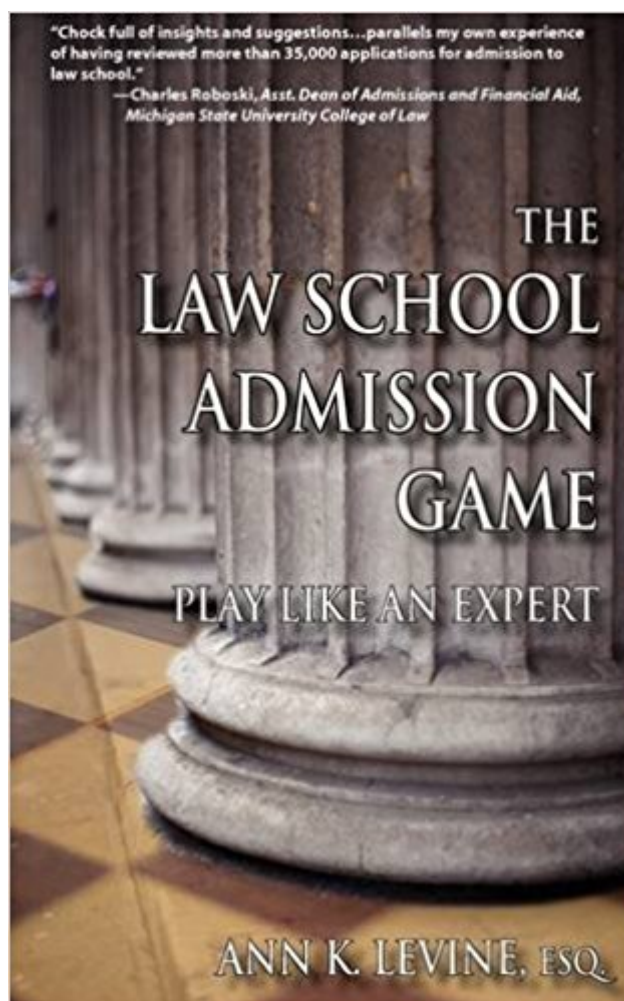




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# The Law School Admission Game: Play Like An Expert (Law School Expert)



## Synopsis

Please note this book has been updated. For the most current advice on the law school admission process, see *The Law School Admission Game: Play Like an Expert, Second Edition* (2013). The Law School Admission Expert Ann Levine, former director of admission for two ABA law schools and popular pre-law blogger of the Law School Expert blog offers concrete tips and professional insights into the law school admission process and how to maximize each piece of the law school application process. *The Law School Admission Game: Play Like an Expert* answers questions for today's law school applicants including: - How will law schools view my credentials, activities, and work experience? - What is the rolling admission process and how can it impact whether I am accepted? - Will the fact that I am a non-traditional applicant help me or hurt me? - Why is the personal statement important and how do I select a topic? - What should I do if someone tells me to write my own letter of recommendation for their signature? - How do I explain a low LSAT score, inconsistent GPA, academic probation, or arrest record? - Should I write one of the optional essays? Which one? - Why was I placed on a waiting list and what can I do to increase my chances of acceptance? - How can I use scholarship offers to negotiate between law schools? - How do I decide where to attend? The tips and insights provided within *The Law School Admission Game: How to Play Like an Expert* is the second best thing to having your own law school admission consultant. Ms. Levine offers candid and tangible advice in a conversational tone with an open and encouraging (but brutally honest) approach. This book will change how you look at the law school admission process and help you create your strongest possible application package. This book offers strategies for all law school applicants, including specific advice for people: -Determined to attend a Top Law School -Hoping for the chance to attend any law school -Seeking an affordable legal education -Returning to school after being in the work force -Still in college with limited work and life experience -Considering how to build their experiences and resumes to strengthen their applications -Concerned about writing a compelling personal statement because they haven't experienced poverty or overcome paralysis Know the story they want to tell about overcoming obstacles in life but are not sure what to emphasize. No matter your life story or potential weaknesses in your law school application, *The Law School Admission Game: How to Play Like an Expert* will guide you through every piece of the application process. From filling in the blanks on applications to deciding whether to submit an optional essay to what to do when waitlisted, this little book will assure you and arm you with insider knowledge every step of the way.

