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## TikTok v. American Big Tech: Competition for Your Social (Media) Security

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Beyond our national boundaries, Big Tech companies are vying to acquire the greatest commodity of all: your data, which includes information about your preferences, likes, dislikes, behavioral attitudes, and much more. The greatest example of Big Tech at the intersection of personal and international security is illuminated by the US-China relationship, which further illustrates that both the private and public realms are greatly intertwined. The dominant economic and social influences in the new technological economy will affect our norms, values, and realities. Importantly, the nation that dominates the global marketplace of the technological 21st century will set new standards with regard to human rights, privacy, censorship, and liberty itself, much like the US did in the early 20th century.

The struggle for this 21st-century tech dominance was on display at the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on June 30, 2020, one day after the Big Tech CEOs appeared before the House where they emulated their lack of commitment to the US side of the global economic struggle. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo slammed the tech companies for fudging on questions regarding the Chinese Communist Party's attempts to steal American intellectual property and commit cyber-attacks the day prior. Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) asked Pompeo how Big Tech CEOs could say they had "no experience or knowledge" of instances where IP theft had occurred on their platforms. Senator Pompeo speculated it might be "because there's continued threats made to their businesses operating not only in China" but also those working in other parts of Asia and South Asia.

Big Tech is a big business. As with most businesses, their allegiance lies in their pocket-books. Critically in this industry, however, the stakes of Big Tech's business are greater than their bottom-line. Security, privacy, social and political influence, and the power to potentially manipulate, disinform, and divide

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## PLACE and Power A Conversation with Professor Emily Prifogle and Journalist Earl Swift



Pictured: Tangier Island, a small community threatened by rising waters. Photo Courtesy of richmond.com.

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PLACE and Power, an ongoing series held by the Program in Law, Communities, and the Environment (PLACE), kicked off this week with a conversation about "the importance of rural places in shaping the laws, customs, and attitudes of the people who live in them, as well as their role in the cultural and political future of the nation." The speakers were Professor Emily Prifogle, a legal historian and professor at the University of Michigan Law School; Earl Swift, a Virginian journalist and the author of *Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island*; and the moderator, Professor Jonathan Cannon, who is head of the PLACE program here at UVA Law.

The trio began by talking about the guest speakers' backgrounds. Professor Prifogle's research places her in the rural Midwest, whereas Swift has spent fourteen months living with the watermen of Tangier Island on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The pair's experiences, although undeniably different, yielded no shortage of cultural similarities between the populations. Swift's watermen were admittedly more insular, relatively cut off from the rest of the country by the Chesapeake Bay when compared to their midwestern counterparts. But, nonetheless, the similarities were there. Both speakers saw a heavy reliance

on anecdotal and experiential knowledge in the communities they studied and, as a result, more skepticism of government regulation. A farmer in Wisconsin can, with an inspection, generally tell good farming land from bad farming land. Similarly, one of the Tangier watermen can spot an oyster bed or a good area for crabbing simply through their experiential and cultural knowledge of the area. Neither group sees the necessity for relying on scientific knowledge in their day-to-day lives.

Similarly, both communities distrust outside law enforcement, particularly state and federal enforcement. Swift, in particular, noted the way in which the community on Tangier handles malfeasances within the community. The community preferred to use local law enforcement and social customs to deal with problems. The same is true of rural communities in the Midwest, although to a lesser extent as a result of the federal highways connecting them to the rest of urban society.


This documented mistrust of outside authority and scientific knowledge can have disastrous consequences, particularly for Tangier, where time is running out quickly. The small island is scheduled to be one of the first to disappear as a result of rising water levels, but, according to Swift, the people of Tangier don't see it. What it comes down to is simply different means of data col-


lection. Local knowledge is, at its base, data collection. As Swift puts it, the locals of Tangier learn about their environment by going out and looking at the water, looking at the catch, and watching the weather. But people, with just their eyes and their boats, are not in a position to analyze accurately the movement of the environment over a long period of time. The people of Tangier will have a hard time seeing the effects of rising water levels without the right resources. For example, one needs an airplane to see the extent of the water level's rise. And one needs to take periodic measurements of factors like water temperature, marsh accretion, and water levels to begin to understand more minute changes in the ecosystem. These are resources that could come from the State or Federal level.


Despite being on the periphery of urban life and the national news, rural communities with a population of 2,500 people or fewer make up approximately 1/5th of our nation's population. Even more impressive, according to the US Census Bureau they inhabit 97 percent of this country's land. Clearly, this is a significant portion of the US population. That is why the talk ended with this question: What do we owe rural communities? For Swift, the answer relates back to the American identity. These people help to establish the

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## around north grounds


 Thumbs up to the start of fall. While ANG never fully bought into the "basic" fall vibe, the crunchy leaves soon to fall offer both a high level of entertainment when walking to class and quality bedding for ANG under the softball bleachers.


 Thumbs down to many of the articles in this edition for saying absolutely nothing. ANG has been doing that for decades and doesn't want competition.


 Thumbs up to the plexiglass shields in front of the podiums in the classrooms. ANG is super appreciative of the protection the shields provide to the students to the left and right of the professors, as ANG fully supports Darwin's "survival of the fittest."

 Thumbs down to the Pavilion's 4 a.m. fire alarms. While ANG appreciates testing the safety systems and ensuring one forgetful moment of burning popcorn while being too engrossed in CivPro reading doesn't ruin us all, the alarm didn't need to last for over an hour. ANG needs all the beauty sleep ANG can get, especially since masks are infringing on ANG's stylistic choices now.

 Thumbs up to Dean Davies continuing to try to engage students in online groups. ANG has nothing sarcastic or cynical to say about it.

 Thumbs down to COVID-19 infringing on cuffing season. ANG spent all summer working on getting fit, but with COVID-19, ANG will just catfish people with photo-shopped abs instead.

 Thumbs up to TikTok being #cancelled. It was always on the clock, and it looks like the party DO stop. - Ke\$ha.

 Thumbs down to Ruth Bader Ginsburg dying. ANG loves you all, but ANG loved Ruth Bader Ginsburg the most.

## TIKTOK

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the fabric of any society is on the line. This tension between private interest and public effect has been at the core of the stand-off between tech companies and President Trump in the “TikTok” saga especially, but encompasses relationships between Tech Giants and their Chinese-based manufacturers broadly (such as with Huawei). How does a market economy compete safely and allow intimate access to citizens’ information from companies where allegiances are directly tied to an oppressive government?

President Trump responded with what is shaping up to be a new “playbook” for Big Tech in navigating this challenge. In early August, he issued a series of executive orders proposing a ban on Chinese apps TikTok and WeChat, citing security threats because of China’s ability to access swaths of personal data of Americans. Access may be especially threatening in the context of an upcoming election where such data might be targeted in disinformation campaigns to affect outcomes. The threat of the ban spurred action on the part of American tech companies and ByteDance (the China-owned parent company of TikTok) to salvage TikTok’s presence in the sphere of American media.

On September 19, TikTok’s survival in the US seemed promising. President Trump had approved “in concept” a deal between Oracle, Walmart, and ByteDance, which grants

the US majority stock ownership. The proposed deal would have granted 53 percent ownership by US companies and investors, but still did not entail majority control or voter rights for the American-based partners. The US Department of Commerce subsequently pushed the threatened ban to the end of the day on September 27. On September 20, however, Chinese officials did not affirm those terms. Instead, ByteDance would own 80 percent of TikTok Global, as well as maintain full control of its algorithm granting access to Oracle for monitoring. Prior to the Chinese announcement, Secretary Pompeo characterized the role of the Chinese company as a “passive shareholder” who would have “no decision-making authority [and] no ability to peer into” the activities of the US company. Now, the situation is again fluid, and the struggle over terms of control will be critical to watch.

