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Human Rights Program Kicks off with a Bang

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Costa Rican attorney Victor Madrigal-Borloz began his legal career making copies at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; now he is a senior visiting researcher at Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program and the United Nations ("U.N.") independent expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In this capacity, he works to assess the implementation of international human rights and engages in dialogue with relevant stakeholders. Madrigal-Borloz also provides advisory services, technical assistance and capacity-building to help address violence and discrimination against people on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender activity. Last Thursday, when he spoke at Human Rights Program Kickoff,¹ he was unconcerned with his own rise to (what I call) international superstardom² and focused principally on describing the problems and progressions of the LGBTQ+ movement over the last fifty years.

Madrigal-Borloz began by describing the various stages of the legal battle for LGBTQ+ rights. The first stage focused on the decriminalization of homosexuality, where activists fought to keep government out of the bedroom—a development that Madrigal-Borloz contrasted with the work of women's rights groups who were trying to combat domestic violence by demanding the government provide more protections for women by entering the perceived private, family sphere. The second stage emphasized the fundamental roles LGBTQ+

¹ Sponsored by the Human Rights Program, Lambda Law Alliance, and the Latin American Law Organization.

² He refuted such a label but I don't care. He is a superstar to me.

Section J Jumps Ranks, Wins 1L Tournament



Section J flaunts their championship wares after capturing the 1L Softball Tournament title. Photo credit Zac Bell '21.

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This past Sunday, first-year law students participated in the annual 1L Softball Tournament, and the event did not disappoint. After hours spent grinding in the summer heat at Copeley Field, Section J emerged victorious—capping off an impressive tournament run.

In a field that boasted of many talented teams, Section J was clearly the most impressive. The team began the tournament with a chip on its shoulder, as the section was the #9 seed, meaning it had to win a game before making it to the quarterfinals. But the players did just that, and in impressive fashion, bested Section F in a contest that ended 13-4. In the quarterfinals, the players in Section J had their work cut out for them as they faced the Dandelion winners and top seed of the tournament, Section C. Here, Section J had its most impressive performance of the tournament, triggering the mercy rule when Section C was dominated 18-0. And after a decisive 18-6 victory over Section A in the semi-finals, Section J was set to face the talented Section D squad.

The Finals of the 1L Softball Tournament provided arguably the most exciting game of the day. The matchup featured a pair of stud pitchers, as Phil Tonseth '22 for Section D squared off against Connor Fitzgerald '22 of Section J. The game was close from the start, and the score was tied 10-10 going into the sixth of seven innings. But a series of heavy hits from Section J put it over

the edge and propelled the section to victory in a contest that ended 15-12. While Section D had an impressive tournament showing, at the end of the day it was Section J that was hoisting the coveted Keg Racing trophy.

There were a few other stand-out teams worthy of honorable mentions. Section G also had an impressive tournament run, nearly reaching the finals before being ousted by Section D in a tight game that was ultimately decided in overtime.¹ Also, Section A performed well on Sunday, with their only loss coming from the eventual tournament winners. While there were a few blow-outs, most of the games on Sunday were tightly contested. And it was evident that every team had practiced and was well-rehearsed for the tournament. So, congrats to all the 1L sections for making it a fun and exciting tournament.

As usual, the festivities that occurred off the field were a big hit with 1Ls. White Claw, Modelo, and near-beer Bud Light abounded in the dugouts. 1Ls faced a familiar challenge throughout Sunday, as they had to figure out how to crank out LRW memos and study for Civ Pro while away from the comforting arms of sobriety. Many were up for the challenge, and their efforts should be commended. The teams also displayed impressive and var-

¹ All games but the finals played based on time, meaning no new inning would start after forty-five minutes of the regularly scheduled start time unless the teams were at a tie at that time.

ied musical tastes, alternating playlists and genres to accompany warm-ups and walk-outs. And team chants, posters, and dances showed an impressive sense of section pride amongst the competitors. It was clear that the students were fully engaged with the tournament.

The tournament also presented opportunities for lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication. Losing teams were repeatedly reined in by peer advisors who consoled them on their losses and congratulated them for their efforts. And several teams that finished outside first place still bathed in the celebratory champagne bath, including Section D, which, after losing the finals, began chanting, "We're number two!" repeatedly while popping bottles. Each game ended with the opposing teams exchanging high-fives as they congratulated each other for a "good game." Even in the few heated moments on the field, players were quick to compose themselves and quicker to apologize for any lack of good sportsmanship. Overall, the 1L Tournament continued to embody the UVA values that students hold dear.

Ryan Ray '20, one of the organizers of the event and tournament director² for the upcoming 37th annual Softball Invitational in the spring, said, "Sunday couldn't have

² He and Austin Johnson '20, fellow organizer and tournament director, like to refer to the position more officially as "tournament dad."

around north grounds



Thumbs down to Roots capping the number of orders at eighty.

ANG's hangriness cannot handle this kind of unpredictability in ANG's lunch schedule. ANG revokes ANG's double thumbs up from last week.



