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## Dean Cordel Faulk Bids Law School Farewell

Cordel Faulk '01  
Departing Chief Admissions Officer

In 1996, A.E. Dick Howard became the first graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law I ever met. I seriously wish everyone such a magnificent introduction to the Virginia Law community. There I was—some silly little 20-year-old, closeted black kid who ran up to him after a speech because I wanted to meet the man who wrote the Virginia Constitution. He was the most courtly, urbane, brilliant human being I'd ever been within five feet of. He then put up with months of me staying in touch while I was an undergrad. When I finally submitted my application to UVA Law for the Class of 2001, he was nice enough to write a letter to endorse my candidacy—even though that might mean decades more of me demanding that he mentor me. In the years since, he has been a needed ear, a friend, and a reminder of the type of person I should aspire to be.

Through that lens, I hope every student who reads this understands why I attacked my job in the Admissions Office the way I did. For no extrinsic reason whatsoever, Dick Howard treats me like a human being deserving of care, support, concern, and love. Every day I walked into the Admissions Office it was my greatest desire to do the same for the students who choose to join the Virginia Law community.

I love this Law School. I do, because I love the types of people who feel compelled to call it home—despite having the opportunity to get a legal education just about anywhere else. My fellow alumni (and future alumni) have built a community not based on elitism or prestige or bravado. No, you have not. You have built a community based on values—foremost among those is that we value each other first. The tie that binds is an acknowledgement of the humanity that animates our interactions with one another.

Promissory estoppel is taught at every law school; a law student can get that anywhere. You don't get the Virginia Law community everywhere.

To the classes that were here before me: Thank you so much for creating a place where these wonderful people can come together, and thank you (specifically Dick Howard and Al Turnbull) for welcoming me

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# Coronavirus Cancels Spring Semester

## All Classes Move Online

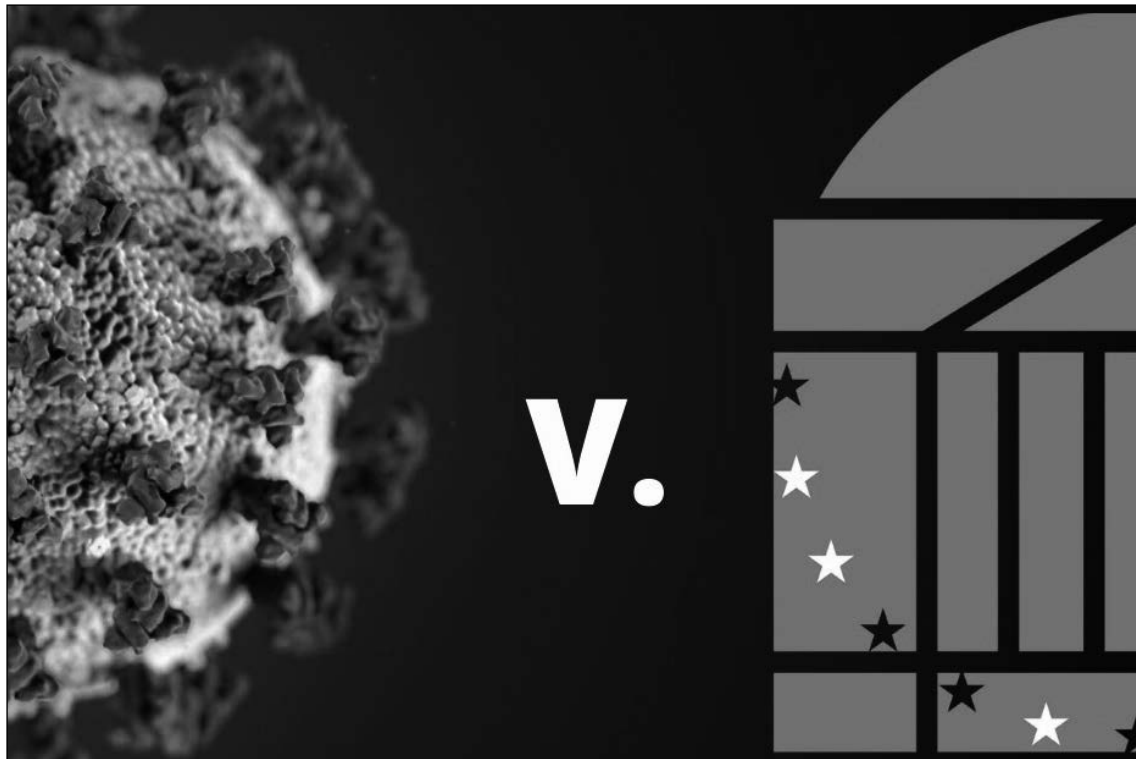


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Christina Luk '21  
Editor-in-Chief

Over Spring Break, on March 11, President Jim Ryan announced that the University of Virginia would extend Spring Break and move all classes online starting Thursday, March 19, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that is sweeping the country. Classes will remain online for the foreseeable future and, though the University administration will reassess on April 5, classes are expected to remain online through the end of the semester.

At UVA Law, classes will be delivered entirely online via two platforms. Lecture classes will be recorded and posted by Panopto to students' Canvas pages under "Class Recordings," while seminars and professional skill classes will meet virtually on Zoom, a live teleconferencing platform. In response to this shift to online classes, discussions have already sprung up in the student body about the pros and cons of making classes pass-fail this semester.<sup>1</sup> Some students who advocate for pass-fail point out that it will relieve much of the stress of transitioning to an online curriculum halfway through the semester. Others worry that pass-fail will undermine the rigors of our academic education or place students at a disadvantage against other top law schools who keep the traditional grading system. As of writing, the Law School

<sup>1</sup> A GroupMe Poll in the Class of 2022 put voting at: 128 in favor of pass/fail this semester and 71 against, as of 6:30 pm on March 16, 2020.

has yet to make any new decisions about final exams, except to confirm that all students will be able to complete their courses whether or not they return to Grounds.<sup>2</sup> In conjunction with moving classes online, both the University and the Law School administrations have encouraged students to follow CDC guidelines recommending social distancing and return home if they are able. The Law School's Student Affairs Office is specifically offering help and services to any student who only needs to return to grab belongings or textbooks from their lockers.

Although University buildings, including the Law School and the UVA Health System, will remain open, the administration has canceled all university-sponsored events with more than 100 participants, including the Law School's Admitted Students' Open House (originally planned for March 19-20). For university-sponsored events involving fewer than 100 people, the administration strongly recommends alternatives to in-

<sup>2</sup> Per Dean Sarah Davies's email, "March 14 Update from Student Affairs." (As Provost Liz Magill said in her March 12 email to the University community, "If we resume in-person classes before the end of the semester, we will make sure any student who has gone home and cannot return to Grounds is able to complete the term." This applies to Law School students as well as all other students. Please plan to remain where you are for the foreseeable future and do not worry about returning.)

person events. As a result, many time-honored and favorite activities at the Law School have been directly affected, such as the Libel Show and the 37th Annual Softball Tournament, both of which are now canceled.


These disruptive and unsettling changes have come as a blow to many students. Will McDermott '22 reports there was initial excitement in the 1L GroupMe over the announcement to transition to online classes and 1L oral arguments to take place over video chat, but then divisive debate over whether classes should be pass-fail. Leah Deskins '21 said that she is "really sad about the Libel Show not coming to fruition," but found a silver lining in that "professors can't force me to take handwritten notes now, and before this happened, I had literally no idea how I'd get all of my work done. Now, after I've suddenly found myself with a more flexible schedule, I'm marginally less concerned about that, at least for the time being."


