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## Narcan Training

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I had the pleasure of attending the Narcan training event at the Law School last week. The staff from the Virginia Department of Health did a great job. Seeing so many other students spend their valuable time on a Friday afternoon sitting through Narcan instruction was pretty moving. I've lost more than a few friends to opioid addiction. The training session brought up a lot of those old memories.

The staff started by giving a short overview of Narcan and what it's used for. Narcan temporarily treats those who are experiencing an opioid overdose. It literally blocks the opioid receptors in your brain and stops the drug from taking effect for about thirty minutes. During that time, you'll want to monitor their vitals, call 911, lay them on their side, and apply a second dose if needed.

The best part of the training was that we all received two doses of Narcan. Curiosity had me wanting to try a dose, but, without opioids in my system, I doubt it would do anything besides make me sneeze. Sadly, heroin isn't my thing.

Seeing so many of my classmates take the time to sit through and learn about this life-saving medicine made me feel positive about the future. Overdoses kill because users are either alone, or because no one around knows how to help. The more people who know how to deal with overdoses, the more lives that will be saved. It's that simple.

The whole event was strangely emotional for me. Before it, I already had a working knowledge of Narcan. On a few occasions, I even got to apply those skills to help those experiencing a life-threatening overdose. Some have been friends and others total strangers. I had heard that helping a stranger through an overdose is easier because you can work unemotionally. For me, that was not true at all. At the end of the day, that's still a person in front of you, and that person might die if they don't get proper help.

Learning to properly apply Narcan is pretty easy. Honestly, even without the training, you could probably just read the directions on the packaging and apply it correctly. The Department of Health did a great job.

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# The Title IX 50th Anniversary Symposium



Pictured (Left to Right): Dean Goluboff, Professor Kimberley Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary Goldberg

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Friday's symposium was the result of five months of planning by student organizations to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. Prior to the opening remarks, the law student organizers set the mood with a curated Spotify playlist, kicking things off with Ariana Grande's "God is a Woman." Dean Goluboff then welcomed attendees and spoke of her personal connections to Title IX—first, her breaking of gender barriers in becoming the first female dean of the Law School, and second, her participation on the boys' wrestling team in junior high—feats Title IX paved the way for in her own life. The dean concluded her remarks by highlighting the theme of the symposium: though Title IX has done tremendous work in the fifty years since its enactment, its work is far from over. As many of the panelists would later explain, it is not the case that Title IX's regulations have benefited equally those it aims to protect.

Professor Kimberley Robinson took the podium next and, like Dean Goluboff, acknowledged that she herself was a product of Title IX and would not be here at the Law School without it. Tracing the progress of Title IX, Professor Robinson reminded attendees that in public school, prior to Title IX, women and girls were taught how to be in the home and presented with essentially three career options: teacher, nurse, or secretary (a position notably not open to Professor Robinson's own mother due

to segregation). Today, this is no longer the case, and while data from a Stanford study shows that Title IX has closed the gender achievement gap in many ways in K-12 schools, there are still gender differences that endure and disadvantage girls.<sup>1</sup> Data tracing teachers' attitudes show that they believe girls need to work harder in math to achieve, an attitude that affects how they treat girls in the classroom despite the data also showing there is no gender achievement gap in math for students in 3rd–8th grade math. Parents' attitudes have an impact as well, and data reveal they think of boys as more likely to be gifted than girls. And while Title IX has greatly expanded access to higher education for women, gender disparities still persist, especially in the STEM fields and in attainment of post-graduate degrees. Professor Robinson concluded her remarks by noting improvement is still much needed in the area of high school sports, pointing out that the number of girls participating in sports has still not caught up to the number of boys in high school sports as it existed in 1972. And women are still fairly underrepresented in college sports based on how much of the student body they make up.

<sup>1</sup> Professor Robinson acknowledged that she was using a binary concept of gender because the data was in these terms and that, as later panels would discuss, gender is a fluid concept rather than a strict binary.

