

Table of contents

| | |
|---|------------|
| Preface | xii |
| About the author | xiv |
| PART ONE: THINKING ABOUT STUDYING LAW | 1 |
| Letter 1 What is law? | 3 |
| Letter 2 Five reasons for studying law | 17 |
| Letter 3 Defending the law | 33 |
| Letter 4 Why not do something else? | 45 |
| Letter 5 But is law the right subject for me? | 55 |
| PART TWO: PREPARING TO STUDY LAW | 73 |
| Letter 6 Two hard truths | 75 |
| Letter 7 On free speech | 85 |
| Letter 8 Means and ends | 93 |
| Letter 9 Acts and omissions | 105 |
| Letter 10 The many and the few | 115 |
| Letter 11 The harm principle | 123 |
| Letter 12 Justice and rights | 131 |
| Letter 13 How (and how not) to argue | 139 |
| Letter 14 On doing the LNAT | 151 |
| PART THREE: STUDYING LAW | 161 |
| Letter 15 General tips | 163 |
| Letter 16 Avoiding problems | 173 |
| Letter 17 Making the most of your time | 181 |
| Letter 18 Using a textbook | 187 |
| Letter 19 Reading cases | 193 |

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| Letter 20 | A brief history of law reporting | 209 |
| Letter 21 | Making sense of statutes | 217 |
| Letter 22 | Getting through articles | 225 |
| Letter 23 | Getting the most out of where you are | 233 |
| PART FOUR: WRITING LIKE A LAWYER | | 245 |
| Letter 24 | How to write an essay | 247 |
| Letter 25 | How to write a problem answer | 267 |
| Letter 26 | Writing a dissertation | 287 |
| Letter 27 | Revising for, and doing, exams | 307 |
| PART FIVE: AFTER STUDYING LAW | | 317 |
| Letter 28 | Moving on | 319 |
| Appendix A | A Mini-Dictionary of English Law | 325 |
| Appendix B | <i>Century Insurance v Northern Ireland Road Transport Board</i> [1942] AC 509 | 345 |
| End notes | | 359 |
| Index | | 371 |
| Publisher's Acknowledgments | | 375 |