

TULANE LAW SCHOOL

*Office of Admission and Financial Aid*

## **Leisure Reading for the Soon-to-Be Law Student**

### **About Law School**

A. Burkhart & R. Stein, *Law School Success: A Guide to Studying Law and Taking Law School Exams* (2008).

H. Shapo & M. Shapo, *Law School Without Fear: Strategies for Success* (2002).

Karl Llewellyn, *The Bramble Bush: On Our Law and Its Study* (1981).

Kenney Hegland, *Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law* (2000).

Scott Turow, *One L.* (1997).

### **Real Cases and the Law**

Anthony Lewis, *Gideon's Trumpet* (1989).

B. Woodward & S. Armstrong, *The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court* (1979).

M. Curriden & L. Philips, *Contempt of Court: The Turn-of-the-Century Lynching Trial That Launched 100 Years of Federalism* (2001).

Dan Carter, *Scottsboro: A Tragedy of the American South* (1969).

David Kessler, *A Question of Intent: A Great American Battle With a Deadly Industry* (2002).

George Fletcher, *A Crime of Self-Defense* (1988).

Howard Jones, *Mutiny on the Amistad* (1997).

Jack Bass, *Unlikely Heroes* (1990).

Jay Feinman, *Law 101: Everything You Need to Know About the American Legal System* (2000).

Jeff Benedict, *Little Pink House: A True Story of Defiance and Courage* (2009).

Jonathan Harr, *A Civil Action* (1996).

Joseph Margulies, *Guantanamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power* (2006).

Kevin Boyle, *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* (1965).

Kurt Eichenwald, *The Informant: A True Story* (2001).

L. Rivkin & J. Silberfeld, *May It Please the Court!* (1993).

Peter Simon, *The Anatomy of a Lawsuit* (1996).

Richard Kluger, *Simple Justice* (1977).

### **Business Practice**

Andrew Ross Sorkin, *Too Big To Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System—and Themselves*

Arthur R. G. Solmssen, *The Comfort Letter* (2002).

B. Burrough, & J. Helyar, *Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco* (1991).

Charles Morris, *The Trillion Dollar Meltdown* (2008).

James Cozzens, *By Love Possessed* (1957).

Ken Auletta, *Greed and Glory on Wall Street: The Fall of the House of Lehman* (1985).

Lawrence Lederman, *Tombstones: A Lawyer's Tales from the Takeover Decades* (1992).

Michael Lewis, *The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine* (2011); *Liar's Poker* (1989).

Michael Malone, *Going Public: MIPS Computer and the Entrepreneurial Dream* (1992).

### **Constitutional Law and History**

Anthony Lukas, *Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families* (1986).

David Currie, *The Constitution of the United States: A Primer for the People* (2000).

David Garrow, *Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade* (1998).

Jack Rakove, *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* (1997).

Lucas Powe Jr., *The Warren Court and American Politics* (2000).

Tinsley Yarbrough, *The Rehnquist Court and the Constitution* (2000).

Vicki C. Jackson, *Constitutional Engagement in a Transnational Era* (2009).

## **Criminal Law and Procedure**

David Simon, (Author, Producer) *The Wire* (in DVD format) (2002-2008).

Wilbert Rideau, *In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment and Deliverance* (2010).

## **Environmental Law**

Alan Paton, *Ah, But Your Land Is Beautiful* (1996).

Barry Commoner, *The Closing Circle* (1971).

Bill McKibben, *The End of Nature* (1999).

Edward Wilson, *The Diversity of Life* (1992).

Jared Diamond, *Collapse* (2006).

John Barry, *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America* (2006).

John McPhee, *The Control of Nature* (1990).

Joseph Sax, *Defending the Environment* (1971).

Mark Hertsgaard, *Hot: Living Through the Next Fifty Years on Earth* (2011).

Mike Tidwell, *Bayou Farwell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast* (2003);  
*Ravaging Tide: Strange Weather, Future Katrinas, and the Coming Death of America's Coastal Cities* (2007).

