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To Debbie, Alex, and Ben,  
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Countless dedicated and hard-working law graduates enjoy successful and satisfying careers in the law even though they did not excel on law school examinations. Good grades in law school, however, undeniably will open doors for you and greatly increase your options.

Indeed, grades earned in the first year and even in the first semester can have a disproportionate effect on the range of opportunities open to you. Good grades in the first year can open doors to a summer clerkship or a position on a law journal, which in turn can pave the way to other opportunities.

Notably, your grade in a typical law course is based entirely — or nearly entirely — on your performance on a single examination at the end of the semester. Consequently, it is imperative that you understand the nature of law school examinations, learn how to prepare well for them, and do your best on them by applying sound examination technique.

Unfortunately, most law schools provide little or no instruction on the examination process to the general student body. This creates the possibility that you can learn the law thoroughly and yet fail to perform your best on the all-important examination. This book seeks to close that gap by empowering you to apply your accumulated skills and knowledge to exams in the most effective possible manner.

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