At the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Romney had cautioned against diminishing the dominance of American tech titans. He noted that China has successfully driven “a lot of Western companies out of business,” but not necessarily American ones. “The last thing we ought to do is try to knock down businesses in the US that are succeeding on the global stage. So we need to be careful . . . Alibaba would like to replace Amazon. TikTok would like to replace Instagram,” he said.

Big Tech’s influence on our social, psychological, and po-

litical spheres cannot be overstated. The algorithms used by Facebook (which hosts 1.98 billion monthly active users) and Google wield immense influence over our social networks and ultimately our sense of reality. Particularly, as we are physically limited in our interactions with people outside our immediate spheres, these constructs are more powerful than ever. Targeted ads, tracking, and sharing of personal information with other organizations, companies, and potentially foreign governments threaten our personal privacy and may threaten our notion of truth and reality itself.

What role should Congress, the Executive Branch, or an administrative agency play in defining who the ultimate influencer is in Big Tech? How does the US balance the tension between securing market dominance on the global stage in this information space, while upholding its own domestic liberties to ensure competition “at home” is robust?

As the infamous Party slogan in George Orwell’s dystopian novel 1984 goes, “who controls the past, controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.”

Today, the competition over who will control our present is as intense as ever. We must be careful in choosing those who gain the power to control the narratives that shape and will continue to shape the course of our lives and society.

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Wholesome Home  
Cooking in Quarantine

The difference between a chef and a cook, I learned this spring, is that a chef preps.

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Cooks just go for it. This has never been an issue for me before, as I am happy just being a cook. I firmly believe pre-chopping veggies and measuring out all the liquids ahead of time is a game for suckers and people with recipe blogs. Obviously, I think to myself every time I watch a perfectly-timed gif recipe, these people are not washing their own dishes. Am I really expected to use eight different tiny bowls to hold my spices? I’d rather starve.

I did not realize the enormous privilege built into this approach until April 2020. In Florida, I lived within walking distance of a grocery store. This is my ideal setup, because I love grocery shopping and hate planning out meals. I would spend my lunch break scrolling recipes on Pinterest and buy the ingredients on my way home. If I started cooking and realized I was missing something, I jogged over to the store and was home before the oven reached the right temperature. I was in the store about five times a week. This continued until April, when Florida went into full stay-at-home orders.

I am providing this background so you understand why, one fine spring evening, I started cooking dinner feeling absolutely no need to check that I had everything the recipe needed. By the time I remembered life was different now, it was far, far too late to change course.

Anyway, here is the worst macaroni and cheese recipe of your life.

- 1 pound shell pasta
  - 2 cups shredded cheese
  - 1/4 cup olive oil because you need fat to make a roux and swore to god you had an extra stick of butter in the freezer (you did not)
  - 2 tbsp corn starch because all the stores were sold out of flour when you went back in March and the Internet insisted you could sub in cornstarch for flour on a 1:2 ratio
  - 2 cups milk because you have plenty of milk for some reason
  - 1 cup creamy Caesar salad dressing because you’re an idiot and thought the consistency was pretty close to heavy cream
  - 1 tsp kosher salt
  - 1 tsp black pepper
  - 1/2 tablespoon mustard
  - Vanilla Greek yogurt (for flavor)
- Set a pot of water to boil,

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## Love in the Time of Corona: Kolleen and Christian

Although it’s been nearly six months, many aspects of our “new normal” continue

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to present challenges that can be strange and frustrating to face. From sitting next to someone in class to hitting Bar Review, things that once seemed a given feel far away, or at least vastly different behind a mask and six feet apart. We’ve been forced to connect more creatively in our professional, personal, and—we’ll say it, you smokeshow, you—romantic lives. Indeed, like a professor explaining the holding five minutes past the bell, love continues on, so we 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 Law Weekly’s own Kolleen Gladden '21 and her boyfriend, Christian Sorensen '21.

Hi Kolleen and Christian! Welcome to Love in the Time of Corona. Let’s start with some background—how did you two get together and

what’s coming next as 3Ls?

**Kolleen:** Hi Ben! So, we started dating earlier this year, literally right before school went remote in the spring. We met earlier though. My roommate, Grace Tang '21, was in Christian’s 1L section and I offered to drive them both to a section sunset hike. I was pretty bold—I asked Christian what type of woman he liked that very first meeting. I also got pulled over for speeding, so maybe a little too bold!

**Christian:** Bold, but also chaotic and quirky. We started talking more in the fall of 2L and bumped into each other in a parking lot late one night and literally stood there for an hour talking about everything under the sun, from her home life in Missouri to the time an escaped emu crashed into her car and dented the windshield.

[A brief digression wherein emus, their inexplicable location in Missouri, and their terrifying size were discussed.]

As for what’s next, we’re both going to end up in NYC! I’ll initially be clerking in Delaware before switching back to my firm in the city, and Kolleen will be looking for a fellowship up there.

**Emus, man. Let’s talk ’rona. What’s the situation been like for you two in the spring, summer, and now? You had**

**just started dating before this all went down.**

**Kolleen:** Exactly. Honestly, as devastating as this has all been on a macro level, it’s worked out well for us on a micro one. Even though we had just started dating, we just went for it and planned visits to each other and met each other’s families a few times over the summer.

**Any challenges or silver linings?**

**Christian:** Both a challenge and silver lining would be my study abroad in Australia being canceled this semester. I was excited to go, but am also grateful to have this time here to spend with Kolleen and friends.

**Kolleen:** I think there were some stresses this summer unrelated to our relationship that were challenging for me, but dating Christian made things way less stressful. Going through this with him has made things way better than if I was going through them alone.

**Crikey, sorry to hear that mate but glad you can throw some shrimp on the barbie with your Sheila state-side. Speaking of exotic locations, if y’all could pick a “dream location” to be isolated in right now, where would it be and why?**

**Answer:** Catalonia in Spain! Christian has been before, and you only ever hear great things about it.

**Ah, Bartha-lona. Tell me, what do you admire most about each other?**

**Kolleen:** His commitment to his friends and family. He gets together on Zoom once or twice a week with his high school friends and family to chat, which is something I like and similarly value. He’s also crazy considerate. I’ll mention an interview or event I have offhandedly, and he puts reminders in his phone about them. Sometimes he knows my schedule better than me!

**Christian:** I admire Kolleen’s willingness to help me try new things and grow. For instance, I’ve been thinking about reducing meat and dairy in my diet but haven’t known where to start. Kolleen has also been trying to do the same, and she’s been someone I can experiment and try this diet

with. She’s always very supportive.

**Let’s do a lightning round—best Charlottesville date spot?**

**Answer:** It’s got to be Now and Zen. Iron Paffles is a close second and spiritual experience in its own right though.

**What’s your song?**

**Christian:** I think it would be “Dizzy on the Comedown” by Turnover. Kolleen is big into music, and when we were apart this summer she would send me a song each day. This was my favorite and also one of hers.

**What’s the first activity you’ll do when things go back to normal?**

**Answer:** We’re on a mission to bankrupt Sushi King. Christian’s record is 28 rolls

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Picture: Cutest looking couple west of the Mississippi River! Photo Courtesy of Kolleen Gladden '21.

