Love in the Time of Corona

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As both society and the Law School adapt to the new realities and challenges that coronavirus brings, many aspects of life that once seemed a given are in flux. From online classes and grocery shopping to grabbing a drink with friends and hitting the gym, activities we used to know them are changing before our eyes due to quarantining and social distancing. So too are love and modern romance. In this serious and amorous time, the staff at the Law Weekly thought it would be intriguing, pleasantly distracting, and (dare we say it) heartwarming to hear how couples and singles alike are handling romance in light of all these changes. You’ve heard of Love in the Time of Cholera, but get ready for Love in the Time of Corona.

This week’s guests are Maria Luevano ’21 and Sam Pickett ’21.

Hi Maria and Sam! Welcome to Love in the Time of Corona. Let’s start with some basics. How and when did you two meet?

Sam: We met on the first day of class, when I yelled hi to her as we were walking to the Law School. She didn’t respond the first time I said hi, because she was listening to a podcast. I was embarrassed so I just yelled louder (a pattern). We chatted on the way to class and then sat next to each other in Criminal Law. The rest is history!

Where are you both located right now during social isolating szn?

Maria: In Charlottesville!

Specifically, we’ve been spending most of our time in Maria’s apartment because she has a TV.

What is the biggest way coronavirus has impacted your relationship so far, if any?

Maria: Post-coronavirus, Sam was really up to date on Twitter memes and would send them to me frequently. Now, I’ve usually seen them already because I’m also spending way too much time on Twitter, so there’s less meme sharing.

Sam: I’ve spent most of our time together anyway, so that part hasn’t been too difficult to adjust to or anything.

Thumbs up to the new VLR EIC for using only #2 pencils.

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Classes Online

Student Perspectives and Privacy Concerns about Zoom

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On Thursday, March 19, Zoom University UVA Law kicked off its first day of online classes. Most large, lecture-based classes are being recorded by professors and posted on Canvas with no opportunity for real-time questions. In contrast, courses requiring more participation from students, such as seminars, have transitioned to the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Last Thursday, I had the opportunity to take my first Zoom class: Employment Law with Professor Rip Verkerke. The class has around sixty students and Professor Verkerke uses a website called Poll Everywhere to solicit student answers and opinions on course-related questions. The first poll question on Thursday’s class was: “What word best describes your feelings about our shift to online instruction?”

As the word bubble shows, as seen on page 2, many students were feeling anxious and apprehensive, and some mentioned current Law School GroupMe buzzwords like “pass/fail” and “byreu.” It became clear as the class went on that people were more timid about piping up on Zoom than in regular, in-person class. Then again, it was around noon, so maybe everyone was just too busy eating lunch with their mate on and cameras off to feel the need to contribute. Eventually, people warmed up a bit to the format and participated more, reducing the number of uncomfortable silences after Professor Verkerke asked for volunteers. As Khitiiz Gautam ’22 summed it up, “Despite the awkwardness, it was a fruitful experience overall.”

Zoom definitely has its benefits and drawbacks. One handy feature of the platform is the “hand-raising” function, which allows students to virtually signal if they have a comment or question without having to awkwardly interrupt the professor or each other. It also has a nice chat feature, so you can easily shoot them a chat.

However, maybe don’t say anything too spicy on a Zoom DM, because it’s been suggested that even private messages to another student can be monitored by the meeting host for “non-webinar” meetings. This is not the platform’s only privacy red flag. As Zoom surged in popularity over the past two weeks and became the teleworking software of choice for thousands of employers and schools across the country, it has been under fire for a slew of privacy issues. Meeting hosts can see who users do not have the Zoom meeting open and actively for more than thirty seconds.

1 If you don’t know who Breyez is, ask a local IL about his infiltration of the Class of 2022 GroupMe, including the puzzling but thought-provoking line: “Law school isn’t the same, sure, but leave a lug loose on a Goodyear Eagle and it’ll cost you checkers.”


