

Book VII - A Report

Learning About Lawyers And The Legal Profession

Summary And Introduction

My Advice To You Is

Don't approach law school with the idea that you want to be any particular kind of lawyer. Keep your eyes open to the opportunities. There is a legal dimension to every aspect of human activity. Don't ask: what area of law would interest me? Do ask: how can I pursue my personal interests in the capacity of being a lawyer?

What exactly do lawyers do? Is the practice of law a business or a profession or both? Where do they work? How much do they make? Are they happy? How are lawyers regulated? By what are they regulated? Those who wish to explore these issues beyond Book VII will find numerous books about lawyers and the profession. For those of you in Canada, I would particularly recommend Jack Batten's books on Canadian lawyers.

Book VII will provide important perspectives on the legal profession for those of you who wish to be lawyers.

In Book VII I will play the role of a "fly on the wall" listening, looking and reporting back to you about lawyers and the legal profession.

Book VII - Chapter Summaries

31. What Do Lawyers Do? - Wide Ranging Scenes From The Legal Profession

Focus: The wide range of lawyers' activities

32. Who Are Lawyers And How Much Do They Earn?

Focus: The diverse demographics of the legal profession. The wide range of lawyers' incomes

33. Lawyers, Ethics And The Law - "More Than An Ordinary Citizen"

Focus: The heightened legal and ethical restrictions on lawyers

34. A Career In Law - Both A Business And A Profession

Focus: Lawyers and unpopular causes, business aspects of the practice of law

35. 21st Century Compliance - Globalization, Technology And The Practice Of Law In The 21st Century

Focus: Be Prepared! How globalization and technology are affecting the practice of law

36. Lawyers - A Balance Between Job Satisfaction And Quality Of Life

Focus: The sometimes precarious balance between professional and personal lives

37. Law, Society And The Law Society - How Canadian Lawyers Govern Themselves

Focus: The Canadian legal profession as a self-governing profession, the role of the Law Society