

THING YOU NEED TO KNOW #14: Sucking Up- It Isn't Just For Brown-Nosers

As you may now realize, law school is tough. There is a lot to learn, remember, organize and process. It's a juggling act that requires you to keep a lot of balls in the air once. One of the things that you can do to make things easier on yourself is to regularly meet with your professors.

Law professors are people; average, ordinary people. Do not hold them in any other regard, and use this knowledge to your advantage. They almost all can and do relate to your plight. They also want to help those souls brave enough to ask for it. Be one of the brave ones.

Bear in mind that your classes are based on lesson plans and curriculum set by the faculty of your school. The professors have to cram certain key aspects of the law into every lecture, and they have to move through the term's material in a timely manner. They have limited latitude to leave out material or to gloss over most areas of the law. This means that they have to keep moving ahead, even when you cannot keep pace. They are not ignorant of this fact; they expect this. They are also usually very willing to assist. Visiting your professors regularly will allow you to ask questions about all of the things you did not pick up on or were unclear about in class. It also allows you to make sure that you understand the things you think you picked up *correctly*.

Visiting your professors regularly may also help your grade. It allows you to make sure that you are on the same page as your professor, i.e., that you see the law in the same way that the professor does. This will aide

"...Make it a point to visit each professor during their office hours a couple times per semester. Think of at least one or two questions. This face time is important for your grade and not being intimidated by the professor when they call on you in class..."

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