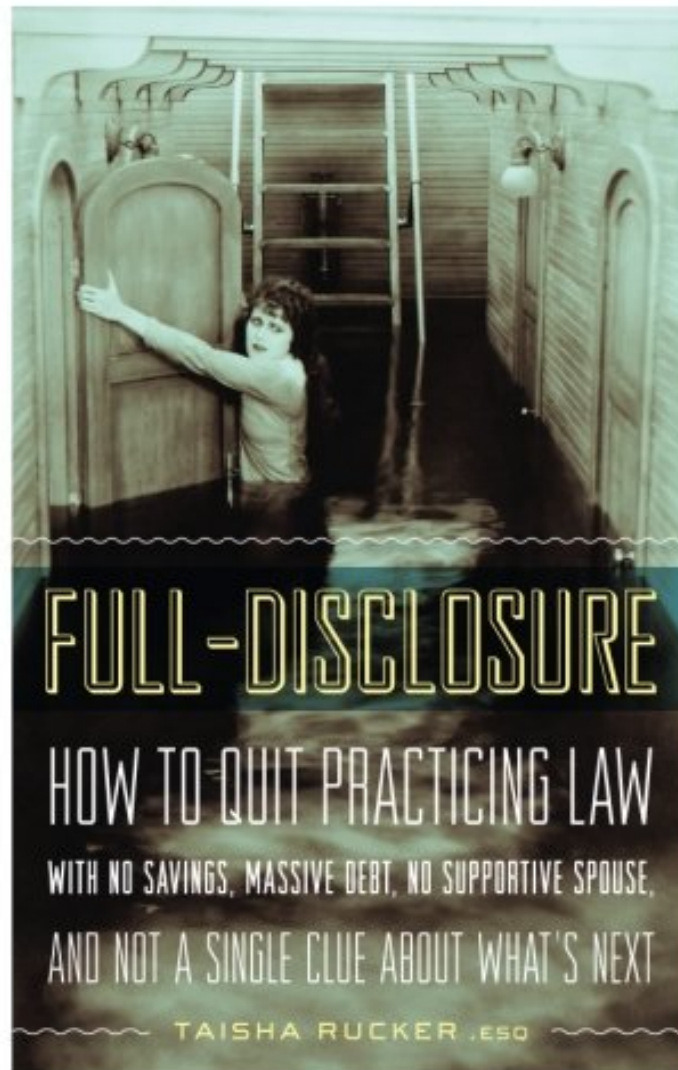


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How to Quit Practicing Law With No Savings, Massive Debt, No Supportive Spouse, and Not a Single Clue About What's Next may not be the answer for every lawyer who wants to leave the law. But any lawyer who dreams about leaving can learn a lot and laugh often by reading about how one lawyer did just that. People change careers all the time without it making headlines. But for lawyers, it's different. Just google lawyers leaving law or running from the law and you'll find article after article about unhappy lawyers and lawyers walking away from the legal profession. Nine months after law students graduated in 2011, only 55 percent held a full-time, long-term position requiring a law degree. Rather than seeing this as an anomaly consistent with a passing strained economy, statistics indicate that this is the new reality for law graduates. Careers outside the law for at least half of the lawyers may be a necessity more than just an option. There are life and career coaches, some of whom are former lawyers themselves, who assist lawyers in making this transition. But, for the most part, lawyers are on their own, trying to explain: why they no longer want to practice law; how they're really willing to take a job that pays \$40,000 a year when they're used to earning six figures; and trying to figure out how to make billing sessions with a life coach ("mental health analyst") a transferable skill. Leaving the law has never been easy but it can be done and How to Quit Practicing Law With No Savings, Massive Debt, No Supportive Spouse, and Not a Single Clue About What's Next offers some bold and, sometimes, unconventional advice for lawyers who want to run from the law. But, more importantly, this book is for lawyers who simply want to re-discover their passions, follow their dreams, and find fulfilling non-legal work.

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