The first panel of the day was on the topic of sexual violence and abuses of power in higher education. The panelists discussed factors contributing to gender-based violence on campuses and how Title IX combats this, highlighting the major roles that a lack of comprehensive sex education (including education with respect to the concept of consent) and the pervasive culture of victim-blaming play. A recurring theme during the panel was the disproportionate impact Title IX had based on factors including race, gender, social status (e.g., member of a fraternity, athlete), and socio-economic status. Unsurprisingly, students who are members of marginalized communities often are most impacted, with complainants finding less success or even being discouraged from bringing their claims in the first place and marginalized perpetrators being found guilty and punished more harshly than their privileged counterparts. When asked how to reform the Title IX adjudicative process to address these disparities, the panelists focused on the role of transformative justice. Lexi Weyrick, a law clerk at Van Dermyden Makus Law Corporation, spoke about how transformative justice would remove the institutional actor and put power back in the hands of the complainants, allowing them to guide the process and address the root of the harm in an effort to prevent future harm from occurring. Her co-panelist Dena

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## around north grounds



Congratulations to former Law Weekly editors Sam Pickett and Maria Luevano on their engagement. ANG loves love, kinda, but loves that Sam proposed on the Potomac under the Cherry Blossoms even more. ~how romantic~



Thumbs up to the Co-Rec and Men's Gold softball teams for winning the 39th Annual UVA Law Softball Invitational. ANG is proud that all of those players got a reward for how much time they wasted "practicing" on Copeley, but also is concerned about the rampant collusion of UVA winning both divisions.



Thumbs up to outline banks. ANG realized how few of the semester's readings have been completed and needed an out.



Thumbs down to those Senators who say KJB's SCOTUS appointment will be "making history," but still won't vote for her. ANG loves to be principled for the sake of it, but HLS falling out of the T-3 isn't a valid reason to vote against KJB.



Thumbs down to the PILA book sale being in person only. ANG may not like Amazon, but ANG loves online shopping.



Thumbs sideways to half of a corporations class not showing up this Monday. ANG understands the desire to skip class but ANG also believes in solidarity: either all of us suffer or all of us skip.



Thumbs sideways to the Student Affairs "snacket." ANG liked the increase in snack variety but the reminder of ANG's busted bracket(s) stung.



Thumbs up to the live collaborative art piece on r/place. ANG appreciates being able to contribute to this creation without any real art skills.

# Balls to the Wall: Softball at UVA

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With the UVA Law Softball Invitational wrapped up for the year, Production Editor extraordinaire Sai Kulkarni '23 has asked me to write about my experience with softball at this school. Given how much time I already spend talking about this topic, I happily said yes. If you know me, you know that I love softball and will take almost every opportunity I get to play. During my 1L spring semester, I once Zoomed into class from my phone—which I then left with a friend in the dugout, telling her to yell for me if my professor started cold calling—just so that I could play for a team that I wasn't even on.<sup>1</sup> Ultimately, my contribution in that game was exactly one groundout and literally nothing else, so the question is: Was it worth effectively skipping class for? Absolutely. It was the chance to hang out with my friends and enjoy some sunny weather after spending a miserable February trapped indoors, agonizing over journal tryouts and my LRW brief—of course it was worth it.

For all the mosquito bites and bruises I've suffered because of softball (of which



Pictured: The Section A and Pals Team

there have been many), there have been more than enough moments that have continued to make playing worth it. Moments like Cooper Lewis '24 yelling, "Hose him!" while Jon Peterson '23, Andrew Becker '24, and Jack Brown '23 completed an MLB-worthy relay to get the runner out at home during the first §A & Pals game of the semester.<sup>2</sup> Or like Jon and Jacob Mitchell '23 hitting back-to-back homers in the first §A & Pals game of last semester.<sup>3</sup> Even little, unremarkable moments, like sitting in the dugout or standing on base and just

<sup>2</sup> "Peak moment in my life" — Jack

<sup>3</sup> "The J&J Section A Special" — also Jack

getting to talk to people that I haven't seen in a while, have kept me coming out to the field week after week.

I recognize that there are some of you who think it's dumb to care about Law School softball, or at least to care about it enough to basically skip class for it. After all, it's not like winning a game will in any way advance my career or make my GPA any higher. To that I say...yeah, fair enough. I'd like to note, however, that I could be *way* more intense about softball—after all, it's not like I'm out here wearing batting gloves during my games.<sup>4</sup> That's beside the

<sup>4</sup> No disrespect to those of you who do wear batting gloves. Y'all terrify me, and I'd like to politely request that you never hit a ball

point, though. Because of softball, I get to have a couple hours each week to get outside, be with my friends, and play a game that I love. Personally, I don't think it's dumb to care about something that gives me those couple of hours where I can forget about the constant stress that is law school. And if you do think that's dumb, well, I probably won't be able to hear your criticisms over Cooper yelling from the dugout, anyway.