For many 3Ls, the recent changes have been especially disappointing because they affect their last semester at the Law School. Eleanor Schmalzl '20 comments, "It's wild to see just how quickly things that seem certain can change. I am so sad for this community and my fellow classmates, as well as so many like us around the country, who are missing the last of our big, memorable school events (for UVA Law, Libel, the Softball Invitational, and likely graduation)," and she hopes that "the 1Ls and 2Ls


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## around north grounds


 Thumbs up to the new VLR EIC emailing VLR members and sharing his hope that VLR will be "an outlet and escape" from coronavirus, "even if that comes in the form of cite checks." In case any 1Ls were hoping to get on *Law Review*, just know this is what your future holds. A true "escape from the anxiety and stress" of Law School.


 Thumbs down to the universe for being a textualist. ANG may have said there should be a new plague, but ANG did not mean it literally.


 Thumbs up to quarantine. For once it's a global pandemic ruining ANG's social life, instead of just ANG's personality.


 Thumbs down to Michael Bloomberg for dropping out. ANG did not get into BigLaw just to find out that money can't actually buy everything.

 Thumbs up to the nose hair trimmer ANG got for Christmas. ANG is ready for ANG's close-up on ZOOM.

 Thumbs down to the person who put an entire gallon of milk in the SBA fridge AND THEN LET IT EXPIRE. Does your depravity know no bounds?

 Thumbs side-ways to the lack of toilet paper in all the stores. While ANG is upset ANG wasn't invited to participate, ANG is glad everyone is plotting the most epic house TP-ing of all time.

 Thumbs side-ways to UVA physically shutting down. Now, ANG doesn't have to fight anyone for scraps at the free food table. But, there's no free food at the free food table to fight over...ANG is conflicted.

 Thumbs up to social life moving online, where ANG lives when ANG is not sleeping under the bleachers at Copeley.

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into your ranks. For those who have come after: Thank you for letting me be a part of your story and thank you for being a part of mine. Every time I think about “my classes” I smile, and think about two things: (1) all the lessons I have learned because I got to interact with you and (2) the amazing things you will do once you leave these halls.

I won't name any names of particular students because there are too many to put in this space. I love you all, though. Every application became a part of me I'll never lose.

The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the first women to come to the University of Virginia School of Law as students. This year is also the 50th anniversary of the first black women

joining the ranks of UVA Law graduates. It's the 200th anniversary of the University itself.

Think of everything we lost by not educating women during UVA's first hundred years. Think of the shame we accumulated during the 150 years our forebearers refused to have black women in our ranks. If we think hard, it should be obvious that this absence wasn't just damaging to the women who were stopped at the gates. That period without women in our community was a violence against civil society itself. All the law and logic and reason those women could have given us was lost. That harmed everyone, and we're still trying to catch up from those times today. Why did that happen? We lost generations of progress because of misogyny, fear, and ignorance. Let's take this fancy elite education and make sure nothing like that ever happens

again.

When we see Muslims being mistreated at airports, we should stand up and say, “Hell no!” When we see laws making it difficult for black Americans to go to the polls, we should stand up and say, “Hell no!” When we see society dismissing the contributions and potential of women, we should stand up and say, “Hell no!” When we see legislatures attacking the basic American freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, we should stand up and say, “Hell no!” When we don't, we are wasting the privilege this degree affords us.

Every day you leave your house, you should be planning what you will do to deserve a degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

As I end my employment at UVA Law, I'd like to thank a few people who made all of this possible. Dean Jeffries: Thank you for your friendship, your willingness to correct me frankly, and for making me feel valued and respected. Dean Mahoney: Thank you for your trust in giving me this job and for being the type of person whose judgment I could trust implicitly. To George Geis and Leslie Kendrick: Thank you for showing me that intelligence, strength, compassion, and common-sense could work in concert with one another. To Stephen Parr: Thank you for preparing me to be a leader. You all made me better and I am grateful.

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Pictured: Dean Cordel Faulk '01, Chief Admissions Officer  
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## Music Suggestions

## “All to Myself”- Baby Rose

The first time I heard Baby

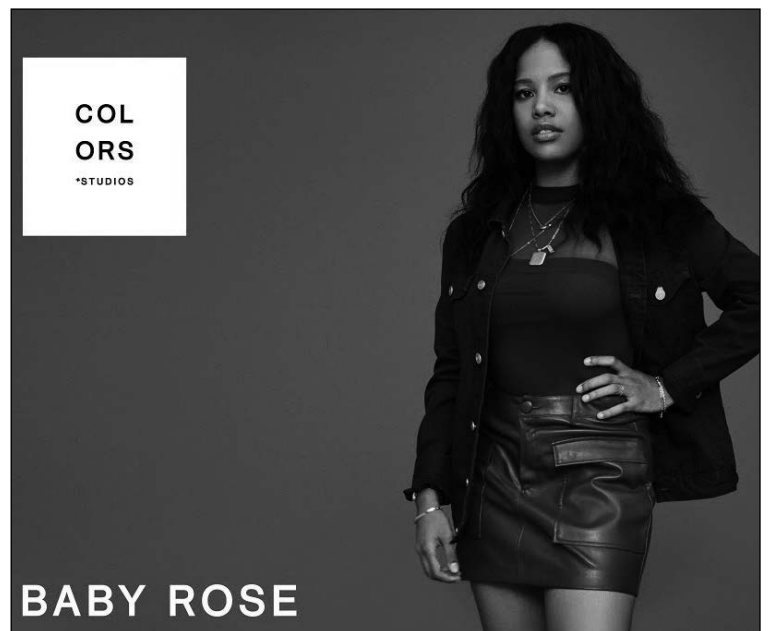
Kolleen Gladden '21  
Photographer



Rose's voice, my jaw dropped. Her vocals are wise well beyond her years, rich and velvety smooth. Her sound could be considered the eighth wonder of the world as far as I'm concerned; it's unlike anything you've ever heard. In “All to Myself,” Baby Rose delivers a musical monologue to a former flame who may never hear it, telling of a relationship far enough in the past to be nostalgic but recent enough

to be painful. The lyrics are devastatingly familiar to anyone who has ever left words unsaid or found themselves drifting apart without a definitive closure. It's a message with great emotional potential, and Baby Rose has the creative ingenuity and depth of talent to take us there. When she croons, you can almost hear the gentle static of a Victrola, low and pulsing. The thing about this song is that you could transport it to any time period, play it for an audience, and they would understand the familiar ache simply by taking in the sound. This song will make you pine for lovers that you've never even had. It's that powerful. She's that

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Pictured: Baby Rose  
Photo Courtesy of @babyrosemusic

## Ele(Q)t Symposium for LGBTQ+ Leadership

What now seems like a decade ago, on March 5, the Lambda Law Alliance hosted Chance McCraw '21 Guest Editor

their second annual symposium, the Ele(Q)t Project

for LGBTQ+ Leadership. The mission of the Ele(Q)t Project is to educate and motivate young LGBTQ+ leaders to run for public office. It is an afternoon-long series of panels and guest speakers. This year's event culminated in the keynote by the President of the Campaign Legal Forum and the lawyer behind Stephen Colbert's Super PAC Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Trevor Potter '82.

The afternoon started with a panel of LGBTQ+ elected leaders from the area. The panelists were the Mayor of Winchester, John David Smith; the Durham County D.A., Satana Deberry; the Vice-Mayor of Roanoke, Joe Cobb; and a member of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, Donna Price. All of them gave candid advice to the attendees about running for office as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and all emphasized how they beat their opponents: pure hustle. Some of their opponents made an issue of their LGBTQ+ identity, but none of that mattered on election day because every

one of them out-hustled their opponent. Donna Price, the first transgender member of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, also emphasized how most “[p]eople live in their own worlds” so they do not notice your LGBTQ+ identity. Joe Cobb further emphasized this as he recalled being commended by a fellow city council member for addressing LGBTQ+ issues as a perceived “straight guy.”

