above, including earning two A+ (which if you understand law school, you'll understand why that alone should make you buy this book).

I am one semester into school and I can safely say this was useless. The only benefit of this guy's rants are on two pages where they tell you to buy other study aids. Ultimately you learn to write and work differently for different professors so any prep is kind of a waste. The best part of these prep materials is any reassurance or confidence it may give you. They have little to no value in preparing one for school.

Although the books contains too much extraneous material not directly related to law school success, PLS 2 is one of the better pre-law school advice books I have read, and I think new law students should definitely own it. Atticus Falcon has enough material regarding his views on law school to write two totally separate books. Unfortunately, he chose to combine all his thoughts on law school into a single, unnecessarily voluminous work. One sub-book could be "How to Succeed on Planet Law School." In PLS 2, there are 300-400 pages of extremely detailed, useful advice on how to succeed during law school which every novice law student should read. I am basing much of my pre-law school preparation on Falcon's recommendations and am confident that the results will be as advertised. This type of fantastic information is why I bought PLS 2, and is also the reason I recommend this book to my friends who are also entering law school. The other book Falcon could cull from the overabundance of material from PLS 2 is "My Serious Beef with American Legal Education." Approximately half of PLS 2 is devoted to Falcon's digressions on the many inadequacies of American legal education, war stories of rotten professors, countless commiserative emails from students, and the like. I understand Mr. Falcon's desire to share these views, and the utility of explaining "it's every man for himself out there," but a dead horse is kicked early and often over the course of PLS 2. Overall, the good outweighs the bad. You should get it.

I'm very satisfied with the book. It advises you on all necessary steps in order to achieve good grade in a law school. Plus, it tells you how to work hard before, while, and after the school to pass the Bar. Specifically, it tells you specifically what materials you need, schedules, etc. I wish I purchased this book earlier. You can buy most of the materials here, on .By the way, it costs almost nothing (4-5 gallons of gas nowadays) to get your questions answered. Should you follow the advice from the book and start learning and practicing early enough, I think the first scholarship will cover expenses. Please be advised that it is not a panacea (an answer or solution for all problems or difficulties). You would have to formulate your own opinion as to what to do and when to do. In my view, It is a must have investment in the school to formulate your own opinion and to become successful.

This book is criticized because of the paranoia it may cause. And while much of it is a little heavy-handed, it absolutely gives an unsure student the necessary advice about how to approach law school people, the pressure, and the exams. If you want to burn into your last summer of freedom, which I did, get this and skim the chapters - don't read it cover to cover (that you won't need to do). It's also a good reference while you're in the semesters about dealing with the lack of motivation, outlines, exam prep, etc.

Keep in mind I'm reviewing this as a 0L, so I lack the knowledge and experience to really judge the quality of the pseudonymous author's advice. But, with that caveat, this book seemed to provide excellent information and guidance and has made me feel more prepared than any article, book, or conversation I've had about law school to date. Falcon sometimes rants too much and appears over-satisfied with his own too-clever-by-a-half pronouncements. He may also exaggerate the need and possibility for law school reform. That's not to say that his criticisms and observations aren't well taken.

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