On a slightly more serious note, I should also mention that I have softball to thank for some of my closest friendships and favorite memories from my time at this school. While my 1L section didn't really play a lot of softball,<sup>5</sup> I was lucky enough to have friends who did and who invited me to play with their teams. Without the invitation to be one of the "& Pals" for §A & Pals, I never would have gotten the chance to chat with Jack and Parker Kelly '23 while warming up before games. As a result, I wouldn't have ended up writing for Libel with Jack or going on a road trip with him and Parker to attend a World Series game

anywhere near me.

<sup>5</sup> By which I mean we played in one scrimmage game that—in a fun turn of events—was against the team that I now co-captain.

this past fall,<sup>6</sup> two of the best experiences I've had as a law student. Yes, these are technically experiences that I had only as an indirect result of softball, and I'm not saying that playing in a couple softball games will guarantee you new best friends, the chance to write your professor into a Libel sketch with the specific purpose of making your friend cry-laugh on stage, or a trip to see your hometown team play in the World Series. What I *am* saying is that UVA Law softball has been a pretty great experience with even better teammates, and I'm excited to see what else it has to offer, both on and off the field.

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## Title IX

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Robinson, a trial attorney with the DOJ's Civil Rights and Employment Discrimination Division, agreed, highlighting the need to ask survivors in particular what they want from the process and the importance of making it so the perpetrator recognizes the harm they've caused to prevent future harm, something punishment alone can't always accomplish.

The second panel focused on access to sports for transgender students, a particularly salient topic for the symposium given that this is a time when transgender and gender non-conforming students are being attacked across the country via state legislative efforts.<sup>2</sup> The panel featured Lindsay Hecox, a student at Boise State University who, alongside the ACLU, is currently challenging a law in Idaho (HB 500) which bans women and girls who are transgender and many who are intersex from participating in sports. The panelists discussed how access to sports for transgender students has

<sup>2</sup> It's worth noting that the fact that there is no gender-neutral restroom anywhere near Caplin Auditorium resulted in this author (and potentially any of the other transgender and gender non-conforming attendees) missing chunks of this packed symposium in order to access one of the very few gender-neutral restrooms inconveniently located halfway across the law school.

indeed made progress in recent decades and that having the friendly Biden administration in office is facilitating more inclusive paths to sports for transgender students. Speaking about the recent bans on transgender students in sports, Ritchie Eppink, a lawyer for the ACLU of Idaho, said these cases are furthering the medicalization of who gets dignity and humanity and that lawyers and advocates fighting these cases need to include the people who don't have "off-switches" (i.e., trans and gender non-conforming people) in the room when deciding tactics to educate and fight back.

The panel also highlighted the particular issues that arise for K-12 transgender students under Title IX. According to Emily Suski, a professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, K-12 students suffer more sexual harassment than students in higher education, yet courts do not treat their claims commensurate with the problem and give the latter more protection than the former. Further, the majority of sexual harassment in K-12 public schools is directed toward the LGBTQIA+ community. Lindsay herself testified that the thought of facing potential discrimination in high school led her to make the decision to present as her gender assigned at birth until she reached college. The panel touched briefly on the current debate surrounding the participation of transgender women in sports as it relates back to Title IX. Civil rights attorney Ezra Young pointed out that the higher purpose behind

Title IX is achieving gender equality in sports and closing any gaps and that those who are hung up on whether or not trans women are winning more medals than cis women are missing the point if these funding and opportunity disparities still exist. And Professor Erin Buzuvis noted that the argument that the exclusion of trans girls is to *protect them* fails because it actually harms them by reinforcing the false trope that women are categorically athletically inferior—it is simply *not* the case that all boys are better than all girls at sports. Lindsay closed out these remarks by reflecting on her personal experience as a trans athlete and made the point that most politicians in these arguments forget that most athletes—in her experience—are not comparing themselves to others, but are focused on doing the best they can for themselves, a truth bolstered by her experience coaching high school track and watching the athletes be focused simply on enjoying the sport and the journey.

The third panel focused on the intersection between access to contraception and gender equality. Both panelists emphasized that while Title IX and reproductive rights don't always work together, access to contraception is required for true gender equality. Maha Ibrahim emphasized that it is a legal fiction that everyone enters into their educations equal to begin with, because a lack of access to contraception and abortion services on campus is part of the embedded inequity that exists for those

assigned female at birth. The bodily autonomy facilitated by access to contraception is also an issue not just for people who can get pregnant, but for anyone engaging in sexual activity (noting that access to contraception includes access to condoms, vasectomies, etc.). Given the myriad barriers posed to access to contraception on campuses, reform in this area is crucial to further the purpose of Title IX in higher education.