Reggie Greer of the Victory Institute hosted the next event, an international organization focused on encouraging and training LGBTQ+ people to run for office. He first conducted an overview of what you need to consider before you run for office. His presentation culminated as he divided the attendees into small groups to develop an elevator pitch for why they are running for office. Everyone received feedback from Reggie Greer and Judge John Arrowood of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Notably, the number of openly LGBTQ+ individuals running for office in 2020 already matches the number that ran in 2018.

A campaign team panel composed of Mike Mings, Director of the Human Rights Campaign's Political Action Committee, and Roddy Flynn, Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05) followed Mr. Greer. The panel began by

discussing the historic presidential campaign of Pete Buttigieg. Both emphasized how different he was treated, as he was the only candidate asked about kissing his or her spouse. Additionally, they both emphasized how thoughtful Buttigieg is when he speaks because, as a veteran and closeted man for most of his life, he has spent time carefully calibrating his words and actions to pass as a straight person. The panel then transitioned to discussing the formerly bipartisan Equality Caucus to a 100 percent Democratic party caucus over the past decade. They attributed this to the end of bipartisanship throughout the Congress and on LGBTQ+ issues. Lastly, the panel discussed how important it is for a candidate to be comfortable with their identity, so they come across as authentic. Luckily, “[g]ay people have an advantage in politics. We have thought about our identity,” said Roddy Flynn.

The last panel before the keynote included Judge Shannon Baldwin of the Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 and Judge John Arrowood of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. This panel allowed attendees to hear and ask about the advantages and disadvantages of a system of electing, as opposed to appointing judges. Both judges emphasized working with the system you

have. However, Judge Arrowood highlighted his preference for the Missouri Plan. The Missouri Plan appoints judges by a non-partisan commission, and the judge stands in a retention election in the next general election. When asked about the benefits of having LGBTQ+ judges on the bench, both judges emphasized how having experiences similar to those who may come before you allows you to empathize and better understand the circumstances of a particular case.

The keynote culminated the event before the amazing spread of Cocoa and Spice desserts and wine. The keynote featured alum Trevor Potter highlighting the changes that have taken place in Washington, D.C. for the LGBTQ+ community from the days of being rooted out of government to more widespread contemporary acceptance. When Mr. Potter was asked to join John McCain's presidential campaign, he asked whether Senator McCain knew he was gay. The response from the late senator, quite candidly, went something like, “[I don't] give a f\*\*\* who anyone f\*\*\*s as long as they do their f\*\*\*ing job.” Mr. Potter then transitioned into discussing his perception of the evils within campaign finance. The two culprits in his eyes are the Federal Election Commission and Supreme

Court jurisprudence. Currently, the FEC sits without a quorum, so it is doing nothing. When the FEC did have a quorum, three members were opposed to its very existence, so they prevented any measure from receiving the requisite four of six members' votes. As for Supreme Court jurisprudence, he ran through the famous *Buckley v. Valeo* and *Citizens United* decisions that resulted in the D.C. Circuit opinion striking down any limit to donations to PACs, which resulted in the rise of Super PACs. Mr. Potter surmised that if the Supreme Court had envisioned Super PACs, the aforementioned decisions might have turned out differently.

Potter's speech highlighted the change in the acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community within Washington D.C. and the many ills in our current political system. His last piece of advice centered around gerrymandering and how independent commissions for redistricting always pass when presented to voters. He encouraged everyone who can file a ballot initiative in their state to do so. His speech seemed a befitting end to what may very well be the last event at the Law School for the 2019-20 term.

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# New SBA President's Address

UVA Law,

I am writing to you from my home state of Michigan, feeling comforted by familiar sights but saddened and unsettled by the new, online community we inhabit. It was strange to leave Charlottesville without knowing exactly when I will be back—a feeling I know is familiar for many. I miss you all, but I hope you are safe and well.

Our move to remote learning is unexpected and unprecedented, and understandably, it is leaving many of us feeling anxious and uncertain—myself included. The constant deluge of negative news about the state of affairs of our country and world does not resolve these feelings, as we come to understand our new law school life. Therefore, in my welcome address, I'd like to set aside the obvious difficulties of the current moment and simply let you know how lucky I feel to share a (now-online) school with you all. Additionally, I'd like to let you know what the Student Bar Association (SBA) has done—and what it will continue to do—during this uncertain time.

Over the past week, we have been working diligently to connect students with information and needed resources. I have met or spoken with Jasmine Lee '20 and the SBA Executive team every day, and we have a full SBA meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Our conversations thus far—as articulated in the school-wide email Jasmine and I sent on March 14th—have included connecting students with mutual aid opportunities, student health resources, and financial assistance; initiating conversations on grading policies and student organization functioning; and getting clarifications on where students should live, what our classroom experiences will look like, how course materials can be accessed or recovered, and how to best communicate with professors going forward. These conversations are ongoing, and we will continue to send updates as we receive them.

The uniqueness of the UVA Law community is evident to me now more than ever. From day one, students reached out to group messages and listservs offering to scan their readings for fellow students who left books behind, inquired about whether UVA staff will continue to be paid (they will!), and advocated for policy changes that would improve student health and wellbeing (both mental and physical). Our peers have volunteered their time to distribute goods to those facing financial hardship and their

labor to bring goods to those who cannot go themselves. A constant hum of “let me know what I can do to help” has reminded me of how compassionate, empathetic, and selfless those in our law school community are. I am indescribably thankful to be your classmate.

SBA exists to represent the needs of our student body. In my last year as Secretary, I was impressed by the attentiveness and outpouring of effort by our Committee members, Senators, and Executive team to make our school as welcoming and inclusive as possible. SBA 2020: Though it is often a thankless job, you have supported—and continue to care deeply about—our community and its people. Thank you for serving our student body for the past year.

I think Jasmine, though, deserves our particular thanks. Behind the scenes, she put in countless hours to make sure that events went off without a hitch, that individuals had a point person to whom they could direct questions, and that student wellbeing was always at the forefront of the Administration's efforts. Her frequent communications and constant accessibility revealed the true depth of her desire to use her position to benefit our community. Thank you, Jasmine, for demonstrating, through words and action, what selfless leadership looks like. I'm grateful

to have learned from your example.

To SBA 2021: I am beyond excited to work with you over the next year. You are a team of diligent, brilliant, and forward-thinking individuals who will push our school to be better than it was when we took office. I look forward to hearing your ideas and serving with you during our term.

During this upcoming period of remote learning, SBA will continue to advocate for UVA Law students. Next year's Executive team in particular—Savanna Williams '21, Chance Maginness '22, Katherine O'Neal '22, and I—will do all we can to act as a resource for students. I have received a significant number of emails and texts over the past few days with comments, questions, and concerns: Please keep them coming. We are in daily contact with the Administration and will continue to serve as a liaison for student voices for the duration of our time apart. Though the state of flux we are in is certainly uncomfortable and challenging, I am confident in our ability to persevere together. Thank you for selecting me to serve as your President: I take the role seriously, cannot wait to problem-solve together, and look forward to being on Grounds with you all as soon as possible.

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# Outgoing SBA President's Farewell

This was not the farewell I planned to write as my time with SBA came to a close. I

Jasmine Lee '20  
President Emeritus

assumed that after Spring Break we would return to Grounds with stories of our travels, looking forward to the last few weeks of school together. For my fellow 3Ls, I know this included a lot of “last” moments. However, the Law School (and the world) look a lot different now than just a few days ago, and so what I write to you today must be different as well. It's an odd time to say goodbye to SBA. I always felt saying goodbye and turning things over to the next president would be strange after being so involved during my time in Law School, but online classes and social distancing have made this even stranger. These are necessary precautions, of course, but an odd disruption to the normal patterns of our lives nonetheless. Still, I've reflected on my time as SBA president and there is so much I am proud of and so many students both inside and outside the organization I have had the privilege of working with and getting to know better.

