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Symposium Speakers Consign Cold-Calling to Dustbin of History

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There are few things I enjoy more than a good, productive griping session. Legal education is one of my favorite topics to kvetch about, and so prior to the Virginia Law Review's February 18 symposium, "Interrogating Legal Pedagogy and Imagining a Better Way to Train Lawyers," I asked Professor J.H. "Rip" Verkerke¹ for a comment on what is changing—and should change—in legal education.

From that conversation, I can report that the symposium took place in the context of developments in learning theory (and an accumulation of evidence) indicating that straight lecture is not the most effective way to teach—nor is the somewhat adversarial structure of a traditional cold call. According to Professor Verkerke, acceptance of more evidence-based, interactive pedagogy has grown in the last decade, as both students and professors internalize that law school "doesn't have to look like *The Paper Chase*." Moreover, the practice of adversarial questioning is meant to mimic being put on the spot in court... but in most courtrooms, Professor Verkerke noted, "most people think it's dysfunctional if you're that hostile." What's more, courtroom drama makes up a tiny slice of legal practice, which has much larger components of "talking on the phone and teamwork." Hence Professor Verkerke's goal of creating a "harmonious and collaborative environment" in the classroom.

But making dramatic shifts in pedagogy "is really hard! None of us [professors] experienced those kinds of teaching methods in law school."

Logging into the symposium, I tried to keep that perspective in mind: that however frustrating the student experience of law school may be at times, educators on the other side are doing their best to move into new territory.

Law School Dean Risa Goluboff, in her opening re-

¹ The *Law Weekly* style guide demands that Professor Verkerke be referred to as "Professor Verkerke." (Sorry, Rip!)

Barrister's Ball 2022



around north grounds



Thumbs up to softball starting again. ANG encourages all to join a team for the spring season!



Thumbs up to 1L journal tryouts this weekend. ANG is sick and tired of seeing 1Ls clogging up the Corner. ANG is excited to get into Trin at a reasonable time and that the 1Ls will be locked in a room, alone, all weekend.



Thumbs up to hookah. Even though Student Affairs tried to define tobacco as alcohol, ANG was thrilled MENA hosted a hangover Feb Club event that was out of the park.



Thumbs down to the lighting at Barristers. ANG's photos were neither bright enough for Instagram nor was the lighting dark enough for ANG to feel confident in ANG's outfit.



Thumbs down to paying for a drinking ticket when everyone got the same purple wristband. ANG wasn't ready to blow their soon-to-be Big Law salary when \$15 could've covered the Uber back from Rapture.



Thumbs sideways to the food at Barristers. ANG would give this a thumbs down if ANG was convinced there was food in the first place, but didn't see any to be able to confirm.



Thumbs sideways to the Jamaican bobsled-ding team making it back to the Olympics. ANG loves Cool Runnings, but hates remakes.



Thumbs up to the outgoing Law Weekly EIC. ANG appreciates dedication to their craft, but ANG is ready for new leadership that doesn't use the newspaper as a gossip rag for their social lives.



Thumbs up for violating sovereignty. ANG is only halfway through Con Law but knows sovereignty is important, somehow.

The Future of Foreign Commercial Lawmaking

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This past Thursday, the Virginia Journal of International Law, in conjunction with the John Bassett Moore Society of International Law, hosted the 71st Annual International Law Symposium. The forum, split into several panels, focused on the topography of foreign commerce, the ways in which international lawmaking is changing in response to technological and cultural developments, labor standards and issues in the supply chain in response to the COVID pandemic, and the ways in which we can expect these issues to evolve over the near future.

The first topic of discussion was the future of trade agreements—how do we think about and conceptualize our economic relationships with other nations, and in what ways are those relationships likely to evolve? Digital trade, especially through internationally available internet platforms, is a particularly salient me-

diatum for the exchange and commoditization of data, though not all countries treat this in the same way. While data is an increasingly important commodity, and the digitization of trade has facilitated its growth, monitoring and controlling this kind of market presents unique challenges for each country's national security departments. In particular, the European Union has developed especially stringent regulations around the regulation of information technology and dissemination, which will also impact the trade of physical goods that rely on those markets.

