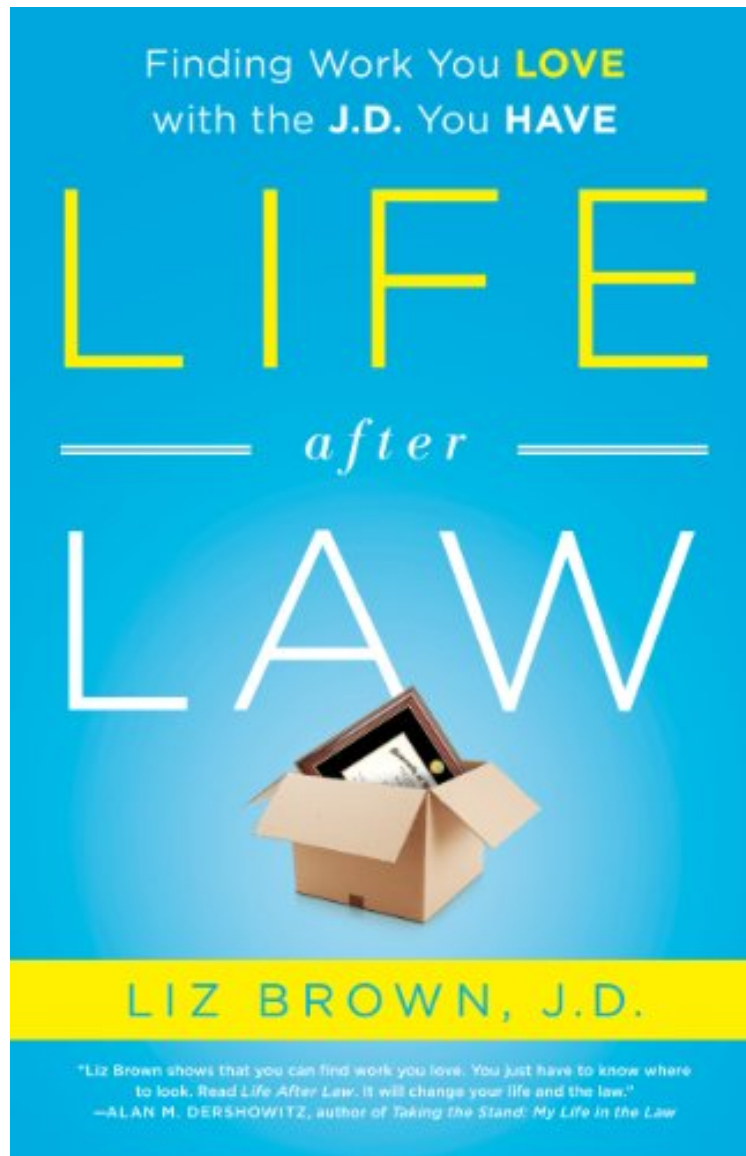


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Liz Brown : Life After Law: Finding Work You Love with the J.D. You Have before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Life After Law: Finding Work You Love with the J.D. You Have:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loads of InspoBy Blake AtkersonI 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.36 of 40 people found the following review helpful. Nice idea, limited examples.By L.H.It's a nice idea, but after a while I got tired of reading "Harvard Law grad, partner at huge firm (ie made tons of

money), spouse so supportive while I figured out what I wanted to do next..."It wasn't really relevant to my circumstances. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Other options: Theory and practice By Brian Melendez I have been a practicing lawyer for more than two decades. I enjoy my work; I love my clients; and on most days, I look forward to going to the office and helping my clients resolve problems. So I am not exactly this book's audience, as its introduction says: "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. This book is for the other lawyers" Even so, I kept reading, and was very impressed with how Liz Brown has drawn a roadmap for the "other lawyers." She opens the book with observations about why the lawyers in the book's intended audience may "feel trapped by their work rather than energized by it," then delves into practical advice about how to examine and assess those feelings, and ultimately about how to act on them. There is also a chapter devoted particularly to women lawyers. The book's final nine chapters -- about two-thirds of the book -- are devoted to 30 case studies of lawyers who have successfully transitioned to other careers using their legal background as a starting point. The book helpfully groups these career alternatives into categories: writer, entrepreneur, artisan, analyst, professor, consultant, advocate, healer, independent. I came away from the book no less happy with my day job (indeed, feeling fortunate that I enjoy it as much as I do), but happily mindful that there are other options available, and that the doors to those other options aren't difficult to open.

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 into an alternative 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.