Looking back, it seems my term was bookended with unexpected events that students were asked to respond to. Just weeks into my term

last year, the men's basketball team reached the NCAA Final Four and championship games. Anyone who knows me knows how deeply I care about UVA sports, and I loved being able to share those moments with so many in the student body! Now, under incredibly different circumstances, we are once again asked to respond to something unexpected—and far more serious. In the email Katharine Janes '21 and I sent to the student body, we noted how the hallmark of our Law School has always been our community. I'm really proud to see that on display even as we are spread out and not all together in Charlottesville. In the past few days, I have received messages from students asking for ways they can help others within our community. Members of our community have reached out, wondering what they can do to ease a burden from someone else right now. It is incredible and makes me so proud to see how law students are working to look out for each other. Though I am ending my term as SBA president, please know that I am still available for anyone who may need me—please do not hesitate to reach out.

I am excited to leave SBA in the hands of Katharine and her team, and I cannot wait to see what their SBA looks like. Katharine, Savanna Williams '21, Chance Maginness '22, and Katherine O'Neal '22 are

already working so hard for you all and I know they will continue to do so. New Exec, I have been lucky to be able to work with you all over the past year and I am still here as a resource for you and SBA going forward.

To my Executive Board: Rachel Staub '20, Trevor Quick '20, and Katharine, thank you for all of your support this year. Thank you for the work you did for this school and for being integral parts of SBA. I don't think you all get half the credit you should for your work, advocacy, and dedication. All I can say is thank you for everything you have done for me, SBA, and the school. You guys know how much you mean to me; this year was only as special as it was because of you three.

To SBA 2019-2020: Thank you for the long hours, the discussions, and all of the time you have dedicated to the Law School through both SBA and your other organizations. SBA can only function when there are people in positions who care about making UVA Law better for everyone, and you all did that in spades.

To the student body: Thank you for trusting me and working with me as your president this past year. To say it was an honor to be SBA president would be an understatement, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity and responsibility. 3Ls, I know this is not how we anticipated our

final semester going, but I also know we have taken every challenge since our arrival in Charlottesville and met it head on. Those challenges have brought us closer together and shown that we are a class that can and will lean on each other. This situation is one more example of that. I can only hope to see you all around Grounds again soon.

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## SBA Election Results

President: Katharine Janes  
Vice President: Savanna Williams

Treasurer: Chance Maginness

Secretary: Katherine O'Neal

3L Senator: Christina Luk, Colin Lee, Josh Short, Armina Manning, Will Palmer, and Nicole Pidala

2L Senator: Davin Laskin, Jillian Quigley, Margaret Shin, Valera Bamgbala, Christina Kelly, and Caroline Spadaro

University Judiciary Committee Representatives: James Harper and Eli Jones

Student Council Representatives: Edric Kim and Elizabeth Kruse

Honor Committee Representatives: Christopher Benos and Todd Truesdale

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see this and realize how special every day at this place is, and I hope the 3Ls get a chance for one more day together before we all part ways to go on and do great things.”

Griffin Peebles '20 also shared his feelings, saying, “UVA Law has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have gotten to travel internationally and learn at one of the best law schools. But it's the people. The people at UVA Law are sensational. The lifelong friendships we have made, the fun times we've had just can't be present at other law schools. To know that never again will I be in the same room as everyone I am graduating with is sad. It's sad to not have that moment to internalize it. But it doesn't take away the memories we had together.”

Taz Jones '20 gives a hopeful perspective: “I find a lot of peace through reflection—on the folks whose love and support brings me strength and courage, on the ways that I can return that favor through my own encouragement, and on the opportunities for further community building that we can all take away from these unfortunate events. Above all else, I'm thinking about how much I love every single member of our Law School community, and how thankful I am for the opportunity to weather this storm as part of something bigger than myself.”

In many ways, though, the Law School remains resilient.

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powerful.

### “Invitation”-Ashnikko

I was introduced to the absolute chaotic goddess that is Ashnikko when a friend of mine sent me a song of hers and said that it made her think of me. I certainly cannot claim to be nearly as cool, but I certainly can identify with this artist's style. Ashnikko just does not care, and it comes across in everything from her brash lyrics and defiant style to her effortless vocals. She recently entered the public consciousness by collaborating with Yung Baby Tate on “Stupid Boy,” which then rose to meteoric levels of popularity on TikTok (an app not entirely dissimilar to Vine, for those who are squarely past the Gen Z loop. It's okay, I merely know the thing exists.) “Invitation” has a familiar message for any woman who's experienced, well, being a woman in a public space. The setting is summertime, she's trying to enjoy a day of bicycling and wearing temperature-appropriate clothing, but the questionable less-than-gentlemen on the block have other plans. “I can't even wear my skin without them asking where I've been,” she laments. As many of us are aware, there is no garment with enough coverage to ward off seedy guys. Ashnikko has the bravado to deliver

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# ERA Now: Two Takes on the ERA

On Thursday, March 5, UVA Law Professors Kim Forde-Mazrui ("KFM") and Kathryn Querner '22

Executive Editor



Saikh Krishna Prakash shared their thoughts about the Equal Rights Amendment. This presentation took place in Withers-Brown at noon, hosted by the Federalist Society, with pizza from Mellow Mushroom provided.

This presentation has special relevance, as on Wednesday, January 15, the Virginia General Assembly became the thirty-eighth state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and the passage of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution currently requires the support of at least thirty-eight U.S. states. The amendment, however, still faces various challenges it must overcome before it can be added to the Constitution.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is a proposed amendment to the Constitution meant to guarantee that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The measure was first introduced to Congress nearly 100 years ago, in 1923.

Professor Prakash kicked off the presentation. He be-

gan by sharing that he would focus on the process of passing the ERA, rather than its substance. Before the ERA can be added to the Constitution, the 1979 deadline set by Congress must be overcome. There is a legal question of whether Congress has the authority to extend this deadline to include recent state ratifications, including Virginia's.

Professor Prakash drew comparisons between the procedures of passing the ERA and the 27th Amendment, which took 200 years to be ratified. After a total of thirty-eight states ratified the 1789 pay amendment, the legislative and executive branches determined that the amendment was valid. Although Professor Prakash himself criticizes this conclusion, the extended ratification process for the 27th Amendment raises the possibility that the ERA, too, may be considered valid and viable.

Due to concerns of expired consent of some states' ratifications among other concerns, though, Professor Prakash has concluded that Congress cannot change this deadline; however, it remains to be seen what actions Congress and the courts will take regarding this amendment.

Professor Forde-Mazrui spoke next; interestingly, he

does not support the passage of the ERA—not because he does not support gender equality, but rather because his work in race studies have provided insight into how the ERA would actually harm the women's rights movement in various ways. The ERA does not apply to discrimination against women in the public sector, and further, sex discrimination by the government is already prohibited.

When asked what got him interested in studying the ERA, Professor Forde-Mazrui said, "My research on race has revealed that the trend of Supreme Court doctrine is to prevent any affirmative efforts to remedy racial equality, including through race-neutral means and including by eliminating policies that disparately impact racial minorities. I have taught my Constitutional Law class for decades that affirmatively addressing sex inequality is easier under the Equal Protection Clause than addressing race inequality. Several students have found this counterintuitive as discrimination against African Americans was the principal evil that the Equal Protection Clause was intended to address. I ... wish that the Supreme Court treated race discrimination the same way it treats sex discrimination, namely, banning discrimi-

nation against women and racial minorities while allowing reasonably tailored proactive efforts to benefit women and racial minorities."