Thumbs up to the snake sighted in WB (picture on page 3).

ANG prefers his snake companions of the reptilian variety, not the gunner type.



Thumbs down to Foxfield supposedly having no cell signal.

How is ANG supposed to know ANG is at Foxfield if ANG can't post real time Instagram stories?



Thumbs up to people blocking the aisles after class. It forces

ANG to remember that it has a limited time on this earth, and that YOU are still wasting it.



Thumbs down to the group of 1Ls chit chatting with each other

in the snack room. It is supposed to be an in-n-out situation, despite the fact that the snack office does not serve burgers.



Thumbs down to the Emmys for awarding

Game of Thrones best drama series. ANG thought that Games of Thrones had gone out in a wildly stupid blaze of glory, but it reappeared out of nowhere for no reason. Just like the Dothraki.



Thumbs sideways to SBA for measuring every

3L head. On one had, ANG appreciates the chance to have ANG's ego inflated by having the largest head. On the other, ANG doesn't trust any sort of government entity with this kind of information.



Thumbs up to the police report this past weekend.

With all those unknowns, it even could've been ANG!

Law Weekly Faculty Lunch Series: Professor Lovelace

“Live purposefully and be passionate,” advised Professor Timothy Lovelace ’06.

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On Tuesday, September 17th, Professor Lovelace joined myself, Leah Deskins ’21, and Grace Tang ’21 for the first *Law Weekly* faculty staff lunch of the semester. Professor Lovelace, a quadruple ‘Hoo (B.A., J.D., M.A., Ph.D.), is a visiting professor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Professor Lovelace is teaching Critical Race Theory at the Law School. He also teaches a class on Main Grounds.

Professor Lovelace is originally from Roanoke, VA and is excited to spend the year closer to family there. Professor Lovelace is also excited to be back in Charlottesville because “it feels like home.” He really enjoys his students and colleagues—some of whom were his peers in law school like Professors Charles Barzun ’05, Leslie Kendrick ’06 and Micah Schwartman ’05. Professor Lovelace is also excited to take advantage of some of the local Charlottesville attractions; he particularly enjoys Pippin Hill and Carter

Mountain. Because Professor Lovelace lives close to Carter Mountain, he can often be found relaxing and reading a book on the mountain-top. He also noted that the scenery and hills are a nice change of pace from Indiana, which is very flat.

Professor Lovelace is a legal historian. He wasn’t originally interested in academia and entered law school to pursue a career in public service. Professor Lovelace caught the private law firm bug and spent one summer in private practice. During that summer, Professor Lovelace enjoyed his work but realized his heart wasn’t in it. He was spending his evenings printing out law review articles and reading them at home, and a colleague pointed out that didn’t seem like a typical hobby for big law attorneys. He decided to apply to graduate school and pursue a degree in history in one of the country’s best programs—UVA. Professor Lovelace was accepted to the program and wrote his dissertation on how the American Civil Rights’ Movement impacted the International Human Rights Movement. Dean Goluboff sat on Professor Lovelace’s dissertation committee. Professor Lovelace noted that Dean Goluboff is one of the most eminent legal historians and

having her sit on his dissertation committee was an honor.

As a dedicated UVA alum, Professor Lovelace is a big Cavaliers sports fan. Professor Lovelace likes all of the teams, but his true passion is basketball. Professor Lovelace is particularly a supporter of the Women’s Basketball Team. During his time in college, Professor Lovelace played on the scout team, which is a group of basketball players who practice against the Women’s team, impersonating specific members of the opponent to help the team prepare. He’s hopeful for another great season for both teams this year.

I was impressed by Professor Lovelace’s passion for legal history and teaching. He told us that when your work is your passion, it makes hard work much easier. Professor Lovelace also told us he appreciates his passionate students and the interesting in-class conversations. He only handed out a syllabus for the first half of the semester in Critical Race Theory, so the second half can be specifically tailored to his students’ interests. Professor Lovelace encourages discussion in class and allows his students to take control of their education. For example, Professor Lovelace

decided to dedicate a whole class to *Brown v. Board of Education* at his students’ request. When I asked Professor Lovelace if he saw any differences between teaching an undergraduate and graduate course, he told me it was pretty much the same, although undergraduates are less career-oriented. I was surprised, and a bit concerned about how the big egos of law students would survive this revelation. How-

ever, Professor Lovelace softened the blow a little bit by praising the merits of both the undergraduates and graduate students—some of the finest in the country.

Overall, lunch was great and I appreciated the opportunity to get to know Professor Lovelace. I would highly recommend everyone consider his class in the Spring!

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Professor Timothy Lovelace ’06 graciously sat down with the *Law Weekly* for the first faculty lunch of the semester. Photo courtesy law.virginia.edu.

Indispensable Advice for 1Ls: Part II

As we start rolling into our fall semester, I want to dish out some more advice before mid-October,

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when the 1Ls begin to realize that they should’ve been outlining as they go along but it’s too late now and they will just wait until Thanksgiving break because they’ll definitely be productive and get it done then. Some aspects of this article should be discussed by PAs, but given that I know many of the PAs.... let’s just say that there are many stones left unturned in the advice department, despite that department being filled to capacity with warm bodies. So, without further ado, I give you advice for the rest of the semester.

