

“You got into Harvard law?”

Legally Blonde has been one of my favorite movies growing up. I loved it at a young age and I enjoy it even more now because this movie has taught me multiple lessons. The number one lesson that this movie taught me is that you can do anything if you give it 100%.

Elle, the main character, was planning on getting engaged to her boyfriend after graduation. Her boyfriend, Warner, broke up with her and said that his family wants him to marry someone who has a future in their career. Warner got into Harvard law and Elle decided to apply to Harvard law and follow Warner in hopes of connecting with him again.

In terms of reality of the movie to real law school, Elle scored a 179 on the LSAT which a perfect score is a 180. So Elle tested extremely well on the LSAT. For her essay, she decided to make a video instead of writing an essay. In the real world of applying to law school, this is unheard of. People who want to apply to law school will need to write an essay, have a resume, have LSAT scores and letters of recommendation. There are multiple factors needed when applying to law school, a video essay is not needed. In the movie, Elle was accepted into Harvard law and started law school in the fall.

When Elle arrived at Harvard, her first day of class didn't go as planned. In her first class, the professor used a method called “socratic method” meaning that the professor can call on anyone in the class to answer the question. The professor asked Elle a question about the reading, Elle explained she had no idea that there was a reading. The professor eventually kicked her out of class since she wasn't prepared. According to my expert, the socratic method is used quite often in law school.

Later on in the movie, Elle got an internship at a prestigious law firm and was working on a murder case. The firm met with the client and when asked for her alibi, she would not tell them her alibi. Elle realized that the client was in the same sorority as her so they banded over that. Elle visited the client alone to get the alibi and lied on the form signing a different name which is not allowed. According to my expert, some states allow law students and interns working with a law firm to be alone with clients but some states do not allow an unsupervised law student without a professional representation while talking to the client. Elle lied on the sign-in waiver form which could be used as evidence to the opposing case or could change the outcome of the trial.

Overall, this movie is great! I would highly recommend it to someone who wants to know more about law school. Although there are some fictional aspects of law school portrayed in the movie, it does accurately display the determination of graduating from law school. Elle had to work extremely hard and did so! This is a great “feel good movie”. Truly one of my favorite movies!



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