The next few decades are also likely to present problems outside the scope of individual countries or regions—namely, automation. There is not yet a consensus on how to deal with the decreased demand for labor as automation steadily increases in efficiency. It provides benefits (in freeing up individual actors to form closer relationships across international borders), but it can also exacerbate social problems like class and wealth disparities, particularly as countries are incentivized to join a sort of “race to the bottom” to be the most competitive in an international trade space, where each entity is essen-

tially playing by its own labor practices and rules. Trade relationships with countries whose labor standards vary greatly from the U.S. must be carefully managed and will necessarily impact conversations about domestic trade. If we want our domestic trade policy to be influential, we must have conversations about international trade standards—to do so without that is to lose a key part of the competitive picture. This competition across countries with differing levels of labor regulation is not unique to a single country. This is all the more reason to be having these kinds of discussions and examining our relationships with international trade partners, since these problems are likely to only increase in scope if we do nothing about them.

A later panel included discussions of supply chain management, particularly amidst the disruptions it has suffered during the last few years of a global pandemic. When President Biden took office, almost ten million workers had lost their jobs due to COVID, and about four million were still out of work a year later. This hollowing-out of domestic manufacturing severely weakened the U.S.'s ability to contribute to the

global supply chain and created interesting questions for essential product and material sourcing that expand beyond the reaches of this particular global health crisis.

The discussion then turned to the role of private industry in combating these problems. Private companies, on a large scale, tend to work with and mirror government entities in the sense that both have an aligned interest in creating an efficient, resilient, and reliable international supply chain. In the present day, sourcing all materials domestically tends to be neither the most efficient nor the most productive option, but favoring domestic supply sources is often required for entities that receive government funds. While it may be considered a laudable goal, it is prudent to recognize the role of international trade in supplementing and improving domestic manufacturing in the areas where it is most needed—where domestic supply simply cannot compensate for materials obtained abroad. It is also important to note that a preference for domestic goods does not indicate an attempt to eliminate foreign trade. Internal resilience does not translate to “closing off” the country—rather, the focus should be

on promoting those individual industries where foreign or domestic sourcing makes the most sense, increasing sustainability of the whole system by doing so.

In finding solutions to these problems, governments must be careful to tackle these issues not with a single tool, but by combining all available resources into a concerted effort to correct supply chain issues. If there were a clearly superior single strategy, the private sector would likely already be employing it. Since that is not the case, we must be ready to tolerate failure and experimentation as we attempt to work with international allies and domestic companies alike to find a blended solution to the next generation's international trade dilemmas.

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marks, noted that an increasing number of law faculty have “cross-training” in other fields, leading to interdisciplinary education, and that, in the wake of the ABA's reinstatement of skills requirements, law schools offer many more experiential classes. These changes, she posited, form an improved training ground for the increasingly diverse cadre of lawyers.

Professor Molly Shadel presented the first paper, with backup from her fellow researchers Professor Verkerke and Professor Sophie Trawalter of the Batten School. Using recordings of first-year-classes, the team had discovered that, undeniably, men talk more in class than women—but not more accurately. Student surveys showed a fear of backlash for being too vocal. “Gender gaps in participation are not inevitable,” Professor Shadel explained, because in smaller classes, and when students are called upon rather than volunteer, the difference in airtime evaporates.²

² Among the many interesting details of the presentation was the fact that the recordings used in the research, which were from classes conducted about ten years ago, did not have a sufficiently large number of female professors to study the effect of the instructor's gender on class participation. The percentage of female faculty has increased since then, happily, but the research question remains.

Following this, Professor Anne Coughlin spoke about what *not* to take away from the prior presentation. Her primary point was that classic, adversarial cold-calling is not the solution to the airtime equality gap. The practice arose, she pointed out, in the late nineteenth century as a gatekeeping practice “right when women, immigrants, and people of color [were] seeking access to the bar,” and it continues to unfairly affect people who have traumatic experiences related to material covered in class. Professor Coughlin agreed with the prior presenters that legal education would benefit from increased pedagogical training that expands the range of teaching techniques,³ and mentioned that when she began teaching, she and female colleagues were told that they would have to cold-call ruthlessly and “could not appear to be kind or nice ... or the students would not respect me.”

Does this article cover all of the good points raised in these presentations? No. Were there many more talks on other meritorious topics? Yes. Did I

³ Alternative methods mentioned include panels to give people a heads up that they will be on call, giving students the “job” of volunteering during a certain period, calling on students repeatedly throughout the semester to lower the stakes of each interaction, establishing equal participation as a goal of the class, and “warm-calling,” which is basically cold-calling but done very kindly.

attend all of them? Lamentably, no—but I will blame that on my professors for assigning me (pedagogically sound) work to complete over the weekend.⁴ For anyone interested in the process of the education we're in the midst of, though, it was a terrific event.