Always sound as proper as possible in a cold call, and if they give you dirty looks, it is just because the intimidation tactic is working. Many would say you sound like an idiot when you use the word “one” instead of the colloquial “someone.” Others would say you sound full of yourself and pompous to the point of insufferability.¹ To that, I say nay! ‘Tis the weaker mind that is bothered by the advanced verbiage you are putting on display

¹ The editors would say this isn’t a word. But the editors are wrong because I just used it.

like a codpiece worn by Henry VIII.² Oh, how they will tremble as you say, “What if one were to instead entertain this hypothetical I don’t actually need to add to the conversation?” Surely the professor must give you an A- on this sentence alone! Can they not see how you rise above the rabble, the plebs who use the word “someone” like some uneducated dunce!? They will look upon you and see your magnificence for what it is, an ENTJ personality-type with a couple of ENTP results thrown in.³ So, speak properly and carry a big stick, and when you are walking make sure it is no longer in the nether regions since you only have ten minutes to waddle to class.

Any sentence starting with “I feel” is the most important sentence you’ll listen to for the rest of your career and/or life. Many say that listening is just as important as talking in law school. I don’t buy it, but the times when it rings true are when you hear a classmate say “I feel” before diving into an unrelated example. You may think that entire conversation is useless, but you couldn’t be further from the truth. The professors are in fact required to take note of these special and rare occurrences, and sprinkle some of them into the final ex-

² Look it up.

³ Basically a mix of Bill Gates and Margaret Thatcher. Ever heard of them?

ams. So next time you think those moments are simply for someone to get a thought out to score points with a professor and impress their fellow students, check yourself. In law school, details matter, and sentences starting with “I feel” are the ones that change the world.

Do NOT mess up firm receptions since they will remember your face and full name. I didn’t get this piece of advice as a 1L and I wish I did! First, the number of receptions you get invited to, or attend, should absolutely matter, both to yourself and everyone around you. If you didn’t tell someone not attending a reception that you, in fact, are going to a reception that very night, you might as well have not gone at all. Receptions are a social currency that is unequaled in the school. They mean you are wanted, desired, even *admired* by the firm. Furthermore, you absolutely can mess up a reception and your chances at a job in general by forgetting a name or not having a factoid you found on their website ready to whip out at a moment’s notice. This is because firms only send their most trusted and put-together lawyers to conduct firm receptions, and they always return with a full report of faces, names, and things you said that their fellow firm-monkeys workers will go through with a fine-toothed comb. Thus, you should always be nervous for firm receptions, and never, EVER make good conversation unrelated to law school or lawyering—that is a trap I have seen many fall for and never recover from.

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Club Spotlight: Amici Signatae Linguae

Imagine your high school days, if you can remember back that far. But imagine that, instead of hearing the

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bell between classes, the slam of the lockers, and the ring of your best friend’s laugh, you hear nothing. Fast forward and picture how different law school classes, bar review, or snagging snacks from the snack office would be if you couldn’t chat with friends in the halls or hear the professor in the classroom.

Hearing people inevitably take sound for granted, and when we contemplate life without it, we think of all the music, sounds, or maybe podcasts we would miss. But for Deaf people, it is the communication barrier between them and the hearing world that is significant. Without sign language training and interpreters, this barrier can separate Deaf children from family conversations and Deaf students from educational opportunities and relationships with classmates.

But it doesn’t have to be that way. Awareness of Deaf culture, common courtesy toward the Deaf, and even a basic understanding of sign language can powerfully bridge divides and bring the Deaf more fully into the com-

munity both here at the law school and in the workplace. That’s why a small team of UVA Law students is working to grow a sign language organization—Amici Signatae Linguae (“ASL”)—here at the law school. Amici Signatae Linguae means “Friends of Sign Language,” which embodies our vision of fostering sign language use at the law school for the benefit of Deaf students and visitors, children of Deaf adults, and hearing sign language learners.

The inspiration to start ASL began during my 1L year, in a small church fellowship hall, trying desperately to remember enough from high school sign language to be able to communicate with Bobby and Mary. Deeply kind older people that they are, they patiently taught me to sign and understand signs better. I found that sign language tapped a creative linguistic part of my brain unexercised by law school classes or even my failed attempt at Spanish fluency. I was hooked.

When I found out that a Deaf student had started at the law school last year, I knew it was time to spread sign language fever at the law school. I put out a small plug on the SBA Events email to gauge interest, and the organization took off from there. We started with a sign language training kickoff in the

UVA Law Split Second Sightings

With so many events happening every week at the Law School, the Law Weekly members are unable to attend every event and provide full coverage of all the incredible work done by student organizations every day. This section of the Virginia Law Weekly is a compilation of events seen and heard around the Law School, allowing readers to see more of the hopping happenings at UVA Law. All photo credits to Kolleen Gladden '21 unless otherwise indicated.