Thumbs up to the administration for establishing guidelines and keeping the platform up, “Despite the awkwardness, it was a fruitful experience overall.”

Maria: Pre-coronavirus, if you didn’t know who ANG was, you’re basically dead. But now, ANG’s background picture. ANG’s background picture. ANG’s background picture. ANG’s background picture.

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Definitely worse.

I’m assuming in 1,000 years when all other professions transfer to digital learning, law schools will still require students to attend class using only #2 pencils.

Zoom page 2
My expectations were high as I started my first Zoom lecture in Professor Ferzan’s evidence class. Unfortunately, no one used Zoom, and I had to break the news to them that it was only the second time they had seen Zoom used, and that it’s nice to have a bit of a buffer. Fearing that I was the only one having this problem, I asked other faculty, and some members had an awkward lecture. But other faculty had the same problem, which is now devoting approximately 1,300 words in this week’s edition to hammer out the debate.

My first Zoom School of Law Experience began at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday—or rather it was supposed to begin. What actually occurred was that I sat there on my laptop answering emails and waiting for the wait screen to materialize into a gridded group of faces. Just as I had given up hope, I was admitted into the “Zoom Room” at 1:30 p.m. Finally, I had done it. I completed my first Zoom lecture. My classmates and I soon realized, however, that our professor’s Zoom room was surrounded by us. So, it was then that we received an email that this wasn’t Ferzan’s room, and that he would see us on Monday. What a wild ride and to think that Zoom is the next best thing.

In a similar vein to Home Alone (also written by Hughes), Baby’s Day Out (1994) is a story of a very vulnerable child gaining the upper hand on some bumbling criminals (Joe Mangenega, Joe Pantoliano, Brian Haley). One-year-old Baby Bink is kidnapped by the three criminals and sold to a $5 million ransom. But Bink quickly slips through their grasp, growing accustomed to freedom and through department stores, riding bikes, and scaling a skyscraper under construction, all whilst our villains are beaten, smoked, run over, burned, doused in concrete and slime, and dropped several stories into conveniently-placed dumpsters (which, of course, break a fall from any height).

But among these gags, there is also something to be learned. Our not-so-hapless hero, Baby Bink, manages to evade the detection of almost everyone and then thorough the film. He crawls through a crowded department store and slides gleefully across the floor when pushed by the rotating door. He even yanks a dang-ling cord, pulling the mic out of the hand of a TV reporter who is live on TV, but Bink’s mom, who is watching the film, manages to grab the mic before it hits the floor. The film ends, at that precise moment. No one notices, and Bink continues down to the street, and in the sidewalk, pursued by the criminal trio. The people don’t maliciously ignore him. They aren’t prevented as missing him because they’re overly wrapped up in something bad or selves; they are simply living their lives. Some even do catch a glimpse—one construction worker, for example, sees Baby Bink’s face and his mom’s and rightfully echoes the above corner—“Was that... a baby?” before shaking his head and going on with on his day.

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A deep dive on the Internet reveals that this debate has been going on for quite some time and that many different sites contain opinions on the question. People compare this to the “Is a hot dog a sandwich?” debate and the pro-“cereal is a type of soup” folks are in the minority. One of those sites, which, of course, break a fall from any height.

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CORONA LOVE

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I think the biggest impact has been our restriction on seeing others.

R.I.P. Meme King Pickett. Let’s hope pick me back to a non-romance.

How would you describe each other in one word or a phrase?

Maria: Genuine! What you see is what you get, and yet he actually like that 100 percent of the time.

Sam: He describes Maria as everyone’s best friend.

What is your favorite quality about each other?

Maria: (This was very hard!) Sam is really the most thoughtful person I know. He does it without even thinking, and is so patient and kind to everyone.

Sam: She makes you feel like you’re saying real things that you’re really the only one in the room. She’s a very active listener, which is important given how much I talk, LMAO.

