Editor-in-Chief Moves On to Better Things

Jansen VanderMeulen ’19
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

It is now a year since I took over as editor-in-chief of the Virginia Law Weekly, and two-and-a-half years since I first straggled into the Law Weekly’s tucked-away office in Slaughter looking for a pizza. Like the remnants of a gallon of wholesome, two-percent milk approaching its eleventh day in the refrigerator, my time has come; this is my final edition as editor-in-chief.

I could wax poetic about the last three-ish years of newspaper editing. About long Monday nights spent with colored pens alongside good friends and sometime-nemeses (lookin’ at you, Anand). About the last three-ish years of newspaper editing. About how my time has come; this is my final edition as editor-in-chief.

In conclusion, Barrister’s was an excellent event. While the food was limited, the lines at the bar were far shorter than last year and the music at the Omni and Rapture were great. It was clear that SBA improved upon the issues we experienced last year.

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As a 3L, I was very excited for my last Barrister’s Ball. Previous Barrister’s were very fun, but each had their own shortcomings from the line at the bar to the music. This year’s event included key improvements that contributed to a fun night for all.

Upon entering the event, I was greeted by the Law Weekly paparazzi (S/O Kolleen/Pittsburgh State Go- rillaz). While I was not prepared to answer “who I was wearing,” the makeshift light stand and backdrop created the red-carpet environment Barrister’s has needed. The pictures turned out very well and were a fun way to remember a great night.

As I proceeded into the main room, I was surprised to see long lines at each of the bars. In light of President Fuqua’s day-before-email, I expected short lines. Luckily, the lines moved very quickly and my flashbacks to the lines at last year’s Barrister’s subsided. This was a major improvement from last year when I felt like I was waiting in line for much of the night. The lines may have moved faster because of the separate water and soda-only stations.

With a corn syrup-free Bud Light in hand, I decided to explore the food options at the back corner of the venue. Expecting the chicken tenders and sliders of year’s past, I was disappointed with the food options. The first hour of Barrister’s was limited to tortilla chips with salsa and queso, which were not particularly good. I even overheard one 3L who asked who remained anonymous, say “this queso is hot trash. We have far better queso where I grew up in Houston.” This is nothing compared to the queso in Nashville, where I attended college. I bet I could make better queso at my home on Alderman Road. Needless to say, the chips, salsa, and queso did not meet expectations. At around 10:30, pizza was served. They served plain, pepperoni, and vegetable pizza. For journalistic purposes, I tried all three and none were very good. I would have preferred pizza from Christian’s D’ Roses. For journalistic purposes, I tried all three and none were very good. I would have preferred pizza from Christian’s D’ Roses.

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The Fried Chicken Sandwich Column

The Premier Episode of a Forthcoming Virginia Law Weekly Series: Which Chicken Sandwich is Best? Follow the Saga!

Drew Calamaro ’21
Chicken Reviewer

This chicken does not yet know its fate. With your contribution, it may, soon. Photo sourced from almanac.com

This chicken does know its fate. Fate was not very kind to this chicken, but fate bestowed a delicious gift upon someone else. Photo from cookscountry.com

John F. Kennedy once said, “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things. Not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” My fellow fried chicken sandwich eaters, this column is doing that other thing. I will fulfill Kennedy’s mandate, complete his vision, and find the best fried chicken sandwich in his brother’s alma mater’s city, just as he wanted us to.

The question that any self-respecting future lawyer will ask, however, is “What is a chicken sandwich?” It is therefore my charge to find the outer bounds of what defines a chicken sandwich in this column as well. Important questions like, “Does a chicken tender hoagie count?” and “Do I include buffalo chicken sandwich-es?” will be explored, as well as the finer points of mayo. There will even be an ode to iceberg lettuce (the polyester of lettuces).

How does one rate fried poultry? What are the criteria? Well, seeing as beauty is in the eye of the cluckholder, I will rate it according to a fair way to do it, and is what our founding farmers would have wanted. Of course, as a responsible journalist, I will rate each and every chicken sandwich to the Trump era, and ask if it is problematic to eat it while Trump is in office. Why? Because the media doesn’t do this enough, and now that I am a member of it, I am going to ask it even more. Questions like, “Is it problematic that I eat the sandwich while scrolling past an Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweet without reading it?” or “Should I care about Trump’s restructuring of the military funds to build the wall without declaring a national emergency while bitting into a gorgeously breaded piece of white meat?” are the ones the people want to hear the answers to.

Join me, and together, we will finish what Kennedy started. Not because it is easy, but because it is hard to eat so much fried chicken in so little time; hard to say no to a non-conforming sandwich; and hard to find the holy grail—the perfect, juiciest, and crispiest chicken sandwich.

