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Lincoln writes to James Thornton, who wrote to Lincoln seeking advice for John Widmer, who wishes to become a lawyer. Lincoln recommends the self-taught method. He writes, "That is precisely the way I came to the law." Lincoln suggests that Widmer read the fundamental law texts and then proceed to "get a license, and go to the practice, and still keep reading. That is my judgment of the cheapest, quickest, and best way for...Widmer to make a lawyer of himself."



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