1L Exam Prep Resources

**GENERAL RESOURCES**

- **Books**
    - This classic monograph provides a careful review of fundamental principles of topics covered on law school examinations. Sample questions and answers are given. **Caution:** this book is out of date, and the answers provided may no longer be good law. The questions may be good for study groups as a review mechanism.
    - A 30 page chapter is devoted to exam preparation, and taking the exam including reading the exam, taking notes, common errors, thinking through and organizing your answer, and writing the exam answer.
    - Includes sections on law school study techniques, preparing for exams, and taking exams. Chapters include: getting primed for the task, techniques common to all essay questions, fact-based essay questions with uncertain answers, essay questions of a different kind, and objective questions. Essay exam exercises and sample answers are provided.
    - Includes chapters on how to study, how to outline your classes, how to spot issues, and how to structure your exam answers. It also includes sample exam problems and annotated sample answers ranging from poor to excellent.
    - Chapters include your reader, scoring and grading, beginning the process, from process to writing, explaining your answer, organization, signposting, and writing style, and getting ready. Includes sample answers and troubleshooting.

- **Websites**
  - Todd Bruno, [How to take a Law School Exam](http://www.lsu.edu/lawcenter/), Louisiana State University Law Center
  - Elizabeth Barrett, [How to Approach and Take a Law School Examination](http://harvardlaw.edu), Harvard Law School
  - Barbara Glesner Fines, [Preparing for Exams](http://www.law.umkc.edu), University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law
  - [Beyond IRAC: Law School Exam Taking Tips](http://www.legalprofession.com), Legal Profession blog
A Common Law School Exam Mistake, The Volokh Conspiracy
What Makes a Good Law School Exam Answer? Law Profs Weigh In, WSJ Law Blog
John H. Langbein, Writing Law Examinations, Yale Law School (available on Westlaw)
Deborah A Geier, Professor Geier's Exam Taking Tips, Cleveland State University College of Law
Study Tips from the Top Students, Saint Louis University School of Law

CAMPBELL EXAM ARCHIVE
Exams from previous years are available here, on the “student services” portion of the law library’s webpage, or in the “Quick Links” bar on the law library homepage. The database is password protected. You can get the password either by asking at the circulation desk or by emailing Stephen Chan at chans@law.campbell.edu.

CALI TUTORIALS
Exam Taking Skills, Outlines, and Advice for Law Students: Panel 1 PodCast
Exam Taking Skills, Outlines, and Advice for Law Students: Panel 2 PodCast
Exam Taking Skills, Outlines, and Advice for Law Students: Panel 3 PodCast
Writing Better Law School Exams: The Importance of Structure
Tips for Multiple Choice Exams in Law School, Scott Burnham (University of Montana, School of Law),
Top Ten Tips for Successfully Writing a Law School Essay, Jennifer Martin (Western New England College School of law),
CALI also has short, subject-specific tutorials on many topics covered by the 1L curriculum, such as joinder, contract formation, conversion, easements, etc.

COURSE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Civil Procedure
Study Aids
• This book organizes a collection of rules into a decision tree. It identifies all relevant questions that one must ask and answers in order to completely analyze a
question. Problems, analysis, and points to remember are given. This book helps put your class notes into perspective, but it doesn’t teach the basics.

- **Hornbooks**
  - **Civil Procedure** (2005), by Jack H. Friedenthal et al. (Reserve KF8840.F72 2005)
  - **Mastering Civil Procedure** (2008), by David Charles Hricik (KF8841 .H75 2008)
    - This book breaks the material is broken down into small, easy to digest segments. The author cites to well known cases that appear in many civil procedure casebooks. Also includes flow charts that help to make sense of the possible courses litigation could take.

- **Contracts**
  - **Study Aids**
    - **Contracts in a Nutshell** (2010), by Rohwar Clauded and Anthony M. Skrocki (Reserve KF801.Z9 R62 2010)
    - **Contracts: Examples and Explanations**, by Brian A. Blum (Reserve KF801 .B58 2011)
  - **Hornbooks**
    - **Calamari and Perillo on Contracts** (2009) (Reserve KF801 .C26 2009)

- **Criminal Law**
  - **Study Aids**
    - **Criminal Law in a Nutshell** (2003), by Arnold H. Loewy (Reserve KF9219.3 .L63 2003)
    - **Criminal Law: Examples and Explanations** (2010), by Richard G. Singer and John Q. La Fond (Reserve KF9219.85 .S58 2010)
  - **Hornbooks**
    - **Criminal Law** (2010), by Wayne R. LaFave (Reserve KF9219 .L38 2010)

- **Property**
  - **Study Aids**
    - **Property: Examples & Explanations** (2008), by Barlow Burke and Joseph Snoe (Reserve KF560 .B87 2008)
  - **Hornbooks**
    - **Principles of Property Law** (2005), by Herbert Hovenkamp and Sheldon F. Kurtz (Reserve KF570.C862 2005)
    - **Property** (2010), by Joseph William Singer (Reserve KF570.Z9 S56 2010)

- **Torts**
  - **Study Aids**
  - Hornbooks