# Domestic Violence Project Talks Highlights, Patterns, and Prevalence of Domestic Violence

Professor Geri Greenspan spoke on Wednesday, September 16, giving a talk for

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the Domestic Violence Project that kicked off the educational aspect of the organization's mission this year.

"It's not what most people picture when you think of court." Professor Greenspan, who has spent a lot of time in the Charlottesville and Albemarle Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, described an environment that's typically pretty chaotic—and the work of helping survivors of intimate partner violence to navigate that chaos. (Unfortunately, it's only one of the massive number of hurdles survivors have to face.)

Professor Greenspan has represented survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence for ten years, and she brings that experience to the class she's teaching this semester: Gender-Based Violence: U.S. Law and Policy. She provided the audience with a crash-course in domestic violence issues in her talk.

Intimate partner violence, as Professor Greenspan defines and encounters it in

her work, is "a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of action that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone."

Professor Greenspan contrasted that on-the-ground definition with Virginia's statutory definition of "family abuse," which focuses on individual acts that include violence, force, threats, stalking, and sexual assault. She emphasized that while only having to prove one abusive act is to the advantage of survivors seeking an emergency protective order, "where you get one act you always have a pattern. It doesn't come out of the blue."

Though legislation about intimate partner violence is a complicated and contested topic, Professor Greenspan expects to see an expanded statute in the next few years.

"Obviously the laws are only as good as the people who are applying them," she said, observing that judges working within the law can make good use of the tools available, such as including

financial provisions within a temporary protective order. "Some judges think, 'This is a protective order, it's not about money, it's about safety.' But money is safety. . . having a house is safety. It keeps you safe from the world, [and] from having to return to your abuser."

Leaving an abusive relationship, Professor Greenspan explained, is only the first step in what is generally a long and difficult process: Survivors often hope they can take care of all the legal aspects quickly, but divorce and custody arrangements come slowly and can be dragged out by the other party. And that's on top of the uncertainty that many survivors face when it comes to simple needs like housing and employment.

"[Intimate partner violence] affects every age, every race, every gender, gender identity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, religion," Professor Greenspan emphasized. She has worked with clients from a wide range of backgrounds, including many immigrants from around the world, and the same patterns appear. "People will say the exact same thing in a hundred different languages . . . no matter where they're coming from, I can relate to their story, because it's the story I

hear everyday."

On the topic of hearing stories, Professor Greenspan spoke to the need for everyone—the Law School community very much included—to reach out to any family or friend whom they believe may be affected by domestic violence. "Let them know that you're ready to talk whenever they are ready," she said. Professor Greenspan also suggested offering concrete support if needed, such as helping the person involve the authorities, offering them a place to stay, or making sure that they're able to tap into resources like the local Shelter for Help in Emergency (434-963-4676).

The discussion ranged over many more topics than can fit in this article: the intersection of domestic violence with concerns about policing and immigration status; extracting legally compelling facts from the stories of clients; the developing understanding of trauma and its effects; need for diversity in service providers; and a community network to support survivors with logistics and finances.

The talk was just an opening event for DVP. For those who don't know, DVP is a student pro bono project focused both on education and direct service. While pro-

grams like Wednesday's talk and further upcoming events during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October make up the educational side, DVP's pro bono work continues despite the pandemic.

"The Domestic Violence Project is pleased to continue its long-standing relationship with the Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney's office," said Morgan Maloney '22, who is spearheading DVP's COVID-era pro bono project. "As in years past, students are working with the attorneys in the office to help prepare case summaries for domestic violence cases. This semester all volunteering is being done completely remotely. Moving to virtual volunteering was not the smoothest transition but, thanks to the patience and dedication of our volunteers and the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, we are starting to develop a more streamlined system. The strength of our domestic violence prevention community in Charlottesville has allowed us to continue this crucial work even in unprecedented times and with new challenges. I am so thankful for our volunteers and especially for their understanding and grace as we all try to

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## Dean Groves Discusses COVID-19 Safety Policies

I spoke with Dean Alen Groves (UVA Law '90) on Wednesday, September 16, about SEC-045.1 SEC-045 dic-

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tates social distancing and safety rules students must agree to while living in Charlottesville. The conversation below is lightly edited, but I think that I stayed true to the points he was trying to make. Thank you to Dean Groves for his time!

**Tell me about the process of drafting SEC-045. Who helped, and how did that come about?**

When it was initially drafted, it was very limited in scope. And as we continued to learn from our own experiences and those of other schools', we tried to figure out what to add, including the exceptions. One challenge with that was that the policy took longer than any of us anticipated to fully vet and get it where it needed to be. The original SEC-045 didn't contemplate the public health and first amendment collision that was happening in our country, but the moment the policy was done, I sent it to students and said "here's some things you can do, here's where I need to be strict."

We had our health people, the senior leadership at the university, student affairs—me, the

police, the general counsel's office, so there were a lot of cooks in the kitchen, but in a good way, and it took a lot of perspectives to get the policy crafted.

**What took the longest—were there any big sticking points?**

I think it was more trying to figure out the parameters of the exceptions. How do we define those sufficiently so that SEC-045 protects public health, but also generally enough so that a student can look at it and apply to their own circumstances? We also had to discuss whether we were going to have a process where students can request to get an exception, and how we were going to vet those.

**What is one thing you would want to tell students at the Law School about SEC-045?**

One important thing that I've noticed is that folks are really focused on the letter of policy without thinking through the spirit. For example, we've had reports on students in really small spaces but they said, "We didn't have fifteen people." People latch onto a number, and I say they should think about what we are trying to achieve here, and then use common sense to say, "Is what I'm doing going to achieve that?" And if it doesn't, we need to tweak the behavior to make sure it does.

I get asked about car rides, for example, and I tell people: If you don't live with the person, wear a mask in the car, keep the mask on in the car, then think about whether you want to use

disinfecting wipes when the person gets out of the car. For example, my husband and I live together, so masks are probably unnecessary. But on the other hand, if I'm picking up a colleague, I need to be making sure we're wearing masks in the car.

**How many reports have you received, what types of things are catching your attention, and what is causing concern or giving you hope?**

So that's a great question, Drew, and it's funny—the *Washington Post* asked me that, so you're in good company.

**Not surprising—those are my colleagues over there.**

Your colleagues over there, yeah . . . But the *Law Weekly* is a much higher priority for me.

So, to answer the first question, I don't know. And I'll tell you why. We have two portals for reporting. We have JustReportIt,<sup>2</sup> and I get a notification whenever someone files a report on there for anything. I can see the report, but actually, it's the associate dean on call who takes ownership of the report. They will look at it and say, "What is this report telling me? Should I escalate this to Dean Groves for him to review, or is this pretty routine, low level, or just not there?" Then, they figure out what to do.

Then, there is a second portal called the community portal where you don't need to sign in through Netbadge. However, the challenge there is that you don't

have to identify yourself, so we often have no one to follow up with or ask questions. The report is then triaged by some folks in community relations, and then some of them are elevated to me or to the Dean's Office, but we don't see all of them. We could drill down and get the numbers, but the reality is that we really need to care about the ones with meat on the bone.

