Coughlin vs. Paw Review
A Ribbit-ing Tale of Injustice

Tell your Paw Review representatives to end the speciesism.

#I'mWithTheToad

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Coughlin v. Virginia Animal Law Society
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Michele St. Julien, the mod- erator and co-host, is this year’s Swanson Award Recipient. She was joined by Professor Kevin Gaines, professor of civil rights and social justice at Main Grounds, Professor Danielle Antir-Rosen, professor of human rights and public health at the Law School, and Toc- coker, representative of The inaugural Swanson Award at UVA. The event kicked off with a recent video narrated by Pa- trice Cullors, one of the co- founders of the Black Lives Matter movement and a queer black woman. “Blackness is every- thing,” said Cullors. “I am black. I am queer. It’s shaped my reality. It’s shaped my world.”

“The struggle for visibility and recognition within public culture remains part of a long history and per- sists to this day,” said Professor Gaines. “There has been a chal- lenging history of dismissal and erasure. Black queer people throughout history have been fighting for everyone else.”

Professor Matthews reflects on these events and the law in an effort to “save the earth,” share their ideas. Drawing upon an essay called “Privilege,” Professor Matthews discusses shifting the concept of discrimination to broaden and encompass more individuals and the idea that every one of us has a respon-
Listen. We have fun here. But somebody has to keep things serious. When pressing issues arise—like who is going to serve us alcohol every other week and when—as long as we manage to get course packets I may not open—somebody has to step up to the plate. So when I heard about Libel, a supposedly hilarious and fun-filled experience, I knew I had to seriously investigate. I decided to investigate so seriously, in fact, that I auditioned for the show and landed a spot—one that gave me access to undercover sources and the underground world of Libel.

The first thing I talked to my source about was the lack of a theme this year. I wasn’t aware that these types of things were supposed to have a theme, given that they are already based around law school. But given that prior shows had themes, this still seemed to be a dramatic change. Don’t worry though, my source said that theme “was taken away to the farm” and that is now “very happy there.” I wonder if it’s the same farm my old dog went to… Anyway, this source also shared with me a number of the sketches that will be accompanying this year’s show. We have SCOTTISH sketches, sketches about drama between 1L second years, and sketches that will be accompanying prior shows. I have now heard is “#eggs cellent.” The menu is seasonal, so I’ll leave that as it is. For this year, I found that most things were good when they came fresh pressed. The mimosas were decent. 3.5/5

Brunch Time: Weekends 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Christina Luk ’21
Executive Editor

Brunch at Oakhurst Inn Cafe & Espresso Bar at 1616 Jefferson Park Ave

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Grace: Brunch at Oakhurst Inn was trendy, modern and felt just over the top enough to make things fun. The exterior of the building is in a charming white house with wood trim, which makes the atmosphere relaxing and a little whimsical. The menu is very large and has a lot of seasonal offerings. I ordered the eggs meurette, which is just eggs praline and bread. It is like a fancy take on eggs benedict but with much more flavor. They are good when they come with “shiitake burgundy wine sauce” on top. Most ingredients are locally sourced as well, so you can feel good while you chow down a delicious brunch. 4.5/5

Christina: If you’re looking for brunch with a twist, Oakhurst is the place for you. It’s further out from the Law School than Sedona, but that adds to its charm. It has less parking space, but remember, victory whets the appetite. My good friend Joy calls Oakhurst “the cutest little nook,” but I have never struggled those words together in my life, so I’ll leave that as it is. The menu is seasonal—because life is unpredictable and cruel—and sometimes your favorite item is missing from the menu. Do not let this discourage you. Brunch requires both courage and mental fortitude. I recommend the eggs meurette for as long as they are on the menu. With abundant natural light and amazing service, brunch at Oakhurst will leave you feeling satisfied and energized.

Nicole Llinares ’19 gives stage directions to a group of actors. Photo Credit Kim Hopkin ’19.
The Malicious Chinchilla Part Three: This Time It’s Personal

Brutus and I, having survived our first few months living together, decided to move to a D.C. suburbs townhouse. I grew up in the area, in the city, and staying at my parents’ house was out of the question—my father made it very clear that “The Vermin” was not welcome in that establishment. Thus, I rented an apartment close to my work, smugly balancing between my dual domicile and continued to make poor life decisions. One day in late July, I decided to indicate the character of our lives during those months.