The final panel concerned the intersectional failings of Title IX throughout its fifty-year life span thus far. The panelists acknowledged Title IX's failings with respect to race and suggested turning to critical race feminism as a starting point in moving toward racial justice in this arena. One step schools could take, according to panelists, would be to offer intersectional resources and processes that took into account the multifaceted-ness of student identities rather than ignoring the role identities play in these processes. In implementing Title IX, schools need to examine their processes and ask probing questions like, "Who is it that they are thinking of a complainant/survivor?" to get at potential issues. For example, if a Title IX office is located in a school's "Women's Center," it indicates a school may be expecting only complainants/survivors who are women, and may unconsciously alienate cisgender men and transgender and gender non-conforming individuals as a result. And because Title IX's

mandate against harassment based on sex includes sexual orientation and gender identity, schools are going to need to continually reevaluate their procedures as the enforcers of Title IX to ensure this mandate is carried out.

Finally, Suzanne Goldberg's keynote address took the audience on a tour through Title IX's history and what she imagines as its future. She emphasized that Title IX has gained significant meaning over time as the case law and regulations interpreting it have grown, shaping Title IX throughout its lifetime. Social movements, especially those driven by students, can have a significant impact on the shape of Title IX in the future, and Goldberg urged the students in attendance to reflect on the ways they advocate in relation to Title IX and what they may go on to do in that respect in their careers. Goldberg also highlighted the progress made by the Biden administration (of which she is a part as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach at the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights). Recent executive orders are examples of efforts to employ Title IX to address racial injustice in an effort to achieve broader equity and to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, a critical step forward in a post-*Bostock* world.

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# The Definitive Guide to Keeping in Touch with Old Friends

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It's a problem that most of us relate to. As we stumble through the seasons of life, it becomes easy to fall out of touch with people we love dearly. It's not that we don't want to know how they're doing, or share how we're doing — it's that life comes at us awfully quickly, and it can be hard to narrate life as fast as it happens to people who aren't physically present.

There's a kind of friendship that grows naturally in school, where you spend every day with someone. You know the characters in each other's lives, you have 24/7 access to their stream of consciousness, and you hear every trivial detail about every daily event in real-time. As you enter adulthood, whether you move away or simply become occupied with other responsibilities, it becomes harder to know each other in as much detail. You hear about big things — the new jobs, new relationships... but you miss out on the little things. You know — the interview anxiety or the almost-relationships. Some people say that's healthy and normal, that, as life goes on, people naturally phase in and out of your life. But I will never be content with that.

Here's the thing: I'm obsessed with my friends. I still want to experience the minutiae of their everyday lives as if I was there in person with them: I still want what band/TV show/recipe they're currently obsessed with. I still want to overanalyze text messages like we did in middle school. I still want to know the little things!

I'm lucky. My oldest friends have been metaphorically joined-at-the-hip with me since I was ten years old. There hasn't been a week in the last almost-fifteen years that we haven't spoken. We met in middle school, and the five of us have managed to stay as close as ever despite now living across five cities, four time zones, and three continents.

After years of long distance friendship, I could write thousands of tips. But for now, here's three:

1) Call without scheduling.

If you take away one thing from this article, let it be this: scheduling does not work. For me personally, time zones have been the biggest issue. With four time zones to plan for, scheduling a call is almost never possible... it's always the middle of the night for someone.

Even without time zone differences, scheduling is impossible. We all think we're busier than we actually are. As a student, the only days I

identify as being truly "free" are Saturdays and Sundays. I wouldn't schedule a call for 9 am on a Monday — I have Con Law at 10. That being said, when the phone rings as I'm doing my eyeliner, I answer the call. When the phone rings while I'm studying, I almost always have twenty minutes to spare. So call. Ring your group chat without planning it days in advance. 90 percent of the time, someone will pick up. And the more you do it, the more normal it becomes.

I concede: "catching up" is exhausting. When you're not used to calling frequently, it can be daunting — especially when you have emotional updates to share — to embark on the journey of explaining a story from scratch. Every call is an in-depth "fill me in" call that you may not have the emotional energy for. Sometimes, you won't update each other until one of you has finally hit the point of absolute emotional crisis, at which point you dedicate eight hours on FaceTime to telling a months-long story in one tearful go, from character-introduction to plot-twist to present chapter.

By contrast, when you get into the habit of calling at random times, speaking for fifteen minutes (or however long it takes you to do your eyeliner) and going about your day, "catch ups" be-

come a thing of the past. You don't need to preface every little story with a prequel, four character profiles, and forty-five minutes of context. You can tell your funny story, give your silly update, or indulge in your objectively-petty-but-you're-my-friend-so-take-my-side-anyway rant without the context. They already know the backstory — because you filled them in in twenty minute increments as it happened.