Do you each have a favorite memory of each other?

Maria: Honestly, any time we’ve traveled together has been a blast. Sam is the best travel partner and even when we’ve had twelve-hour delays or on our overnight road trip, he manages to keep my spirits up! He’s also very skilled at finding good restaurants on-the-go.

Sam: I think living together in D.C. this last summer. Our friends and family were never-via Zoom, and it was even better to get to come home from work to her.

Call ya boi the Lion King, because I’m feeling the love tonight (technically today, as this type.) Let’s do another 180° to Corona to cool things down. What’s been the most challenging part about this so far for you both?

Maria: Picking what to watch every night! We spend at least twenty minutes scrolling through various streaming apps before we finally get frustrated and settle on something. There’s almost too many options.

Sam: We are both fairly social people and I think that not being able to hang out with others has left us both feeling a bit down at times. It has made us adjust to a new normal, which has been difficult at times, especially when the weight of the pandemic kind of hits.

Can you share any creative ways you’ve gotten past these challenges?

Maria: We’ve started keeping a list of movies we want to watch together, so that’s the first place I check when we have no idea what to watch.

Sam: Currently we do work at Maria’s apartment during the day and then walk over to my apartment at night. This has given us some separation between home and work now that the library has closed.

NICE! Keeping with the creative, let’s get a bit abstract. Is there a feeling/sight/smell/color/texture that you associate with each other? Why?

Maria: I’m sorry this is so obvious but it’s laughter. We laugh a lot together.

Sam: Maria loves mayonnaise and I hate it, so whenever I see mayonnaise I cringe, but I think about Maria too!

Don’t blame you on that cringe. Looking forward to the day you can safely place activity you’ll do/place you’ll go once all social restrictions are lifted?

Maria: I would love to go to Carter Mountain or a local winery, or even Bilt! (It’s finally so nice out I just want to drink outside with my friends basically.)

Sam: I would say either to the bar with everyone we know to celebrate the end of the pandemic. Someplace we can all relax and enjoy socializing without the distancing.

Here’s hoping that day comes soon. Thanks for coming on, guys. Before we go, let’s end on a romantic note. What is one thing you want to say, in public, possibly in front of the whole Law School (or at least our online readership), to each other?

Maria: How much he inspires me! He’s so hard working and he’s a really great boy...friend, friend, PA-the list goes on. He’s the only person who has successfully gotten me to go to the gym on a regular basis. He’s also very levelheaded when I’m in tough situations I try to channel what he would do. And then I usually ask him what he would do and then do that. I’m very lucky to have him in my life.

Sam: I would want her to know how much the Law School community values her and how lucky I feel so to really be referred to as “Maria’s boyfriends.” I think even the 1Ls I PA for refer to me that way at this point...

Many thanks to Maria and her boyfriend for being the first featured pair on Love in the Time of Corona! Are you a couple that has been separated or getting creative during this social isolation period? A single whose desire to mingle has been curtailed by COVID-19? A platonic friend or member of a family who wants to share how you’ve been making it through this together? Love comes in all shapes and sizes, and we want to hear about it! Email bes4cf@virginia.edu if you or someone you know might like to be featured on Love in the Time of Corona.

Law Weekly Tips for Surviving Quarantine

Here we are, almost one month into our week at the Zoom Law School at the University of Virginia Law School. Perhaps as much as Zoom has started to wear off, you’re beginning to wonder how long your toilet paper supply is actually going to last, your Weil Gotschall & Manges hand sanitizer is about to run out, or your local grocery store is low, and most importantly for the purposes of this column, you’re wondering if you’re bored and under stimulated.

1  – Despite the mountain of schoolwork that seems to keep growing...

