



SUGGESTED READING LIST

The faculty and library staff at Howard University School of Law generally felt that a summer reading should be light, fun, and uplifting. The list below is robust: but don't feel pressure to read more than **1-3 selections**. Pay special attention the categories of Skill Assessment and HUSL-themed Nonfiction. If you insist on focusing on one area, the general consensus crowned **writing** as the most worthwhile subject. Enjoy!

Law/ Law School Philosophy Selections:

- *What Every Law Student Really Needs to Know: An Introduction to the Study of Law*
Tracey E. George and Suzanna Sherry
- *Starting off Right in Law School*
Carolyn J. Nygren
- *Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success*
Ruta Stropus & Charlotte Taylor
- *Law School Without Fear*
Shapo & Shapo
- *Basic Concepts of Legal Thought*
George P. Fletcher

Skill Assessment Selections:

- *Reading Like a Lawyer: Time-Saving Strategies for Reading Law Like an Expert, Second Edition*
Ruth Ann McKinney
- *Plain English for Lawyers*
Richard Wydick
- *Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill, Second Edition*
David S. Romantz, Kathleen Elliott Vinson

- *Trial and Error: The Education of a Courtroom Lawyer*
John C. Tucker
- *Getting to Maybe*
Richard Michael Fischl and Jeremy Paul
- *Law Essay Exam Writing System*
<https://www.leews.com/>
- *Thinking Like a Writer: A Lawyer's Guide to Effective Writing and Editing*
Stephen V. Armstrong

HUSL-themed Nonfiction:

- *A Defiant Life: Thurgood Marshall and the Persistence of Racism in America*
Howard Ball
- *Groundwork: Charles Hamilton Houston and the Struggle for Civil Rights*
Genna Rae McNeil and Jr., A. Leon Higginbotham
- *Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice*
Larry S. Gibson
- *Emancipation*
J. Clay Smith
- *Rebels in Law*
J. Clay Smith
- *Root and Branch: Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, and the Struggle to End Segregation*
Rawn James Jr. and Dominic Hoffman

Legal-themed Nonfiction:

- *And We Are Not Saved: The Elusive Quest for Racial Justice*
Derrick A. Bell
- *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That*
Karen Clanton
- *Authority without Power Law and the Japanese Paradox*
John Owen Haley
- *Simple Justice : The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's*
- *Struggle for Equality (Vintage)*
Richard Kluger
- *A History of American Law, revised edition*

- Lawrence M. Friedman
- *The Common Law*
Oliver Wendell Holmes
- *International Law*
Mark Weston Janis
- *Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How It Threatens Creativity*
Siva Vaidhyanathan
- *The Art of Cross Examination*
Francis Wellman
- *The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court*
Bob Woodward

General Selections:

- *The Eyes on the Prize Companion Book*
Juan William
- *Justice Older than the Law: The Life of Dovey Johnson*
Dovey Johnson Roundtree, Katie McCabe
- *A Howard Reader, An Intellectual Quilt of the African-American Experience*
Paul E. Logan, Editor
- *W.E.B. DuBois, The Fight for Equality and the American Century, 1919-1963*
David Levering Lewis
- *Succeeding Against the Odds*
John H. Johnson with Lerone Bennett, Jr.
- *Vernon Can Read! A Memoir*
Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
- *How To Succeed in Business Without Being White*
Earl G. Graves
- *No Boundaries, A Cancer Surgeon's Odyssey*
LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.
- *Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law, and the American Imagination*
Steven W. Bender
- *One Night in America: Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez, and the Dream of Dignity*
Steven W. Bender
- *Crusader for Justice: Federal Judge Damon J. Keith Kindle*
Peter J. Hammer and Trevor W. Coleman