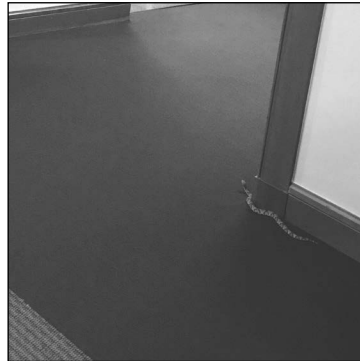
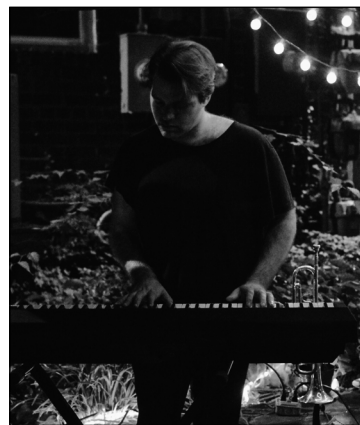


Photo credit Zac Bell '21.

Left, top to bottom: Section J basks in the glow of victory. Batters are ready to swing for the fences. Section C huddles for warmth on a sweltering 90 degree day.

Right: Panic at the District Court! plays The Tin Whistle Irish Pub. Enigmatic pianist bangs out tunes in semi-darkness. Bandmates sing, drum, and strum all night long.

Below: Friendly snake joins Law School community and attends local Tort class. Photo credit Jacob Jones '21.



HUMAN RIGHTS

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rights and protections hold in the development of personal autonomy and dignity, a legal argument that found support from the U.N. Human Rights Council. Madrigal-Borloz now believes we are in a third stage, where more attention is being given to intersectionality within the LGBTQ+ community and to how various sociocultural factors combine to weave “the fabric of our lived experience.” He identified the varying conditions LGBTQ+ individuals face in different areas in space and time—in cities versus in the country, as a young man versus an older woman. This tension, remarked Madrigal-Borloz, holds great promise: the better we understand people’s identities, the better we understand how they cope and how they thrive in different environments.

Even as the legal battle for LGBTQ+ rights progresses, Madrigal-Borloz emphasized that violence and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals persists throughout the world. He described how governments weaponize LGBTQ+ issues, portraying LGBTQ+ individuals as bad citizens who threaten social cohesion, particularly during periods of societal unrest and instability. Madrigal-Borloz discussed the systemic discrimination faced by members of the LGBTQ+ community in employment, housing, schooling, and healthcare. In particular, he discussed the

need to combat the deeply-engrained medical practice of “diagnosing” homosexuality and gender dysphoria rather than simply accepting an individual’s stated identity.

In addition to the difficulties still faced by LGBTQ+ individuals, Madrigal-Borloz addressed the progress the movement has achieved. Efforts to increase the acceptance and happiness of the LGBTQ+ community has resulted in increased openness and pride—a phenomenon Madrigal-Borloz identified as the exercise of people’s human rights, which is the key to contributing to society. He also finds solace in the steps taken by governments to eliminate formal discrimination.

Looking forward, Madrigal-Borloz called on governments to strengthen legal protections and frameworks for the LGBTQ+ community in education, employment, healthcare, and housing, among other areas. He encouraged partnerships with civil society organizations and businesses and remarked on the importance of celebrations like Pride, where LGBTQ+ individuals can proudly embrace their identities and exist openly in the public space that so often represses who they are. He concluded with the importance of solidarity and the need for action throughout society.

Madrigal-Borloz’s talk is a reminder of what makes UVA so special. Law school often leaves students feeling suffocated by doctrine as they try to figure out what consid-

eration is and the difference between a \$1404 and \$1406 motion in Civil Procedure. But impactful speakers like this can break through the law school bubble and remind students of the world beyond Withers-Brown. While just being a measly law student can make us feel helpless before all of the injustice in the world, UVA’s wealth of speakers and experts provide an outlet for students to learn more about these issues and learn how they can give back to their community, starting now.

I left Madrigal-Borloz’s talk thankful to have learned more about a fundamental issue in human rights and eager to see what other programming the Human Rights Program will have this year. Most importantly, I came out with a renewed sense of what it means to be a lawyer. As law students, we are imbued with significant power and the ability to help those around us—be it by performing pro bono work as a law student or shaping the legal strategy for the continuing recognition and protection of LGBTQ+ student rights.

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SOFTBALL

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been a more perfect day for the 1L Tournament. The weather was awesome and gave us a great backdrop for what turned about to be an incredible atmosphere. I loved that 1Ls and peer advisors stayed throughout the day. It was also great to see Dean Goluboff make yet another appearance at a North Grounds Softball League event.” Regarding how the tournament prepared him for his future as a sports dad, he added, “I also thoroughly enjoyed preparing for fatherhood, sitting in a lawn chair next to Austin, wearing tennis shoes, and drinking the best carbonated, corn-syrup-free, adult beverage on the market.” Ray gave a special shout out to Brooke Swann '20, Corey Parker '20, Eleanor Schmalzl

'20, Molly Cain '20, Clay Phillips '20 and many members of North Grounds Softball League for their help throughout the day.