⁴ And I also wanted time to do things like grocery shop and hang out with my nieces. Sue me.

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A 1L Goes to the Barrister's Ball (With Mixed Results)

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Barrister's Ball may be the single most hyped event in the academic calendar. My desire to attend a Barrister's Ball actually pre-dated my desire to be a law student... As someone who didn't grow up in the US, I have been fetishizing the concept of the traditional American Prom for as long as I can remember. Specifically, I have spent the last twenty-four years manifesting the scenes from *She's All That*. I want an absurd proposal. I want to slow dance to ‘Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want’ by The Smiths. I want to cry in the bathroom.² I want to be crowned prom queen. All of this to say — I am deeply delusional, and my expectations of Barrister's Ball were extreme-

¹ Other notable movies that feed my prom delusions include but are not limited to: *Never Been Kissed*, *10 Things I Hate About You*, *Napoleon Dynamite*, *Twilight*, *Mean Girls*

² Manifest with caution!

ly high, and also heavily skewed in favor of rom-com clichés.

Ultimately, Barrister's Ball was not quite the movie-prom moment I envisioned — BUT — it didn't end up mattering! It was a wonderful event in its own right. I spent time with my friends. I danced (just a little). I played the big piano in the hallway. I took approximately 50,000 photos. I spilled tequila sunrise on my camera. I visited the open bar just frequently enough that my high heels stopped hurting. Also, I got to wear a *gown*, and I will gladly accept any and every gown opportunity that presents itself. I wouldn't change the experience. I sincerely look forward to another night to remember next year!³

³ If you're reading this, prom-pose to me.

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Why Journal Tryouts Won't Change Your Life

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Here's a quick peek into the writer's room of the *Law Weekly*: when I originally conceived of this idea, it was an off-the-cuff suggestion since I knew journal tryouts were coming up soon. I had no idea what the point of the article would be or any of the content. I am not fond of 1Ls at all, due to my experience last year.¹ The Class of 2024 has gotten many of the traditions that were straight up denied to the rest of us. So, writing an article giving them legitimate advice is certainly out of the ordinary for me. But with the departure of my fellow agent of chaos from the newspaper,² it might be time for me to change up my content.³ So without further ado, here is this week's hook: dear 1Ls, journal tryouts are not life-

changing.

I know, it's hard to believe. Your fellow 1Ls are telling you that you can't get a job without them. Here's the thing: Isn't that ridiculous to say? You are listening to people who also haven't gone through the process making assertive statements about the outcomes that won't come until late summer for Big Law students and even later for Public Interest students. But the thing is, I also listened to advice like that from people in my class. We are all prone to getting stressed out of our minds at the slightest indication of pressure, and journals are no different. You hear about the prestige of Law Review, how the other journals are "ranked" reputation-wise and think that you have to burn yourself out over this—like everything else in law school.

There are three major pitfalls in making the decision to be stressed over this, however.⁴ The first is that you can get a job in your 1L year without journals. It's that simple. The coveted 1L summer associateships that everyone fanboys/girls over are all achieved *before* the results of journal try-

outs are even declared. This is the point that got me to take writing this article seriously. A 1L spoke to me this week about their anxiety surrounding tryouts despite having a callback at a firm and awaiting the firm's decision. The cultural hype around journals is so intense that even someone who is a step away from getting something half this school (or more) would be psyched for still feels like they have to go through tryouts.

Second, the announcements for Law Review were not make-or-break for OGI for the class of 2023. For us, the announcement of who made Law Review came after the deadline to submit resumes into the Symplicity system. So, in determining who to short-list as pre-selects, firms did not rely (for the most part) on whether a student made Law Review. While I make no commentary on the effects of Law Review admission on any potential SCOTUS clerkships, I have to imagine that if you are one of those students, you are probably too busy gunning to read this article.

Finally, the specialty journal you are on is going to have given you, at most, *two* cite checks between you joining the journal and your interviews, whether OGI or Public Interest interviews.

That is not enough for you to make any commentary about it in your interviews. In all of my screeners and callbacks, I only had two people ask about my experience on the Journal of Social Policy and the Law, and I was very frank with them that I had nothing to say yet. In sum, you won't even have much to talk about in your interviews if you get on a journal.