By that, I mean parties over fifteen people—what you might call a pre-pandemic party. The real alarm is when you start to get into some of those higher numbers. I think JMU had a 100-person party or something. Sometimes it may not have been a party—it could have been four roommates living together and playing loud music that someone reported as one. We might get a report that says there were students on the balcony and they get reported. Let's say one of them was just a friend and didn't live there. We might have a conversation, educate, and do the right thing.

But the reality is that we are looking for large social gatherings—that's the kind of case where there would be swift action. There might be other things that could entail verbal counseling. Whether it's graduate or undergraduate students, if there are a bunch of people in a confined space, like a super-spreader event, that's the fear. All you need is twenty law students in an apartment and a lot of people leave the party COVID-19 positive. We need to crack down on those things.

**During enforcement, what considerations are in the back of your mind other than just safety?**

You're right, the public health piece is number one. But outside of that, first off, I want to be fair. I don't want to make a judgment before I talk to the person and let them tell me what happened. I will say there have been situations that looked very bad, but after speaking to the people involved and getting the facts, they turned out to be nothing like what was reported. So you have to come to the table with zero preconceived notions.

I am also very aware of due process. I have the power to suspend someone immediately, and they have the right to appeal. I am very conscious of the fact that I have to defend any decision I make, and I need to make sure that I make each decision based on applying the facts to the policy and what is appropriate for the circumstances.

I am also aware that I am not a police officer. I am not a prosecutor. I am a Dean whose primary job is safety and education. Part of my job is to explain to people what they did wrong and why. But primarily, I am thinking of safety, how to stay consistent and fair here, how do I make sure I'm listening fully to the student before making any judgements or decisions, and how do I handle the case in a way that is consistent across cases like the ones that I am seeing.

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1 <https://uvapolicy.virginia.edu/policy/SEC-045>

2 [www.Justreportit.virginia.edu](http://www.Justreportit.virginia.edu)

# A Definitive Ranking of the Best Laws

Originally, this column was supposed to be a legal analysis of the UJC's COVID-19

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policies. However, they can pretty much do anything they want. *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, the most influential public health Supreme Court case ever, decided that state governments can do pretty much whatever it takes to protect against community infection, provided the regulations serve a compelling governmental interest. I think the policies do just that. Please note, this paragraph is to appease my wonderful and benevolent editor, and in no way really matters all that much. I promised her a UJC article, and this is, in one sense, a UJC article.

However, I'm more interested (and I think that you, the *reader*, the *patron*, are as well) in ranking things. And in the spirit of the UJC's COVID-19 requirements, I am going to rank the best laws. Has this been done already? Probably. Does this work to fill the void in our school's paper of record, and in our own hearts? Absolutely. So, without further ado, here are the best laws. And by best, I mean the ones that I have an opinion on.

## 5. Law & Order

This is by far the worst law. *Law & Order* is horrifically formulaic,<sup>1</sup> takes too long, and always gets the bad guy at the end. It's the same thing every time. I feel like I'm taking crazy pills. The only, and I mean the ONLY, redeeming quality is Mariska Hargitay. She must be pro-

1 Unlike this column.

tected at all costs. Do I view you as an incompetent with regard to good taste in shows if you watch this one? Yes. But that just places you on the curve with the rest of America. So, go in peace and keep watching, you simple, simple person. Be happy. Eat that medium-well done steak and mashed potatoes while you procrastinate in your room. I commend you for your utter lack of imagination.

## 4. Laws of Thermodynamics

You cannot do anything that violates these laws. It is literally impossible. On Wikipedia, it also says there is a Zeroth law of thermodynamics, which I did not know was a word. It says, "If two systems are both in thermal equilibrium with a third system, then they are in thermal equilibrium with each other."<sup>2</sup> Fun stuff. I also think the word Zeroth describes the personality of many people, namely, those who watch *Law & Order*.

## 3. Jude Law in *Sherlock Holmes*

This is a no brainer. Jude Law is the man, and he is fantastic in *Sherlock Holmes*. That movie is a guilty pleasure of mine, and I will not shy away from defending it to the death. Jude Law plays a great straight man in this buddy-detective movie.

2 Wikipedia.

Thank God he isn't in *Law & Order*, the worst show ever made.

## 2. Law of Attraction

This is a total classic. The law of attraction applies to anything and everything. I, for one, am attracted to the chicken sandwich at Michael's Bistro. I also think it's a law of thermodynamics; so, in a sense, it's a double law. It can apply to opposite people who are attracted to one another, and similar people. It's the perfect catch-all, just like this article. It serves one purpose, which is to appease my overlord editor by writing an article that semi-analyzes the UJC, and another, which is to entertain instead of putting you to sleep. That's the law of attraction. Or something.

## 1. Law in American History, Vo. III: 1930 to 2000

This book, written by the

great Ted White,<sup>3</sup> is great. I haven't read it, but if you haven't had G.E. White for Torts, I pity you. Anyone who hasn't had G.E. White in general should be pitied, similar to people who watch *Law & Order*. Brevity saves the day in this book, as it only stretches to 1053 pages. I would rather read this book about five times than watch another episode of *Law & Order*. That's really all the endorsement you really need. It's better than *Law & Order*.

I hope you gained something from this article. As for me, I gained a decent word count, which, while under 800, is counterbalanced by my longer article this week. I will be back to reviewing chicken sandwiches next week, folks.

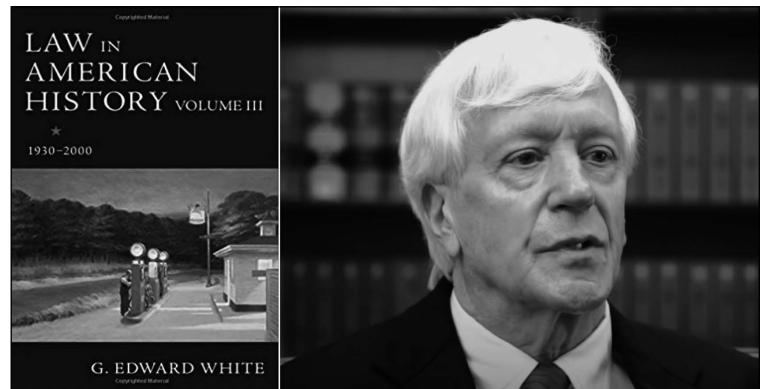
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Pictured: Jude Law looks dashing, and then there's Robert Downey Jr. Photo Courtesy of cnn.com



Pictured: The illustrious works of G.E. White. Photo Courtesy of law.virginia.edu

# Time Management in the Days of the Plague

Everyone's schedule has taken a hit recently—but that doesn't mean that you can't

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still manage your time effectively! Here, in no particular order, is some helpful advice for organizing your day and streamlining your lifestyle.

- Here's a tip to start us off: Don't volunteer to write articles on time management. You'll save the amount of time it takes to crank out approximately 800 words of bad advice.

- You can save time by multitasking in the shower. If you're efficient about it, you can brush your teeth, floss, and call your estranged grandmother while you wash. She can't hear anyway.<sup>1</sup>

- No one wants to get sick, especially these days—but how to keep safe without wasting time? Putting on a mask takes so long. According to the World Health Organization, the most effective (and efficient) way to avoid the Novel Coronavirus is to lather your entire body in a thick layer of hand sanitizer and never, ever go outside. Don't even leave the bathtub. Hey, I didn't say it—science did.

1 Remember, the elderly are people too, you ingrate.

- Meditation can be a powerful productivity tool. To begin your morning, you should spend a half hour in quiet contemplation of your greatest embarrassments and personal failures. Take time to stew over grudges and engage in cycles of negative self-talk. Make a mental checklist of large problems in your life that you have no control over and be sure to review it every few hours.