Oliver Houck, *Taking Back Eden* (2009).

R. Lazarus & O. Houck, eds., *Environmental Law Stories* (2000).

## **Fiction**

A.P. Herbert, *Uncommon Law* (2001).

Agatha Christie, *Witness for the Prosecution* (1933).

Albert Camus, *The Stranger* (1942); "The Guest." *Exile and the Kingdom* (1957).

Charles Dickens, *Bleak House* (1852).

Cornelius Grafton, *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt* (1980).

Cyril Hare, *Tragedy at Law* (1942); *An English Murder* (1951).

Franz Kafka, *The Trial* (1925).

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960).

Herman Melville, *Billy Budd* (1924).

James Cozzens, *The Just and Unjust* (1942).

John Grisham, *The Firm* (1991); *The Client* (1993); *Pelican Brief* (1992); *A Time to Kill* (1989); *The Rainmaker* (1995).

John Mortimer, *Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders* (2004).

John Jay Osborne, *The Associates* (1979); *The Paper Chase* (1971).

John K. Toole, *A Confederacy of Dunces* (1980).

Kermit Roosevelt, *In the Shadow of the Law: A Novel* (2006).

Louis Auchincloss, *The Partners* (1974); *Powers of Attorney* (1963).

R. Rose & S. Sergel, *Twelve Angry Men* (1949).

Robert Traver, *Anatomy of a Murder* (1958).

Scott Turow, *Presumed Innocent* (1989); *The Laws of Our Fathers* (1998).

William Faulkner, *Intruder in the Dust* (1948).

William Shakespeare, *Merchant of Venice* (1600); *Measure for Measure* (1623).

### **Legal History**

Edward White, *The American Judicial Tradition* (1988).

G. Gilmore & R. Collins, *The Death of Contract* (1974).

Joel William Friedman, *Champion of Civil Rights: Judge John Minor Wisdom* (2009).

Kermit Hall, *The Magic Mirror: Law in American History* (1989).

Lawrence Friedman, *Crime and Punishment in American History* (1994); *American Law in the Twentieth Century* (2002).

### **Legal Research and Writing**

Note: These books are recommended by our Legal Research & Writing faculty for all first-year students.

Richard C. Wydick, *Plain English for Lawyers* (4th ed. 1998).

Bryan A. Garner, *Legal Writing in Plain English* (2001).

William Zinsser, *On Writing Well* (7th ed. 2006).

### **Maritime and Admiralty Law**

Matt McCleery, *The Shipping Man* (2011).

### **Mostly Philosophical and Theoretical**

Edward Levi, *An Introduction to Legal Reasoning* (1962).

### **Sports Law**

Brad Snyder, *A Well Paid Slave: Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports* (2006).

Michael Lewis, *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* (2006).

Paul Weiler, *Leveling the Playing Field: How the Law Can Make Sports Better for the Fans* (2001).

### **Others**

A. Hill & E. Jordan, eds., *Race, Gender, and Power in America* (1995).

A. Scalia, & B. Garner, *Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges* (2008).

Alan Dershowitz, *The Best Defense* (1983).

Charles C. Mann, *1493, Uncovering the New World Columbus Created* (2011).

Cynthia Epstein, *Women In Law* (1993).

Derrick Bell, *And We Are Not Saved* (1989); *Faces At the Bottom of the Well* (1993).

Eric Redman, *The Dance of Legislation* (1973).

Jack Goldsmith, (2007). *The Terror Presidency*.

James Kunen, *How Can You Defend Those People: The Making of a Criminal Lawyer* (1985).

Kimm Walton, *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2008).

Laura Nader, *The Life of the Law* (2002).

Lloyd Bonfield, *American Law & the American Legal System in a Nutshell* (2006).

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., *The Annotated Common Law* (1881, 2010).

P. Irons, *The Courage of Their Convictions* (1990).

Randall Kennedy, *Race, Crime, and the Law* (1998).