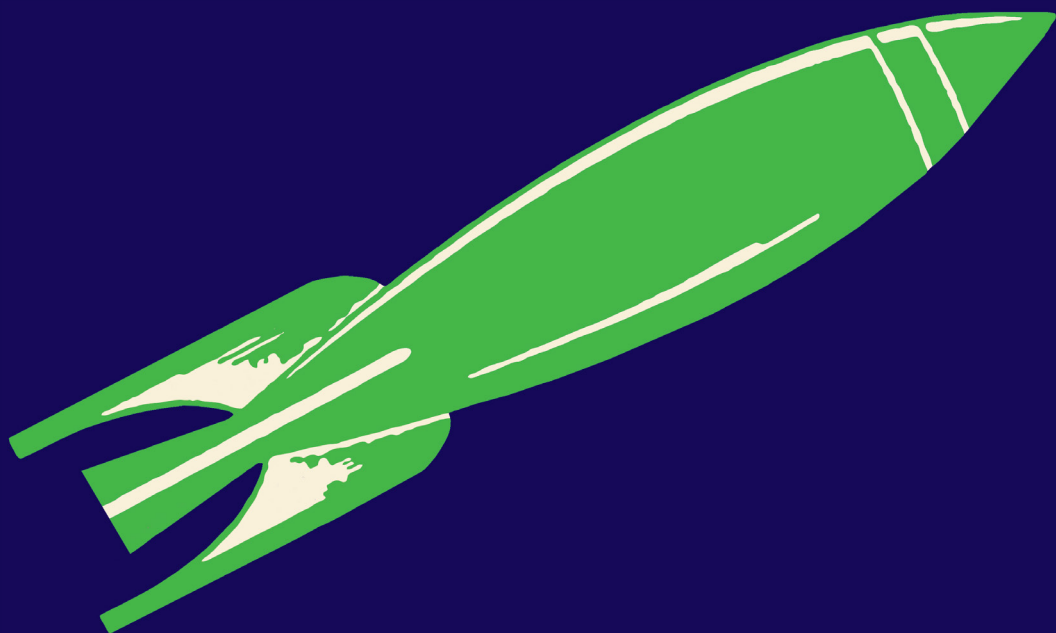


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*This book is dedicated to all young lawyers
who value their professions and appreciate
mentoring. They are the future leaders
of a profession in transition.*

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While law school and bar exam courses may prepare young attorneys for legal analysis, many entry-level lawyers are caught off guard by the transition to professional life. That's where *New Lawyer Launch* comes in, sharing foundational, timeless, and practical advice that will prove invaluable to recent law graduates. With strong backgrounds in mentorship, Susan Smith Blakely and her noteworthy contributors guide readers through strategies critical to achieving satisfying and successful careers. From making positive first impressions, developing productive and professional work habits, building effective business networks and becoming comfortable with promoting work and professional talents, to maintaining admirable reputations, serving others, and advocating for the wider community, it is all here to help young lawyers achieve their goals in a profession that sometimes can seem illusory.



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