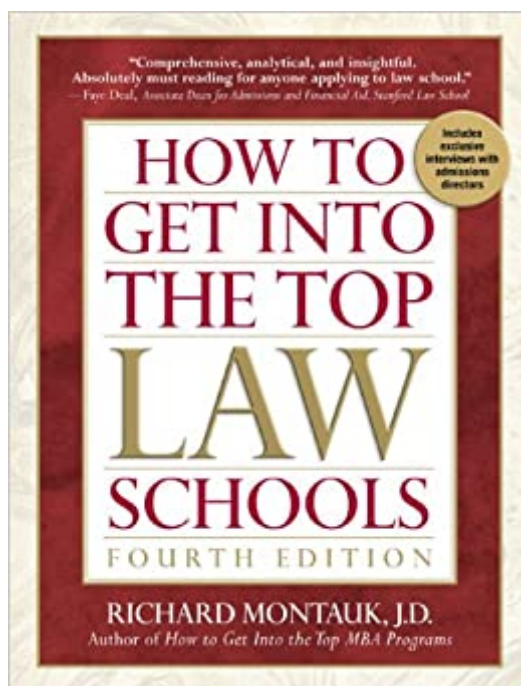


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How To Get Into The Top Law Schools, 4th Edition



Synopsis

Richard Montauk, a savvy admissions insider, demystifies the application process and provides the tools to ace every step. Based on interviews with dozens of admissions officers, Montauk delivers a candid view of what leading law schools look for in an applicant. He also gives applicants solid advice on developing marketing strategies, writing winning essays, maximizing financial aid, and assessing and upgrading credentials to better match that ideal profile.

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Customer Reviews

Richard Montauk is the author of *How to Get into the Top Law Schools* and *How to Get into the Top Colleges*, as well as the founder and president of Degree of Difference, a firm that has helped thousands of applicants get into the world's top law and business schools. He received a B.A. from Brown University, an M.S. in Finance, and a J.D. from Stanford University. He formerly worked as a corporate lawyer and a corporate strategy consultant. He divides his time between London, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

I'm currently a senior at Cornell University, and if there has been one book that has effectively navigated my Law School Application Process, it has been Mr. Montauk's "How to get into the Top Law Schools" guide. Mr. Montauk will describe, in depth, the best way to prepare your personal statement, resume, and how to proceed if waitlisted or rejected by your top choice. He also effectively communicates how to choose the right school for you, preferred LSAT course, and how to minimize the cost of Law School and how to construct your marketing strategy. The book also

includes quotes from real Law School Deans on what they expect from applicants and what they can do to maximize their strengths and minimize their weaknesses. Simply put, this is the best guide on the market that guides you from deciding on Law School to what to expect in your law career. I whole heartedly recommend this book.

This book is nice. It goes through all the different areas that law schools focus on when looking at an application. GPA? Check. LSAT score? Check. Application packet? Check. What you should know, however, is that this book is almost useless if you are reading it right before you take the LSAT and are getting ready to write your application packet up. Why? Because GPA and LSAT score are the MOST important factors in getting in to a top law school. It's like a job application, your credentials get you in the door and your personality gets you the job. Thing is, in this case, your credentials are your GPA and your LSAT and your personality is the application packet. You won't even get considered if you don't have a good GPA and a good LSAT score. I just want to let you know this before you buy the book. I thought the application packet was more important than it was and was sorely disappointed to know that although I had good grades and a good packet (in my opinion), my LSAT was low and therefore I wouldn't get in to a top law school. By the way, as a soon to be graduate, the legal market for jobs is terrible and if you are looking at going to law school, my suggestion is to really consider it as three years from now you could be in massive debt and pulling your hair out looking for a job.

This is by far the best book I've read to prepare myself for the dreaded application process, I truly feel like I have an advantage over others who haven't read it. What I like a lot is that this book starts off discussing the realities of law school and the legal profession in general. The book would be of best use to those who are far from applying, however one of the great elements about it is that it also accommodates to those who will be applying fairly soon. It also does a great job discussing the possible ways to improve one's applications even if their credentials are not top notch. Great book, if you are merely thinking about applying to law school (even if you are not aiming for a top institution), I highly suggest you read this!

After being out of school for 9 years, I really needed a straight to the point guide of how to get into a top law school. From preparing with extra classes to tackling the expense of law school, this book has it all. With every applicant at a different stage in their lives, this book truly does cover every topic, and it's great to read excerpts from admissions officers.

Probably more valuable before Internet forums came along

Great book! It talks about the details and decisions that need to be made when considering to go to Law School. And I hope it will be helpful for me to go to my favorite law school.

Purchased for my son. He felt it helped him prepare for the LSAT.

This is a book about how to get into top law schools. It really was helpful in learning about how the top law schools differ from each other, and it also teaches you what to look for if you're thinking of going to any other schools (for example, what they like to see in work experience, what aspects of your profile are most important to them, and so on). If that's the only thing you want, the Vault Buzz Book may be better for you, but if you want that info along with a guide of what to do with that information, this is perfect.

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