2) PowerPoint.

Now you're thinking, "okay, Julia, that's great going forward, but how do I go about the catch up chats that I haven't had yet? I need to fill them in before I can start with 'eyeliner calls'." To this I say: PowerPoint.

Calls aren't perfect. Even when I'm absolutely as up-to-date as I could possibly be about my friends' lives, there are things I don't know. There are important, defining figures in their lives who I have never met and will never meet. There are crushes that we call by codename ("skater boy texted me!"), exes that I know only for where they fit on our ever-evolving DnD alignment chart ("wait — are you talking about chaotic-neutral Alex or a lawful-evil Alex?"), and events that I never heard about because they didn't feel 'big' enough to share.

This is where we put our

LRW skills to good use. Use your magical CREAC powers to create a ten to fifteen minute presentation on whatever it is you have to say. Have your friends do the same. Set up a Zoom call, get to screen-sharing, and take turns presenting your life updates. Your first PowerPoint party might be purely catch up: relationship timelines, new obsessions, and 'introductions' to new people in your life.

Then, after your PowerPoint party, you're all up to date. But the presentations don't need to stop there. On the contrary, they only get more fun; the less actual substance a PowerPoint contains, the more petty/smooth-brained/ generally entertaining it becomes. Feel free to get creative. From personal experience, and by way of example, think: "The Icks I've Acquired in 8 Years of Dating (46 slides)", "Why I've Abandoned Personal Growth in Favor of Staying the Exact Same," and "How to Build a Life on Pure Delusion".

Recommendation PowerPoints are a category all on their own. Last month, I mentioned in passing that I had finished *Demon Slayer* and wanted something new to watch. In response, my friend creates a full-on, detailed anime-recommenda-

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## Eurovision 2022: A Comprehensive Review

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It's that time of year again! Europe's greatest popstars dust off their rhinestone-studded ballgowns for the single greatest show of all time: the Eurovision Song Contest.

Every year, countries that are part of the European Broadcast Union<sup>1</sup> select an original song to represent them in a worldwide battle of the bands. There are two semi-finals and a grand finale. Voting is done through each country's jury and by viewers. Twelve, ten, and eight points are awarded by the juries to the country's top three choices, respectively. Viewers also vote by text, which converts into points. Neither juries nor viewers can vote for their own country. The winner then hosts the competition the following year.<sup>2</sup>

Because it's no longer socially acceptable for me to pester my friends, I will share my thoughts with all of you. For the sake of space, I

<sup>1</sup> Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Luxembourg, Morocco, Slovakia, and Turkey have previously participated but chose not to this year. Russia was banned from participating over its invasion of Ukraine.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eurovision.tv/about/how-it-works>

couldn't review every song, but I'd recommend giving them all a listen. Eurovision 2022 will be held in Turin, Italy on May 10, 12, and 14.

### My Winners:

Twelve Points to **Moldova** — *Trenulețul*<sup>3</sup> by Zdob și Zdub & Frații Advahov

A high-energy, Balkan folk-pop melody, it's about the train between Chișinău, capital of Moldova, and Bucharest, capital of Romania, calling back to pre-World War II times when they were one country.

Ten Points to **Ukraine** — *Stefania* by Kalush Orchestra

This song about a child watching their mother grow older combines a traditional lullaby with rap and flute solos. A celebration of Ukraine's culture with a modern twist, this is what makes Eurovision, Eurovision.

Eight Points to **Australia** — *Not the Same* by Sheldon Riley

An intimate piece based on the singer's own life, this power ballad pairs beautiful solo vocals with a raw look at the experiences of children with Asperger's.

### Honorable Mentions:

**Belgium** — *Miss You* by Jérémie Makiese

Powerful vocals and an epic choir; a break-up song has a presence of its own.

**Cyprus** — *Ela* by Androm-

ache

A love song interspersing English verses with a Greek chorus inspired by traditional Cypriot music.

**Denmark** — *The Show* by REDDI

2000s vibes in the best way.

**Estonia** — *Hope* by Stefan The best Wild West song from the Baltics, perfect to play while I ride my horse into town at high noon.

**France** — *Fulenn*<sup>4</sup> by Alvan & Ahez

An intense techno song about a woman who rejects social norms by dancing around a bonfire, contrasting a haunting Breton folk melody with an excellent club beat. My fourth-place favorite!