- It's important to get a good dose of cortisol early on to start your day off right. Make sure to kick your adrenal glands into overdrive by reading the most recent news about unjustified police killings, raging wildfires, and creeping autocracy as soon as you wake up, thereby setting a thoroughly anxious tone for the rest of your day.

- The first meal of your day heavily impacts your productivity. To maximize your energy levels, be sure to stick with classic breakfast items such as steak, pasta, and foie gras. It's important to avoid tiring yourself out with unhealthy "quick fixes" like cereal, toast, and eggs. Instead of brewing coffee, just eat a few fistfuls of coffee grounds while you read the news.

- Some of the most productive people on the planet use a technique known as 'Victimization Visualization.' This is a thought process wherein the subject spends several minutes imagining themselves as the innocent

victim of violent crimes, often creating a deep, lingering sense of personal mistrust and a persistent fight-or-flight mentality. Maintain this sense of suspicion throughout all of your small section meetings and seminars.

- As an alternative to spending an hour going to the gym, clothe yourself in several layers of sweatsuits, and strap on a few dozen pounds' worth of ankle and wrist weights. Proceed to do jumping jacks until you lose consciousness. You'll probably come to within a minute or so, at which point you'll be done with your workout. The best part is, you won't even remember it.<sup>2</sup>

- To speed up the home cleaning process, I recommend moving out of your apartment and into an abandoned mine shaft, where you will live as an unwashed hermit.

- Managing time spent on social media is key to maintaining focus. To avoid the distraction of having to switch tabs in Chrome, I have entombed myself within a digitally-enhanced sensory deprivation chamber that allows me to watch up to thirty-eight Instagram stories at the same time. In a totally unrelated development, my eyeballs have recently begun to bleed profusely.

2 Obligatory "please don't actually do this."

- Spend an hour or two each day reviewing the posts of inspirational Instagram personalities (ideally from within your sensory deprivation chamber). Their candid, concise explanations of their own techniques are better than anything you'd find in a book and are incredibly relevant to your life right now.

- Communicating via email can take up a lot of valuable time that you could otherwise spend watching plants grow or watching the Blade trilogy on Blu-Ray. Here's a free life hack: Go "off the grid" by faking your own death in an elaborate, vehicular-manslaughter-centric ruse and communicate solely by carrier pigeon for the foreseeable future.

- More effective rest can be attained via a variety of methods. I find that spending thirty minutes or so in

bed watching live streams of niche European techno festivals is a good way to relax and wind down before I go to sleep. To make getting up early easier, I've turned to putting on a "sleep playlist" of Gregorian chanting mixed with the audiobook version of Dante's *Inferno* in the original 14th-century Medieval Italian and various historical speeches on the dangers of nuclear proliferation. Trust me, you'll leap out of bed in the morning.

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Pictured: Flava Flav wears his mask to a grocery store. Photo Courtesy of Drew Calamaro '21.

# Club Spotlights: Immigration Law Society and Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association

## Immigration Law Society

If you're interested in working in immigration law, or want to learn more about this important field, then join us in the Immigration Law Society!

The Immigration Law Society (ILS) is a new student organization this year, and we're excited to get up and running. The ILS is open to all students, whether you want to pursue an immigration law career, engage in immigration pro bono, or just want to learn more about it. We want ILS to help raise the profile of immigration law and related opportunities here at UVA. We want ILS to provide a way to bring together students who are interested in immigration law and to provide educational programming, as well as share opportunities for volunteering, internships, and jobs.

Immigration law is critically important and affects millions of lives. In addition to the vast amounts of people it affects directly, it also intersects with several other important areas of the law, such as criminal law, family law, and labor law. Immigration law has also been shifting rapidly over the last few years. Since assuming

office, the Trump administration has made every effort to change the law, twist it, and use it against immigrant communities. More than ever, it is crucial for lawyers to stay up to date with the most recent developments in immigration law to ensure they provide the best representation possible for their clients.

But even though immigration law has been changing so drastically, the Law School unfortunately does not currently have a dedicated immigration faculty member, and immigration law class offerings over the past few years have been unpredictable. Though a student organization cannot substitute for expert faculty, we want the ILS to begin to fill in some of those gaps. By planning educational programming—especially focusing on recent, cutting-edge topics—we want to help UVA Law students interested in immigration become lawyers who are well-prepared to advocate for their clients and who are aware of the latest important issues.

Even though this is an abnormal year, we still want to plan immigration law events to start the ILS off on the right foot. Among other things, we would like to plan speaker events over Zoom, including a Supreme Court

case roundup to discuss the past term's immigration cases; a legal Spanish bootcamp for people looking to expand their legal vocabulary and practice conversational Spanish; and an internship panel to hear about students' past immigration law work experiences. We'd also love to hear what ideas you have for ILS events and activities!

## Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association

The Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association (VELLA) is a student-run organization at the Law School that seeks to educate the student body on all aspects of labor and employment law. Labor and employment law covers the rights, obligations, and responsibilities within the employer-employee relationship. Employment lawyers work on various complex issues ranging from wages to workplace safety to Title VII discrimination. They might represent employers, employees, and labor unions. As an organization, VELLA's primary goals are to provide career and networking opportunities with alumni in the field and to educate mem-

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bers on new developments and issues in employment law. For example, last year, VELLA co-hosted a panel discussion with Professors George Rutherglen and Kim Forde-Mazrui on Title VII discrimination when the Supreme Court was hearing arguments regarding whether sexual orientation should be prohibited under federal law in the now landmark case *Bostock v. Clayton County*. VELLA also hosted a joint social event with Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Society to watch a UVA men's basketball game.

Additionally, VELLA has worked diligently to revamp its pro bono project, allowing students to gain first-hand experience working with clients. Students have the opportunity to represent employees who are facing termination, discipline, or other adverse employment outcomes in an administrative hearing. Students can learn to interview clients and witnesses, practice opening and closing statements, and learn from an experienced supervising attorney specializing in employment law.

VELLA's general body meeting for the fall semester will be held virtually in October, date TBD. This fall, VELLA is planning speaker events and is currently accepting applications for 1L

representatives and other positions on the board. If students are interested in joining VELLA (no dues this year!) then please email Nicole Payne at [nap4kq@virginia.edu](mailto:nap4kq@virginia.edu). We hope you join us!

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## Zoom Bingo!

After almost a combined semester of Zoom classes, we've seen some weird stuff. From pets scurrying across the screen, to taking classes in bed, and inconspicuous toilet flushes, it's been a strange time to be enrolled at UVA Law featuring Zoom. In an effort to bring some levity to the otherwise end of summer, try to complete the Zoom Bingo board during your next class!

# B I N G O

"Can everyone see my screen?"	Student tries to answer cold call while still muted	5+ people have cameras off by the end of class	Stared at yourself all of class; contemplated your own vanity	Breakout rooms don't work
Someone eats an entire meal	Classmate clearly zooming from bed	Someone gets out of a cold call due to "technical difficulties"	Professor asks someone to turn on their camera	Awkward wave bye to the webcam at the end of class
"Sorry, you go ahead..."	"Yeah, just piggybacking off of that..."	<b>Free!</b>	Cat or dog in someone's background	"Please wait, the meeting host will let you in soon"
Awkward silence in breakout room	Someone has wacky background for attention	Someone's so backlit they're just a silhouette	Bad joke in the chat	"Let's give everyone a minute before we get started"
Flag as wall decor in someone's background	*in breakout room* "Does anyone know what we're supposed to be doing"	Classmate has full conversation with someone off camera	You attend class pantsless	"Did you have a question or accidentally press the raise hand button?"