Austin Johnson '20, co-tournament director with Ray, added, “As a 3L, it was great to get to see our new class in action, and (for the most part) the players and fans were humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Without a doubt, the highlight of the day was all-star umpire (and 3L softball legend) Brooke Swann standing down a man twice her size after an intense call at home plate. Thanks to all the volunteers, players, fans, our firm sponsors (Bracewell and Simpson Thatcher), and Dean Goluboff for making the day possible. To everyone except Section J: Better luck next year (oh, wait...)”

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1Ls square off— in a very collegial manner— on the softball field. Photo credit Kolleen Gladden '21.

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 mes5hf@virginia.edu

Andrews et al. v. University of Virginia School of Law

323 U.Va 115 (2019)

DESKINS, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which SHMAZLE, C.J., RANZINI, ELICEGUI, LUK, and SCHMID, JJ. join.

JUSTICE DESKINS delivered the opinion of the Court.

Today’s opinion seeks to resolve an increasingly frustrating issue continuously presented before the Court: the daily temperature of the Law School’s classrooms. A class of plaintiffs representing the Law School’s entire student body (especially people who seek to wear warm-weather clothes during the warm-weather months—not Canada Goose parkas, sweatshirts, gloves, or L.L. Bean’s flannel-lined jeans) alleges that the classrooms in the Law School “are too darn cold.” (Compl. ¶ 1.) Plaintiffs aver that the sub-room temperature¹ temperatures constitute a violation of their fundamental right to be free of physical distractions in class.²

1 The Court defines “room temperature” using the Porridge standard first articulated in *Goldilocks v. Bear Family*, 436 F. Tal. 311-12 (Sty. Cir. 1918) (Declaring that an appropriate bowl of porridge is “not too hot, and not too cold”), which, according to the Justices, when applied to classroom temperatures, is exactly 71 degrees Fahrenheit.

2 See David A. Harrison III Law Grounds Unofficial Bill of Rights. The fundamental right to be free from physical distractions enables students to spend more time and energy focusing on their cyber-based distractions, namely, Amazon and their iMessage conversation with that friend across the room.

FACTS

Generations of UVA Law students have complained about the extremely cold temperatures in the classrooms.³ Their suffering has manifested itself in many physical symptoms: shivering, cold and clammy fingers that lead to a diminished

ability to type efficiently and quickly on their laptops,⁴ feeling so cold that they become unable to concentrate on the lecture, anxiety stemming from the status of their exposed toes⁵ due to their decision to wear Chacos instead of insulated boots, and increased sensations of hopelessness beyond that experienced by a typical law student. Plaintiffs state that they have been forced to endure these practically-arctic conditions not only during normal class meetings but also during exams. They also note that some individuals among the various defendants seem more prone to creating these environments than others. Defendants in-

3 And by “generations,” we mean as far back as Fall 2017, but there might be earlier instances of which the Court has not yet been made aware.

4 This Court looks favorably upon those professors who allow the use of laptops in class.

5 While no instances of classroom-induced frostbite have been introduced before the Court thus far, in the Court’s view, it is only a matter of time.

ersist that the “cool”⁶ temperatures serve several goals: (1) they help keep students alert in class, (2) high air-conditioning bills help keep tuition high, and (3) the unpleasant temperatures give otherwise-socially-incompetent law students something to discuss with their peers.⁷ After feeble attempts to con-

vince seemingly supportive professors of their plight, but to no avail, Plaintiffs filed suit with this Court. They seek an order requiring that Defendants set all classroom air conditioning systems to room temperature (71 degrees Fahrenheit).

ANALYSIS

The Court of Petty Claims previously dismissed this case, asserting that Plaintiffs did not have standing to bring their claim.⁸ We disagree. Plaintiffs have

6 Their term, not ours.

7 The Office of Private Practice has emphasized this point in particular, claiming that it helps prepare students for OGI.

8 As a reminder, in this jurisdiction, Plaintiffs do not need to (1) have suffered an “injury in fact,” (2) show that the injury is fairly traceable to the challenged action of the defendant, or (3) show that it is likely, as opposed to merely speculative, that the injury will be redressed by a favorable decision. Plaintiffs need only demonstrate a petty claim.

CLEARLY⁹ demonstrated standing. They could easily avoid their classroom shivers by keeping a sweatshirt, sweatpants, socks, mink coats,¹⁰ and towel warmers + warm towels in their lockers to don upon entering the Law School. However, doing so would at least slightly inconvenience Plaintiffs, and

because they want to “have it [their] way”¹¹ without actual-

9 LRW professors will tell you not to use words like this in your memos and briefs. They assert that you need to show, not tell, your audience that you have a strong claim. They’re CLEARLY wrong.

