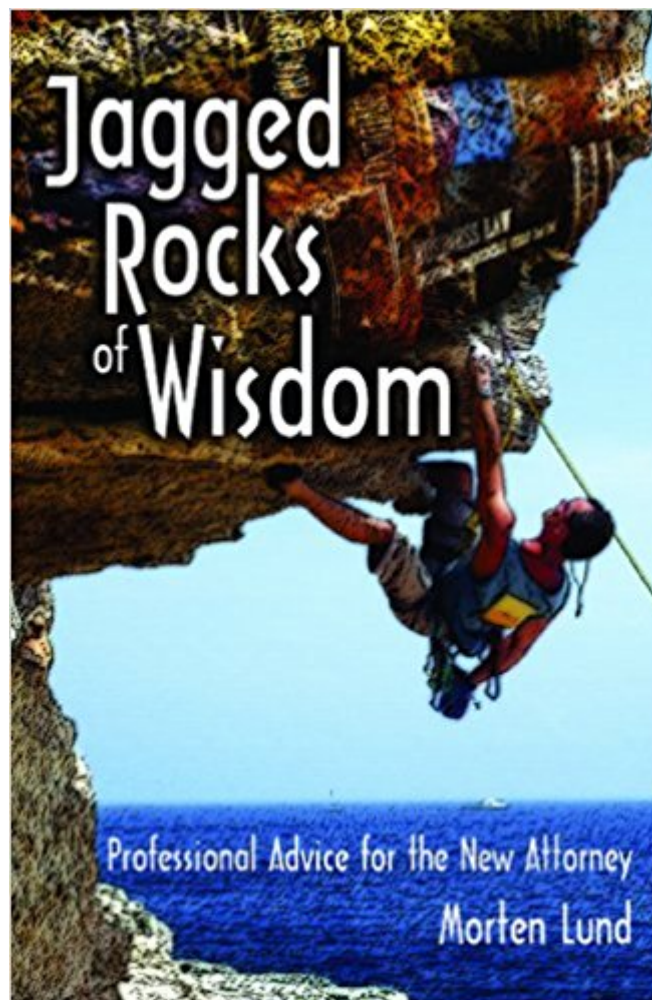




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Synopsis

A new job is scary for anyone. A new job as an attorney is scary times two: the challenges are both substantive (as in actually knowing the law), as well as procedural (as in knowing how to act like an attorney). In this professional transition, many, many new attorneys fall by the wayside. This book is a guide to keep the new attorney on track. It includes advice for the new law firm associate by a "biglaw" partner. Written in a first- and second-person tense and filled with no-nonsense guidance from someone actually in the mentorship role in a real-world law firm. Two titles are available to the new attorney: *The Young Lawyer's Jungle Book: A Survival Guide*, which started the genre, and now *Jagged Rocks of Wisdom: Professional Advice for the New Attorney*. These two companion books will make a difference--sometimes THE difference--for the new attorney. This book is written in a style that is direct and informative. While many guidebooks are filled with platitudes and generalities, there is a serious need for genuine professional guidance. That's where these two focused guides step in. The author is a partner at Stoel Rives LLP, where he practices law in financing transactions, energy projects (including wind energy and hydroelectric facilities), and international business. Born in Oslo, Norway, the author is a graduate of Yale Law School. The author was responsible for training of new associates at Foley & Lardner, LLP, and his mentorships were adapted for a broader audience in this book.

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I've broken rules 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 19, and 21, just about half the rules in this book. Each and every time I broke one of these rules, I felt the consequences: loss of trust by my supervising partner, looking like an idiot, looking lazy, the list goes on and on. Had I read Lund's book, Jagged Rocks of Wisdom: Professional Advice for the New Attorney, before starting work at the largest law firm I ever worked in, I would have undoubtedly been far more successful than I was. Lund is a Yale Law School grad who is now a partner with Stoel Rives LLP, a prestigious large law firm of the type many law grads hope to work in one day. He is literally the kind of guy who makes hiring and firing decisions, and who you've got to please in order to succeed. This alone proves his credentials for writing this book, which is a highly-distilled set of twenty-one simple rules that each and every new associate should adhere to. These aren't suggestions, these aren't guidelines, they are rules, each well-written, and each with real-life consequences for breaking (and real life benefits for following). Lund writes from the perspective of a partner in a law firm, faced with associates who are variously ineducate, unskilled, eager to learn, forgetful, lazy, clueless, rude, stuck-up, arrogant and utterly unaware of their low place within the hierarchy of a law firm. He has to manage these associates, and he's got many other things to do each day besides manage associates.

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