**Georgia** — *Lock Me In* by Circus Mircus

A wholly unique progressive funk-rock sound with nonsensical lyrics and an "I was just abducted by aliens" vibe.

**Iceland** — *Með hækkandi sól*<sup>5</sup> by Sigga, Beta, and Elín

Charming and fairytale-like, showcasing calming trio vocals and a sweet melody.

**Israel** — *I.M* by Michael Ben David

An empowering song about pride and rising above all the haters, with a funky beat and a feel-good melody.

**Lithuania** — *Sentimentai*<sup>6</sup>

4 *Spark*

5 *Rising Sun*

6 *Sentiments*

by Monika Liu

A classy song that pairs well with a glass of wine in a fancy penthouse lounge.

**Montenegro** — *Breathe* by Vladana

A goosebump-inducing anthem about grief and recovery.

**Norway** — *Give that Wolf a Banana* by Subwoolfer

An unexpectedly fun, replayable tune with unique syncopation and a great beat; the kind of crazy you can only get at Eurovision.

**Serbia** — *In Corpore Sano*<sup>7</sup> by Konstrakta

Experimental pop meets body horror, focused on our obsession with keeping the body healthy but neglecting the mind.

**Slovenia** — *Disko*<sup>8</sup> by LPS

A smooth, quirky party song with 70s vibes, performed by a group who met in their high school music room like a real-life DCOM.

**Switzerland** — *Boys Do Cry* by Marius Bear

A beautiful song that wouldn't be out of place in a Pixar movie. A simple but heart-wrenching story about male vulnerability.

### Other Participants:

**Albania** — *Sekret*<sup>9</sup> by Ronela Hajati

**Armenia** — *Snap* by Rosa Linn

**Austria** — *Halo* by LUM!X

7 *In a Healthy Body*

8 *Disco*

9 *Secret*

feat. Pia Maria

**Azerbaijan** — *Fade to Black* by Nadir Rustamli

**Bulgaria** — *Intention* by Intelligent Music Project

**Croatia** — *Guilty Pleasure* by Mia Dimšić

**Czech Republic** — *Lights Off* by We Are Domi

**Finland** — *Jezebel* by The Rasmus

**Greece** — *Die Together* by Amanda Tenfjord

**Ireland** — *That's Rich* by Brooke

**Italy** — *Brividi*<sup>10</sup> by Mahmood & Blanco

**Malta** — *I Am What I Am* by Emma Muscat

**The Netherlands** — *De Diepte*<sup>11</sup> by S10

**North Macedonia** — *Circles* by Andrea

**Poland** — *River* by Ochman

**Portugal** — *saudade, saudade*<sup>12</sup> by MARO

**Romania** — *Llámame*<sup>13</sup> by WRS

**San Marino** — *Stripper* by Achille Lauro

**Spain** — *SloMo* by Chanel

**Sweden** — *Hold Me Closer* by Cornelia Jakobs

**United Kingdom** — *SPACE MAN* by Sam Ryder

10 *Chills*

11 *The Depth*

12 *Unique Portuguese word for ardent melancholy, longing, nostalgia, and grief*

13 *Call Me*

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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](mailto:dl9uh@virginia.edu)

*Virginia Animal Law Society v. Pet-Less Law Students*  
74 U.Va 22 (2022)

PAZHWAQ, J. delivers the opinion of the court, in which LAKE, C.J., REYNA, J., KULKARNI, J., PETERSON, J., MARTIN, J., and ROSCOE, J., join.

BNINSKI, J., concurs.

MORSE, J., dissents.

PAZHWAQ, J. delivered the opinion of the Court.

### Background

The Virginia Animal Law Society (VALS) has continued its annual Paw Review Contest (Paw Review), involving pet photos submitted by students at the University of Virginia School of Law which are featured to solicit donations.<sup>1</sup> This year, they plan to donate the proceeds to the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, a no-kill shelter that

1 This historical tradition has evolved with technology and is now conducted online on a website. See Coughlin v. Virginia Animal Law Society 912 U.Va. 16 (2019) (“Each year since the founding of the Law School, the Virginia Animal Law Society (VALS) has held a “Paw Review” contest, wherein pet owners submit photos of their animal companions, the photos are placed on jars in the Hunton Andrews Kurth hallway by ScoCo, and denizens of the Law School place money in the jars to signal their aesthetic approval of the pets. The pet with the most money in its jar at the end of the week receives the title of “the Law School’s most loved pet,” according to VALS. The money is donated to a no-kill shelter. It’s all very charming and cute and great for distracting us temporarily from our overwhelming existential dread.”).