Michael’s Bistro and Tap House – 1427 University Ave., Charlottesville, Va

Is the name too long? Perhaps. Does it seem like this “Michael,” whoever he is, didn’t know whether he wanted to open up a bohemian bistro near the sea or a dark and smoky tap house full of bar fights and broken dreams? Absolutely. But in the end, I refuse to go to a chicken tender hoagie and smothered in queso that got fried up in the crispiest batter and smothered in queso that I know does not come from Oaxaca? As a media member, I will gladly keep asking these questions without taking any personal responsibility myself.

I was going to rate this according to how much debt I felt like I had accumulated since I started writing this, but I’ll save that for another time. Instead, I’ll give this sandwich a solid 177 on the LSAT.

When rated using the problematiness scale, however, I’ll give it an average GPA of 3.54. What tipped it past a 3.5 mark was the ABC bun. As an anti-number guy myself, I am all for naming buns after letters of the alphabet. However, this could quickly turn exclusionary with the finance-law crowd, resulting in a competing 123 bun that could do some damage.

“BONUS REVIEW”
Cook Out – 1254 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, Va

This place is best enjoyed on a Friday night when you have to Uber there. Welcome to the south baby. I rate this sandwich a solid 103 on the LSAT—price point is fantastic. Is it problematic if I give this sandwich a 1.0 GPA, meaning it’s nearly not problematnic at all? Tune in next week to find out!

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pictures arrived so quickly, too.

The food and drinks were good and plentiful. I heard a lot of rave reviews about the pizza and nachos, and the different table options were a nice touch (both high tops and regular seating). The high tops made a particularly good place to hide your high heels when your feet started to hurt too much, not that I’m speaking from personal experience there. Obviously, the bar lines were a little too long, but I’m not sure that is a problem that can ever be solved without raising the ticket prices to absurd levels.

As a dedicated GNR groupie, I left the Omni on the earlier side to migrate to Rapture, so I got in without any problem. I did hear grumblings about people being able to get in later, which is unfortunate, but I believe these ever-re-sourceful students found their way to another bar without too much trouble. GNR crushed the show and lead singer Trina Rizzo gave a great performance. I particularly liked the addition of “Shout” to the set. I love any excuse to kick my feet and dance like a fool. Unfortunately, I missed my favorite, “Toxic,” fighting to get to the bar, which was a struggle all night, but heard it was great.

All in all, 2L Barrister’s was a blast. SBA did a great job organizing and seeing people all dressed up is always fun. I love getting to see friends I don’t see every day, and it’s always nice to have an excuse to buy a new dress. I can’t wait for next year!

Jacob Jones ’21
Event Editor

Last semester at PILA, I said to my wise PA that the event felt surprisingly like prom. She replied, “Oh no there’s an actual law school prom in the spring.” We called it Barrister’s Ball.” Not to mention, the legendary Jacob Jones ’21 strikes a pose with Meg McKinley ’21 at the Barrister’s Ball. Their love was blinding.

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1 There are 40 results when you search wikiHow for prom. There are dozens of wikiHow articles about prom. My theory is that a middle-aged woman in the Midwest named Betty has written all of them, and her husband, Bill, edits.

2 Many people have remarked about the high price, especially in comparison to PILA. I talked to an inside source on SBA, and while I don’t remember exactly what he said it made me feel better about paying that much.

3 But if you judge against Sharadkumar you are WRONG.

4 I recently learned this means “Dance Floor Make-Out” and I’m excited to use this hip new lingo.

5 In retrospect, it was weird they were playing “Get Low” and “Hot in Heree” at dances back then. We were like 12.

6 Many thanks to Kolleen Gladden ’21 for running this!

Still no clue what the ball is though.
Fed courts was scary so I don’t remember a lot of that and will just pretend I didn’t read it. — C.J. VanderMeulen

Correction

The lower court’s ruling is AFFIRMED.

Also, this is my final decision as Chief Justice. I have been unerringly deposed from the bench by a rowdy, irreverent bunch of 2Ls. They’ve forced me into early retirement without even a ceremonious gavel to show for it. Protest letters may be sent to editor@lawweekly.org. It is so ordered.

Faculty Quotes

Prakash: “We need more holidays that the law school will ignore.”

Ad. Bambazi: “You can, for reasons that still escape me, have your refrigerator connected to the internet.”

J. Setear: “Contracts lawyers are to blame for WWII, and I’ll explain why.”

R. Harmon: “[Trying to think of a word] I’m suffering from noun deficiency syndrome.”

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2. What is your favorite word?
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3. Where did you grow up?
Raleigh, NC.

