Dean Goluboff Welcomes Class of 2022

What a momentous time to welcome you to UVA Law School. Over the course of the next two years, we will observe both the bicentennial of our founding and the centennial of coeducation. As we commemorate these important milestones, continuity and change are both much more than evidence. From its charter in 1819 as an original “department” of the University of Virginia, this law school began educating students broadly, with courses in political theory and political economy as well as more strictly legal subjects. Its purpose was to train exceptional lawyers for both the practice of law as well as service to and leadership of the new democracy that was the United States.

That continues to be the mission of this Law School, and it is one that I hope shapes your time here. We will teach you the fundamentals of how to think (and write and speak) with the analytical reasoning and precision of a lawyer. We will offer you opportunities to work with real clients on real cases so that you can acquire the integrity, judgment, and perspective that you learn most effectively through experience. And we will expose you to the broad sweep of interdisciplinary perspectives—economics, jurisprudence, history, psychology, and more—that will enable you to see the big picture wherever your career takes you. You will leave here able not only to deploy the law as it is but also to envision what the law can and should be in the future.

In other words, we will carry on our 200-year tradition of educating serving lawyers and leaders of the law. At the same time, evidence of how much has changed at UVA Law School over the past two centuries is all around us. Most fundamentally, who we educate has broadened in every conceivable way from our founding. Almost 100 years ago, Rose May Davis ‘22 and Elizabeth Tompkins ‘23 became the first women to attend the Law School as regular students. Almost 70 years ago, Gregory Swanson ‘51 became the first African American. Today, our community of students, faculty, staff is as diverse in backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, and passions as we are united in our commitment to the importance of the law and the legal education that supports it.

Such diversity is a gift. Take advantage of what it offers. Most people who are different from you, get to know them, learn from them. The honest and respectful exchange of ideas is invaluable—not only in the classroom, but also in Scott Commons, in the sections you have been assigned and the organizations you choose to join. It is not always easy to speak so that others can listen or listen even when the message is hard to hear, but our community of trust and belonging makes that possible.

Moreover, those skills are essential to analyzing and solving problems, considering every argument, exploring every idea, arguing for your side, and collaborating with the other. In other words, learning how to talk and listen with professionalism, respect, and empathy in a diverse community like ours is essential to becoming the exceptional lawyers you are all here to become.

I know that many of you are asking exactly what kind of lawyer you will be and what kind of practice you will pursue. You are right to be asking those questions, but I urge you not to be in too much of a hurry to answer them. Some of you may have arrived here with set plans for how you will use your law degree, and perhaps you will end up just where you expect. For many of you, those plans will change. And for those of you who don’t yet have a plan, don’t worry. I am not worried about any of you, whatever your situation. There is so much you can’t possibly know yet.

These next three years will transform you as you gain a new vocabulary and a new way of thinking, as you learn the tools and substance of the law. Law school will change you by school will change you by

around north grounds

Thumbs up to ANG. ANG would have needed to live in an even darker basement this summer and would not have been able to subsist on ramen noodles and corn dogs. But this is all pretending ANG had secured a summer job.

Thumbs side-ways to crazy summer campus security alerts.

ANG hopes the next one will involve a wacky genetic experiment escaped from the secluded UVA School of Medicine.

Congratulations to ANG, to happy students of Mika Bray and Ian Carlin. ANG loves weddings, and UVA Law weddings are always a good time.

Heart to Welcoming Class of 2022 and seeing old friends!!

Welcome pages
The 1L Guide to Surviving Cold Calls

Welcome to the University of Virginia School of Law! You are about to embark on a jour-
ney unlike any other: your first cold calls. 

Don't fear the cold call. It's a moment dramatized by Lee-
gaul Blonde and Other Law
Jacob Jones '21

School Mov-
ies. I should've
Watched by Now. You will 
ever forget your first cold call. I re-
member mine like it was yester-
day. There I was, enjoying my first cold call, when sud-
denly my professor calls my name. I panicked, my spaghetti fell on my glasses, and everything was off to a terrible start. Don't be like me. Do better. Learn from the mistakes of your elders, mostly by reading this column.

Do: Take a deep breath. You read the case (hopefully). It's all in there. You've got your notes, maybe your seven highlighted portions of the text, and your casebook. That's all you need. Nobody's stupid enough in here. You can do this.

Don't: Cry at людей the cold call. It's hard sometimes.

