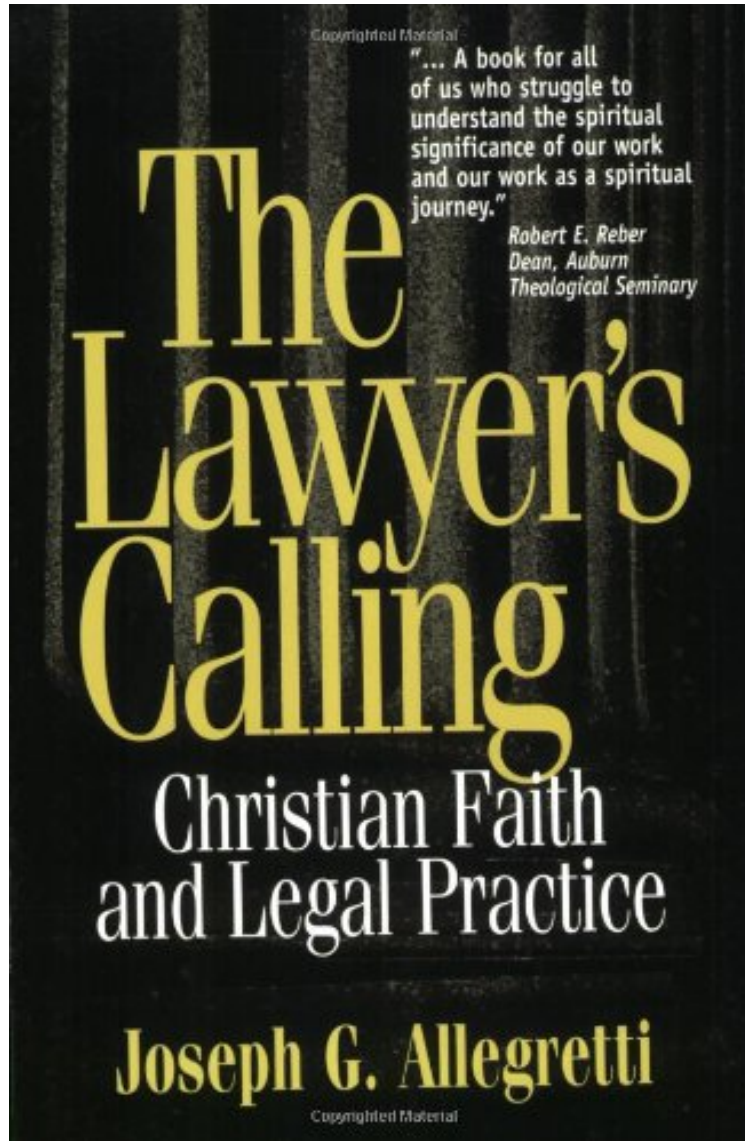


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Breaking Free from the "Lawyer as Hired Gun" Mindset By Stephen Bloom Allegretti's classic work presents an inspiring and intellectually solid alternative career paradigm for Christians who find themselves practicing law (or lawyers who find themselves seeking to practice Christianity). He faces the tough questions head on: Is it really possible for a faithful Christian to be an effective lawyer? Must Christian lawyers overlook their own moral values and practice law in the same way as everyone else? Is the culturally dominant "lawyer as hired gun" mindset really the only legitimate approach? Readers will be challenged in their assumptions about what it means to be a lawyer, and encouraged in their efforts to integrate faith and legal practice. As an actively practicing Christian attorney and author (*The Believer's Guide to Legal Issues*), I found *The Lawyer's Calling* to be a serious, inspiring and thought-provoking book.

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From Booklist Allegretti, who teaches legal ethics at Creighton University, defines the crisis of the legal profession as a spiritual crisis rather than a crisis of ethics, commercialization, or public relations. His response in this book is an exemplary exercise in professional ethics that goes beyond examination of codes of conduct to rethink "vocation" and "profession" in the context of legal practice. Drawing on formal training and experience in both law and theology, Allegretti uses H. Richard Niebuhr's familiar typology to characterize Christian attitudes toward law and to advocate what Niebuhr described as a "transformative" practice. Allegretti's discussion of covenant, care, and calling--thoroughly informed by Calvin, Luther, and Carol Gilligan--will be of interest not only to lawyers but also to other readers who struggle with a separation between job and calling. Steve Schroeder From the Back Cover Lawyers in our day are facing a crisis of meaning. Distrusted by the public, stressed by overwork and questioning the value of their contribution to society, legal professionals find themselves in a situation where work has lost its connection with deeper beliefs. The crisis they face is essentially spiritual. How can lawyers bridge the gap between their beliefs and their daily work? Joseph Allegretti maintains that law can be a true vocation - a "calling" from God. He points to ways that lawyers are or can be healers in society, and he explains how their service to clients resembles a covenant relationship. Lawyers and law students will find his vision of the legal profession to be rich with possibility.