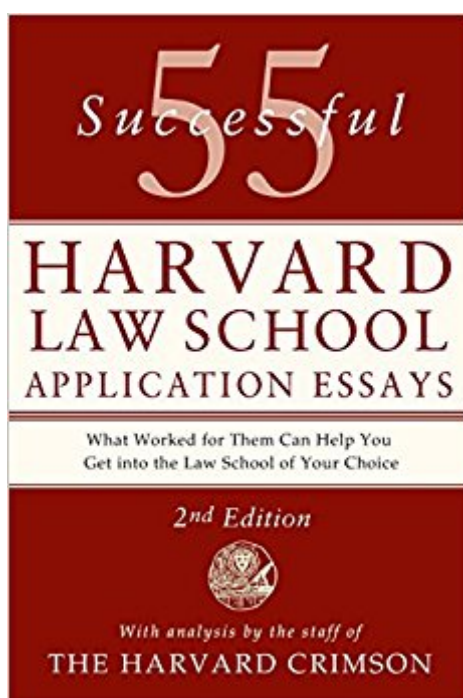


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# 55 Successful Harvard Law School Application Essays: With Analysis By The Staff Of The Harvard Crimson



## Synopsis

Harvard Law School is one of the premier law schools in the world. It as well as other top schools draws thousands of applicants from the best colleges and companies. With only a limited number of slots for so many talented applicants, the admissions officers have become more and more selective every year, the competition has become fierce, and even the best and brightest could use an edge. This completely new edition of *55 Successful Harvard Law School Application Essays* is the best resource for anyone looking for that edge. Through the most up-to-date sample essays from the Harvard Law School students who made the cut and insightful analysis from the staff at *The Harvard Crimson*, it shows you how best to:

- \* Argue your case effectively
- \* Arrange your accomplishments for maximum impact
- \* Avoid common pitfalls

*55 Successful Harvard Law School Application Essays* guides you toward writing essays that do more than simply list your background and accomplishments. These are essays that reveal your passion for the law as well as the discipline you bring to this demanding profession and will help you impress any admissions department. The all-new essays and straightforward and time-saving advice will give you all the insider tips you'll need to write the essays that will get you into the best law schools in the world.

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The *Harvard Crimson* has been the daily newspaper of Harvard University since 1873. It is the nation's oldest continually operating daily college newspaper.

These are supposed to be some of the best law application essays. But I disagree. Maybe a third or a 4th of the essays are not that well written. Maybe I expect too much from Harvard. The essay examples remain helpful as it gives you ideas on how to go about developing your own law essay. It is reassuring that a significant number of the essays are about ordinary experiences; sometimes they are about a single moment of a few minutes in their lives and they use that to elaborate on their thoughts and how that led them to their desire to become lawyers. So, not everyone has a mother Theresa type of experience that they wrote about. Essays are written by people who entered from different majors and ages, including older applicants who were working for several years and decided on a complete career change. The critiques by the Crimson staff are helpful and usually they are the similar to my own critique. The essays are grouped into general topics.

Somewhat useful.

It was delivered in good condition and the book is very clean.

Everythin goes well

I went through all the essays in this book and flagged the ones that really stuck out to me. Then, I tried to figure out what was so great about my favorite essays. This helped me find out what I liked as a reader -- the first step to becoming a good writer. After that, it was just a matter of practicing getting my essay to sound like me. Aside from inspiration, a great way to use this book is to help the people (and there should be MANY of them) who will be critiquing your personal statement. For friends who didn't understand what a law school PS should look like, I'd ask them to read one of the essays in this book, then read my PS. This gave them context for what they should be looking for and helped me get good feedback! And it worked -- I'm going to a top 3 school in the fall (:

I found reading other students' essays much more helpful than I found the critiques from the Crimson staff. The critiques felt short and largely empty. I also did not find the opinions of the Crimson staff especially helpful because they are not members of the Admissions Committee who were responsible for the admission of these students, nor were they privy to the other admissions components, including addendums, which can often hold weight. Of course, a great essay is necessary to get into Harvard Law, but I doubt the Crimson staff is the right group to be critiquing these essays. Their critiques do not seem to be worth the \$\$\$\$. Skip this one and have some friends

and mentors edit your essay. Not much help here.

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