

Syracuse University
College of Law
Legal Writer's Toolkit

Summer 2020 Alternative Reading List

Tomorrow's Lawyers

The first book in the 2020 alternative reading list is "**Tomorrow's Lawyers: An Introduction To Your Future**" by Richard Susskind. The book, published by Oxford University Press, is in its second edition.

In this book the author grapples with the question of what legal practice will look like in the near future, and in particular tries to answer some of the questions posed by technology and how it will affect the way law is practiced. The author considers how artificial intelligence will change the way lawyers practice law and the tasks they are asked to perform and considers what law firms will look like. The author questions the way law will be practiced and taught, and provides a bracing, if not always comfortable, view of the legal market that you will be entering and working in. You might not agree with everything the author has to say, but he provides an important vision of what the future for lawyers might look like.

This book was selected by the Dean of the College of Law, Craig Boise. Dean Boise's bio on the College of Law's website tells us that "Craig M. Boise is the 12th Dean (installed July 1, 2016) and Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law, where he has established a reputation as one of legal education's leading innovators.

During his nine years as a law school dean, he has established one of the nation's two largest hybrid online J.D. programs, the first online joint J.D./M.B.A. program, one of the earliest Master of Legal Studies programs for non-lawyers, the nation's first law-school based incubator for solo practitioners, and a "risk-free" J.D. program granting a master's degree in law to students who elect not to pursue a law career after successfully completing their first year of law school.

Before coming to Syracuse, Dean Boise was Dean and Joseph C. Hostetler-BakerHostetler Chair in Law at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He has held faculty positions at DePaul University College of Law, where he was also Director of the Graduate Tax Program, and Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He has taught a variety of tax courses, and his scholarship on US corporate and international tax policy and offshore financial centers has been published in the **Texas International Law Journal**, the **George Mason Law Review**, and the **Minnesota Law Review**, among others.

Before beginning his academic career, Dean Boise practiced tax law for more than eight years at Cleary Gottlieb and Akin Gump, in New York, and at Thompson Hine, in Cleveland, OH. He clerked for the Hon. Pasco M. Bowman II, of the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Dean Boise earned his LL.M. in Taxation from NYU, his J.D. from the University of Chicago, and his bachelor's degree in political science, summa cum laude, from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he also completed substantial coursework in piano performance at the university's Conservatory of Music.

Dean Boise is a former member of the ABA's Standards Review Committee and the Steering Committee of the AALS's Deans' Forum. In 2018, he served as Co-Chair of the transition team for New York Attorney General Tish James. He is a member of the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law and is admitted to the bar in New York and Ohio.”

A list of focus questions designed to help you get the most out of Tomorrow's Lawyers is available as a separate document.