Do: Accept help from class-
mates. This doesn't help as much as you're in the front row, but if you have an idea what the answer is, the answer whispered in your ear by a classmate is bet-
ter. And remember to slide them on down.

Use your middle initial in everything. Law school is primarily about intimidation and respect, and nothing says that like a name people have to 

Do: Be honest if you are com-
pletely unsure. 1Ls hap-
pens, and even the best stu-
dents sometimes come to class 

Remember what the point of the class was, because you're not in the 
clear.

ing. Unless you are one of the 

extra-genius that live among 
us who can figure out everything 

on the spot, it's going to be a re-
ally awkward ten minutes of you 

humbling through the case. And 

that doesn't help anyone. It will 

be painfully obvious you didn't 

TIP: Don't buy a casebook. 

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answer the question. You've read 
on the spot, 

the right answer.

Do: Remember your profes-

sor wants to hug you and tell you 
you're doing great deep down 

inside. But as a legal practitioner 
yourself by remembering that, 

and keeping in mind that you're 

playing the role of someone as 

well. You can think of yourself as 

the witty lawyer before a judge, a 

master Jedi being questioned by 

the Jedi Council on Coruscant, 

or whatever image of yourself 

that makes you think of some-

one who is calm, cool, and col-
llected.

Do: Just start reading large 
excerpts from your casebook. Reading smaller parts of cases 

may work if they are more 

relevant and you need time to stall. But make sure you're cooking up 
a point in the back of your mind while you read a small and rele-

vant portion of text. We all know 

what's in the casebook. Your job is to extrapolate, not serv-

er a case.

Put your middle initial in your name every time you write it. As 

I stated above, law school is all about intimidation, and you need to look smart even before the stu-

dents set foot in your class. What better way to prove this than to put an extra letter in your name? You are showing them that you are more than just a first and last name.

Use your middle initial. As 

Drew Calamaro '21

Satire Editor

Do: Remember your profes-
sor, it is your job to keep the 

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fit. This, of course, is the 

true lesson of your class.

Advice for 1Ls and New Professors

Advice for new professors:

Never record your class-
es, and never post slides 

before class. It weakens the 

minds of our students and the 

resolve of our allies. As a pro-

fessor, it is your job to keep the 

flame of knowledge alive, and 

what better way to do that than 
to only provide a single avenue 

This, of course, is the 

true lesson of your class.

Only assign the most expen-

tive books, and double the price 

if you wrote it yourself. Like the 

biblical parable of the talents, 
you are showing students that you are more than just a 

professor, it is your job to keep the 

flame of knowledge alive, and 

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As we start the year, what better way to get off on the right foot than to go on the right hike? Christina Luk ’21

Executive Editor

There are a great many paths one may take in life, and the start of the year represents for many of us the start of a new journey. For our new intrepid 1Ls, a hike in nature will refresh the mind and preserve your sanity. For those returning from a busy summer, fresh from the gentle ravages of OGI or glumly returning from a month-long vacation following a 2L summer job, a hike will help you find those broken spirits. For the celebratory, the crestfallen, and all those on the middle path, there is hiking. What is a tort? Contracts who? Meeting of the minds? All that will come in due time. Take off now for the green and vibrant hills! Nothing beats the hiking trails of Virginia. I present to you, Law Weekly’s Guide to Healthful Exercise.

Rivanna Trail

The Rivanna Trail starts just outside the Law School doors, making it accessible for even those of us in the deepest and darkest of summer pits. To find freedom and fresh air, one need simply to take in life, and keep the adventure going.

Humpback Rocks (Blue Ridge Parkway)

The hike at Humpback Rocks is nature’s homage to the Law School. As art mimics life, so too does the grueling uphill trek mimic the learning curve of 1L life. The hike at Humpback Rocks begins with a beautiful thirty-five minute drive from town. Take I-64 and, everyone but the driver, direct your cameras at Rockfish Valley as you approach the summit at Afton Mountain. You will not disappoint your Instagram followers.

At the south end of the Humpback Gap parking lot, follow the blue blazes on the trees to Humpback Rocks. (The same parking lot also gives access to the aptly named Humpback Mountain and the Humpback Rocks picnic area.) At about a half-mile up the trail, take the spur trail on the left to begin the ascent. This 700-foot climb represents the arduous first year of law school. This hilly trail mimics the gentle ravages of OGI as you approach the summit at Afton Mountain. You will not disappoint your Instagram followers.

