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LegalEase Institute is a comprehensive, equity-centered career and academic incubator for law students and emerging legal professionals

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THE CHALLENGE

Incoming law students face mounting demands related to the law school entrance process, but it doesn't end there.

This career requires: wit, stamina, faith, a sense of humor and unrelenting diligence. Without the right guidance, they risk missing the mark because of burnout. That's where we come in.

At LegalEase, we believe that navigating law school and launching a powerful legal career should not be about gatekeeping or guesswork.

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OUR MISSION

Our goal is to demystify the legal pipeline, equip students with real-world tools, and cultivate confident, well-resourced professionals who can thrive in every setting whether a student is interested in pursuing public service, solo practice or Big Law.

This guide summarizes our 11 foundational resources, each designed to address critical inflection points in a law student's journey — whether academic, professional, or deeply personal.

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1. ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN THE 1L YEAR

Success in law school starts with strategy, not survival. We walk students through the mechanics of legal education and introduces systems that can be implemented from day one.

We cover how to read and brief cases with precision, how to extract legal rules and apply them, and how to translate classroom learning into effective outlines. We also emphasizes stress management, time blocking, cold-call prep, and the importance of building routines that create consistency across a semester.

Students are encouraged to develop metacognitive habits — asking not just what the law says, but why it matters, and how to retain it long-term. The goal is to help students think like lawyers without losing their voice or values.

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2. BUILDING EFFECTIVE FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS

This guide helps students reframe professors not as intimidating gatekeepers but as long-term allies. It covers strategies for initiating meaningful conversations during office hours, asking questions that demonstrate curiosity and initiative, and turning those relationships into research assistantships, mentorships, or recommendations.

We provide email templates, conversation starters, and guidance on how to repair relationships when things don't go as planned. Students also learn how to align with faculty whose values or expertise support their long-term goals.

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3. BUILDING A LEGAL RESUME THAT WORKS

Your legal resume is not just a list of activities — it's a storytelling tool. This guide walks students through the fundamentals of structure, bullet writing, and experience translation, especially for nontraditional students or those pivoting from another field.

We discuss how to elevate transferable skills, format for digital readability, and tailor content for different legal roles. Students leave with examples, templates, and strategies to keep their resume evolving alongside their growth.

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4. UNDERSTANDING LEGAL PRACTICE AREAS

Many law students feel pressured to pick a career track early without knowing what's out there. This guide maps out key practice areas across firm, government, nonprofit, and academic paths. We define the nature of work, types of clients, workflow pace, and lifestyle considerations for each.

Reflection exercises help students identify their natural work preferences, values, and the kind of impact they want to have. The guide also includes suggested informational interview questions and a worksheet for narrowing interests over time.

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5. LEGAL WRITING, RESEARCH, AND ANALYSIS

Legal writing is its own language. This guide introduces students to the foundational elements of legal communication — from predictive memos to persuasive briefs. We unpack IRAC structure, rule synthesis, analogical reasoning, and case citation.

Students receive research strategies for using legal databases effectively, common writing pitfalls to avoid, and a blueprint for self-editing. Templates and samples for key document types are included to give students a model to build from.

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6. PREPARING FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

First legal jobs often become launchpads — or cautionary tales. This guide helps students prepare to enter a professional environment with clarity and confidence.

Topics include reading assignments, managing ambiguous instructions, asking for feedback, navigating supervision, and building professional reputation.

We discuss how to approach the first week, the mid-summer check-in, and the final days to ensure a meaningful and growth-oriented experience. Includes a post-internship reflection worksheet.

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7. INTERVIEWING WITH CONFIDENCE

Interviews are about demonstrating fit, not perfection. We equip students with a strategy to approach each interview as a conversation rooted in preparation, clarity, and authenticity.

We cover how to research employers, respond to common legal interview questions, build rapport, and reflect confidence through body language and tone.

We also includes STAR technique applications, follow-up email templates, and tips for navigating callback and panel interviews.

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8. LAW SCHOOL EXAMS & PERFORMANCE STRATEGY

Final exams are not about who studied the most — but who studied with strategy. We provide a timeline for outlining, memorizing, and practicing under time constraints.

Students learn how to break down hypotheticals, craft structured responses, and spot legal issues with confidence.

A special focus is given to managing anxiety, protecting energy, and assessing performance without spiraling. We even provide a sample time management chart for both prep and exam day pacing.

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9. PROFESSIONALISM & LEGAL CULTURE

Legal culture often rewards silence, endurance, and self-sacrifice — but those habits can be unsustainable. We encourage students to define professionalism in a way that aligns with integrity, well-being, and boundaries.

Topics include networking etiquette, managing up, navigating implicit bias, asserting communication needs, and protecting against burnout. We also address how to read institutional culture and maintain your voice in high-pressure environments.

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10. NAVIGATING LAW SCHOOL NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE

We also have programming that centers students who are often left out of traditional legal narratives. We address how to access academic accommodations, navigate orientation and networking without prior exposure, and build peer communities when you feel like the only one.

Tips include managing financial pressure, advocating for your learning style, and communicating confidently across cultural or generational gaps. The guide also highlights institutional support systems, affinity groups, and self-advocacy scripts.

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11. BAR PREP STRATEGY FIRST-TIMERS V. REPEATERS

Bar prep doesn't have to break you. We provide a strategic, mindset-driven approach to studying for the bar exam, whether it's your first time or a retake.

We discuss how to choose and modify commercial courses, build a daily and weekly study rhythm, and approach MBE, MEE, and MPT sections with clarity.

Special resources are included for repeaters: self-assessments, reflection tools, and redesigned study calendars. Templates and checklists help students track progress and manage motivation.

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU JOIN?

LegalEase is a curated journey through law school that combines content, community, and coaching. Here's a sample timeline of what a student might experience:

1L Year

Fall Semester

- Orientation Support, Academic Success, Faculty Relationships, Resume Basics, Practice Area Exploration
- Faculty and peer mentorship matching
- Weekly strategy sessions and journaling prompts

Spring Semester

- Exam Strategy, Interview Skills, Internship Prep
- Mid-year reflection and adjustment plans

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU JOIN? (CONT.)

2L Year

- Refine practice area interests (Guide #4)
- Pursue clinics, externships, or moot court prep with research & writing support (Guide #5)
- Advanced professionalism and leadership development (Guide #9)
- Mentorship roles or peer leadership opportunities

3L Year

- Capstone resume refinement and faculty letters (Guides #2 & #3)
- Full Bar Prep strategy implementation (Guide #11)
- Transition-to-practice resources for early career planning and job search preparation

Anytime Access

- Guides #9 and #10 are living resources that support students navigating law school while managing identity-based, ability-based, and socio-economic complexities.

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LegalEase Institute meets students where they are — and builds the foundation to get where they want to go.

Want to join the program and maximize your progress in law school starting day one?

Contact us at **info@scrappygirlproject.com**

Let us help you move from overwhelmed to equipped and from surviving law school to strategically thriving in it.

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