
dropping out

Posted by jennish - 2010/01/14 21:41

I am a 2L law student in Ohio. I now in my 2nd semester 2nd yr of law school. I really only have 1 1/2 yrs of classes plus the bar exam remaining. The problem is that i do not enjoy studying the law, writing or researching cases. While many subject are interesting, i dont feel fulfilled and i want to look into other opportunities. The problem is that i'm not sure what i want to do. I have an undergraduate degree in corporate finance from Regent Univ and i am attending a T50 law school. The problem is that my brain is so fried from classes that i cant determine how to analyze what it is that will make me happy. So, since i watch the legalnut forums, i am hoping someone can point me in the right direction.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by bucksoplenty - 2010/01/21 21:19

the problem with dropping out is that you have nothing to show for your efforts and you still have student loans and not license to practice law. What will you do to earn a living if you drop out?

At least if you get your degree, pass the bar, you can pay off your debt and get on track to do something else.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by Greg() - 2010/01/25 20:59

I get bucksoplenty's point, but the flip side of that is incurring additional debt in a profession that's simply not making the money it used to. Just ask the lawyers out there. Most of them aren't happy and aren't making a satisfactory income.

That said, before you drop out, check with your law school to find out how long you can be away from school and still return to continue your education. Just understand your options. A corp finance is a pretty lucrative degree/background.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by TMI - 2010/01/27 20:38

I think that the problem is that you think that you can actually be happy with school or a career. I think that happiness is the ultimate illusion.

You've come this far, just finish LS, payoff your debt and live the American dream of getting married, divorced, making a million and loosing it all!

chow!

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Re:dropping out

Posted by jpol - 2010/01/31 22:04

I would tend to agree with TMI (except for his spelling!)

Finish you law degree, use it any way you want and at least you can put the degree in your pocket and use it when you want. If you give up now, then you have only your law school loans to show for your efforts.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by Docket - 2010/02/03 15:52

hello sir,

"How To Drop Out" has been my most popular piece of writing for more than four years. In that time I've bought some land, which you can read about on my landblog, and I've shifted my main residence to Spokane, where it's harder to find good food in dumpsters, so my expenses are higher. Also, I've decided I need to be even more aggressive in dispelling the very powerful myths that are tied to the idea of dropping out of society. So here's a new short version of the essay, hitting the main points, adding a few new points, and really hammering the points that people keep missing. The original essay is below it.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by William - 2010/04/01 20:23

I think one should consider dropping out of law school only if they have better options. If not, stick with it as its a great education and can open many doors.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by laurie - 2010/04/05 20:27

My brother is a 3rd year resident at the Mayo clinic and said that 3 of his classmates have dropped out as they cant stand the lifestyle of physicians. In addition, there is real concern that physician pay will be drastically reduced under the Obama health care reform. So, every professional has their own peaks and valleys. I agree with William. Stick with the law unless you have another option with fewer hurdles. Otherwise, the law is a great education which will open many doors.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by J. Cochran - 2010/04/06 20:29

It would be interesting to hear from someone that actually dropped out of law school. Any takers?

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Re:dropping out

Posted by Bob - 2010/04/08 20:24

The drop outs are working the drive thru at McD's

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Posted by proximityinfotech1 - 2010/07/15 05:46

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Re:dropping out

Posted by Targus - 2010/07/28 22:10

i fundamentally disagree with pmixer's post. It generally takes 10yrs at a firm to make the wage that a doctor makes right out of law school. A doctor that is 10 yrs into his career has accumulated a lot more wealth than the attorney working his way up at the law firm.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by Francis - 2010/08/12 20:38

We must have the same father and i am sticking with the practice of law for the same reason. Nice to know that i'm not alone.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by PennST bound - 2010/08/17 22:19

It all depends on the law school which you graduate from, your skill set and your client base. I know many attorneys which annually out earn physicians.

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Re:dropping out

Posted by smarx08 - 2010/08/23 20:52

Say what you want about there being too many attorneys, but its my modo that there is always room for another great attorney and having a law degree doesnt limit you to practicing law. In fact, most attorneys i know either dont practice law or practice law and have other businesses that are not law related.

So, for me, i look forward to getting my law degree as it will give me more opportunities than i have right now.

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Posted by Chantoke - 2010/10/04 23:51

Re:dropping out

Posted by Preston - 2010/10/05 21:27

Lets do 10yr averaging. Unless you're getting 100MM class action cases, doc salaries beat attorney salaries.

	Attorney	doctor	----	Salary over 10 years
yr 1	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00		
yr 2	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00		
yr 3	\$60,000.00	\$35,000.00		
yr 4	\$70,000.00	\$35,000.00		
yr 5	\$80,000.00	\$175,000.00		
yr 6	\$90,000.00	\$200,000.00		
yr 7	\$100,000.00	\$225,000.00		
yr 8	\$110,000.00	\$250,000.00		

yr 9	\$120,000.00	\$275,000.00
yr 10	\$130,000.00	\$300,000.00
	\$850,000.00	\$1,565,000.00

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