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Crabtree Falls (Nelson County)

This perfect half-day hike winds up through the woods, with at least a glimpse of the cascading falls for almost the entire time. The waterfall is the tallest east of the Mississippi River, at around 1,000 feet high, and its roar is soothing in the extreme. Around 2.5 miles long, with views that can only be described as food for the soul, Crabtree Falls trail may be the most restorative of Law Weekly’s recommended hikes. Bring a book (for fun, not school, duh), bring some lunch or just cookies (the perfect snack for any peak), go with friends or alone (you’ll end up running into some dogs with their humans almost any day of the week, so it won’t be an utterly lonely wander in the wilderness)… and if you go in October, the trees will be flaming with color, AND you might see a seasonally-appropriate, neon orange pumpkin spider!

Hidden Gems from Seasoned Hiker Dani Gibbons ’21

Devil’s Marbleyard—This location is an hour and a half away from the Law School, but it is sure to please. Enjoy an easy hike up to the yard with a 360-degree view that makes it the most popular of the Peaks of Otter, although the other two peaks are unique and enjoyable hikes in their own right.

Need hiking buddies? Section-mates abhor nature and its accompanying creepy-crawlies? We at Law Weekly tip our hats off to the club that organizes great retreats and hikes throughout the year.

Consider this one of the more challenging options on our list. Dani’s pro-tip? When you descend, stay to the right (facing the hill) and use the solid ground path. Also, go on a cooler day, because there’s no shade to be found here.

Sharp Top/The Peaks of Otter—This Virginia classic is around two hours from school. Sharp Top is a moderately steep 1.5 mile hike up with a 360-degree view that makes it the most popular of the Peaks of Otter, although the other two peaks are unique and enjoyable hikes in their own right.

Waterfall, view of the mountainous terrain, and the surrounding forest.

You can find more information about hiking trails and locations around the Charlottesville area in the Rivanna Trails Foundation App. This app has street and satellite maps to help you find your location and keep the adventure going.

There is no solid ground!
LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVA Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court comprises four associate justices and one Chief Justice. Opinions shall be released periodically and only in the official court reporter: the Virginia Law Weekly. Please email a brief summary of any and all conflicts to mes5@virginia.edu.

1L Gunnerson v. Everyday One Else
324 UVA 22 (2019)

Eliegegui, J. delivered the opinion of the Court.

Summary

As happens every year, the brand-new 3Ls have been running around the school for a week, finding their favorite study spots, surviving their first cold calls, and bonding with their section friends. When left unattended, though, this year’s crop of 1Ls developed a complex. They began to think that they rule the school. Well, that comes to a stop today.

Facts

This morning, three 1Ls-Brooks, Mathews, and Hank Hayden—filed a lawsuit alleging intentional infliction of emotional distress and unlawful concentration. Over the last week, the three 1Ls of Section F have developed a morning routine. Sue arrives at school first and pulls her staff down in the conference room across from the bookstore (prime studying mode and a little bit chubbier from all of the steaks their law firms had fed them this summer). The 3Ls here were to blame for the chaos.

Sue worked up her courage and walked into the conference room, complaining to the occupants that she and her friends had occupied this room every morning for the past WEEK. Did these interlopers not understand that 1L is the hardest year and that they need this space to focus and do their work? The 3Ls looked at Sue and laughed. “Get outta here,” said Riley Rivers. “Talk to me when you have thirty pages of Sec Reg reading to do.” The 3Ls immediately appealed the decision to this illustrious body, the Court of Petty Appeals. The appeal stated, “We don’t really feel like doing this right now, but someone needs to put the 1Ls back in their place.”

Analysis

Although the 3Ls’ brief did not comply with the Rule of Civil Procedure and did not really lay out any arguments per se, the Court will hear the appeal and restore order across the Law School. As a Senior Associate Justice 3L, I am not particularly in a mood to do any work, but someone has to do it. The rest of the 3Ls immediately appealed the decision to this illustrious body, the Court of Petty Appeals. The appeal stated, “We don’t really feel like doing this right now, but someone needs to put the 1Ls back in their place.”

Procedure

Step 1: Mathews and Hayden recovered in ScoCo and decided to seek recourse in the school’s best forum for addressing wrongs—the Court of Petty Appeals. The plaintiffs allege intentional infliction of emotional distress and unlawful concentration. They seek a temporary injunction to prevent the 3Ls from taking over their conference room. At the lower court, the Court of Petty Appeals, the brand-new 1L Judge Elaine Cruz granted the preliminary injunction for the plaintiffs. According to Judge Cruz, the 1Ls showed a likelihood of success on the merits because 1Ls have a cognizable right over the conference room, gained by occupying and using the space every morning. The 3Ls violated that right by taking over the conference room and keeping the 1Ls out.