10 We know at least some students from the 1% here at UVA Law can actually afford these.

11 The Court was recently made aware that Burger King ditched its famous slogan in 2014 for the overly-supportive “Be Your Way.” Yuck. We belatedly mourn this loss, and more importantly, we want to let Professor Collins know that this means his *Burger King v. Rudzewicz* joke about the slogan is going to start falling flat very soon.

ly doing anything to deserve such an outcome, their claim thus qualifies as petty.

Additionally, Defendants’ supposed justifications for “temperature situation” (as it has come to be known) all fail. As for the “alertness” justification, multiple members of this Court have very unpleasant memories of being both very sleepy and very cold in the Law School’s classrooms. Cold calls are bad enough when you’re sleepy! Why add cold classrooms to the mix? As the second justification, *Lee v. The Law School*, 323 U.Va 99 (2019),¹² makes clear that the Law School needs no real justification for tuition increases. It does whatever it wants. Thus, we call bullshit on this one. Plaintiffs should not have to suffer from both cold temperatures and unjustified, unannounced tuition increases. As for Defendants’ final proffered justification, we can assure them that nothing will save UVA Law students from their own inability to discuss anything other than what they learned (or did not learn) in a particular class, their irrelevant undergraduate accomplishments, how much they grew professionally at their summer job,¹³ and their plans to

12 See Va. Law Weekly No. 2, p. 4 (2019).

13 This makes the Court cringe.

“Cold calls are bad enough when you’re sleepy! Why add cold classrooms to the mix?” - J. Deskins

Faculty Quotes

M. Schwartzman (co-author of the casebook): “This chapter is like 90 pages long. That’s appalling.”

M. Collins: “This is part of your social training. Literacy for lawyers.”


J. Bowers: “I’m undermining the MPRE for my purposes. My clients didn’t have any funds to commingle.”

T. Nachbar: “The NCAA is the name we give for the cartel of schools.”

A. Woolhandler: “It’s maximum security, it’s not exactly a picnic.”

J. Harrison: “Processed cheese food spread will long outlast the human race. There will come a time when the world is inhabited only by cockroaches, Twinkies, and processed cheese food spreads.”

Heard a good faculty quote? Email editor@law-weekly.org



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ASL CLUB

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spring semester, and a band of faithful students stuck with the weekly meetings through the end of the school year.

Because sign language doesn't require complicated verb conjugations like spoken language (go, am going, went, have gone), it's less confusing to pick up. Intuitive signs also help the learning process go more smoothly—can you guess what the sign for "time" is? And of course, you can always fall back on finger-spelling in sign language, so nothing stops you from diving into simple conversations using the signs you know even if you're just beginning. That's not to say that sign language is simple or easy. It's a complex and beautifully expressive language with nuances just like spoken language. But its unique attributes make it easier to begin using sign language than a new spoken language.

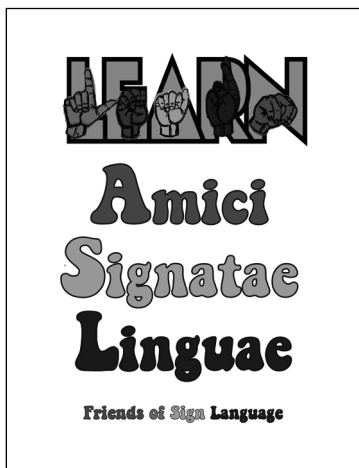
This year, ASL started strong with "An Introduction to the Deaf World," an event featuring sign language faculty from Main Grounds who shared their personal stories of hearing loss or living with Deaf family members. They also shared pointers on working with interpreters to maintain maximal clarity with legal clients. Our guests finished by teaching a few basic signs. (We will preserve the anonymity for the members of the crowd who confused certain similar signs, saying

"forbidden" instead of "law," "nice to date you" instead of "nice to meet you," and "naked" instead of "what's up.") We look forward to hosting another event on Deaf culture and concerns next semester!

In the meantime, join us for a training session on every Monday at 5:45 p.m. in WB 105. There's always food to eat, signs to learn, and laughs to be had at someone's signing mistake (often mine). We also have informal signing lunches at noon every Thursday in ScoCo. Bring your own lunch, but prepare to enjoy fantastic baked goods brought by our own Lena Welch.

A big thanks to the board members who make ASL possible: Michael Gibbons as VP, Bill Re as Treasurer, Lena Welch as Signing Lunches Chair, Joe LoPresti as Membership Chair, and Kolleen Gladden as Overlord of Social Media and Advertising.

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Law Weekly's Greatest Hits

The Law Weekly looks back at how major law school events were covered in decades past. We're pretty good at what we do and sometimes we take the time to toot our own horn.

"After the rainouts and juggling of schedules common with the start of the Fall season, this past week marked the first outings of many teams. One such notable match-up pitted the untested teams Chalk and Newman's Own against one another. Playing in the Co-Rec division, Chalk is composed primarily of second-years bound together by their love of softball and their skill at sidewalk crafts ... Newman's Own, a team composed of Princeton alumni, has historically been a hotbed of talent." Jessica Brown, "NGSL Round-Up", Virginia Law Weekly, Friday, September 25, 2009.

