



Amazon description of the book:

In *Legal Briefs: The Ups and Downs of Life in the Law*, editor Roger Witten takes us behind the scenes of some of the most fascinating court cases of the last few decades, while introducing us to the sometimes strange, and sometimes comical situations these lawyers have experienced during their long careers.

This collection features twenty lawyers of varying backgrounds and expertise writing with pizzazz, humor, and passion about such significant events as the Watergate break-in; the 9/11 Commission; the Iranian hostage crisis, and more. They write of tackling issues concerning money in politics and Citizens United; same-sex parental custody rights; and the contempt charge against Martin Luther King Jr. And we are also treated to intimate portraits of some unique clients and towering figures in the legal world.

This book will delight all readers, not just those with a specific interest in the law. As Roger Witten writes in the introduction, these stories “reveal the ups and downs of a life in the law by telling stories that are dramatic, moving,

and/or amusing. Some are tongue-in-cheek. Others are serious but never dull.”

Dear Dartmouth friends,

As some of us discussed on the email chain Coops initiated, I am excited to tell you, once again, about my recently published book called *Legal Briefs - The Ups and Downs of Life in the Law*. It is an anthology of entertaining and informative short essays by a distinguished lineup of lawyers, including 68s Bill Kolasky and Warren Cooke. The book should appeal to non-lawyers as well as lawyers. Please see below for how to buy the book.

Here is what the reviewers say:

**Harvard Law School Professor Charles Fried**, who sadly just passed away:

“This engaging album of charmingly written, often self-deprecating snapshots of the life of the law by a great variety of top lawyers gives a sense of why the life of the law and a life in the law are not only useful, but intriguing, surprising, and often even entertaining.”

**Lance Liebman, former Harvard Law School Professor and Columbia Law School Dean:**

“I really liked these 24 accounts of high-end lawyering over the past 50 years, all relevant to the work of today's lawyers, valuable for law students, and interesting for non-lawyers.”

**Dartmouth Comparative Literature Professor Irene Kacandes:**

“This carefully written, and often entertaining book can be read with profit and pleasure by all kinds of readers: those who participate in the legal world . . . and ordinary citizens who will discover new perspectives on events and people they thought they knew . . .”

**Jill Wine-Banks, former Watergate prosecutor, author of *The Watergate Girl*, and MSNBC commentator:**

“What a great idea. A varied compilation of fun and serious short stories by and about lawyers and the lessons drawn from their experiences . . .”

The lawyers who have contributed these essays are:

- Harriet Cohen
- Louis Cohen
- Warren Cooke
- Richard Davis
- Stuart Gerson
- Henry Hecht
- Michael Helfer
- Richard Janis
- Nelson Johnson
- Martin Kaplan
- Mark Kessel
- Bill Kolasky
- Carol Lee
- Dan Marcus
- Martha Minow
- Robert Mundheim
- Trevor Potter
- Jim Quarles
- Andrew Tannenbaum, and
- Me

*Legal Briefs* can be purchased in several ways:

You can purchase one copy of the book directly from me with a check or cash in the amount of \$25.00 per copy plus \$8.00 for postage. My mailing address is 1010 5th Avenue 1F, NY, NY 10028. If you want multiple copies, I suggest you go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnes&noble.com](http://barnes&noble.com) and search for “Legal Briefs Roger Witten.” Many thanks.