Photo Courtesy of Marlyse Vieira '22.

## COOKING

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then cook pasta according to package directions.

Add olive oil to a heavy-bottomed pan. Heat on medium, gradually whisk in the corn starch. It's not going to look good. Try to whisk until smooth. Go ahead, try.

Quickly add milk before the whole thing seizes into a brick. Continue furiously whisking.

Add creamy Caesar salad dressing and mix thoroughly. Regret using salad dressing instead of the vanilla-flavored Greek yogurt that was also in the fridge. Add a scoop of yogurt anyway; see if that helps smooth things out.

Add seasonings. Accept that you are fully committed to this meal.

Turn off the stove. Gradually add in the shredded cheese.

Fold in the cooked pasta. Hear a voice asking *Did I request thee, Maker, from my clay to mould me man, did I solicit thee from darkness to promote me?* You are alone in the house.

Feed your creation to your partner. Listen as he confesses he once made Kraft Macaroni with cream cheese in high school because he had no milk or butter. Accept his insistence that this is much worse. Offer no apologies.

Leave dishes in the sink to deal with tomorrow.

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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)

## Students v. City Folk 73 U.Va 5 (2020)

GRAEBNER, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which McDERMOTT, WUNDERLI, PICKETT, JONES, J., join. TONSETH, QUERNER, and CALAMARO, J. and LUK, C.J. dissent.

JUSTICE GRAEBNER delivered the opinion of the Court.

This Court is called upon here to adjudicate a most delicate and complex issue: What, if any, jurisdiction does this Court of Petty Appeals have over actions and transactions occurring off the premises of the Law School?

The gravamen of the complaint is as follows: Petitioners have observed students and probable students congregating in large numbers, especially at close proximity, without a mask and sued, seeking declaratory injunctions to enforce social behavior concerning gatherings. These complaints have been both on-and-off Grounds. With respect to the gatherings on Law School premises, we decline to review this issue, as the failure of people to not be idiotic<sup>1</sup> does not present

1 The Court understands that different people may have different risk thresholds, that some people may be cautious around things that are in fact perfectly safe, that one is unlikely to transmit while eating a picnic while masked with a friend a fishing rod's distance away. Our concern is with people not doing these things, or the fools in crowds of dozens packed in tight spaces without masks. The court also does not wish to have its comments taken to excuse UVA's foolishness in reopening, lack of transparency concerning outbreaks on grounds, poor coordination with business serving

any interesting questions of appellate review. However, we take up the issue of gatherings off-premises to clarify the question of whether or not we have jurisdiction. Petitioners argue that all gatherings observed are subject to our jurisdiction as by potential contact with law students, persons who work at the school, persons who may come into contact with law students, and so on. Respon-

our understanding of the due process rights of all persons and give us way too much work. Without restraint on jurisdiction, virtually anyone could be haled in for a roasting without notice, ability to respond, or even knowledge of the forum's existence.<sup>4</sup> As articulated in *Mitchell v. Mitchell and Webb*, our jurisdiction must be especially limited when the defendant is impossibly distant and could

disputes which pertain to the Law School and are unworthy of any other tribunal. We, therefore, decline to follow the rule proposed by Petitioners in full. Such a rule would go well beyond any statutory grant of jurisdiction, increase the potential for judicial confusion, and as above increase our workload. Finally, this Court takes judicial notice of the numerous other fora available to petitioners for

essential rights.<sup>6</sup> Just because one forum has a drier sense of humor than another or a higher standard for applying the "law school sucks, deal with it" common-law principle, that does not make it an inappropriate forum to resolve disputes or at least raise them. However, we need not examine if fora are procedurally insufficient for the reasons outlined below.

At the same time, we hesitate to endorse the Respondent's restrictive jurisdictional theories. The claim that our jurisdiction is restricted territorially to the Law School itself is so absurd as not to require comment. We do not endorse such a cramped formalistic and territorial understanding of jurisdiction. The due process concerns highlighted above do not blind us to the fact that our paper is widely read off-grounds via the internet.<sup>7</sup> Even off-Grounds, there are at least some circumstances where active or constructive notice can be determined. The problems that arise for this school

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dents contend that the Court's jurisdiction extends only to persons on the grounds of the Law School. For the reasons we will discuss, we hold that our jurisdiction is not limited to persons on the Grounds of the Law School but decline to extend it as far as to the Respondents.

At the outset, we recognize Rule 1 of Petty Civil Procedure.<sup>2</sup> Nonetheless, it is clear that this Court is not one in which any grievance may be aired.<sup>3</sup> Doing so would violate

students, the lack of support to enable businesses to stay shut or reopen on a more limited basis and so on.

not possibly know of this forum or respond in person to this court's roasting. To hale a defendant who cannot respond is most improper.

Further, practical considerations dictate some limits to jurisdiction. To allow unlimited grievances would be to convert this Court into a forum for an unworkably wide range of grievances and send us astray from our mission of adjudicating the petty<sup>5</sup>

*McConnell* (holding that our jurisdiction did not extend to "admittedly truthful generalized complaints about a sitting senator, even one who closely resembles Palpatine).

complaint, relief, and mockery. Excessive jurisdictional claims can only risk depriving these fora of potential claims, harming their dignity, and encourage students to forum-shop here. While Petitioners claim that all other fora available are insufficiently procedurally rigorous, we follow the counsel of *Hylton v. Guyot*, that mere procedural differences or habits of practice do not amount to a forum that deprives Petitioners of

actually in charge of things is taking this seriously enough.

6 See also *In Re Aramark* (outlining this court's *Forum non Conveniens* doctrine).

7 The court notes the widespread and high readership of our important journalism on whether cereal is or is not a soup. Your Justice sadly dissents on this issue, although this is hardly an important or courageous dissent.

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## Faculty Quotes

**G.E. White:** "Well, thanks largely to me, we're where we need to be for next class."

**M. Gilbert:** "You can't think of New Orleans as the most corrupt city in the US. You have to believe it is the least corrupt city in the Caribbean."

**M. Schwartzman:** "This will be a reoccurring feature of this class, I will show you pictures of drugs."


**C. Hwang:** "Our next case comes out of Minnesota, or as

I like to call it, the great White North or Canada Jr."

**A. Bamzai:** "I have described this in my notes as the regulation of something or another."

**K. Kordana:** "Status hierarchies persist even through death."

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may come from many quarters, and it is the highest foolishness to claim that nothing matters outside of this School as much as some of us may like to pretend this. Nor do transactions at this school limit their effects to our Grounds, as much as we pretend to. An ill-advised frat party on Friday night may sicken a 1L at a critical juncture a week later; an ill-advised meeting in the Law School may do likewise for a librarian in Crozet two weeks hence. Certainly, even basic day-to-day matters in town are part of a stream of activity with the Law School, and the excessively formalist jurisprudence advocated by Respondents denies this. With this in mind, it is clear that this Court *should* exercise at least some jurisdiction over off-Grounds activity. However, the extent of that jurisdiction must still be determined.

