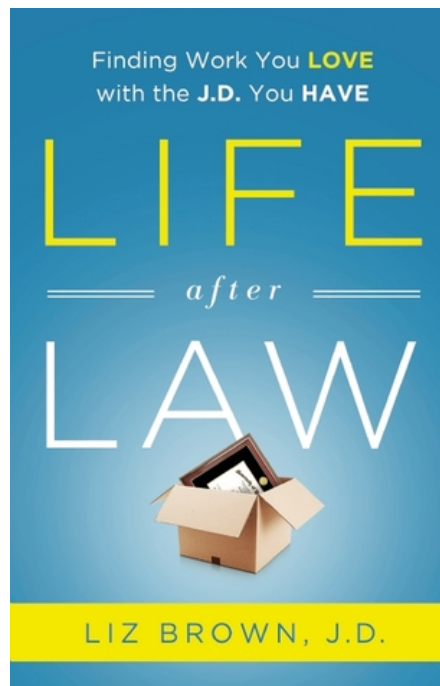




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Written by Harvard-trained ex-law firm partner Liz Brown, *Life After Law: Finding Work You Love with the J.D. You Have* provides specific, realistic, and honest advice on alternative careers for lawyers. Unlike generic career guides, *Life After Law* shows lawyers how to reframe their legal experience to their competitive advantage, no matter how long they have been in or out of practice, to find work they truly love. Brown herself moved from a high-powered partnership position into an alternate career and draws from this experience, as well as that of dozens of former practicing attorneys, in the book. She acknowledges that changing careers is hard – much harder than it was for most lawyers to get their first legal job after law school – but it can ultimately be more fulfilling for many than a life in law. *Life After Law* offers an alternative framework and valuable analytic tools for potential careers to help launch lawyers into new fields and make them attractive hires for non-legal employers.

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Chris says

A series of case studies about people who instead of hanging up a shingle, hung the whole thing up and found something else to do.

Lisa Dellaquila says

Informative book about transitioning from the legal world to other, more personally fulfilling careers. I liked the personal anecdotes from each career-transitioning former attorney, and I enjoyed how the author detailed her own career transition. This was the pep talk that I needed!

Sarah says

Brown says at the beginning of the book - "There are happy lawyers in every area of the law and every type of practice. I have the greatest respect for these lawyers. This book is not for them." And I think that sums up the ratings of this book.

This book has a few chapters on her own departure from law, a few practical chapters (how to start, a few self-reflecting exercises, informational interviews, advocating for yourself...), but the bulk of the book is a collection of profiles of former lawyers who found satisfying second (or third, or...) careers outside the law. It's a quick read (especially if you know certain fields aren't for you and want to skip those profiles), and I enjoyed it.

Christina says

3.5 stars. Encouraging. Makes you believe that alternatives to private practice are possible, but is too vague and general re: how to make that happen.

Marjorie says

Liz Brown introduces her readers to a remarkable group of “recovering” lawyers who have found success beyond the bar: A former Harvard law professor finds new life as an acupuncturist; A Supreme Court reporter once toiled in NYT's legal department, and a former district attorney becomes the caretaker of a remote island ecosystem. How did they do it? How did they find the courage and resources to leave their life in the law to create a world wholly removed from all they had ever known? Brown explores the stories of these and other recovering lawyers to help you fashion your own blueprint to happiness beyond the bar.

Blake Atkerson says

Loads of Inspo

I enjoyed the approach of this book by combining inward reflection with examples. I would like to see more stories of people who did not start at big law firms but different paths.

Gila says

Misery loves company. Maybe you picked this up after admitting to yourself that you are not happy with your career choice, despite all the time and money put into a law degree. Maybe you feel anxious or down or just realized you're not doing what you should be doing in life. There is a whole community out there of folks that are struggling with wanting to leave a legal practice to do something else ... but not knowing how. This book doesn't have all the answers, but it is a comforting read and provides a good pep talk.
