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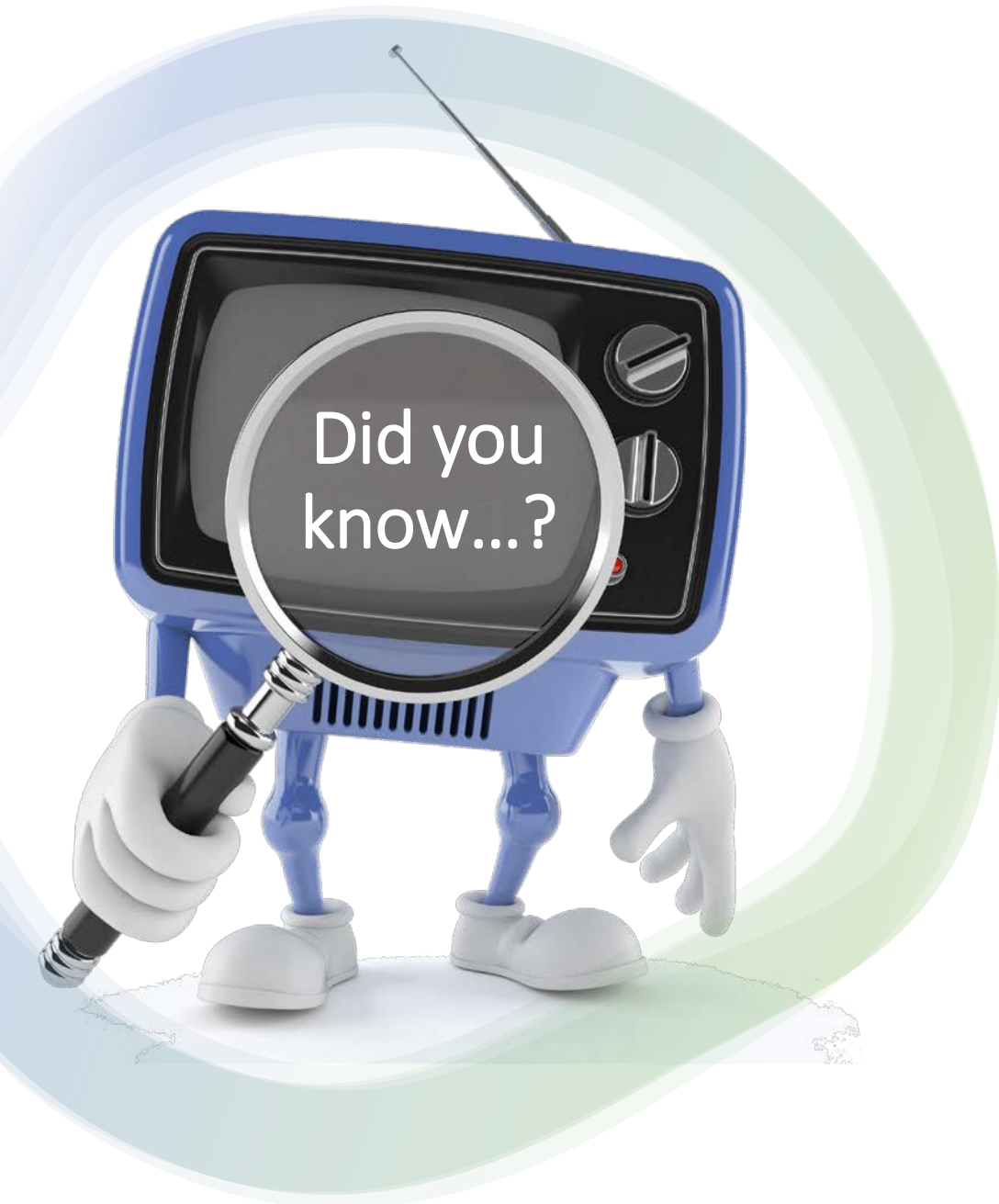
Demystifying the Legal Profession

