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"Is 'The Curve' a searing indictment of the industry of legal education? Or an idealistic vision of the possibilities that remain for those whose hearts are pure? It's both, of course, and a book that only such talented insiders as Blachman and Stracher could have written. But more important it's a great read. Every page, and frequently every paragraph, made me stop to laugh or wince, or more often both. Painfully funny, surprisingly touching, and not just knowing but wise." (Kermit Roosevelt, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and author of *Allegiance* and *In the Shadow of the Law*)

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