But despite all of this, I am not trying to argue that you shouldn't join a journal. They are excellent ways to hone your skills at using the Bluebook, and more so are sources of contact with legal scholarship. There are plenty of reasons to join, and you should absolutely reach out to more members of the specialty journal you are interested in to hear more about them. All I am trying to say is that your life will not end if you do not get on a journal in the first or second round. Getting a job, a clerkship, and future opportunities depends more on how you *present* your accolades and memberships than the ones you have. If, despite all your accomplishments, you cannot present yourself well, then you won't make good on those

achievements.⁵ So, join a journal—only if you want. Don't do it because of the social pressure from those around you.

5 Highly recommend interview practice with OPP or with the Public Interest Office. That is the real deal-maker in getting jobs.

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1 Trauma, folks. The 2020-21 academic year is one all of us will look back on with annoyance.

2 I will miss writing with Phil. Look, we can be nice to each other; it's rare though.

3 Don't worry, you will still be getting party-focused content from me. No escape from that, dear readers.

4 Oh yeah, I'm doing full academic essays folks. New publishing year, new format, new everything.

A (Sober) 1L's Account of Barrister's

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My gown was ready. My makeup was flawless. My spirits were high. I was ready for Barrister's. The only thing missing? The alcohol.

I'd been looking forward to Barrister's ever since I heard the words "law school prom." Who doesn't love getting dolled up, going to fancy resorts, and dancing the night away like we're at the end of a teen rom-com? But I was driving to and from the Law School that night, so I saved a few bucks and went for the non-drinking ticket.¹

My stint as the "mom friend" of the night began before we'd even gotten on the bus. In classic Virginia fashion, "spring weather" was more of a suggestion. Though ball gowns are lovely, they're not intended to brave the arctic chill, so I had to run to my car and grab the spare sweater I keep there for a friend who'd forgotten hers. Pulling up in the bus, the excite-

ment was palpable as a sea of satin, suits, and sparkles descended upon Boar's Head.

Once we arrived, my group made our way, of course, to the bar. Though the Shirley Temple I'd asked for ended up being a tequila-less sunrise, I still felt incredibly fancy as my friends and I took a turn about the room, marveling at how nice everything looked and stuffing our purses with free law firm goodies.² I have no clue how to play roulette, but seeing everyone line up around the tables and placing chips on numbers was like being in a real-life James Bond movie. Seemingly everywhere I looked, there was another person I knew dressed to the nines, each dress more beautiful than the last. Compliments flowed, and everyone felt beautiful.

My best decision of the night was keeping a pair of flats in my purse for when my heels inevitably hurt my feet. After my initial glamor shots, I broke off from my group to put my heels at the coat check. This turned out to be the worst decision of the night. I spent the next hour hopelessly lost as my friends had disappeared into the masses of students, leaving me alone to do the most daunting thing imaginable

for a 1L—socialize with people outside of my section.

I must have walked around the entire space at least three times, but it wasn't all bad. I was in the front of the line when they finally brought the food out. I've never seen piranhas feed before, but I imagine it must come close to being with people who, upon spotting the tray of hors d'oeuvres come out, congealed into a crushing mass following the food. Trying to grab a plate was like fighting an upstream current in a storm, but I made it out alive—with a raw carrot and two shrimp to show for it.

By 9:00 p.m., I came to realize that the sober friend has another very important function: taking pictures. It was a privilege to be told that the photos I'd snapped at the request of a nearby couple were the best ones they'd gotten all night, because nobody else was able to keep the camera straight.

Just when I had nearly lost all hope that I'd actually get a chance to dance with my friends, our eyes reunited from across the floor. The DJ came through with a classic Cupid Shuffle,³ and there were smiles and off-key singing all around as I tried,

and failed, to avoid bumping shoulders with everyone around me. The energy and pure joy emanating from the room as the DJ followed up with a set of great songs was unparalleled, and for the first time in years, I let loose and got to party.

Though I ended the night soon after, the beautiful memories I made are ones that I will always carry with me, and I look forward to what adventures—sober or otherwise—next year will bring.

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1 Not that it mattered; once we got in, I'm pretty sure everyone was given the same purple wristband. I blended right in with the cool kids. Besides, I consume alcohol the healthy way: alone in my room.