Frances Asbury '22 attended the presentation and commented, "I thought KFM made compelling and poignant arguments against passing the ERA. Having listened to him speak, I am convinced we can and should do better not only for those the ERA purports to benefit, but for racial minorities, the LGBTQ+ community, and other underrepresented or disenfranchised communities."

After sharing his findings that the ERA would actually harm women and other protected groups in various ways, Professor Forde-Mazrui suggested that alternative solutions to protecting women as a class should include prohibiting discrimination in the private sector and permit distinctions based on sex that are designed to benefit women.

After both speakers concluded, students and community members in attendance had a chance to ask questions.

As a final piece of advice, Professor Forde-Mazrui recommends to the UVA Law community, "Students should realize that many lawmakers and members

of the public do not understand judicial doctrine very well. I continually find, whether about race, sex, or sexual orientation equality, that well-educated people, including lawmakers, have many unfounded and false assumptions about what the courts are holding on various issues. That gives law students and ultimately lawyers an important role to play in bridging the understanding gap between the law on the books and the beliefs about law held by lawmakers and much of the public."

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## LawHoos Take On Spring Break Across the World

**I'll Pick a Dive Mask over a Surgical Mask, Any Day!**

My first thought as I slip below the crystal-blue water

Stan Birch '22  
News Editor



is usually one of serenity and peace; this time I thought: "I hope that turtle washed his hands for the CDC recommended twenty-second minimum." The open bob of the ocean was a welcome break from the stress of classes, journal tryouts, and all the other activities 1Ls sign up for. In a frantic few days, two things had changed that required my immediate attention: I now had three additional days of vacation, and I was expected to move back in with my parents. Reader, I'm going to

ignore the latter issue and focus on the benefits of additional days on a sunny island without a confirmed case of COVID-19, but quite a few cheap bottles of Corona with lime.

In this trip below the waves I encountered several turtles, a shoal of squid, and even a few stingrays that tried to hide under the sand thirty feet below. As I skirted the sandy bottom, another aquatic predator approached, startling the stingray but intriguing me. This mid-sized nurse shark tolerated my presence and allowed me to follow behind. Freediving makes less noise to startle your aquatic neighbors, but can also bring some unwanted attention. This wouldn't be the last time we saw each other this week.

I had fixed my GoPro<sup>1</sup> the

1 I'll take a sponsorship

next morning, so as I slipped below the water, anything novel I encountered was documented. As I started my ascent up the wall, a familiar tail flicked over the edge as my many-toothed pal waited for me above. After grabbing a deep breath of air, I rejoined my friend and our slow pursuit of each other picked right back up.<sup>2</sup> A few close passes of one another were enough to confirm neither of us should be afraid of the other.<sup>3</sup> After some time, we were both tired, and I called it a day for snorkeling. I got excited about the next morning, waddling along the beach, in a full wetsuit, with sixty-five pounds of gear perched on my back. Either it's exciting enough or a full scuba rig feels light in comparison to Con Law and Property textbooks piled into my backpack. Again, reader, I will ignore that pessimistic latter and focus on the positive.

Now there was plenty more to my vacation than what happened in the ocean, but all of that is what I hope every student experienced

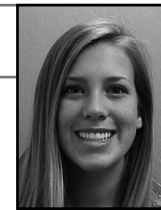
whenever they want to throw one my way...

2 I posted a video of our friendship on March 16, 2020 on my Instagram: @sfbiii (shameless, I know).

3 Please don't be afraid of sharks. Respect them and they will respect you in turn.

over break: sleep, good food, good drink (if you participate), and time with people who make you happy. We've got a long road ahead of us, but if we're all lucky, that road may just take us to the beach from time to time.

Lena Welch '20  
Teen Romance Editor



### 3L Spring Break Test

This year I finally did something I've wanted to do at UVA Law: Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Organized by the incredible Miranda Russell '20, PILA offers ASB to students interested in performing pro bono work over spring break.

I volunteered at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in New Orleans, but ASB wasn't the only great thing to happen over the break.

On Saturday, March 7, after two of my best friends took me to get pretzel croissants from Petite Marie Bette and see Onward, I reported to FlyDog Yoga to teach my aerial yoga class, where I ran into Molly Cain '20. Molly made the mistake of mentioning that Erin Seagars '20 had tried to convince her to join us in New Orleans. Obviously, I agreed with Erin. With the idea fresh in her head and an hour and fifteen minutes to think about it, Molly came to the conclusion that she would hop in the car before sunrise Sunday for the drive down.

So, Sunday morning (and

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Picture: Stan Birch '22, soaking in the sunshine after he swam with Dory. Photo Courtesy Stan Birch '22



Picture: True teamwork. Molly Cain '20, props up the car window with Command Hooks while Lena Welch '20 clamps it into place. Photo Courtesy Lena Welch '20

# Thank You, Dean Cordel Faulk!

As Assistant Dean Cordel Faulk departs from the Law School, we at the Law Weekly wanted to share some of the ways in which his work has touched the lives of UVA Law students. Below are a few farewells and notes of gratitude we collected from current students and alumni. Thank you, Dean Faulk, for that you've done, all the lives you changed, and all the good you'll go on to do. We'll miss you dearly.

**Daniel Richardson '18 writes:**

UVA alums often find ourselves trying to explain exactly why we love this place so much. We all phrase it our own way, but it always comes back to the same thing: the people. And no person has had a greater role in finding the people who make UVA what it is today than Cordel Faulk.

It would be hard to reflect on Dean Faulk's tenure without noting how hard he worked to make UVA a more welcoming place to those of us who may have thought of ourselves as "UVA people," but did not see many students like us among the school's alumni. Thanks to his efforts, a culture that for so long seemed suited to a certain kind of student grew to become more diverse and inclusive, and we are all better for it. It was a mis-

sion that Dean Faulk cared deeply about, and while I am certain he would consider it far from finished, many of us are grateful for what he was able to accomplish.

I was sad to hear that Dean Faulk will be leaving UVA, and I know it will be difficult to not wave into his office from the visitor parking lot the first time I go back to Grounds. But I take comfort in knowing that the culture he created was built to last, and that now another group of students can benefit from his leadership and his example. I hope they know how lucky they are.

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**John Ghazoul '21 writes:**

Quite simply, Dean Cordel Faulk is the reason I chose to attend UVA Law over other law schools. I will never forget the day that I cold-called Cordel's office and proceeded to speak with him for over an hour about my interest in law school. At the end of our conversation, I knew that UVA Law was the best place for me. Cordel's ability to communicate with prospective and current students is unparalleled. Anyone who speaks with Cordel knows that he has their best interest at heart, and I sensed that in our very first telephone conversation. I have been fortunate to maintain a great

friendship with Cordel; he will be sorely missed by all of us at UVA Law. The Schwarzman Scholars program is fortunate to have such a devoted and hard-working person join their organization. I know that Cordel will take that esteemed program to even greater heights.

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**Toccaro Nelson '19 writes:**

I cannot summarize my friendship with Cordel into words. His shining personality is the primary reason I attended UVA Law. Usually, law school admissions interviews are awkward; they are formalized and boring. Cordel and I discussed Janet Jackson. I knew I had to attend UVA Law from there.

Cordel was one of my riders at the Law School. He's personally looked out for me during my lowest times, and he's been a sounding board for me during my triumphs. He is never afraid to open his office door, sit down, and talk with you about anything. He's opened his home for BLSA, LAMBDA, and so many others as a safe refuge. Cordel does not know this, but he's done so much for my personal development as a LGBTQ+ woman by simply providing a listening ear and a supportive heart.

UVA Law will undoubtedly miss Cordel Faulk. Cordel's

absence will be impossible to fill. I hope the school knew what they had—I know us students did.

