Reading recommendation for Incoming 1Ls

- **Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School by Ruta Stropus & Charlotte Taylor**

  Make the transition from learning in undergraduate programs to learning in law school. This book explains why law school is taught in a certain manner so that you can adapt quickly to the law school setting, and it lets you practice law school problem-solving. It's written by two former law professors who used these techniques with thousands of students and introduce you to the law school experience in one book.

- **A Weekly Guide to Being a Model Law Student by Alex Ruskell**

  Professor Ruskell's book delivers an impeccable foundation for a week-to-week, consistent study plan for law school—which immediately gives you a valuable head start. When you arrive on campus, you can build on this plan by speaking to our Academic Achievement professors to refine a study process that works best for you.

- **Make It Stick by Peter Brown, Henry Roediger, & Mark McDaniel**

  Get clear techniques to learn better that are based on recent discoveries in cognitive psychology and other disciplines. Learn new insights into how memory can lead to a better understanding of how we learn. While not focused on law school, this book both provides techniques to learn most effectively and techniques to avoid.

- **Reading Like a Lawyer by Ruth Ann McKinney**

  The ability to read law well is an indispensable skill that can make or break the academic career of any aspiring lawyer. Fortunately, the ability to read law well is a skill that can be acquired through knowledge and practice. The second edition includes a chapter on a new challenge for law students: how to read legal materials online.
• **Acing Your First Year of Law School by Shana Connell Noyes & Henry Noyes**

This book breaks down your first semester at law school into the 10 basic skills that you need, but that's basic in the sense that these skills are foundational—not easy. Each chapter is a study guide on developing a different skill.

• **Getting to Maybe by Richard Fischl & Jeremy Paul**

The bulk of law school exams are essays, and you will be asked to analyze the legal issues involved in hypothetical situations and conclude what a judge might rule. The challenge is that the hypothetical situations are often engineered to allow a judge to rule any number of ways. This book prepares you to analyze the law on an essay exam.

• **1000 Days to the Bar, but the Practice of Law Begins Now by Dennis J. Tonsing**

This book gives you a model plan to approach the study of law from your first day of classes through the last day of the bar exam by working to develop the skills that you will need for the bar from the beginning. While *A Weekly Guide*, above, is more concise and gives you great plan with which to start law school, this book is more comprehensive for those who want more to read and a larger plan from the start.