Over the years, some things change and some things stay the same. Unfortunately, games getting rained out seems to be a perennial problem. But mercifully, we now have better names for our teams than "Chalk" or "Newman's Own." See, e.g., Sermon on the Mound, FedSox, and Womens Rea.

"Scandals and dissension rocked the Head Commissioner's office last week. Tom "The Beaver" McNeill dealt ruthlessly with his co-commissioners and displayed a loose tongue when dealing with the press that may eventually lead to his downfall in a palace coup ... Beaver blew up and threatened heavy fines when Dave Conrad's makeshift renegade macho team application came in

late, but was much more calm when he discovered that the applications of his own two teams were also missing. When questioned about the inconsistency, he had a clear explanation: 'Everyone else pays, but not my teams, and you can quote me on that' ... Kremlin-watchers also noted the absence of co-commissioner Mary Wood at the Commissioners' exhibition game last week. McNeill explained that she 'had to go to Oklahoma.' Sounds like exile to me, since nobody has to go to Oklahoma." Eddie Nicholson, "Softball: Leaving It To Beaver", Virginia Law Weekly, Friday, September 9, 1983.

Another thing that has not changed is a scandal-ridden Head Commissioner's Office. The current Head Commissioner, Eleanor Schmalzl, is of course also very influential in the media. Due to her ruthless accumulation of power, today's scandals are perhaps less widely known, but we can all hope for the day when the press at this school is free once again to speak truth to power.

"My dad is a lawyer, and when I was home this summer he wasn't worried about preparing me to read cases or answer the cold call. Instead, he spent hours in the attic digging up my old glove from sixth grade softball. When he found it, he promptly informed me that if I was going to law school, we were going to have to prac-

tice ... [It] was, really, one of those fabled rites of passage, a bonding moment in which one lawyer passes on the secrets of the law to another ... Several sections have played games between Contracts and Civil Procedure, and have dubbed the time 'P.E. Class' ... The Thursday and Friday afternoon games are a little less 1993, usually including music and at least a few cases of beer. These games draw a larger crowd, and usually see a drop-off in the level of play in about the fifth inning. The real contest here is inter-teammate fighting to stay off the field, closer to the beer." Elizabeth Crocker, "1L Softball Update", Virginia Law Weekly, Friday, October 19, 2001.

Perhaps the most important thing that our law school ancestors can teach us is what's truly important. Life is short, and in the end, will we really be happier if people say we were "responsible" or "intelligent" or "employed?" Who can say? Better to err on the side of caution and spend the time between classes on the softball field, with a keg and with friends we'll remember long after we've forgotten everything from Contracts and Civ Pro. In other words, with friends we'll remember for longer than ten minutes after a final.

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HOT BENCH



Chance Maginness '22

Hi Chance, welcome to the Hot Bench! Please tell us a little about yourself. Where are you from?

I'm from a small town in Kansas called Westmoreland, but I went to the University of Kansas in Lawrence, so sometimes I feel like I'm more from there.

How many people live in Westmoreland?

Oh god, I would say less than 500. It's tiny.

What else can you tell us about this tiny town?

Back in the 18th century, there was a law that whoever held the county records held the county seat. So a group of people from Westmoreland snuck out in the dead of night and stole the records from Wamego and drove them back in a covered wagon. Westmoreland has been the county seat ever since, and it was the most interesting thing to happen to the town... until I got there, of course.

How did you learn that? It's a town story that's been

passed down. I feel like I googled it once.

When did you start thinking about law school?

When I was in high school. I did a lot of debate and forensics. Other schools might call it something else, but forensics covered speeches, acting, and extemporaneous speaking, which is when you have thirty minutes to prepare a speech on a current events topic. I read a lot to keep up with the news, and once you become informed you can't be uninformed anymore. Plus, I wanted to have an impact. It was going to be either law school or art school.

Are you an artist?

No. That's what's really ironic about it. At the time, though, I thought I could be.

If you were to be an artist, what kind of art would you pursue?

I really wanted to do animation. I wanted to make movies. For the record, this is when I was thirteen. I've become a fully functional, reasonable adult since then.

You could still do it.

Oh, if law school doesn't work out, I'm absolutely moving to Hollywood and hoping for the best.

Let's say law school does work out, what then?

At some point in time I want to move back into politics. I was a field organizer for the Democrats in Nevada during the 2018 cycle. I really liked organizing and I would go back—assuming that the republic still exists. If I

stick with the law, I would probably like to move into academia at some point, probably in some field related to constitutional law.

Why constitutional law?

I really like the theory of it. I really enjoy the idea that it's a written document that we can read so much into. Yuval Noah Harari talked about it in his book, Sapiens. He talks about how the law and everything we believe in are collective myths that we agree to. I think the Constitution really embodies that and I like the nuance and challenge of interpreting it.

What else do you do around the Law School?

Well, all I have time for right now is reading, more reading, and additional reading on the side. I'm involved in Law Dems, LAMBDA, SBA, and FYC.