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**Drew Calamaro '21 writes:**

Like so many of us, I first met Dean Cordel Faulk when he interviewed me during the admissions process. Before the interview, I read his bio and quickly realized that Cordel lives and breathes the state of Virginia. This was also clear in our interview, so when I pointed out it took a full twenty minutes for him to mention Thomas Jefferson, he laughed (Virginia jokes!). His sense of humor and his passion for Virginia as a University and a state have only become more apparent as our friendship has developed, and are what enabled him to foster a law school community that is unparalleled in its collegial and inclusive environment. I can only hope that his successor will try to continue that legacy. I wish Cordel the very best as he moves farther north than he ever has before, but I am confident that someday he will be back.

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**Grace Tang '21 writes:**

I still remember the very first day of law school orientation. Sitting in excited but nervous anticipation

among my classmates in the auditorium, an eleven-hour drive from home, studying for the first time in the United States. Prior to attending UVA Law, I had never set foot in Virginia, nor been away from my family for more than five weeks. I decided to attend UVA Law based on its reputation for collegiality, community, and commitment to its students.

Then, Cordel Faulk stepped up to the podium and looked over at us with pride, warmth, and welcome, and smiled from the stage. I remember feeling instant relief and belonging. Cordel spoke of working together as lawyers, working as a team in our future roles, and the importance of cultivating collaboration and support in law school. He talked about his own background, and the friends he made at UVA Law whom he relies on today. Cordel spoke of diversity, inclusion, and how UVA Law is a better place because of it. Thank you, Assistant Dean Faulk, for everything you have done for my class and the many classes of UVA Law students before me. Thank you for your dedication in finding students who are a good fit for the UVA community. We wish you all the best, and we will truly miss you.

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my twenty-seventh birthday, nbd) rolled around. Erin picked us up outside the Pavilion, and we went to pick up Nate Kresh '22, who had no idea what he was in for. We hit the road after Erin shared the car rules: 1) honesty car, 2) if someone is driving, someone else has to stay awake, and 3) have fun. After a few hours of chitchat, we moved to rule three with a singalong featuring many a showtune, at which point Nate realized the drive was not going to be painless.

We stopped in Knoxville, Tennessee, for lunch. More importantly, Erin's Prius, our chariot, suffered at the hands of the nice weather. We used Command hooks and duct tape to prop its window in place, and miraculously, it lasted for the rest of the trip.

After lunch, I put on a song from *Hercules*, and Nate started singing along. It was a big deal. Shortly after that, I played *A Goofy Movie* (because I always have this classic downloaded—you never know when you'll need it). Anyway, this was a formative moment in my friendship with Nate. And I can't quote what I said because it was weird as heck, but I've told approximately twenty friends from school, so find one of them and they'll tell you.

Spending sixteen or so hours in a car may not sound

like a fun way to spend your birthday, but it was an unforgettable day. It set the tone for an enjoyable trip with seriously special people, delicious food (including beignets), and exciting pro bono work. I highly recommend doing ASB, and, if possible, do a road trip with two of your best friends and the funniest person you can find.

Michael Berdan '22  
Staff Editor



**Wait, There Was a Break?**

During spring break, I finally watched *Avengers: Infinity War*. I popped some popcorn, snuggled up on the couch with my wife, turned on our big screen, and tested out our new surround sound system. Just kidding, I watched it on my phone, forty-five minutes a night, listening through one earbud, squeezed onto the edge of the bed next to my perpendicular-sleeping three-year-old son. This is how I watch most movies and shows now. So, this is how I watched as one exasperatingly stupid hero after another basically handed apocalyptic power to the villain. Right at the climax, my son silently woke up and ROARED at full volume into my ear (he's a big Mufasa guy). I took that as a signal to go to sleep.

But at least we did get away

for a few days, taking a road trip out to Virginia Beach and renting an Airbnb. Just kidding, I don't have a summer job yet, I'm supporting a family of four on roughly zero dollars per month in income, and I really would prefer not to bring the coronavirus home to my elderly mother, who lives downstairs. So we stayed home.

But I was healthy and I got a lot of work done! Nope, I caught some other cold virus, likely through my son's preschool, so I used what energy I had cleaning the house, doing odd tasks, and assisting the best I could with my kids so that my wife felt at least somewhat supported. Now the kids seem to be coming down with it, sniffing throughout the house.

We'll get through. My son just approached me with a Samoa cookie, coughed into the hand in which it was held, and handed it to me. "No thanks," I told him. "I already had one (three)." "You have to," he said. "It's for you." So I quarantined it in my stomach, and washed my hands.

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## MUSIC

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this message, reminding us that our dress or behavior is not an excuse for comment—and that this is not an invitation.

**"Minä Määrään"-Turmion Kätilöt**

Translated literally as "Midwives of Ruin," Turmion Kätilöt is the Finnish industrial metal band of your dreams. They've been a favorite of mine since early high school, largely due to their incredible use of instrumentals and gritty but not overwhelming voices. "Minä Määrään" hails from perhaps their best studio album, "Usch!" which was released in 2009. The song is truly a masterpiece in so many ways. The lyrics are absolutely what you would expect; there are utter gems that translate to "horned fetus growing in the under-

world," "rebel against the blood," and my personal favorite, "booze, fornication, and North State cigarettes." What a fantastic line. Although research on North State ("Nortti") cigarettes turned up very little results, I sincerely hope that they used this as a slogan. Sign me right up. Beyond the gloriously metal choice of words, Turmion Kätilöt beautifully pairs the low, growling vocals with synths. If you know me, you know that my heart can be easily won by the introduction of synths. It might seem like an odd pairing, but trust me, it works. Additionally, if you'd like recommendations for other Northern European metal bands, don't hesitate to reach out.

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Picture: Turmion Kätilöt  
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# 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 [cl3eh@virginia.edu](mailto:cl3eh@virginia.edu)

## In Re Coronavirus Emails 72 U.Va 20 (2020)

JONES, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which PALMER, GLADDEN, TANG, and FAYE, JJ. join. RE, J. and TONSETH, J., filed concurring opinions.

JUSTICE JONES delivered the opinion of the Court.

### I. Factus Prospectus

This Court does declare, that on the week starting on Sunday, March 8, 2020, and for the weeks thereafter, and maybe even for a few weeks there-before, the complainants' inboxes did overflow with emails related to the current pandemic. After much deliberation and investigation, this Court found that some of the complainants were also found to be email senders, and email senders were found to be complainants as well. As a senior OWLS (Older Wiser Law Student) of this Court, the Justice who scribed this case was found to be one of the few who could have adjudicated this case, as it is well known that OWLS are email-phobic and thus unlikely to read an email and much less send an email. Thus, Justice Jones was found to have no conflicts and to have almost never sent emails. The case was therefore allowed to be appealed from the lower court judgement.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I cannot tell you what the lower court disposition is, as it was sent via email, and those who have read the opinion thus far know my aversion. Thus, in line with Petty Court precedent ("we do what we want"), I will not do what I don't want, and thus this review will be de novo.

### II. Specific Factual Allegations

Complainants allege too many people are sending too many emails and that many of these heretofore emails are filled to the brims with words dry in substance, leaving the reader's thirst for true informa-

and Finding Rover (which has my cat's microchip information). Furthermore, every email raised issues of good feelings throughout, making it harder to see what actual information was attempted to be transmitted.<sup>3</sup>

### III. Issues Raised

the days when pigeons sent little messages between student inboxes.<sup>5</sup>

### IV. Analysis

Considering the causes of action before it, this court weighs heavily on the law of equity and not the law of law, which is tangled before

and missing something outweighs the benefits, and wander forth into the great virtual unknown.<sup>6</sup> This is certainly an undue burden by any petty standard, and this Court would be remiss in equity to allow this tortious behavior to continue.

