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Wes Henricksen : Making Law Review: The Expert's Guide to Mastering the Write-on Competition before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Law Review: The Expert's Guide to Mastering the Write-on Competition:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't buy this book. Just read the directions your law review gives

you. By Mark H. There were a few useful snippets of information at the beginning of the book, but as a whole the book offered no useful information beyond what every law student hears from professors, fellow students, and law review members about making law review. When the author does offer some advice, it is generally so shallow as to be useless to a capable law student. There were also editing issues where it is clear the author did not review some parts of the text before getting it published, which are just disappointing given that the author attended law school and was a member of his school's law review (both of which result in a massive amount of writing and editing experience). While the author recommends repeatedly that students proofread their work and avoid redundancy, he neglected his own advice when writing this book. Additionally, while it is advertised as containing information from interviews with several students who were members of their law reviews, there is not a single quote referencing a student member in this book. Most of the material appears to be the author's own recollection from his time in law school.

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. I used it, and got on.

By Kenneth Thompson This book is worth a read if you attempting to get on law review. However, the best advice within the book is mostly just common sense. For me, the only points the book made that were helpful was

1. Law Review is great to help a so-so GPA in the job market,
2. Follow the instructions of the competition exactly,
3. If you are writing a memo, then make sure your submission is in a memo format,
4. Attend the law review informational at your school
5. Expect to focus a majority of your free time on the competition.

This last point was the most critical, in combination with something that was said to me by a law review member during the informational given at my school: Alternate days between writing and site editing (if you have to edit cites, which is common). My school's competition ran 10 days and I spent 8 of them (4 on cites and 4 on paper) working on the paper and editing citations with the blue book. Alternating the days allowed me to clear my head and put down the paper for 24 hours at a time. DO NOT get too wrapped up in the author's assertion you need to work full time on this paper like a job. I am a night student who works full time and has a wife and two children. I resolved to only write from 8PM until 1AM or so, sometimes later. In short, you can do it with other things going on but you will still have to focus significant amounts of time. Good luck and buy this book as it may give you the slight edge needed!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Essential reading for anyone serious about the write-on competition

By Harry Dixon I had disappointing grades my first year of law school. After shaking it off, I decided to try out for the write-on competition anyway. At my school, grades are still a significant factor in making Law Review, but as the saying goes, "You can't win if you don't play." This book is marvelous. The author begins with his own story of mediocre performance in school, but concludes by stating he was editor-in-chief of the University of Washington's Law Review. How he did it, of course, is the rest of the book. While I ended up not making Law Review because my grades were not good enough, I was fortunate to get on my second-choice journal, which I suspect happened because of the methodical, meticulous Bluebooking I learned to do from this book. At least, the editor-in-chief alluded to that when she called to invite me to the Editorial Board!

Law Review is the goal of most people writing-on, but the value of being on a good journal can't be overlooked, especially in today's soft legal market. Purchase this book, and you won't be disappointed.

Every year, law students across the country participate in the 'write-on competition' for a shot at the most highly coveted prize in law school: membership on the law review. But until now, law students had nowhere to turn to for reliable information regarding the competition. This book has changed all that. *Making Law Review* explains how the competition works, and reveals the surprising and innovative techniques students have used to excel in it. Author Wes Henricksen interviewed dozens of current and former law review members at many of the top law schools to learn their secrets to success in the write-on competition. This book synthesizes those students' experiences into a comprehensive body of valuable advice on topics such as how to best prepare for the competition, how to effectively allocate your time throughout it, and how to write a winning submission paper.