Why did you run for First Year Council?

I didn't run, they just sort of told me I would do it. I had done student government before though, so I felt up to the task. At KU, I ran for Freshman Senate, and when I got it, I kept going. I had this idea that I wanted to be Student Body President, but at a certain point, it stopped being about that goal. I realized we had the opportunity to make an impact in everyone's lives. It became about doing what public service is ultimately about—doing public good. I grew up a lot in college, in that regard.

Why run for 1L Senator?

Well, I ran for Senator and FYC President. I'm a big believer that if you're in an elected

position, you should do all you can do. I have a pretty expansive background in student government—at my undergrad, I was in charge of allocating over twenty-one million dollars to various student services, groups, and clubs.

Let's do a lightning round!

Favorite place in Charlottesville?

Shenandoah Joe on Preston.

Anti-Stress Hobby?

Watching reruns of American Horror Story.

Pet peeve?

Inefficiency.

Favorite word?

****.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Estes Park, Colorado, because I love it. The mountains are so beautiful and it never gets above 70 degrees in the summer. If I had all the money in the world, I would open a bookstore in Estes Park and never have a concern in the world.

What is your least favorite sound?

The sound of people popping their joints. I once broke my ankle and it made the same sound. I can't hear people pop their joints without getting a twinge.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to go to the movies. I used to go 2-3 times a week. I also like watching TV to think about the production of it and I critique it in real time. People

hate watching TV with me.

What's one movie that left an impression on you?

Heathers, I also love the musical.

If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?

I would probably open my own media company that would be a progressive answer to Fox News. If I won a lot of money, I would use it to produce movies.

You win enough money to produce one movie. What's your movie about?

It's about a student government election that takes over two days. And it's about three people vying for the student body presidency, and it'd be based on my own experiences about how truly vicious that can become.

If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what would it be?

I would require everyone to have a three-day driving-course from me, in which I instruct them on how to put their foot down on the gas and go. "Efficiency and Driving with Chance Maginness."

What's your favorite thing about the Law School?

The availability of cold brew every day and getting to say hi to Mandy. I literally survive on cold brew. It runs through my blood. I come to ScoCo every morning without fail. Sometimes I come back mid-day.

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clerk on the DC Circuit after graduation. KDon, there's really no hope.

Plaintiffs have presented a truly sad state of affairs to the Court. Finding that Defendants have proffered no valid justifications for their actions, we hereby REVERSE the finding of the lower court, and we ORDER that Defendants operate the

Law School's HVAC system as to maintain a "room temperature"¹⁴ temperature.

It is so ordered.

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¹⁴ Just a reminder, this is 71 degrees Fahrenheit.



Week 2 Softball Results

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Co-Rec Owls over Depraved Indifference (9-6) The Parents over Habeas Porpoise (21-5)	Open Sneaky Business over Batter-Day Saints (20-0)

Cartoon By Raphael



THE DOCKET

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
WEDNESDAY – September 25				
13:00 – 14:00	Antitrust in the Age of Technology	Purcell	Free	Provided
17:15 – 18:30	Working Your Work Experience: How to Apply If You Have Worked Before 1L	WB 154	Free	Provided
17:30 – 18:30	iTrek to Israel Info Session	WB 102	Free	Provided
THURSDAY – September 26				
11:00 – 12:15	All the Powers of Earth Book Talk	Miller Center	Free	---
12:00 – 13:00	Real Deal: Government	WB 126	Free	Provided
17:00 – 18:00	Jon Pineda Poetry Reading	University Bookstore	Free	---
FRIDAY – September 27				
11:30 – 12:30	Intro to Employer Interactions	WB 152	Free	---
13:00 – 14:00	Virginia Law Post-Mormon Society Interest Meeting	WB 104	Free	---
SATURDAY – September 28				
10:30 – 11:15	Guided Tour of Australian Aboriginal Art	Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of UVA	Free	---
20:00 – 21:30	Charlottesville Symphony: Mozart and Brahms	Old Cabell Hall	\$10 for students	---
19:00 – 22:15	September Ballroom Dance	Unity of Charlottesville Ballroom	Starts at \$6	---
SUNDAY – September 29				
14:00	Julius Caesar	American Shakespeare Center	Starts at \$21	---
15:30 – 17:00	Charlottesville Symphony: Mozart and Brahms	Old Cabell Hall	\$10 for students	---
19:00	Art and Confrontation in the Americas: An International Symposium	Graduate Hotel	Free	---
MONDAY – September 30				
9:00 – 17:00	Evaluating for Capacity	Caplin Auditorium	Free, registration required	---
12:00 – 13:00	J.B. Moore International Law Course Panel	WB 128	Free	Provided
18:00 – 19:00	Health Law Faculty Meet & Greet	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Provided
TUESDAY – October 1				
15:45 – 17:00	Women in M&A	Purcell	Free, RSVP requested	Refreshments provided
19:00	Men's Soccer: Virginia vs. George Washington	Klöckner Stadium	Free w/ student ID	---

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