"This wonderful book is the answer to the 'Thank-God-it's-Friday's' syndrome that affects so many lawyers who dread Monday. Liz Brown shows that you can find work you love. You just have to know where to look. You can do good and do well. You just have to be creative about your job. Read *Life After Law*. It will change your life and the law." — Alan M. Dershowitz, author of *Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law*

"How do I get out of the law?" is a question that lawyers constantly ask me. Liz Brown's *Life After Law* answers that vital question. She gives practical information and timely advice—plus, real-life examples of lawyers who've made it to the other side. A worthwhile read for any lawyer who's thinking of making a career change." — Vivia Chen, senior reporter at *The American Lawyer* and the creator of *The Careerist* blog

"I'm a big believer in the power of serendipity, and *Life After Law* is an excellent guide for lawyers who are thinking about making a career change. The lawyers Liz Brown profiles are terrific examples of people who have taken their skills and education and applied them in new ways. Law and medicine are probably two of the most difficult professions to leave, and yet the skills and knowledge both require are broadly adaptable in other kinds of work. *Life After Law* is a must-read book for lawyers who dream of different careers." — Jim Koch, brewer and founder of Boston Beer Company

"If you've ever wondered what else you could do with a law degree, you will love *Life After Law*. Drawing from her own experience and the stories of thirty other inspiring ex-lawyers, Liz Brown has created an amazing toolkit for leaving the law and succeeding in a different career that capitalizes on your talents and fits your values. It's a fantastic read, and a resource you'll come back to over and over again." — Gloria Feldt, co-founder and president of *Take The Lead* and author of *No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power*

"*Life After Law* is not just a great book for lawyers, former lawyers, and law students considering non-traditional paths but also a great reminder for all of us to 'follow our North Star' and carve our own path—a creative and meaningful one. This is not merely a 'think outside of the box' book, it is a 'leap outside of the box' dare." — Peter H. Reynolds, author of *The Dot, Ish, and The North Star* and founder of *FableVision Studios*

"Unhappy lawyers, this book is for you! Liz Brown's *Life After Law* is the definitive guide to alternate careers for lawyers, blending superb advice, strategy, and success stories in an authentic voice that could only come from someone who has been there herself." — Carol Fishman Cohen, co-founder of *iRelaunch* and co-author of *Back on the Career Track*

"*Life After Law* is an essential resource for any lawyer who questions staying in traditional practice. By telling the stories of actual ex-lawyers' transitions, and focusing on what made them successful, it provides an inspiring, realistic set of new career options and shows how versatile legal skills can be. No matter what you love to do, in or out of law practice, this book will show you a better way forward." — Deborah Epstein Henry, Esq., founder president, *Flex-Time Lawyers LLC*; author of *Law and Reorder: Legal Industry Solutions for Restructure, Retention, Promotion Work/Life Balance*

"This book is a powerful antidote for the tunnel vision often fostered by our legal culture and education. It thoughtfully reminds lawyers that they have acquired a wide range of knowledge and skills which they can use to

improve both the world and their own lives.” — Michael Astrue, former Commissioner of Social Security “If you are a lawyer hoping that there is life beyond the law but fearing the impossibility of your yearning, this book is a must-read. Although there are many helpful books that instruct you to analyze your transferable skills and interests, here Liz Brown has filled a gaping hole in print resources: the stories of 30 lawyers who have successfully transferred their own skills into satisfying career paths outside the law. Bravo to Liz for providing such a compassionate and hopeful window into the possible future for so many unhappy lawyers who otherwise might fear to dream!” — Ellen Ostrow, Ph.D. PCC, Lawyers Life Coach LLC “This is the how to book that women lawyers – heck, most lawyers – have been waiting for. Brown understands the bonds that tie so many attorneys to the profession that they and their families too often come to despise. She starts but doesn't stop with complaints that will be familiar to every J.D. in the land. Quickly covering the fools' gold of property, power, and prestige that has kept so many of us in platinum handcuffs, she lays out a step-by-step course of action that can take any lawyer from the courthouse or corporate conference room to a satisfying, productive and lucrative occupation. It takes courage, of course, but with Liz Brown by your side saying you can do it! you really can.” — Victoria Pynchon, J.D., LL.M, co-founder, She Negotiates Consulting and Training “Prepare to be uplifted! Liz Brown's Life After Law proves that lawyers can use their training to find non-traditional careers that leave them happy and fulfilled. With a refreshing candor and conversational style, this great book shows how smart lawyers are finding work they love outside of the corner office.” — Hollee Schwartz Temple, author of Good Enough Is the New Perfect: Finding Happiness and Success in Modern Motherhood