### V. Relief

Everyone is ordered to immediately condense all emails into something resembling the hundreds of Campbell's tomato soup cans crowded into my spare room. In this time of hoarding, let us not treat emails like toilet paper, as something to be collected and held onto for their further value. Emails should be like Chipotle, which is to say consumed as quickly as possible and then having the consequences dealt with later. In addition, injunctive relief is ordered immediately, and all persons are ordered to ask, "Does this need to be sent?" before any emails are sent.

*"Everyone is ordered to immediately condense all emails into something resembling the hundreds of Campbell's tomato soups crowded into my spare room."*

tion unquenched in a time when there is endless thirst for information in the air.<sup>2</sup> Complainants also allege specifically that Stephen T. Parr, the man who controls the weather, has abandoned his role as canceller of class on snow days in favor of one who sends coronavirus emails. Furthermore, persons and corporations (who are also persons) who have no duty or dealings with the coronavirus have been seen spreading emails faster than any virus could travel. These include the bank, Amtrak (who only announced they will be cleaning their trains),

<sup>2</sup> The esteemed students of UVA law are naturally thirsty (for knowledge), yet in these times their thirstiness is multiplied many fold (thirstiness for knowledge).

Complainants alleged both tortious interference with inbox management in a time when students are not apt to be able to handle emails, namely during the period known as "Spring Break." They allege that during this period, they were expecting to simply "chill out" when the dam of emails crashed down upon them like a reservoir into a coal mine.<sup>4</sup> Students have had to create entire folders for certain emails, and they wish to be left in peace and go back to

<sup>3</sup> There is actual information which would give glee in the hearts of many, such as an announcement of pass-fail, which would raise joy.

<sup>4</sup> See That One Torts Case, 123213 Queens Bench (1700's? IDK.).

the law of equity. Before all this endemic, systemic pandemic caused a lot of stress in our academic lives, students were free to simply show up to class, hope they learn something, and carry on. Now, students must do a cost-benefit analysis when every email shows up in their inbox, decide if the cost of not reading the email

<sup>5</sup> Just as the founders imagined. Goodnight, Mr. Jefferson.

*It is so ordered.*

Justice RE, concurring.


I join the Court's opinion. I write separately to address

6 Career Services emails are exempted from this statement, as the wrath of the mighty K-Don with his hammer of shame for not reading emails is well-known.

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## Faculty Quotes

<b>T. Nachbar:</b> "I'm just worried you're going to ask me a question about a law that I'm not going to understand."	<b>A. Woolhander:</b> "Let's see what the fraternity wing of the class thinks."
<b>C. Nicoletti:</b> "It's not a contract, this is important."	<b>G. Rutherglen:</b> "You never know about the air conditioning in Slaughter. Sometimes it moves up to hurricane force."
<b>M. Collins:</b> "Like those who drop out of presidential elections, I try."	<b>J. Harrison:</b> "Apparently if you drink asbestos it's fine. So just don't breathe it."
<b>A. Bamzai:</b> "Is it intentional, or is Congress like 'hey, let's make up new terms so no one knows what we're talking about?'"	<i>Heard a good professor quote? Email <a href="mailto:editor@law-weekly.org">editor@law-weekly.org</a></i>



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two other issues, or possibly more than two if I think of anything else while writing this.

First, I would like to note that this is the second time the Administration has granted (at least imperfectly) relief ordered by this Court. In *Students v. Over Eager Administration*, 369 U.Va. 75, 72 V.L.W. 14, 4 (2020), we held that the School violated students' right to privacy during Winter Break by sending an email "show[ing] one of [plaintiff's classmates], smiling on the cover, touting his most recent success and attributing it to 'not sleeping until 2 p.m.'" Emotional damages were awarded in the form of another week off of school for the entire Law School. *Id.* While extending Spring Break through Wednesday did not fully fulfill the Court's order, it nevertheless appears to be a substantial attempt to do so.

The School also largely complied with this Court's ruling in *1L Cookie Monsters v. UVA*, 370 U.Va. 100, 72 V.L.W. 16, 4 (2020). When cookies were no longer made available for 1Ls on Fridays this spring semester, the Court ordered that cookies be reinstated, *id.*, and they were, albeit slowly. See ANG, *Virginia Law Weekly*, Volume 72, Number 17 ("Thumbs sideways to Student Affairs for

the Valentine's Day goodies. ANG greatly appreciated the sweets, even though ANG didn't need more excuses to eat cupcakes alone and in sorrow. However, despite the decisive ruling by the Court of Petty Appeals in favor of ANG's love of cookies, there were no actual cookies provided.") and then the following week, ANG, *Virginia Law Weekly*, Volume 72, Number 18 ("Thumbs up to Student Affairs for the return of Cookies on Friday. ANG is unsure of whether it is the sugar high or the absolute power that ANG now wields through ANG's influence by the Court of Petty Appeals decision that is driving a surely short lived positive attitude.")<sup>7</sup>

Second, I would like to address toilet paper hoarding. While this was not at issue in the case before us, the Court of Petty Appeals is not bound by any sort of Article III "actual case or controversy" requirement. Since the Court mentioned toilet paper in dicta, I will address the topic. Who honestly needs that many rolls of toilet paper? Having two weeks' worth of toilet paper seems like it would be more than enough, so is it really necessary to load your shopping cart up with a fourteen-month supply?

<sup>7</sup> The Bluebook may describe how to properly cite an ANG, and though I refuse to open it and check, I did speak with someone on *Law Review* who said this was probably good enough.

ply? See Jim Gaffigan, *Beyond the Pale at 50:31* ("Ever notice there's no dignified way to buy toilet paper? You always have to buy it in that multi-pack of like 18 rolls ... everyone in the store's like, 'Does that guy ever leave the bathroom? What, is he living off of Hot Pockets?'"<sup>8</sup> Save some for the rest of us.

These are trying times, and we are all called upon to do our duty for the good of all. But our burden for the time being is to stay in our apartments and watch TV. It is a task for which many of us have been training for years. There is reason for hope.

Justice TONSETH, concurring.

I join the Court's opinion. As the sitting 1L Justice, I'm just happy to be on the winning side for once.

While I concur with the majority in regards to emails, I must respectfully disagree with the concurring opinion regarding toilet paper. While I do not fully condone hoarding, do you know how entertaining it is to see a common house cat tear apart a toilet paper roll? I thought I was watching the *Lion King*. You bet I bought 24 rolls so I can watch my cat manifest her true spirit animal on a daily basis.

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<sup>8</sup> See footnote 1, *supra*, mutatis mutandis.

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Both the Student Affairs Office and all offices of Career Counseling (the Office of Private Practice, the Public Service Center, and our unstoppable Clerkship Director, Ruth Payne) have announced continued services in the coming weeks and encourage all students to reach out via email if they have any concerns or questions. The Law School library remains open and is actively working to make course materials available online for students who have returned home for the semester. For students experiencing financial difficulties, the Financial Aid Office is offering support with staff via phone, Skype, or other teleconferencing services.

If anything has made itself clear in the past week, it is that the school administration and student leaders are working hard to make sure students get the support and information they need to adjust successfully to an online curriculum. As Dean Risa Goluboff said in her email to the Law School shortly after President Ryan's initial announcement, "We are lucky to live, learn, and work in a community filled with people who care for each other and who work together toward the greater good. Even when we are not all together in Charlottesville, our ties to one another remain strong."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Dean Goluboff's email, dated March 11, 2020, "FW: Important Update Regarding Spring Semester—Please Read."