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Identification

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Pointing the Finger: Who’s Really Responsible for America’s Problems Right Now

Ha! Are you kidding me? Do you think I want to belly-flop into that minefield? I’m not touching it.

Will Palmer ’21
Staff Editor

Digital technology is a thorn in my side, just like it was for Nancy Pelosi.

Nancy Pelosi spends her free time watching videos. Next thing you know, her smart home will be hacked by a contractor for the FSB hacking group. I mean, I could have told you that.

But I digress.

Where am I? Right, smart home devices. My reptilian brain’s immediate reaction to hearing someone — especially me — say something disturbing is disgust and horror at the sight of this thing that should not be. I looked over at my refrigerator just now. (It was running.) It doesn’t have Twitter capabilities and it doesn’t even know the weather or keep track of my schedule. It keeps my White Claws cold. It is a simple purpose, yes, but a true one, and I expect the politician to do that. Call me a Luddite if you want, but I’m not worried about talking to the new machines only served to reinforce my trepidation.

In my mind, the ideal home appliance is one that endlessly belches coal smoke and requires two tons of long cut Grizzly a day to function. The gleaming silver monoliths, towering like Nordic icons of the laundry room, most assuredly did not meet this standard. They probably used Skol peaches — or gross. Leaves the Europeans to take all the grist out of packing a fat lip.

Needless to say, the infernal laundry devices had to be destroyed. That night, I dragged them into the backyard, poured water onto the circuit boards, and buried them next to my twin brother Damien. Staging the scene to make it look like very specific type of burglary had occurred was difficult, but it’s doable. I would know.

So, how to resolve the smart-home dilemma? The first option that comes to mind, as with many of life’s troubles, is to flee the surface and join the mole-people in their underground kingdom. However, if you’re not a fan of becoming a Morlock, there’s another choice: stop bugging your own residence. Or at least do so minimally.

I don’t need to worry about Boris from the FSB hacking an Alexa or smart fridge and ordering to gallons of Vaseline off Amazon using my account. Don’t put that evil on me. I worry enough about a crafty-looking gift-giving singer I bought at a moonlit crossroads in Georgia to have to deal with g’damn Alexa. And I already have enough Vaseline left over from Prime Day.

This delightful bit of commentary comes to you courtesy of Australian MP Bob Katter. The man knows his priorities.

“If you don’t have a Twitter account...”

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Neff, but you will look back and recall the memories you made with good friends.

In case you need another reason to read and contrib-
ute to the paper every week, know that the Law Weekly has been named the best law school newspaper in the country for three years running by the American Bar Association. We work really hard to make your paper enjoyable for you. Many schools don’t have a law school newspaper, and not all of your fellow law students across the country have access to stories like these. The paper always has room to improve, but know that this—a weekly, semi-serious, semi-satirical paper—is a unique concept, and we want to keep that alive for years to come.

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running you through the gauntlet of torts, contracts, legal research and writing, and more. You will come out the other side of this year knowing that you have brought you to law school but also a different person.

Inside and outside the classroom, we will offer you more opportunities than you will be able to take. That is the beauty of a law school that boasts students who are the best and the brightest in the nation, world-class faculty engaged in groundbreaking research, and experiential learning that will put you through the emotional rollercoaster that is law school. How else would we prepare 1Ls for their first finals? Law students may not recover from the emotional inflection of emotional distress from other law students because the emotional distress should be expected.

Additionally, the plain-tiffs cannot demonstrate unlawful conversion because the 3Ls have a much stronger claim to the conference room. The court takes judicial notice of the fact that this group of 3Ls uses the conference room in question frequently. As an Associate Senior Justice, I have walked past that room on my way to buy Diet Coke from the Bookstore and I have seen all of them. That is enough of a basis to conclude that the 3Ls are there a lot. Therefore, they have a better claim to the room.

Summary
In conclusion, the 3Ls are back, baby. We rule the school and everyone else better prepare themselves. 1Ls lose and all cases from here on out will proceed from the presumption that 3Ls are wrong. This is the first of petty applications of this new rule, but I’m sure it won’t be the last.

It is so ordered.

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Solution

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**Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.50)**

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