

Aspen Success Stories



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## Background

At Aspen Publishing, we encourage law school educators to require a *Connected eBook* in their course for the many benefits it will provide their students. After all, we believe it contains the most efficient suite of digital learning tools for the modern law student.

As it turns out, students don't wait for their professors to make a *Connected eBook* mandatory. They often choose to purchase one anyway because they are acutely aware of its benefits: 1) cost savings; 2) convenience; and 3) access to learning tools. With highlighting, outlining, case briefing tools, and the *Study Center* with practice questions, students are realizing the *Connected eBook* is a fantastic resource to help them succeed in law school.

Christina at Levin College of Law shared, "I firstly bought [the *Connected eBook*] because of the convenience of having the textbook on my laptop and not having to carry around the heavy hardcover all the time." Later she realized, "it helps so much more than that, with all the features it provides." Chase, a student at Stetson College of Law, echoed similar reasoning and said, "I purchased the *Connected eBook* because not only was it cost saving and convenient, but I loved the idea of having the *Study Center* questions." Heather, a student at Belmont University College of Law "thought it would be helpful for all of the extra resources and practice problems it gave, as well as being able to quickly access the casebook from anywhere." Having a *Connected eBook* was key for Kaylie at Capital University Law School when she "needed access to the book immediately and didn't want to risk shipping delays or the item being out of stock." Kaylie was smart about avoiding loss or theft of a print textbook by going digital, as "all I need to do is log in online to access it."

## Student Contributors

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*– Chase, student at Stetson College of Law*



## Implementation and Impact

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Whether through highlighting and creating a course outline, using the Case Brief Tool, or preparing for finals with the *Study Center*, the implementation and impact of the *Connected eBook* resources go hand in hand.

*“Using a Connected eBook kept me extremely organized without having to put much effort into creating my own organization system. As long as I had internet access, I could log into Casebook Connect.”*

*– Alexa, student at University of Iowa College of Law*

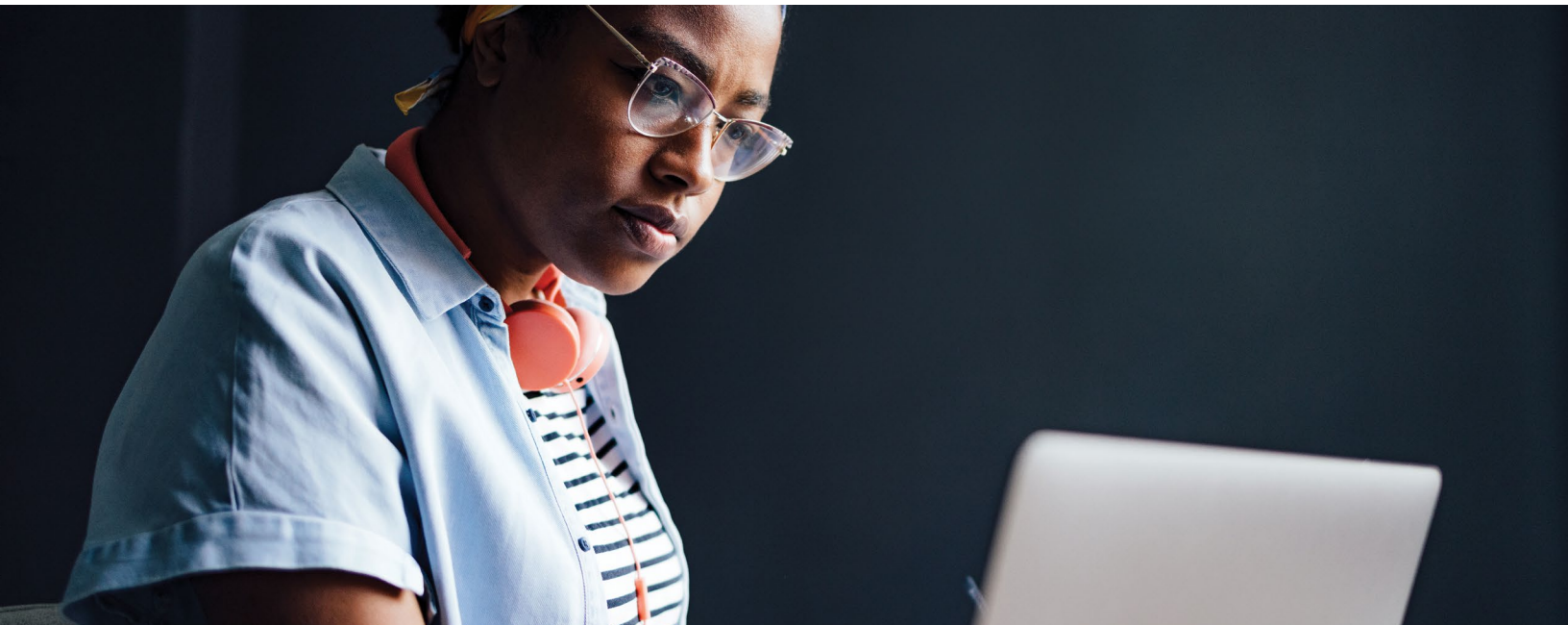
### HIGHLIGHT TOOL

Students shared the different ways in which the Highlight Tool helped them, wherever and whenever they were learning. One student used the tool “to easily highlight important concepts covered in class,” while another “frequently used the tool to take at-home notes.”