seeks to “advance the compassionate treatment of animals by providing shelter, medical care, and behavioral services for dogs and cats; promoting permanent, caring homes; and furthering education and outreach.”<sup>2</sup>

Sad, Pet-less Law Students United (Pet-less Law Students)<sup>3</sup> originally filed this class action suit in the Petty District Court. The plain-

2 See Paw Review 2022, PAW REVIEW, <https://pawreview2022.squarespace.com/>

*“Pet-less Law Students can help themselves by getting a pet instead of misdirecting their anger at VALS's Paw Review.”*

(last visited April 2, 2022).

3 Sad, Pet-less Law Students United is a separate class from Gratuitously Mean-Spirited, Pet-less Law Students United. The former class loves pets and merely find themselves in the unenviable position of not having one of their own with them in Charlottesville. The latter group is of a comically villainous nature (they are known to cheer for Cruella de Vil during screenings of *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*) and seek to enjoin Paw Review in a separate suit on a theory that law students should have no small pleasures in life besides cite checks and optional mandatory supplemental class readings. This Court feels an unconcealed distaste for this latter class, strongly believing that all pets are to be treasured and that those adverse to them may have an improper temperament for Character and Fitness. See, e.g., 3L Roommate v. Lucy the Pupperoni 74 U.Va. 3, 4 (2021) (“Doggos are to be treasured, not sued.”).

tiff class, consisting of students who do not have pets with them in Charlottesville, brought the action under a tort theory of negligent infliction of emotional distress for the heart-wrenching pain (mingled with appreciation for adorableness) experienced by law students who must gaze wistfully at the pets of others, with no animal friend of their own to spend time with after another long day in the law school rat race. They seek no damages or injunction in recognition of Paw Review’s

admirable goal, yet still call for the idiosyncratic remedy of clear cuteness warnings and other appropriate measures to prevent the inadvertent stumbling-upon of said pet images by the unwary law student. They want these measures strictly enforced against images of pets and costumes, which they find particularly distressing.

The lower court found for Pet-less Law Students, and now VALS seeks review on appeal.

### Analysis

The instant case follows a line of cases that have dealt with various aspects of Paw Review.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, this Court notes, with great displeasure, Paw Review’s failure to comply with its order enjoining the blatant speciesism represented by use of an “Other” category to encompass all non-dog and non-cat pets.<sup>5</sup> While

4 See Coughlin 912 U.Va. at 16; Coughlin v. Virginia Animal Law Society, 90 U.Va. 403 (2017) (Coughlin I).

5 Coughlin 912 U.Va. at

some progress has been made regarding this discrimination, with persistent prejudicial references to “furry friend[s]” largely absent from 2022 Paw Review advertising material, cat and dog supremacy remains disturbingly evident. Paw Review should take notice of the righteousness and inevitability of the rulings of this august Court and correct their behavior immediately.<sup>6</sup>

However, the instant issue is separable from the Court’s irritation regarding this other matter, and it will be consid-

ered on its own merits. In the instant case, the appellant, VALS, argues that it is not their fault that appellees are sad and

16 (“The sun sets in the west and rises in the east; the trees sprout new leaves in the spring and shed them in the fall; and the Virginia Animal Law Society discriminates against non-dog-and-cat animals. It’s a tale as old as time, folks, and it’s happening again.”).

6 See United States v. Law Weekly 109 U.Va. 926, 928 (1948) (“Our name is the Court of Petty Appeals, Court of Courts; Look on our Opinions, ye Mighty, and despair!”).

lonely by reason of not having pets, and that they should not have to take costly actions on their behalf. In the alternative, they note that all law students are sad and lonely due to a multiplicity of factors and that blaming this condition on a lack of pets ignores the very structure of the legal profession. This Court agrees with this first argument. In *Snapback Wearing Law Student v. Student Affairs* 78 U.Va. 28, 34 (2021), we held that a law student could not sue Student Affairs to enjoin their annual recognition of Valentine’s Day, premised on a tort theory of ongoing harms from a negligent infliction of emotional distress, stemming from their allegation that the holiday reminded them of their ongoing romantic ineptitude and subsequent loneliness. In this, we relied on the personal responsibility doctrine, which sometimes indicates that law students cannot enjoin the activities of others due to situations that are wholly of their own making. We adopt a similar analysis here, finding that Pet-less Law Students can help themselves by getting a pet instead of misdirecting their displeasure at VALS’s Paw Review. As a matter of law, we note the limitations of this holding and application of the personal responsibility doctrine and reserve the power of this Court to enjoin everything and anything that it sees fit.