2 Who *doesn't* need a Sidley charging bank and a White & Case tote bag?

3 Supplementing the instructions with clarifications of when to go "to the right" and "to the left" during all the musical interludes.

Saving Lives

Naloxone, better known by the brand name Narcan, can save the life of someone overdosing on opioid drugs such as morphine, fentanyl, or heroin. It can be applied intramuscularly or via a nasal spray. The spray especially can be used with very little training, and instructions are usually written on the packaging.

Narcan works pretty fast, usually taking effect within a few minutes. It only blocks the effects of the opioid for about an hour, so multiple applications may be required depending on how deep the overdose is. An overdose can manifest in many different ways, but the most common symptoms are shallow breathing and unconsciousness.

Once you apply Narcan, it's important to move a short distance away from the applicant. This can be counterintuitive because you are trying to save their life. The reason for this is that medication kills their "high" very suddenly, and it can momentarily cause them to lash out. Once their "high" is gone, it is usually safe to approach them and monitor their vitals. If the Narcan is working, the recipient will be breathing steadily and look sober. If they are willing, it's important to then take them to a hospital or have them checked by a medical professional.

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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 eight 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 dl9uh@virginia.edu

Non-KJDs v. Father Time 74 U.Va 17 (2022)

LAKE, C.J. delivers the opinion of the court, in which PAZWAK, J., BERDAN, J., WUNDERLI, J., McDERMOTT, J. PETERSON, J., KULKARNI, J., and BIRCH, J. join.

TONSETH, (Former) C.J. concurs.

As Judge Miller opined in his opinion for the District Court of Petty Appeals, time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future. This is the principal contention in the case before us today. Non-KJD Law Students have alleged that appellant Father Time oversees an administration which intrudes on appellees' right to due process. Father Time argues the relentless and excruciating passage of time is not a function of the United States government and is not bound by the U.S. Constitution. The Court of Petty Appeals is not bound by such trivial matters.¹ We must affirm the lower court's finding in favor of non-KJDs, and order Father Time to immediately cease the flow of time for those students.

The "Get Off My Yard" Doctrine

The alleged systematic and intrusive breach into the daily lives of law students must be addressed, but we take care not to overgeneralize this suit. While older, non-KJD law students have been able to demonstrate a particularized harm from the aging process directly caused by Father Time's regime, the same cannot be said for the young and supple KJDs who roam the halls of the Law School. We rely on the doctrine of "Get Off My Lawn"

¹ See *1Ls v. God*, 73 U. Va 16 (2021)

to reach this conclusion. If a class of person suffers the same superficial injuries as another class, but only one of those groups is the subject of frequent jokes and mocking impersonations, the non-targeted class may not piggyback off of the injuries of the targeted class. In the present case, all law students complain of aches and pains, the relative shortness of the productive time available in a twenty-four-hour period, and other such sundry issues. But it is only the non-KJD law student that experiences the negatives of

non-KJDs.

Injuries

Non-KJDs have alleged real and substantial harm as a result of the passage of time. Judge Floyd summarized their argument best in his concurrence, finding "the sun is the same in a relative way but you're older, shorter of breath and one day closer to death." Father Time has countered that aging is a normal part of living, and that without time passing we would lack the proper perspective to appreciate the good times and get through

Some circuits cite Judge Mac's influential ruling: "time makes you bolder, even children get older, and I'm getting older too." We find this argument baseless, and therefore dismiss it.

aging while also managing the bullying of their younger peers.

For example, a non-KJD student may be easily relegated to the "mom" position in a group of friends for simply remembering to pack water and sunscreen for an outdoor event, while a KJD student would not be. In another example, while a lively twenty-two-year-old student may be quirky for listening to NPR, an aged 26-year-old student is cruelly labeled as a "boomer." We need only look to the delightfully named Older Wiser Law Student (OWLS) organization to see that non-KJDs must band together to survive.² The lower court was therefore correct in finding that the student body as a whole lacks standing in this case, narrowing the suit to only

² As with most things, this court blames the administration for letting the kids run loose.

the bad times. Some circuits have adopted such a view, citing Judge Mac's influential ruling: "time makes you bolder, even children get older, and I'm getting older too." We find this argument baseless and therefore dismiss it.