Highlighting and note-taking with a *Connected eBook* gives students more flexibility to re-work their ideas. Noted Erica from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, “I used to rent my other books, so I could not highlight much, but here I was able to do it freely and change highlights around as I wished.” Another student similarly mentioned, “I didn’t have to draw all over my textbook and could edit what was really important in class.” A third student used the tool “to write the main point I want to remember or to ask a question about a case or fact pattern.” Appealing to different learning styles, Alexa at University of Iowa College of Law said “I loved that the highlighter color options matched the color options for the virtual Case Brief section. It was an easy way to stay organized, as I am a visual learner.”

## OUTLINE TOOL

Erica at Thomas Jefferson School of Law shared, “The Outline Tool is one of the top reasons why I chose the *Connected eBook*.” Allowing students to “quickly jump to different chapters and sections in the casebook,” it helps organize and structure their course outline. Summarized one student, “The highlights allowed me to create my outlines more efficiently.” Kaylie at Capital University of Law noted, “The Outline Tool was convenient to use particularly when studying for finals. It was a great source to look at all the material as a whole and spot where I needed to look back on material for a refresher.”



## CASE BRIEF TOOL

Of the Case Brief Tool within the *Connected eBook*, students affirm its benefits: ease and flexibility of use, and its contribution to class and course preparedness. Angela at Thomas Jefferson School of Law declared the Case Brief Tool “was great to be prepared for class and cold calls.” Heather at Belmont University College of Law said, “It makes it very easy to case brief for each class.” Kaylie at Capital University School of Law felt, “The Case Brief Tool was essential for me on a daily basis when trying to understand cases assigned to read in the text. I would use it before reading a case so that I could best root out the essential facts and analysis in the text to further support my understanding.” In terms of flexibility, Christina at Levin College of Law appreciated the options that the tool provided: “I loved the different color-coordination that I could switch around to help me write the basic briefs of the cases. Plus, I liked how that the system didn’t make us choose any type of categories, so I was able to brief my cases however I wanted.”



## STUDY CENTER

Angela at Thomas Jefferson School of Law felt the *Study Center* was the most valuable component of the *Connected eBook*. She shared, “Now this is the part that makes the *Connected eBook* worth it. I can honestly say I would not have passed my classes last semester without this. The explanatory videos were beyond helpful. It was great to reinforce concepts taught in class and explain concepts I didn’t quite understand.” Angela noted that, “There are many third-party sites for videos and multiple choice questions, having these available from the source ensured the information I was learning was on point with the class material based on the book.” Erica at Thomas Jefferson School of Law similarly echoed, “Quite frankly, it allowed me to pass the class, because [I was able to] identify my weaknesses through getting answers incorrectly and seeing the explanations.”

*“Everything I needed to prepare for finals was in one place and made studying easier.”*

– Chase, student at Stetson College of Law

When it comes to end-of-semester review, Chase from Stetson College of Law felt the *Study Center* “helped tremendously with studying for finals, and without it, I do not think I would’ve done as well.” Alexa at University of Iowa College of Law recalled “finding the practice questions extremely useful and wishing I would have explored the *Study Center* sooner in the semester!”

While many students used the *Study Center* for finals preparation, other students pointed out how it impacted their success by using the tool throughout the semester. Kaylie at Capital University Law School shared, “I used [the *Study Center*] during the week on subjects/concepts I had a hard time with. It was a great tool, especially with the quizzes, to check whether I was on the right track or if I needed to adjust my studying and focus more on certain areas. I feel as though this tool significantly helped me succeed in the class because of the ability to check in and quiz myself and use the extra practice to strengthen my understanding.” Heather at Belmont University College of Law also used the *Study Center* for weekly review. She explained: “I would go over the videos at the end of each week and do some practice problems and then do more review and practice exercises at the end of the semester to study. I was very successful and got As and Bs in law school.” Finally, Angela at Thomas Jefferson noted her usage during the semester and how it helped: “I watched the videos prior to class to brief myself on overall key points the professor discussed in class. This would illustrate the reading and prepare me for what would be in the next lecture, and it allowed me to ask more complex questions in class.”

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## Conclusion

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If you are trying to stay organized, study more efficiently, show up to class prepared, and perform well in law school, consider using a *Connected eBook* from Aspen Publishing. Many students who try it once opt to use it again in other courses because of its powerful impact on their success.

Consider a *Connected eBook* for its personalized learning. Christina at Levin College of Law noted, “I was able to adapt it more to my learning style, I was able to personalize it easier (and faster) than a regular textbook, and it also provided me with practice questions and tools that I wouldn’t have gotten otherwise.” Simply put, Kaylie at Capital University summarized, “All of the tools helped me synthesize the materials in a way a normal physical text couldn’t.”

Consider purchasing a *Connected eBook* rather than renting a textbook, for the ways it will benefit you during bar preparation. Shared Erica at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, “During bar prep, you will look back to those essential case books, and having them online with all of your notes highlighted will be that competitive advantage that you will need for the bar exam.”

Concludes Alexa from University of Iowa College of Law, “Staying organized in law school takes away a lot of the stress that comes with managing so much information from your law school courses. I highly recommend using resources like a *Connected eBook* to save you energy, time, and money!”





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