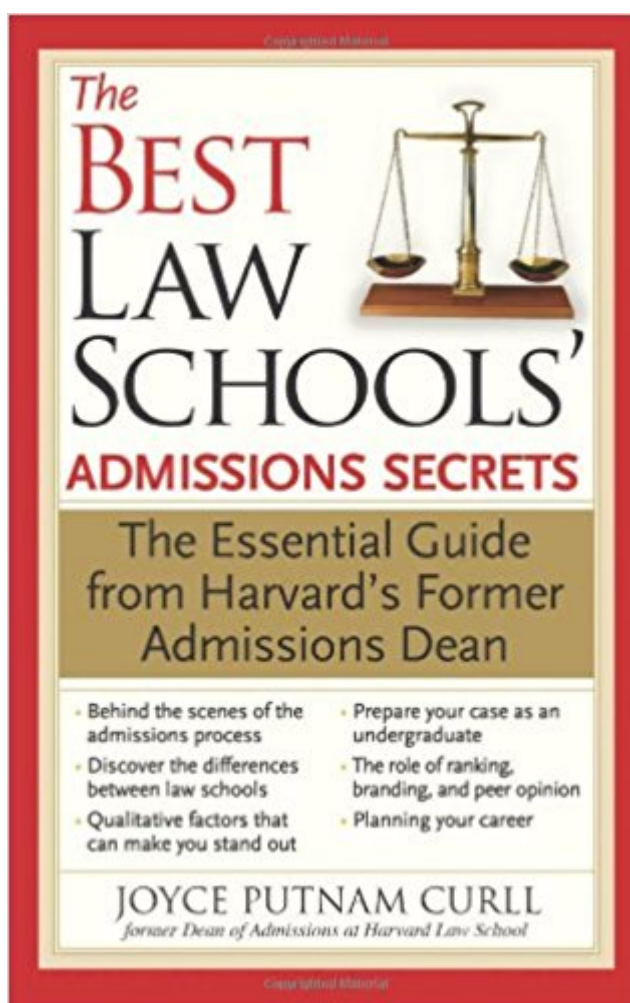


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# The Best Law Schools' Admissions Secrets: The Essential Guide From Harvard's Former Admissions Dean



## Synopsis

The ULTIMATE Insider Information on How to STAND OUT and GET ADMITTED! When trying to beat the tough law school competition, how do you know what will get you fast-tracked to the "yes" pile (or the dreaded "no" pile)? No insider is better suited to set you on the right track than Joyce Putnam Curll, former Dean of Admissions for Harvard Law School. *The Best Law Schools' Admissions Secrets* is the ultimate collection of insider advice, direct from one of the country's toughest admissions boardrooms. Joyce Putnam Curll gives you all the tips and techniques you need to stay ahead, including: Preparing your application What sets law schools apart Behind the scenes of the admissions process Taking the LSAT Handling the cost Planning your career And much more No other law school admissions advice guide can claim this level of authority. *The Best Law Schools' Admissions Secrets* is sure to give you the edge you need to shine in the eyes of admissions boards everywhere.

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"When trying to beat law school competition, how do you know what to do go get in the 'yes' pile? Insider Joyce Curll, former Dean of Admissions for Harvard Law School, provides some of the secrets to getting in that pile; from preparing the application and understanding differing state laws to learning how the admissions process vrorks behind the scenes. No other law school guidebook offers this level of expertise and insider advice, making it a 'must' for would-be law students and libraries catering to them." - Midwest Book Review

Joyce Putnam Curll served for 18 years as Dean of Admissions at Harvard Law School, where she evaluated more than 120,000 applicants for admission to the law school. She formerly worked at NYU Law School, as Director of Admissions for 16 years. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

This is a useful book for anyone considering law school. It's written in a clear, detailed manner, with practical advice both for undergrads and those already finished with college. My only critique is sometimes the text is a bit tedious.

Helpful for any prospective law school applicant.

This was a solid book. It gave me a good big picture image of the admissions process, but it lacked a lot of the smaller things that would give me the edge at top schools, which I would have expected given the credentials of the author.

I thought that this book will give some deep info for applying to top-10 LS, turns out total waste of money.No good information, no good advices.Book is full the same stuff that you can find online for free.Highly disappointedSelling the book it's in perfect condition

Ms. Curll has written an outstanding narrative on the process of admission to law school, and advices on how to choose the one that is right for you. She has chapters on how to prepare for law school while still in college, but also reviews the process for those who are starting out later in life. In one of the early chapters she tackles the question of whether law school is the right choice for you by asking many useful questions connected with the career.As a former Harvard Dean in Law School admissions, she can write with many details about what the admission effort involves,including suggestions for positive interview results. She suggests some helpful work experiences you may want to explore before making a decision, and also reviews some questions on how to finance law school. Finally, she touches on some of the possibilities a law school graduate might consider after graduation, including clerkships, internships, and summer employment opportunities.This is an extremely readable and informative book for anyone considering law school. She includes many useful anecdotes and personal stories from her own long career and personal experience.

Joyce Curll has written the definitive guide for students considering admission to law school. Her background at Harvard and NYU offers instant credibility to her comments, which I believe will be very useful to her readers. Too much information at times? Maybe, but I'll trust her intelligent audience to sort that out. Such frank talk from the ultimate admissions insider (she's admitted thousands who have gone on to successful legal careers and even one President-elect) is rarely shared in public. I've counseled students in law school and recruited for a top Wall Street firm for over twenty years- what I wish is that all those students I met over the years had had the benefit of Curll's common sense career advice. While always careful not to direct students in any one direction, Curll shares a balanced assessment of the many options in both the public and private sector open to law school grads. This book is a perfect primer for anyone considering going to law school. Buy it for any undergraduate, but particularly for those students without access to a savvy pre-law advisor who can coach them through the admissions process. Curll's careful tips to her readers helping them navigate through each step of the application process will do much to level the admissions playing field.

I would highly recommend this book over all others for the following reasons:- It is meant for all readers, in all stages of their life - still in high school, still in college, recent college grads and accomplished professionals.- It is well-written and clearly separated into chapters, easy to read and easy to understand.- The book was not only helpful for me, but also for those writing my recommendations. I photocopied several chapters which I sent to my recommenders along with the form from Isac.org.- The author has catered to those in all stages of the process - not sure about applying, pretty sure about applying and definitely applying. She helps (with examples) readers figure out if law school is really for them, or if it's just the easy way out for the time being (but not the right choice in the long run). With all that said, I would strongly recommend this book. It is not a waste of money and is perfect to help someone thinking about applying or getting their applications ready - I have referred to it so many times, for the LSAT, recommendations, my personal statement, how to choose the right schools etc.

I really expected Curll's book to be much more detailed and coming from a former Harvard Admission's Dean, this was actually a disappointment. The only really good chapter was on the financial aid picture. Other than that, it was too general. That being said, it's a good starting point for those who have absolutely no idea about how the law school admissions process works. For those looking for more detail, Anna Ivey's *The Ivey Guide to Law School Admissions: Straight Advice on*

Essays, Resumes, Interviews, and More is so much better and filled with nuggets of wisdom. Ivey does a far better job of breaking the whole process down.

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