Luckily for you, there are some ways to stave off the boredom and lack of normalcy that comes with hiding from COVID-19. I solicited hints and tips from some friends – The Law Weekly’s GroupMe and my Instagram followers – and here are my favorites:
1) Go on a walk. This was the most frequent suggestion, and who’s surprised? I certainly love walks! They’re free. You can do them by yourself (but use your judgment and be safe). You can do them with your dog. You can do them with your frog, from a safe distance! You get some exercise. And, you get a breath of fresh air. I read this in a booklet that Bob Ross had at least one session, but if you do, it’s a great way to explore different styles of walks...grab walking, anyone? Do you have a friend, family member over the phone, Skype, FaceTime, or, dare I mention it, Zoom. Bonus points if you talk to someone who you really want to talk to a little more frequently! This was another fan favorite. I’d recommend filling in who you talk to. Maybe call or chat with different friends over the course of the week. Variety can really work wonders.
2) Listen to new music or watch a show you haven’t heard in a long time, or if you can, play music. I’ve been going through my playlist and revisiting some of my less-loved playlists. If you’re really stuck and need try some fundamentals you haven’t practiced recently.
3) Try exercising with some YouTube exercise videos. I really like the Bloglutes videos on YouTube (apparently there’s an app now if that’s more your style). You can focus on different muscles and do as much or as little as you want. And many exercises don’t require any equipment.
4) Put a puzzle together. Admittedly, this requires you to have a puzzle in your possession, but if you do, it’s a fun and mentally stimulating way to spend an afternoon.
5) Work on a craft or try creative writing. Knitting is popular, so is painting and/or drawing. St. Patrick’s Day is behind us, but why not try writing some limericks? If you’re looking for some creative inspiration, I’d recommend you check out some Bob Ross videos online. They’re calm and pastoral, and Bob Ross makes everything look easy. Did you know that Bob Ross had at least one pet squid? Now you do.
6) Reorganize your living space. There’s no time like the present to move the couch or redesign your child’s room...or seven. Mixing up your living space a bit can provide a helpful change of pace that can actually facilitate better learning.
7) Put a puzzle together. Admittedly, this requires you to have a puzzle in your possession, but if you do, it’s a fun and mentally stimulating way to spend an afternoon.
8) Work on your to-do list. I know what you’re thinking: That’s not fun! That’s work. OK, yes, it is probably work for most people.

5 I read this in a booklet about studying once. Therefore, it must be true. True story. After writing this footnote, my mom called and asked where that booklet was. – s p o o k y

QUARANTINE page 5
The coronavirus has been one of the most memorable ones in our period. It has caused a pandemic, which has led to the loss of $170 million. Corona (the beer) doesn't have time to unpack all of that, Corona (the beer) has subsequently reported a loss of $170 million.

While the two seem completely different, a recent poll found that 98% of Americans would not buy Corona under any circumstances because of the coronavirus outbreak. Wow. While we don't have time to unpack all of that, Corona (the beer) has subsequently reported a loss of $170 million.

Having had enough, Corona Beer has decided to file trademark infringement and defamation of character, and puts an injunction on Coronavirus' existence, demanding that it cease being a thing, for the love of God, please.

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explanation than I have the patience for. So I took a page out of the book of my Supreme Court’s reporter and decided to do what I needed to do to get me to the result I wanted. So the new test for defamation of character is: Does something you do make someone else with whom you are associated look bad?

Is this an easily satisfied test? Yes. But unlike other Courts who are afraid of re- leasing all their decisions, I am going big. I am not hiding from a “floodgate of litigation.” Garrison, I am encour- aging it. Those Gunners in your section who constantly raise their hands and give your section a “gunnery” reputation? You could sue them for defamation of your char- acter. See generally, “gunnery” reputa- tion? You could sue them.

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Believe in yourself! Im- postor syndrome hits a lot of students here, but we’re all in this together and the first thing I tell them is: “You are not alone.”