We note that these due process concerns are weakest with respect to current and former students of the Law School. By affiliating with UVA and UVA Law in particular, they can be presumed to consent to our jurisdiction. Notice concerns are also far more limited with respect to current, or former students who are notorious enough to be sued in this forum—they should be reasonably aware of the possibility. Likewise, the practical concerns that we have addressed earlier are

far more limited. Jurisdiction over current and former students presents a discrete set of potential cases unlikely to burden us, and we do not seriously entertain the possibility of a flood of non-students seeking to litigate in our courts.<sup>8</sup>

More vexing is the problem of jurisdiction over non-students. Here there is a more difficult danger to due process and a weaker connection to the Law School, as well as a greater danger of vexatious litigation and a greater risk of overloading our docket. At the same time, we do not wish to shut our doors to legitimate claims that are connected to the Law School. An exact test is nearly impossible,<sup>9</sup> but some degree of connection to

8 Although respondents included unsolicited materials on the standing of non-students in their brief, all petitioners are current students. We therefore need not address the question of when non-students have standing here in detail, and it is inadvisable to provide excessive dicta on this question. We also note that the question of whether uninfected plaintiffs have standing was adequately and properly resolved by the Court of Petty Claim.

9 Mostly because we do not feel like working one out since that will take precious time away from yelling on Twitter, rewatching *Tiger King* because everything old is new again, and listening to emo music.

the Law School is needed. The greater the proximity of the activity to transactions directly involving the Law School, the greater the probability the Court finds jurisdiction. Conversely, the more remote or attenuated the connection, the less likely. The exact analysis, of course, will vary from case to case and plaintiff to plaintiff. But as a rule, while claims against a person within our jurisdiction already will be heard as a rule, claims not against a person within our jurisdiction should clearly have some substantial effect within our jurisdiction.

Applying this rule to the instant case, we see first that all claims against law students for unsafe behavior are clearly availing. With respect to claims against non-law students, jurisdiction will be found to the degree that their unsafe activity was in proximity to law students or persons they knew or should have known would transmit to law students. This, we think, adequately answers issues of notice and availment raised by the due process concerns cited above. We, therefore, find for the petitioners with respect to claims against law students and persons in the above category, remanding all other claims to the district court to allow petitioners to remove residual claims to such other forums as are appropriate.

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navigate this new system.”

DVP President Alex Karahalios '21 summarized DVP's forthcoming work. “We are also currently researching ways to expand our pro bono efforts beyond the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, create a policy initiative, and adjust our philanthropy efforts to be the most effective they can be in a virtual world. We are already very impressed and encouraged by the participation and interest we have seen from new students and hope to continue that enthusiasm throughout the year.”

Anyone interested in DVP's pro bono work should definitely get in touch.

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breadth of our cultural identity as Americans. Swift sees them as existing on the edge of American culture “where all the spice is.” Valuing these kinds of pluralistic experiences is important because, when we write off the nuanced and astute perspectives of people on “the edge” of mainstream urban culture, all we're left with is a “bland, flavorless center.”

Prifogle, agreeing with Swift, wants to do away with the narrative of decline surrounding rural areas. She believes that we owe rural communities the same thing we owe to everyone in our country—respect. Rural inhabitants deserve to be taken seriously and they deserve the same access to public goods as any of the people in our country. And ultimately, as the custodians and stewards of 97 percent of our nation's land, the best way to bring these people into the conversation is to do just that—meet them in the middle, and include them in the conversation. By doing this and by fostering relationships between rural communities and governing bodies, we can begin a conversation that benefits everyone at the table and promotes active stewardship from every citizen.

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HOT BENCH



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Interviewed by Christina Luk '21

**Hi Doug, thanks for coming on Hot Bench! Where are you Zooming in from and what time is it?**

Capetown, South Africa—I live in the Muizenberg neighborhood. It is 6:33 p.m., South African Standard Time.

**That's a six hour difference! What are you doing in South Africa?**

The short version is I moved here two years ago because my wife is from here and I had a postdoctoral fellowship at a nearby university. And then, COVID meant the borders were closed when law school started, so I was unable to leave the country to come to the United States.

**Do you have plans to come to Charlottesville?**

Yeah, I am trying to when borders open. Probably after Christmas, we'll get to Charlottesville and get settled in

before classes start in January.

**What's your wife's name? How did you meet?**

Her name is Inge Jansen. We met when I first moved to South Africa in 2010. We were both at a friend's going-away party; we met at a dingy bar called Gandalf's, which is a goth-metal bar. My wife struggles with the fact that she met her husband at a bar like that.

**Where are you from?**  
San Diego, California. I grew up down the street from where they filmed *Top Gun*.

**When did you start thinking about law school?**

For practical purposes, probably the day after Donald Trump was elected. My dad is a lawyer and my brother went to law school, but I didn't think of it as something I could do myself until that election. I was working on my Ph.D. when it happened, and I wasn't going to stop, so I finished it and then prepared to switch to a career that would allow me to have a practical impact and contribute to society in a different way.

**What is your Ph.D. in?**  
Hispanic studies and film studies.

**Do you speak any other languages?**

Yes, Portuguese and Spanish. I lived in Spain for a year,

and Argentina for about five months. My Portuguese is pretty rusty now.

**How does law school compare with other forms of graduate schooling?**

The big difference between a Ph.D. and law school is that with the Ph.D., you have to figure it out on your own. One positive thing about law school is that if I read something and I don't understand it, I'm not stressed about it—I know we'll discuss it in class.

**How is taking classes entirely online?**

Generally, it's been fine. It feels like night school, but in terms of learning the materials, it's fine. I think the big difference is how much harder it is to meet other students. If people don't talk in class, I don't really know who they are. And because there are fewer interactions, it's hard to know who's who.

**Have you been able to get involved with clubs?**

Yep, I'm a 1L rep for LALO and we're having our first meeting this week. They sponsor a volunteer program with farmworkers and I'm excited to get involved when I get to Charlottesville. I'm in a couple of other groups, but it's hard via Zoom. My wife joined UVA Spouses and she was on a Zoom meet-up and enjoyed meeting with them.

**Let's do a lightning round!**

**Favorite food?**  
San Diego Mexican food.

**Favorite place in Charlottesville? (If you have one?)**

I do have one! I'm a fake double 'Hoo—I have a Master's from UVA. My favorite place in C'ville is a restaurant called Maya.

**Favorite place in Capetown?**  
The beach.

**Anti-Stress hobby?**  
Before the pandemic, I used to play rugby and cricket.

**Pet peeve?**  
When technology doesn't work the way it's supposed to.

**Favorite word?**  
You can't print it, but \*\*\*\*. Another word would be welp.

**Fun fact about yourself?**

I'm the oldest person in the 1L class. At least I think so . . . I haven't met another thirty-seven-year old yet. Also, I have a tiny dachshund named Max.

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

The first movie that left a big impression on me is an Australian movie called *The Year of Living Dangerously* from the 1980s, starring Mel Gibson and Linda Hunt. After watching that film, I wanted to be a foreign correspondent, but by the time I got to college that was a dying profession.

**If you could pick one song to play in the background of your life, what would it be?**

“Vivo” by Gustavo Cerati.

**What's your spirit vegetable?**

Onion, but not for the Shrek reasons.

**Do you care to elaborate?**

Onions are the greatest vegetable. They mix well with every kind of cuisine. We should all aspire to be as versatile and adaptable as onions.

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

Russia. I'd love to do the Trans-Siberian Railroad. I find Russia fascinating because I grew up in the tail end of the Cold War. The Russians were the bad guys, and then they were the good guys in the '90s, and now they're the bad guys again.