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## Customer Reviews

Ann Levine has written a fantastic book for law school applicants. There are so many of these on the market and it can be hard to separate them and find any that would be helpful to a large segment of the applicant population. I think Ms. Levine has done just that. It is clear, concise, and easy to read. If I could take the hundreds of hours I spend advising each year and turn it into a manuscript, it would pretty much look just like this. --Greg Shaffer, Esq., Coordinator of Pre-Law Advising, University of Maryland

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This book was written in 2009 -- times have changed and so has the advice. For guidance on the current trend in law school applications, please see the new, updated, and expanded version of The Law School Admission Game: Play Like an Expert, Second Edition (2013).

Before picking up this book, I was overwhelmed with negative thoughts about my chances when applying to law school. I have a horrid Undergraduate GPA (2.7) and I did very mediocre on the LSAT (152). I have been out of school since 2005 and finally maintained a good job history when I began working for the state three years ago. This book gave me the confidence to continue pursuing a law degree. It helped me generate an honest and captivating Personal Statement based on real experience versus the fluff that I might have written about, thinking that is what admissions "wants" to hear. It emphasized the importance that a lot of schools put on personal statements and references instead of just numbers, which helped me keep a positive attitude. She tells you how to stay on the radar so that your applications stand out amongst thousands of others, which is very important if you are a non-traditional applicant like myself. I would highly recommend this book, even just to help maintain your sanity during the testing and application process. I am happy to announce that I have been admitted into a reputable law school in Texas for the Fall 2012 entering class, and my applications are still under review for four other schools in Texas that I applied for.

Despite some critically negative reviews, Ann Levine, Esq. has written an interesting book for the non-LSAT-bound demographic, and I believe it contains some unique information for those actually taking the test and are planning to become a lawyer. There is some non-agreement between when and how the LSAT should be taken and prepared. A reviewer stated that about 10 full-length tests should ensure one's best score. I believe the more you prepare, the better informed you will be to

attack problems in the future, so this is definitely a wise choice. However, Levine's approach is probably to weed out the less prepared "natural lawyers" and send them toward a more appropriate career in skydiving/ bungee-jumping (instruction). Reviewing all the questions you got wrong and had guessed at means you will learn from the novel concepts or approaches you were uncertain of, but reviewing the questions you got right as well lets you become more efficient at the concepts you are already familiar with, or even an expert at and finish the entire test quicker and with more time to review. So employing both strategies will allow the most serious law student the best score with the best strategies to have a better selection of schools for the best fit. I finished this book soon after I ordered it last month and recommend it for anyone who wants to simply read a good book. Also, individualized guidance is available for aspiring law students who are willing to invest the time. Her website is as listed \* [...]

When I was taking a testmasters course for LSAT a classmate mentioned this book he was reading that helped him with his applications. I don't know why it never occurred to me to research this on my own but I'm glad he brought the book up. I downloaded it onto my iPad and finished it within two days. The way the book is broken down is so easy to follow with plenty of examples to completely comprehend the steps of an application. I thoroughly studied the résumé portion and was able to create a sturdy and favorable impression of myself. The personal statement was also a huge help. As I read through the chapter with all the dos and don'ts I quickly realized my previously written personal statement was filled with don'ts. Absolutely everything is covered in what you should and shouldn't do. From addendums to waitlist questions this book has it all. Even after my applications have been submitted I still read over the last few chapters that deal with the decision period.

I bought this book to help answer some questions when I was applying to law schools. A lot of times law school applications is a bit of a murky process, especially since students tend to get most of their information from other applicants and competitive blogs. It was nice to hear the voice of a professional, and probably went farther to helping me feel settled and secure rather than actually informing me of things I did not know or couldn't guess at, and I remember thinking it would be more helpful for applicants who might be in the middle of the pool, looking at T50 schools than T15. 4 stars for being a "nice-to-read" rather than a "must read." Maybe get it from a library rather than buying a new copy.

The Law School Admission Game is a very informative read for anyone considering law school.

Whether it is your targeted career/academic trajectory or just something you're considering, Ann Levine's book provides great insight into the many aspects of preparing for, applying to, and excelling in law school. I appreciate how Levine uses anecdotes and real-life examples to show that there is no "typical" law school applicant, attesting to the diversity of the profession and those in it. This book will inform you about different aspects of the application process, the LSAT, and give you sound advice when it comes to actually deciding if law school is right for you. Indeed, perhaps what I like most about this book is that Levine doesn't try to give you all the answers, but rather, provide you with insight that will help guide you in your next step in life especially if law school has a place in it.

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