I was sitting at a table in the afternoon. The inside of my head felt like Dresden circa February 14, 1945, and Brutus was sitting on my chest, holding a mirror up to my nos- trils, quite likely to check for breathing. He seemed mildly disappointed at the results but otherwise moved to leave. I heard a dull metallic noise emanating from outside. Thinking nothing of it, I said... “Uh.” I sat up, boosted Brutus onto my shoulder, and started for the door. As I reached the door, Barry, one of my friends from home, was slumped over next to the toilet, lying peacefully in a pile of Cheeta boxes and crushed Lime-a-Ritas cans. I gave him a rousing kick in the ribs while I shov- ed Adivi into my face, then wandered out to the living room. It appeared that the Tunguska explosion had been recreated at a slightly smaller scale with a kind of apocalyptic dog breath. My friend Luke was seated, bodhisattva-like, at the cen- ter of the volume around us. A few hookahs aligned on the ta- ble in front of him. I rubbed at my temples. “Where’s Der- ek?”

Luke gestured towards the terrace and I glanced through the sliding-glass doors to the source of the noise. Derek was lounging on the balcony in a bathrobe, firing a paintball gun at cars in the parking lot across the street and hawking dip spit into a bucket full of cigarette butts, “now that’s what I call Bud Light!”

Luke took a hit off the middle hoo- kah and coughed up approxi- mately thirty-four lungs. “Jesus man, what flavor is that?”

Luke looked at me re- proachfully. “Don’t take the lord’s name in vain, bro. It’s Gummis Berry flavored.” “Aren’t you goddamn seri- ous? I don’t!” The faint sound of a shattered glass indicated an upset. Derek hurried inside, shutting the door and slamming the window closed before he slid the paintball gun behind the couch. I continued in a huff. “I’m feeding my lungs with tobacco prod- ucts I want to know it! You don’t see me walking around hitting fruity flavored vape pens, do you?”

Brutus slithered off my shoulder and onto the floor, padding between the hookahs before hopping onto the floor and disappearing into the kitchen.

My phone rang. I groaned and answered. “Hey, what’s up, Maddie?”

Maddie was displeased with me. “What’s up is that your goddamned rat tried to kill me with a hairdryer while I was in the shower last night!”

“Wait, why were you showering at one at a.m.?”

From the kitchen, Barry called out, “Bro, who put all that broken glass in the gar- bage disposal? Oh, shit.”

Luke, Derek and I simul- taneously responded, “What is it?”

“I am. Brutus is, uh, in the wall.” Barry shot back.

“Maddie, I gotta let you go. Brutus is in the wall.”

I said.

“He’s in the what? Leave him! He tried to electrocute me!” she fumed.

“Yeah, he does that sometimes. Especially when people call him a rat. I’ll have to talk to him later when we get him out...” I hung up and jogged over to the kitchen.

“Well,” said Barry, “the little bastard got under the table here. He’s sorta beside the fridge...and now he’s there.” A loud gnawing noise echoed out of the wall.

After mulling it over, I decided that the best way to lure the little guy out would be by playing Peruvian pan flute music at a high volume, hoping that he heeded the call of his species’ home- land. Unfortunately, he is from New Jersey, and there’s not a lot of overlap there. He remained in the wall, mer- rally chewing away at what I assumed were key structural supports for half an hour, before wriggling out from underneath the cabinet and hopping back to the couch like nothing had happened. I regarded him sternly and said, “Do you ever wonder what life would be like if you weren’t so hell?”

He cocked his head and looked back at me for a moment, then leaned down and started chewing the power button off the TV remote.