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

“Think about others more than we do.” I think we lack that these days—thinking about others. And everyone struggles with it.

**Is cereal a soup?**

No. And a hotdog is not a sandwich.

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between four people. We haven't been as a couple though, so we need to make a triumphant return!

**A worthy goal! Walk me through an ideal day together.**

**Answer:** So, this is an actual planned trip that we are crossing our fingers that we can still go on in December: We'd be in Hawaii and sleep in late. We'd get up and go for a run along the coast, or maybe a mountain path. From there we'd spend time in the water and on the beach, between the palm trees and in hammocks with many fruity drinks in hand.

**Last question: What is one thing you would want to say, in public, possibly in front of the whole Law School (or at least our readership), to each other?**

**Kolleen:** I've been in a few long-term relationships with some really great people, but Christian has shown me there is such a stark difference between dating a great person and dating a perfect fit. Even if the standards for men were where they generally should be, Christian would be so far above it—he breaks them all. It's been night and day with him. He is the most empathetic person I know, and it's really a joy and honor to date him.

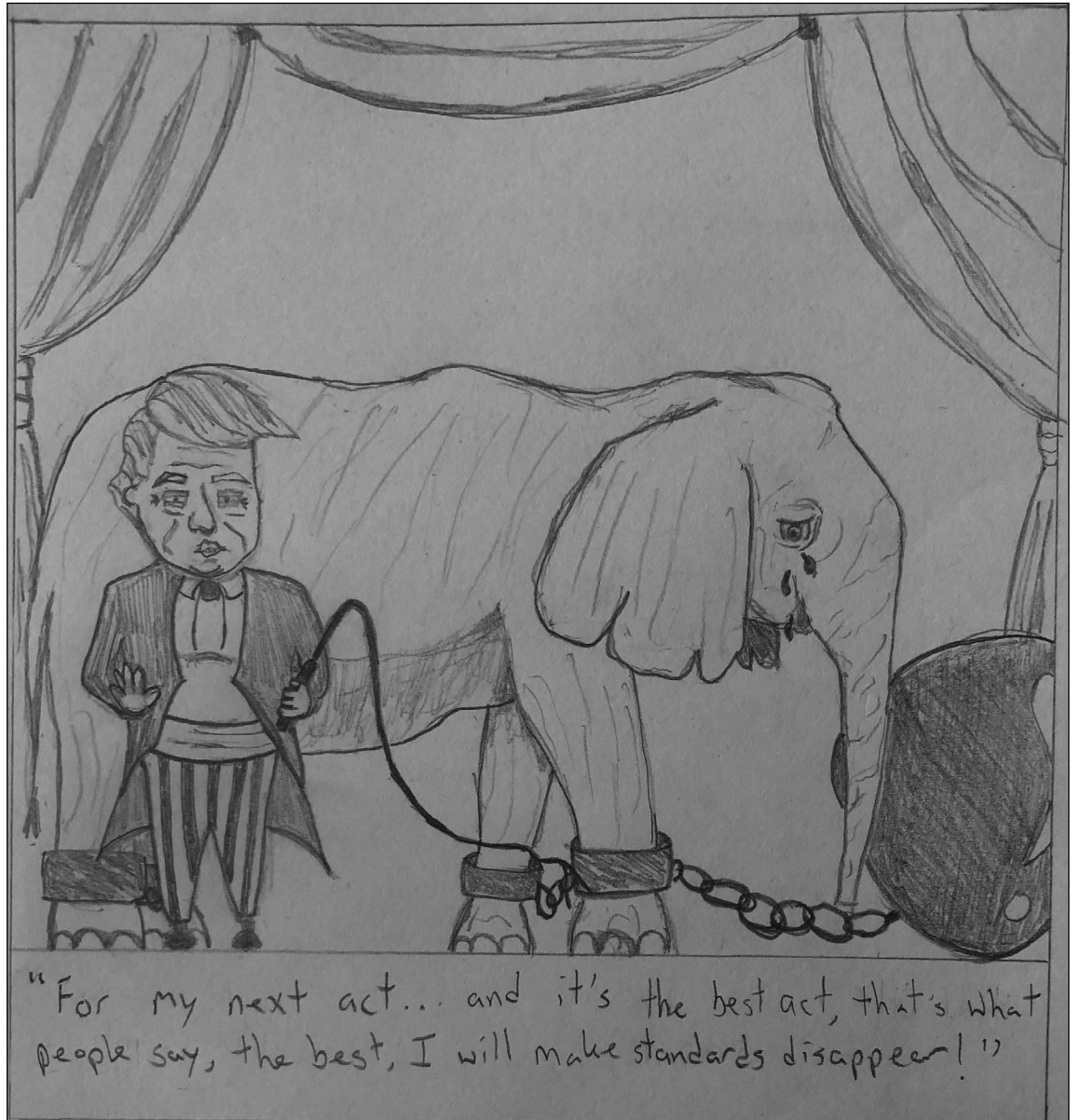
**Christian:** Kolleen is the strongest person I know.

She's accomplished so much but remained so humble in spite of having overcome so many personal things. For instance, she's one of four recipients for the public service award in our class, but I didn't even learn that from her and had to read about it in the Docket. She graduated college with two degrees—not majors—DEGREES! She won a ton of awards at school too. You would never hear any of this from her though. She's so brilliant, smart, empathetic, and kind. Her drive, intelligence, and humility push me to be better.

*I don't know about you, but I'm pretty speechless by these answers, folks. Many thanks to Kolleen and Christian for joining us on Love in the Time of Corona and sharing their coronavirus experience. Are you a couple that's been separated or getting creative during this social isolation period? A single who's 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.*

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
<b>WEDNESDAY - September 23</b>				
17:00 - 18:00	Mandatory Vaccinations: Law, Ethics, & Religious Liberties	Zoom	Free	☹
17:30 - 18:30	The Impact of June Medical on Reproductive Rights	Zoom	Free	☹
19:30 - 20:30	Wellness Wednesday Yoga	Zoom	Free	☹
<b>THURSDAY - September 24</b>				
12:00 - 13:00	Judge D'Souza, President of the National Association of Women Judges	Zoom	Free	☹
19:30 - 21:30	VaSE Presents: Sports and Entertainment Trivia Night	Zoom	Free	☹
<b>FRIDAY - September 25</b>				
14:00 - 18:00	Beer and Wine Tour Crozet Spirits Loop	Crozet Trolley	Free	Available for Purchase
17:30 - 18:30	The Abolitionist Moment and Alternative Forms of Justice	Zoom	Free	☹
<b>SATURDAY - September 26</b>				
12:00 - 16:00	Live Music, Wine, and Food	Keswick Vineyards	Free	Available for Purchase
<b>MONDAY - September 28</b>				
08:00 - 09:00	Meditation Monday	Zoom	Free	☹
19:00 - 20:00	Law Weekly - Editor's Meeting	Zoom	Free	BYOP
<b>Tuesday - September 29</b>				
12:00 - 13:00	ACS Career Chat with VA Deputy Solicitor General	Zoom	Free	☹
15:30 - 16:30	Intro to Employer Interactions	Zoom	Free	☹
17:30 - 18:30	VLW & VLR Student Publishing Event	Zoom	Free	☹
18:00 - 19:15	"Tik"ing Time Bomb? Exploring the National Security Threats of TikTok	Zoom	Free	BYOCFA

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