Injuries alleged by non-KJDs are as numerous as they are debilitating. In a recent example, a witness recalled receiving a lovely Valentine's Day bag from Student Affairs containing chapstick and hand sanitizer. "It was a nice thought," the witness said, "but I remember, back in undergrad the student center would give out condoms and safe sex advice for Valentines. Now I'm getting a very different type of protection. When did I stop being someone at high risk of getting an STI? I didn't consent to that change." In other examples witnesses have identified aching backs from only moderate activity, apocalyptic

hangovers after two glasses of wine during a Bachelor catch-up session, and the decreasing desire to get new tattoos. In testimony interrupted by frequent weeping, a formerly pro-tattoo witness stated: "I feel like I've made it this far without getting the piece done, I might as well just die without it." Such heartbreaking indifference is the result of only one cause: the cruel and inexorable passage of time.

Conclusion

We affirm the lower court's decision and find

in favor of non-KJD law students. Father Time is hereby ordered to immediately cease the flow of time, halting the aging process for applicable law students until such time they choose to resume it. We explicitly reject the holding in some circuits that finds aging to be not only necessary, but a positive experience for a law student. It's not a question, they insist, but a lesson learned in time. This is simply not a view we can endorse. Getting older sucks. Being an older student can definitely give you a healthy perspective on a law school's

social scene, but it can also make the (sometimes very high school) drama difficult to become fully immersed in. Let the non-KJDs have a turn being silly and irresponsible—there's no coming back once we graduate. Unless you go for an L.L.M. of course.

TONSETH, CJ Emeritus, concurring.

I fully join and support CJ Lake's masterfully written opinion. I write separately to address personal grievances as petty as this Court allows. First, I turned twenty-nine last week. A lot of people didn't wish me a happy birthday, which I'm still salty about. If you're reading this and realizing you also forgot, don't worry. I have a list of those who forgot and you've been removed from being my friend. Second, I turned twenty-nine last week. That means I will be thirty in less than twelve months. I am no closer to being thirty, flirty, and thriving than I am to being able to attend every night of Feb Club and not suffer long-lasting liver damage. Father Time has already taken too much from non-KJDs. We had to sit and be called boomers during the recent Super Bowl halftime show when we could recall every lyric sung by Eminem, Dr. Dre, Mary J.

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Faculty Quotes

A. Hodges: "My client was an obnoxious jerk. There was no getting around it."

R. Schragger: "I stay as far away from this as I possibly can. Except on twitter."

K. Kordana: "It's not even the Georgetown of Canada."


R. Verkerke: "I can read your minds even if I can't see your faces."

C. Jaffe: "It reminds me of that song by the Talking Heads: How did we get here?"

M. Livermore: "The Court isn't an economist, they aren't Posner. Who is also not an economist."

J. Monahan: "Someone called me up, saying that I wouldn't remember him, but he was a student in this class in the early '80s. 'Of course I remember you,' I lied."

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Blige, and 50 Cent.³ Father Time cannot further steal my dignity.

What is the remedy I seek? To continue having people wish me a happy twenty-first birthday every year. I don't want to be like Benjamin Button, but having to take Tylenol daily, actually stretch before I exercise, and make sure I eat my fiber and multivitamin every day is a lot. Let the non-KJDs live a little.

³ Although he looked more like a whole dollar, but I also blame Father Time for a slow metabolism.

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The Docket

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
WEDNESDAY – February 23				
12:00	“From the Military to Congress,” With Col. Daniel Moy	WB104	Free	☺
16:30	Black Law Students Association Black History Month Academics Panel	Caplin Pavilion	Free	☺
17:30 - 18:20	Sullivan & Cromwell “Women in M&A” Virtual Discussion	Zoom	Free	☺
THURSDAY – February 24				
13:00	Specialty Court Clerkships Panel	Online	Free	☺
13:00 - 14:00	The Red Hot Silicone Valley Transactions Practice: Current Opportunities and Future Outlook	Purcell Reading Room	Free	☺
13:00	“Truth and Reconciliation Hearings,” With Professor Camilo Sánchez	Caplin Pavilion	Free	☺
16:30	Pro-Choice Cupcakes and Conversation	Caplin Pavilion/Spies Garden	Free	☺
17:00 - 17:30	NGSL Spring Season - Captains' Meeting	Brown Hall 101	Free	☺
20:00	Rivanna Movie Night	WB104	Free	☺

HOT BENCH



Phil Tonseth '22

Interviewed by Dana Lake '23

Phil, Phil, Phil. The day has finally come for you to relinquish your editorial immunity and return to the general student body. That means you're on the hot bench chopping block. Let's get the basics out of the way: where are you from and why are you in law school?