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Features

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A (Not So) Taxing Lunch: Law Weekly Gains Exclusive Interview with Professor Mason

Many 3Ls might remember the first day of orientation in August 2016—the Friday before actual orientation started. The orientation team held a bonus session includ- ing a panel of professors kind enough to give their time to ad- vis us on our first year and be- yond. I clearly remember Professor Ruth Mason, who was introduced as a tax professor, responding to the moderator’s re- quest for advice to first-years. Her response: “Take tax.” Suf- fice it to say I was skeptical; of all the things I knew I wanted to know about the law, tax was one topic I was pretty sure was not on my list. But I was smart enough to listen, and I took this three-credit Federal In- come Tax Law course, and she was correct, and I would give the same advice to any other 3L.

Last week, we at the Law Weekly attended lunch with Professor Ruth Mason and she gave us her story about how she landed in tax law herself. As she has time for non-academic- reading, it is mostly about gar- gling, since she recently has found some space to grow vegetables, and their past efforts have led her to research animal-proof fencing. She noted that her husband had a rather different experience with childhood in New York, as his school was once visited by the local police, informing him that they needed to toughen up because they were becoming easy targets for muggings.

Professor Mason’s spe- cialization is international tax, and she said that a major cur- rent issue is keeping up with international cooperative ef- fort to address cross-border commerce, particularly with tech companies. Apple is a fa- mous example of a company that was able to avoid taxation by incorporating in Ireland but being active elsewhere, and countries are currently en- gaged in negotiations to simplify future tax avoidance. The recent changes to the United States Tax Code have also kept tax lawyers busy.

Professor Mason teaches the International Tax Practicum, which prepares students for the International and Euro- pean Tax Moot Court Compe- tition. Last year the UVA team became the first U.S. team to win the competition, and they are defending their title this week in Belgium. Professor Mason encourages all students to take at least one tax class, and to take it early. If you take it too late and find out you love it, you’ll have missed an opportunity to take more ad- vanced tax classes. If you have an opportunity to take a class with her, you’ll find she has a good sense of humor, but she’s not afraid to give students a little scare once in a while. She once handed out a class evalua- tion form during a break, and when the students regained their composure a few minutes later, she asked the other students to hand in their forms.

She has also been a visiting professor at Johannes Kepler University, Leiden University, Universite Paris 1 (Panthe- on Sorbonne), and Yale Law School. Professor Mason spent six weeks in Amsterdam as the first and youngest visiting professor in residence at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documenta- tion. The primary purpose of the em- ployment is to get perspectives from tax scholars around the world to facilitate discussion on cross-border taxation. She and her family enjoyed the city, and she said her kids were even speaking a little Dutch by the time they left. And she gave a pro-tip for parents: don’t en- tirely shift kids to the new time zone. They slept in and stayed up for a while, and then when they got home to the east coast they stayed up for a while.

I may not have fallen in love with tax, but with Professor Mason. The Law Weekly had the honor of attending lunch with Professor Mason as a way to thank her for her kindness and for taking the time to meet with the Law Weekly. She generously gave us her time to talk about her adventures in tax law and all the things she has learned along the way.

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ability to make change. When considering avenues where assis- tance is truly needed, Professor Matthews encourages students to look at who is left behind in the public healthcare system as the clear gap in care provided indi- viduals who don’t have health insurance. Through her own legal activism, we should identify those groups and move towards supporting them.

Nelson began her discussion with a provoking quote from James Baldwin’s Brother Outsider (documentary), “E. B. Du Bois: ‘One feels his two-ness, an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two un- reconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder. ‘No- body in this nation should feel like there is not a place for their presence to be meaningful.”

She points out that artists not known for their political works, such as Baldwin, have created universal experiences for the human condition, and that even black queers are pulled from different sides and dismissed from dialogue.

“For those like myself who are interested in learning more and making a difference, many organiza- tions suggested several media and literature options. Moonlight, Black Panther, and the many docu- mentaries on the Stonewall riots, Brother Outsider (documentary), The Color Purple, James Baldwin’s Brother Outsider, and Andre Lore are all excellent choices. Additionally, UVA Law Staff Services has added the Allyship Listserv to faculty and staff to as- sisted to join the allyship listserv to socialaction@uvaalbba.org.

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The famous protected classes of UVA Law are, of course, (1) hippies, (2) pets, and (3) massage chairs.