4. If you could meet one person who would it be and why?
Pitbull—hands down. He is a god amongst mortals.

5. What’s your favorite hobby to avoid the stress or take a break?
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6. Where is your favorite place to vacation?
Anywhere that’s warm and sunny. I love being on hon- waii with some of my favorite law school people.

7. What’s something you wish you’d known about law school before coming to UVA Law?
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8. What did you have for breakfast this morning?
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Whooops!

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New Zealand.

22. Oxford comma or not?
HUNDY P, Oxford comma.

23. Coke or Pepsi?
Diet Coke and anything else is wrong.

24. What’s your favorite place in the law school?
The study room by the bookstore. It’s one of the only places you can study and spread out rea- sonably.

25. What are you most looking forward to about your upcoming summer in NYC?
All of the above?

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25. What are you most looking forward to about your upcoming summer in NYC?
All of the above?

SYDNEY MARK '19

1. What are you most excited for during your spring semester in Char- lottesville?
Lily Shov, obvi.

2. What is your favorite word?
Schwity (Yiddish for sweatty).

3. Where did you grow up?
Raleigh, NC.

4. If you could meet one person who would it be and why?
Pitbull—hands down. He is a god amongst mortals.

5. What’s your favorite hobby to avoid the stress or take a break?
Dance party in my room.

6. Where is your favorite place to vacation?
Anywhere that’s warm and sunny. I love being on hon- waii with some of my favorite law school people.

7. What’s something you wish you’d known about law school before coming to UVA Law?
How to use all those cool Word functions that parallel- gals know how to use.

8. What did you have for breakfast this morning?
Avocado toast with crushed red pepper.

9. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Venice (but only in a uni- verse where it stops sinking).

10. What’s your least favorite sound?
Nails on a chalkboard.

11. What’s the best gift you’ve ever received?
A royal seal of the king—an- you may refer to me as Lady Sydney of Sealando.

12. Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera?
A difficult choice—maybe both.

13. What is the best movie you have ever seen?
LMFAO/Ludacris/Black Eyed Peas.

14. What’s your favorite thing to do in Charlotte- ville?
Wineries on the weekends.

15. If you could make one rule that everyone has to follow, what would it be?
Everyone would have to learn to appreciate Pitbull song every day.


17. What are your favorite foods?
Sushi, cookie dough, and gummy bears.

18. If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?
Buy a lot of aromatherapy candles.

19. If you had Matrix-like powers, what would you learn?
How to code.

20. What would be the title of your autobiography?
Whooops!

21. Where is a place you haven’t been but want to travel to?
New Zealand.

22. Oxford comma or not?
HUNDY P, Oxford comma.

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I have this subscription because this charming English college student called me and was like “Hey do you want some discounted The Econom- istic” and I was like “Haha my brother-in-law is British you folks are alright yes that’s good here’s my credit card” He found me in America. He knows I’m in America. Back in reality it’s really frustrating that supposedly objective or mainstream news sources special interests are disagree- ably of the state. Maybe next week we can talk about Trump’s cover- age of Venezuela.

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“100 emoji”.
Ranking: 10 RTs

Latin American Law Organization | Twitter: @EVA_LALO | Instagram: @LALOatUVALaw
LALO’s Twitter account primarily tweets out its Instagram photos, which automatically improves their hashtag game.
Also, it has posted about the Shaping Justice Conference and the Virginia Law Weekly, and that goes a long way with this reporter.
Ranking: 9 RTs

William Minor Life Moot Court Competition | Twitter: @LifeMootCourt
@LifeMootCourt features some excellent photos. Its tone is particularly positive and encouraging.
Even if you’re not writing a brief, you may want to give them a follow for the good luck GIFs. It’s also a good introduction to #AppellateTwitter, so prepare for the quote tweets.
Ranking: 8 RTs

American Constitution Society | Twitter: @ACSatUVA
@ACSatUVA has a self-deprecating tone to its tweets. I expect its following to increase with its student convention coming up.
In the meantime, give them a follow for interest-

Federalist Society | Twitter: @FedSocAtUVALaw | Instagram: @FedSocAtUVALaw
Fed Soc’s Twitter and Instagram accounts are focused on its events, perfect if you want to be in the know for everything it’s sponsoring.
Good graphics and timely information make these a couple of well-run social media accounts.
Ranking: 8 RTs

Program in Law and Public Service | Instagram: @PLSatUVALaw
The Program in Law and Public Service is new to Instagram, but it is definitely worth a follow.
The idea behind it is simple: public service students do cool things. Plus, the boomerang of Robbie Pomeroy ’19 and Spencer Ryan ’19 is one of the best posts on the internet.
Ranking: 10 Likes

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