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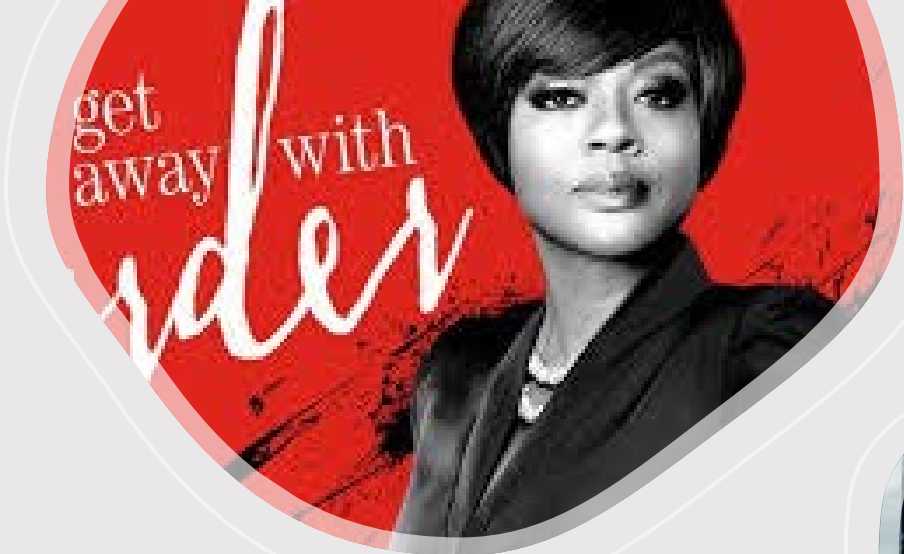




Why did we choose the
legal profession?



A recent poll of 500 people working in the legal industry revealed that more than 50% stated that legal TV shows influenced their career choice.



What are some of your favorite legal shows or movies?

Path to Becoming a Lawyer



High School

- Resume building – Get involved!
- Explore your interest in law
 - Things you can do to help decide if you want to become a lawyer:
 - Go to your local courthouse
 - Shadow or interview a lawyer





College

- No specific study of area required.
- Some helpful degrees:
 - English
 - History
 - Psychology
 - Business
 - Accounting
 - Criminal Justice
 - STEM
- Build your resume
- Get good grades
- Take the LSAT

The Law School Experience



Louisiana State University – Paul M. Hebert Law Center



Loyola College of Law



Tulane University of Law



Southern University Law Center



Obstacles in the Path to Becoming a Lawyer

- Grades
- Financial Aid
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)
- Law School Exams
- Bar Exam





What Can You Do with a Law Degree?

- Judge
- Legislator
- Prosecutor
- Criminal Defense Lawyer
- Civil Defense Lawyer
- Military Lawyer (JAG)
- Administrative or Regulatory Lawyer
- Sports/Talent Agent
- Compliance Officer
- Transactional Lawyer
- Professor



No Vehicles in the Park



- How are laws made?
- How are laws interpreted?
- How are laws enforced?

No Vehicles in the Park



The Town of Beautifca has established a lovely park in the city. The city council wished to preserve some elements of nature, undisturbed by city noise, traffic, pollution, and crowding. It is a place where people can go and find grass, trees, flowers, and quiet. In addition, there are playgrounds and picnic areas. To make sure the park stays as it is, the city council passed a law, called an ordinance. At all entrances to the park, the following sign is posted: "NO VEHICLES IN THE PARK."

The law seems clear but some disputes have arisen over the interpretation of the law. The definition of vehicle is "something with wheels that carries people or things." Interpret the law in the below cases keeping in mind the letter (what the words say) of the law as well as the intent (the goal) of the law.

The Courthouse has several new cases on its docket that need to be adjudicated.



What is a “vehicle?”

Case One:

John Smith lives on one side of the town and works on the other side. He drove through the park because it saved him 10 minutes.

_____ Yes _____ No



Case Two:

There are many trash barrels in the park so that people may deposit trash without leaving the park. The sanitation department entered the park in their trash trucks to go in to collect the trash.

Yes No





Case Three:

Two police cars were chasing a suspected bank robber when one car cut through the park to get in front of the suspect car and trap him between the patrol cars.

_____ Yes

_____ No



Case Four:

Some of the children who visit the park decided to ride their bicycles there.

_____ Yes _____ No



Case Five:

Jim and John rode their skateboards on the road in the park.

_____ Yes

_____ No





Questions?



Available Resources

- Louisiana State Bar Association – Suit Up for the Future
 - This program is available to incoming high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates who are interested in the legal profession. Students participate in a three-week legal institute, during which they attend an abridged law school session, field trips to law schools and courts, and an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts. Students provide their own transportation and housing. Over the course of the three-week program, students will be introduced to lawyers, legal documents, and the legal system all designed to assist them in pondering one important question, “Do I really want to be a lawyer?”
 - June 10-28, 2024
 - To sign up: www.lsba.org/diversity/suitupforthefuturehome
- Federal Bar Association Annual Justice Camp
 - The Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter hosts an annual Justice Camp for students entering the 9th and 10th grade. The program is traditionally held mid-summer at the United States Eastern District of Louisiana Courthouse. This free camp offers the opportunity to learn from judges, lawyers, and federal law enforcement agents in the federal courthouse. The curriculum includes guest speakers, classroom lectures, videos, observations of criminal and civil proceedings, and culminates with a mock trial.
 - June 24-28, 2024
 - To sign up: www.fbaneworleans.org/justice-camp