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After the Civil War legal education started to change. In 1872 a lawyer named Christopher Langdell was named dean of the Harvard Law School. During his 25 years at the helm of that school he changed the curricular structure, drastically reforming legal education. He introduced the “case method” approach, aimed at improving the critical thinking of students for purposes of class work and examinations, and encouraged them to look more academically into a problem than into a solution. Law schools started to look more like other university studies – particularly like the humanities – than they did a vocational school. The teaching of the law, however, remained essentially technical in nature. During that time many lawyers – like Abraham Lincoln – could pass the bar exams without even attending any law school. By passing the bar exam, they were admitted into the legal profession.

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