Dean Goluboff's words prove all the more meaningful in the wake of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community. Early Monday morning, the Thomas Jefferson Health District released information that "a Charlottesville resident in their late 50s who had recently traveled tested positive for the virus with a test through a commercial lab."<sup>4</sup> President Ryan confirmed this news in an email later in the day. The confirmed individual is a staff member of the UVA Women's Center, lives off Grounds, and is currently in quarantine and receiving care in accordance with protocols from the Virginia Department of Health.<sup>5</sup> As our community begins to face the full brunt of the COVID-19, it is more important than ever to remember our ties to each other. The strength of those ties and the choices we make will have rippling effects for all of us. It is paramount that we make healthy decisions not only for ourselves but for those most vulnerable in our community. As we've written here in this paper before, we're all in this together.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.whsv.com/content/news/1st-positive-case-of-COVID-19-confirmed-in-Charlottesville-568827371.html>

<sup>5</sup> President Jim Ryan's email, dated March 16, 2020, "Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in UVA Community."

HOT BENCH



Ray Tang Hou '21

Hot Bench with Ray Hou '21

Hi Ray, welcome to Hot Bench! Please tell all our readers where you're from!

I was born in the middle of Pennsylvania and I grew up in East Brunswick, New Jersey before attending UC Berkeley in California.

How did you like California?

Oh, the weather is perfect, like everyone says, but after five years there, I felt I needed a change. All anyone talks about in the Bay Area is tech! I knew it was too much when a bunch of skaters rolled by in Dolores Park and they were talking tech.

Haha, not a big tech guy?

I just need other things in my life. I can only talk about computer science for so long.

What are you interested in these days?

I've always been interested in diplomacy and foreign affairs. Currently, that means international law. You know, one of the first international organizations was the International Sanitary Bureau, established in 1902. That's topical.

Are you working on anything related to international relations?

Yeah, actually. I'm helping Professor Verdier with research on international governance. I'm also working on a paper on international organization immunities. I just presented the executive summary a few weeks at a conference in Washington, D.C.

What would you say your hometown is best known for?

We had that one gym teacher who tried to take his case to the Supreme Court because he wanted to have the entire football team pray, but the Court denied cert.

When did you start thinking about law school?

I had just taken the Physics GRE and was applying for physics graduate school, when I thought back on all the lab work I had done. I decided that I really didn't want to do that for another eight years. I started thinking about law school then, haha.

What kind of impact do you hope to have as a lawyer?

I would like to do something low-key but critical, something that involves expertise. I'd like to have my knowledge valued. Hopefully also my judgment, but you know, whether that's worth anything remains to be seen.

What is your most unusual talent?

Chinese yo-yo. I don't know anyone who does that around here.

How do you feel about putting pineapple on pizza?

Ehhh, it's kind of like a sweet tomato in a way. It's juicy but it's also got that tang to it.

What's your most impressive "go to" meal that you can cook?

Taiwanese beef noodle soup. "Taiwan numbah one!"

Favorite food?

Braised eel over rice. In Japan, it's called a "Unagi Donburi." I liked normal eel sushi when I was growing up and I was mind-blown when I realized you could just get a giant bowl of it.

Favorite place in Charlottesville?

Ivy Provisions; I like hanging out to eat a sandwich there if I'm not busy. My favorite is the smoked pork and apple sandwich they had before they took

out the secret menu. I think it's called Smoke Out.

What is your favorite meme?

Oh, it's definitely the butterfly one. Is this a butterfly?

Anti-Stress Hobby?

What do I do when I'm stressed... hmm, what happens if I'm not stressed? I guess it's YouTube. When I'm stressed, I usually try to get rid of the thing that's stressing me out first.

Favorite word?

I'm not sure I have one, there's just too many to pick from. They all have their time to shine. Except the word "the." You see "the" too much for it to ever be special.

What's the best type of cheese?

I like Gruyere just because I make Mac 'n' Cheese out of it. It's got a nuttiness to it, and it's more interesting than cheddar. It's like going for a font that's not Times New Roman or Calibri.

What's your spirit animal?

Turtles. They're laidback like, "Imma just chill in my pond." They're supposed to be wise and steady, which I like.

Where's a place you've never been, but would like to go?

Oh! I'd love to go skiing in Hokkaido, that would be fantastic. I've heard that the

snow there is phenomenal, and it's in Japan, so it's a double win.

What are some fun and interesting alternatives to war that countries could settle their differences with?

Poker. I guess that might be too similar? I suppose poker is at least fair.

What piece of tech do you hope is invented in your lifetime?

3-D image projection, it would be really useful for movies and video-games. Wait, that's basically holograms then. It'd be like living in Star Wars.

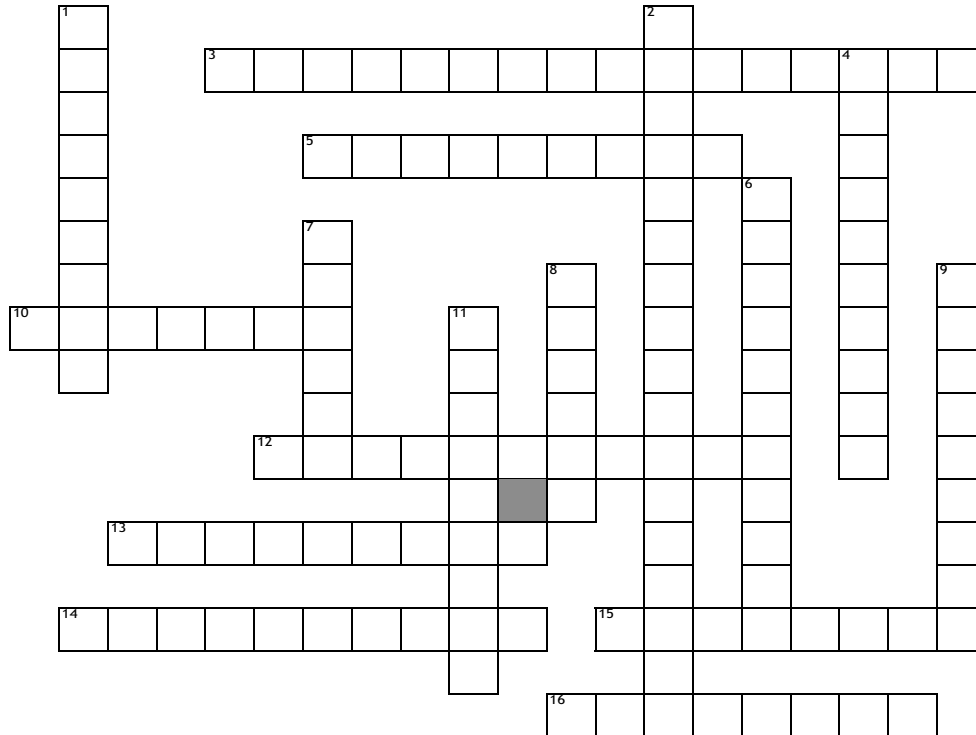
If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what would it be?

Right now? Stay the inside. Happy quarantine everyone.

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# Legal Terminology Crossword



**Across**

- 3. The questioning of a witness by the lawyer for the opposing side.
- 5. The judge, following an objection, decides the questions may continue.
- 10. The decision of guilty or not guilty that is handed down by the jury.
- 12. An accusation of a crime, made against a person by the prosecutor.
- 13. The opposing side finds fault with the question being asked the witness.
- 14. The result of a criminal trial in which a person is found guilty.
- 15. A trial that becomes invalid, is essentially canceled, because of a mistake in procedure.
- 16. The punishment given to a person who has been convicted of a crime.

**Down**

- 1. The judge, following an objection, agrees that the line of questioning should not continue.
- 2. The first questioning in a trial of a witness by the lawyer who called that witness.
- 4. An accusation of a crime, made against a person by a grand jury upon the request of a prosecutor.
- 6. When the accused is brought before the court to hear the charges against the person to plead guilty or not guilty.
- 7. How a lawyer asks the judge to make a decision.
- 8. A request for a higher court to review a decision made by a lower court.
- 9. A legal determination that a person who has been charged with a crime is innocent.
- 11. The way a judge is addressed in a courtroom.

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