-C. J. VanderMeulen

This old, mistake-riddled doctrine that has no basis in the Petty Constitution of the Law School. As the court of high est jurisdiction over all petty disputes at UVA Law,' this Court cannot limit its power to reviewing the decisions of students groups by granting groups deference so long as the decision is "rational." Exxon itself shows the error of its ways.

Correction

The Law Weekly regrets two errors in its last edition. First, the date of publication was omitted the name of the new SBA secretary for the 2019-2020 school year; the new secretary is Katharine Jones’ 21. Second, Sam Pickett’s 21 was labeled as a mere Staff Editor when he is, in fact, the Law Weekly News Editor. The Law Weekly apologizes for these oversights and hope our readers do not hold these against us in their future reading decisions.
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Christina: Nothing pumps me up for brunch like a forty-five-minute walk. Life and eggs are both sweeter when I’m at the ravenous edge of hunger. I highly recommend MarieBette’s “The Morning Jorgensen,” which is possibly the bougiest open-face almond croissant. Pick up a financier while you’re at it, because no one is ever going to pay for that hook. Life is pain! 4/0/5

The Line Between Legitimate Critiques of Israel and Anti-Semitism
Guest Writers Jason Fruchtman & Julian Kritz

The last few months has been an especially painful time for Jews in the United States. Hate crimes against Jews, an increase in the rise; in New York City for instance, a majority of the city’s hate crimes have been anti-Semitic. And Congress has failed to lead on combating anti-Semitism. In the wake of a series of anti-Semitic comments made by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, Congress failed to denounce her remarks, instead passing a resolution condemning anti-Semitism. In general, we recognize that there are widespread misconceptions about what constitutes anti-Semitism and when hatefule rhetoric toward Israel and its supporters crosses the line to criticism of Israel, a line that is not intuitive and that many people believe is used to justify discrimination and violence against Jews. Representative Omar has repeatedly invoked anti-Semitic themes, suggesting that the Jewish State is “hypothesized” the world, that it’s Jewish money that drives Congressional support for Israel, and that Jewish-Americans who feel affinity for Israel are disloyal. These are textbook examples of anti-Semitism. It’s time to acknowledge any Jewish criticism of Israel’s historic homeland, Israel. For instance, remarks that refuse to acknowledge any Jewish historic home is an act of hate and denial, not a legitimate critique of Israel.

Where is a place you haven’t been but want to travel to?
The Holy Land—Israel and the surrounding region

Andrew Roberts ’19
What is your favorite word/phrase? “Go Dawgs.”

Where did you grow up?
Atlanta, Georgia.

If you could meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?
I’d go on an outdoor adventure with survival instructor and adventurer Bear Grylls.

What’s your favorite hobby to avoid the stress of law school?
Working out on North Grounds.

Where is your favorite place to vacation?
The Bahamas.

What’s something you wish you’d known about law school before coming to UVA Law?
It’s all about XL.

Backstreet Boys or Hot Bench

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Letter to the Editor

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accused demonic Jews of using the blood of Christian children in their Passover Matzah. This trope was used to justify anti-Jewish riots and massacres. The anti-Israel movement often uses tropes about Jewish bloodthirstiness to demonize the Israeli Defense Force’s efforts to protect their country. Double standards refers to the singling out of Israel for international opprobrium and sanction. For instance, the BDS movement targets Israel for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions, based on flimsy or even false claims about Israel’s human rights record, while ignoring the blatant human rights abuses of countries around the world, especially in the Middle East.

Students should know that some in our community consider almost all criticisms of Israel to be grounded in anti-Semitism, and others assert that practically no criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic. Both are extreme views unrepresentative of the mainstream of our community. What is mainstream and has been accepted by the vast majority of Jews and Jewish organizations—across the political spectrum—is the Three D approach to delineating the line between legitimate critiques of Israel and anti-Semitism.

We welcome debate about strengths and shortcomings of Israeli policy, Israeli civil society, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and U.S.-Israeli relations. But we must remain vigilant to ensure that these conversations do not devolve into bigotry. We will wholeheartedly condemn such bigotry against our own and any other community. We hope you will too.

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Week 1 and 2 Softball Scores

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