What’s the most important teachable moment you’ve had in the classrooms to be above one thousand degrees, please set aside the world and return to the woods. Fortunately, I can obtain a camping permit and sleeping bag, and it is surprisingly not crowded. I am not a terribly well-off person, so I can’t afford to pay for a week’s worth of park- ing (at this rate, I figure, it would cost more than 150 other students). Fortunately, I am able to summon from summer camp the recollection of how to build a lean-to, and I settle up one.

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WILDERNESS page 6

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What’s something you know now that you wish you would tell yourself be- fore coming into law school?
Believe in yourself! Im- postor syndrome hits a lot of students here, but we’re all in this together and the first thing I tell them is: “You are not alone.”

What’s the most important teachable moment you’ve had in the classrooms to be above one thousand degrees, please set aside the world and return to the woods. Fortunately, I can obtain a camping permit and sleeping bag, and it is surprisingly not crowded. I am not a terribly well-off person, so I can’t afford to pay for a week’s worth of park- ing (at this rate, I figure, it would cost more than 150 other students). Fortunately, I am able to summon from summer camp the recollection of how to build a lean-to, and I settle up one.

1. Joey, if you’re reading this, I hope you remember your summers at Camp Wisconsin as fondly as I do. Especially all that time set- ting bug spray on fire.
WILDERNESS

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Unfortunately, I realize now that there are a number of things I was shockingly not told about camping, such as that I would need things like “pans” and “multiple clothes” and “things other than matches to start a fire with.” Regardless, my resolve is undeterred and I am able to settle down to my camp stove and toast some granola bars while settling down to my book. Unsettlingly, however, I seem to have picked up the wrong book and am now stuck reading A Journal of the Plague Year, which is at least less depressing than most of my casebooks.

Day 2:
I arise bright and early, feeling a tad chilly. Realizing that I am fast-eating through all 523 granola bars I brought, I consider the possibility of foraging for food. I wander through the woods, wondering if that fern with the curly top is edible before deciding not to chance it. Eventually, I find a patch of little berry-like things. Berries are edible, right?, I think. Oh well, any port in a storm. Some of the bark smells good as well. I also am worried about scurvy, so of course I remember some pine needles since I dimly recall reading about pine tea as a cure for scurvy in elementary school. Perhaps this all won’t be so bad after all. I wander over to the river for a drink of water and wonder if perhaps there are some fish worth catching. I don’t have any hooks, so I decide to try to “noodle,” and stick my hand in the river. It is cold and after twenty minutes I see a fish swim away. As it turns out, noodling does not actually work for trout, although I do nearly catch a snapping turtle with my left finger. All is not lost, however, as I am able to turn my backpack into an ersatz net and catch a few rather nice fish and an eel. Returning to camp, I build a modest fire if slightly sputtery fire and attempt to try to roast my catch in the bark. Unfortunately, I set one or two fish on fire. Perhaps I am better off attempting sashimi.

Day 3:
I am cold and wet and I decide that it is time to make my way back to the car. I end up hitchhiking, because so ciety did not collapse and my car was indeed boosted and my phone is too dead for me to Uber back home.

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CEREAL

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Criminal Law Terminology Crossword

Across
4. institute legal proceeding against
5. equal treatment of all rivals or disputants fairness
7. help, assist, or support in the achievement of something
10. Yelling or harassment
14. An act respecting the criminal law
17. cease by legislation to treat as illegal
18. an act of trying to achieve something
19. affects how decisions are made and policies are established
20. turn into a criminal offense by making it illegal
21. a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful
22. in the proposed of legislation

Down
1. encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong to commit a crime or other offense
2. case may be prosecuted either summarily or as indictment
3. Something that was previously illegal
4. a person who incites or assists someone to commit a crime
8. another word to call it indictment
9. lack of regard for the danger or consequences of one’s actions
11. Such acts are forbidden and punishable by law
12. as opposed to the mental state of the accused
13. Sometimes called ignorance of law
15. the reason for doing the act
16. make better; improve

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Solution

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7. Please, someone, tell me how one thinks this definition includes cereal in the first place.