I'm from Salisbury, North Carolina, like the steak. Why am I here? There was an opportunity, and I was looking for a career change. Before, I was doing HR for the Army.

You've been involved with the Law Weekly since 1L in different positions. Was EIC always in your plan?

Absolutely not. I never planned on joining *Law Weekly* in the first place; I was lured in by the free pizza. I enjoyed staying after meetings and talking to the 3Ls, and by the time elections came around, I realized I was having a lot of fun. No one wanted to be Production Editor when I was a 2L, so I volunteered, and then I somehow became EIC as a 3L.

You've made some changes to how things run around here. What change do you think has ended up being the most important? Personally, I am a big fan of how you redecorated our office.

My focus has been to make it fun. People want to read things written by people who care about what they're writing. I've tried to make the paper more personable for both the readers and our editors. My dad worked on his high school newspaper, and when I talked to him about what made memorable pieces, it was always the ones people had fun with.

My favorite article you've written was in last year's April Fools edition—UVA's Law Weekly and Law Review Join Forces: VLR Cites Needs for Actual Readers. Do you have a favorite article or column you've submitted?

When I tell people I write

for the *Law Weekly*, I immediately default to the COPA. *NGSL v. IM Rec* is my favorite. I was able to use what I learned in my Religious Liberty class, and I was so happy with it I sent it to my professor.

2Hell, My Journey Through Finals is probably my favorite non-COPA. I worked on it all week and workshopped all the puns with multiple people.

Were there any events you went to for an article that you ended up genuinely enjoying?

I only went to one event for an article, and it was my first ever article. It was about the primaries for the 2020 election. It was interesting, but I realized I couldn't enjoy the event while focusing on outlining my article.

Of course, I loved writing about Barrister's and other social events in my copyrighted stream-of-consciousness style. I don't know how much I would remember from those events without the writing.

I feel like you've been involved with pretty much every club at this school at some point. What is your second-favorite organization?

It's more that I know a lot of people who are in a lot of different clubs. I'm most involved in Libel and NGSL. I think I would choose Libel just because I love making people listen to my jokes. Hosting 1L softball with NGSL has also been something I enjoyed because I think that's when a lot of

people really connect with their section outside of class for the first time.

As any loyal Law Weekly reader could tell you, you've spent a lot of time out on the golf courses during your time here. You've even written an in-depth guide to the best local greens! What's something in Charlottesville you think everyone should do before they graduate, besides taking some swings on the back 9?

I haven't even done this myself, but the bus that goes down 151 and stops at all the breweries and distilleries looks like a great time. Even if you don't drink, the views are incredible.

We're always recruiting new editors. What's your elevator pitch?

The *Law Weekly* is the best place to hear the goss, start new goss, and write about your favorite goss while eating Domino's.

Managing Editor and bestie Stan Birch is also moving on to greener pastures. Any message you want to send him? Try not to make it too embarrassing, you'll still have to see him around until May.

Part of me regrets asking you to become Managing Editor as a favor, because I knew writing for Libel in exchange would be a lot of work. But I think it worked out better than either of us expected. I don't have any regrets.

Here's your Lightning

Round!

Favorite word?

Over yonder

Favorite type of weather?

Hot and humid. I want it to be miserable.

Favorite food?

Meat lover's pizza, easy.

Why did you make me buy you a coffee for this meeting when you don't even like coffee?

Social obligation. Fun fact, my strongest personality trait in negotiations is avoidance.

Did you shoot par at golf this morning?

I played well, but I'm not proud. Will I still go back tomorrow? Absolutely.

What are you going to do with your newly freed Monday nights?

Catch up on *The Bachelor* and watch more Animal Planet.

Dream job?

Zookeeper, maybe. I love zoos and aquariums. I wish I could change jobs every five years. Also, trophy husband.

Are your cats coming with you on your next adventure?

