

**AALS WORKSHOP FOR NEW LAW TEACHERS**  
**Junior Faculty Feedback**  
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*As you begin another chapter of your life as a Law Professor.... remember that you have been granted the privilege to write your own book (including the rewrites)*

*\*The components of "writing a book" will be used as a metaphor to capture the second year experiences of a Law Professor.*

Working Title:  
The Law Professor: A Privilege to Serve

Chapter 2: Experiences from the second year of law teaching

The "Rewrites": Knowing what you did last year--- determine its effectiveness or not... and making visible efforts to improve.

The journey to writing the next best selling book on the making of a Law Professor is official.

If you have not taken the time to read the "good books"/ resources that have already been written, to name a few, AALS Workshop for New Law Teachers discussion outlines; Alma Mater; The Law Professor/s that influenced you most; Law School Colleagues... You will before the year is out.

Section 1: Your "Audience" Is Watching

- Administration
  - Teaching- Evaluations can be instructive and serve as a defining moment –See Randy Pausch's "Last Lecture"  
<http://www.thelastlecture.com/>
  - Scholarship- Begin to establish a scholarly identity
  - Service- Be the change that you desire

\*Know the Retention, Promotion and Tenure requirements of your institution

- Faculty
  - Collegiality- “Weigh the long term consequences of your short term comments”
  - History- “Write your own narrative”
  - Community– “The reach of the legal academy spans beyond the walls of your institution”
- Staff
 

Get to know the people who make your life easier.

“I am what I am because of what we all are”  
*Ubuntu*-a popular definition of a South African concept
- Students
 

See yourself on the other side of the podium and respond accordingly

## Section 2: Character Assessment

Take the time to watch your Senior Faculty teach in the classroom.

## Section 3: Live your *acknowledgements page* on a daily basis

Acknowledge and honor the people who invested in you as being a worthy candidate by “showing up” as a contributing faculty member.

\*Maintain Chapter 2 (documenting your second year experiences) and all other proof of your accomplishments, e.g. letters, notes, etc. in a file- “Professional Development”

Chapter 3: To be continued...next year

***May everyday serve as another page to be added to your “book” so that others may read it and be encouraged to fulfill the Law Professor’s responsibility to students, to the community of scholars, to colleagues, to the Law School, to the Bar and general public.***

***HAPPY WRITING!***