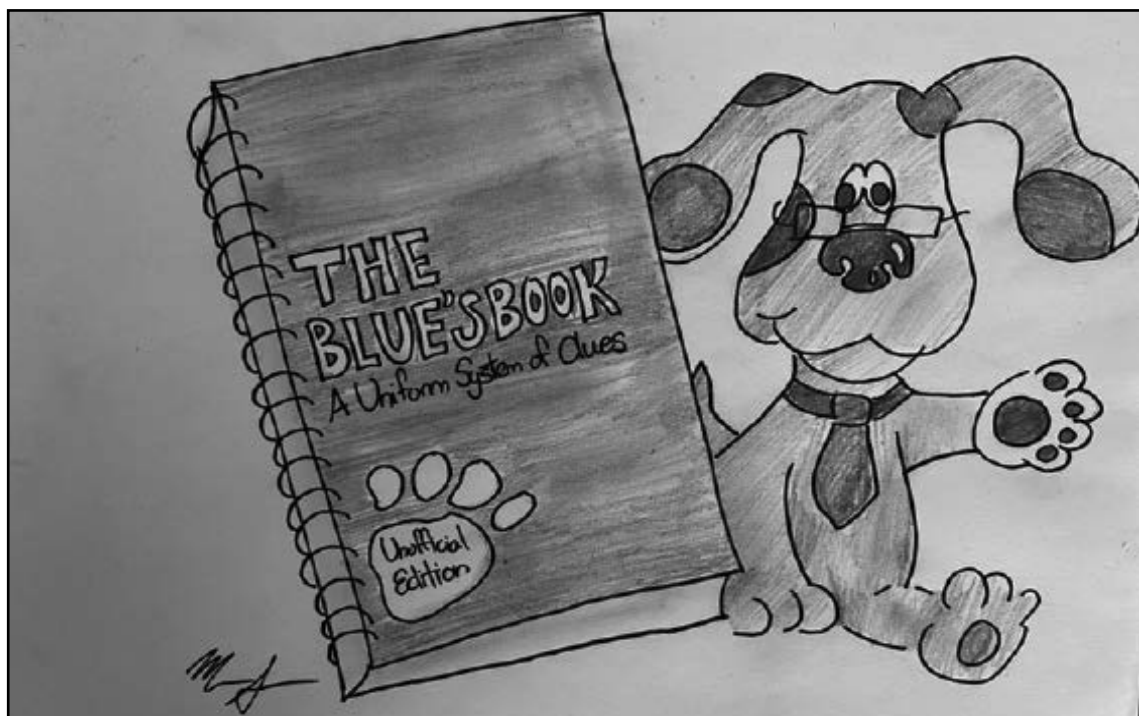
I'm not going anywhere without them!

Finally, any advice for the next EIC? I hear she's nervous about filling your shoes.

Well, this is life advice: learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable. You're going to have to make a lot of new friends.

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Barrister's Ball Continued!



Cartoon courtesy of Monica Sandu '24

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Counsel's Counsel

Counsel's Counsel is the world's preeminent advice column for law students. Written by recent UVA Law graduate, Jane Doe, J.D.

Question:

Hi! I'm a 1L, and I'm kind of freaking out. It's my second semester here, so I feel like I should be on top of things, but I'm not. I'm such a slow reader, and there's all these clubs and events. I can't keep up. I'm drowning, and I don't remember the last time I felt not behind. What's worse is that we aren't that far into the semester. Do you have any tips on time management?

Answer:

I appreciate the honesty and vulnerability in your question. I would hate to be in your position. It truly sounds awful.

Your PAs probably said, "Do whatever works for you," but it appears that you did that, and it didn't work. You're a slow reader, so your brain is broken, but that's fine! For slow readers in the legal profession, *not behind* is a thing of myth. Luckily, *not behind* doesn't exist in the legal profession anyway. The more you get done, the higher your expectations are for getting things done. Then, you take on more responsibilities, and so on. It's like the hedonic treadmill, but for production instead of pleasure. Accept your fate—you aren't behind, you're simply a law student.

All that to say, it's not that big of a deal to be a slow reader.

We all have our strengths and weaknesses. To better manage your time, take a hard look at how you spend your days. Cut out activities that don't directly support your goals. Some great advice I got from one of our deans is to stop calling your family and friends from home as much, since doing so can be a distraction. You might also consider sleeping less. People sleep about a third of their lives away, and at least a couple of hours each day would be better allocated to reading than sleeping.

The good news is that these tips apply beyond law school into your professional career. One drawback is that you will be sadder generally, but the juice is worth the squeeze.

For a serious response to your serious inquiries, please access the anonymous submission form using the QR code below.