We recognize that some law COPA page 5

## Faculty Quotes

**T. Nachbar:** “I don’t know anything about bank robbery. It takes place in a bak, apparently.”

**P. Mahoney:** “If you want to commit a crime, insider trading on hostile tender offers is the way to go.”

**J. Harrison:** “Other than everybody getting mad at you at the airport, is there any upside to be director of the Department of Homeland Security?”

**P. Stephan:** \*referring to a stray laser pointer\* “I know I did a lot of drugs in the ‘60’s, but you guys saw that too, right?”

**M. Livermore:** “If you ever find your parents or teachers disagreeable, remember how much lead they were exposed to as children.”

**A. Hodges:** “What’s your toe worth in this state?”

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students, due to their housing arrangements or other commitments, may not be able to have a pet. Nevertheless, we do not find this to be an adequate reason to make Paw Review responsible for their position and any emotional harm they might experience by seeing the pets of others. Instead, we encourage them to look for ways to change their circumstances if their desire for a pet is so sincerely felt. We also encourage them to perhaps seek out an amenable classmate willing to share some time with their beloved pet, a feasible remedy requiring no action by this Court. We reverse.

BNINSKI, J., concurring in the judgment.

I join in my esteemed colleague's judgment on the merits of this case. I recognize that it is a hard, cruel world, but I firmly believe that individuals who do not have pets to lighten it lack standing to quell the expression of individuals with pets. Moreover, I cannot find against VALS for one simple reason: I have pets.<sup>7</sup>

7 In the interest of candor, I will concede that a strict property rights advocate could mount a reasonable argument that I do not, in fact, have "pets" as the term is traditionally used—rather, I have "step-dogs." This is because the dogs were separate property of my husband, acquired before our marriage. While I embrace the

But I take this opportunity to discuss what I see as a troubling aspect of the ostensibly benign phenomenon of Paw Review. Our democracy already faces pressure from corporate interests, which affect lawmakers to the detriment of the everyday person (or pet). Moreover, we live in an era beset with the menace of fake news.

In the quest to "raise money" for a "charity" like the "SPCA" by collecting "votes" for the "cutest" pets, Paw Review combines these two elements in a subversion of the democratic process. The most well-resourced or well-connected animals will garner the most votes and emerge victorious. This victory mocks meritocracy and invites disinformation about which pets are the best.<sup>8</sup>

appellation of "step-dogs," because it cracks me up, I also deem that I have acquired an emotional property right in these cuties. The tri-fold foundation for this property right can be found in 1) the amount of hair that I regularly lint-roll off of my person and effects; 2) the volume of poop I have picked up and disposed of in accordance with Charlottesville Municipal Code, Article III, Section 4-41; and 3) the time I have invested in waiting for reply to the inquiry, "Are you a good boy?"

8 Mine. My pets are the best. But I forgot about the Paw Review submission deadline and failed to submit their information. Therefore, I have no choice but to state that the

Our system of government, not pet-less law students, is the true victim in this case.

Mine. My pets are the best. But I forgot about the Paw Review submission deadline and failed to submit their information. Therefore, I have no choice but to state that the entire adorable process and worthy cause are an anti-democratic disaster.

MORSE, J., dissenting.

As the venerable Justice Holmes once noted, "Even a dog distinguishes between being stumbled over and being kicked." The majority fails to recognize the distinction between negligence and intentional action, and therefore fails to grasp the crux of this case. What we have in this case is not an organization blissfully unaware of the impact its adorable pet photos will have on people; the Virginia Animal Law Society ("VALS") fully intended that people's emotions would be swayed, leading them to donate money. Since they knew of the emotive power these pet photos hold, VALS must have also surely known that these photos would inevitably cause significant emotional distress to those pet-less<sup>9</sup> law students in the

entire adorable process and worthy cause are an anti-democratic disaster.

9 For the record, I think a more appropriate term would be "un-petted." However, my clerks (over-eager pre-law undergrads) informed me that

plaintiff-class. In my view, this demonstrates an astonishingly reckless disregard for the well-being of others in the pursuit of profit.<sup>10</sup> This Court should have recognized that VALS is kicking the metaphorical dog of pet-less law students, rather than stumbling over it on their way to do noble charity work. Accordingly, I would have upheld the lower court's ruling.

Furthermore, the majority's handling of the Pet-less Law Students' situational restrictions on having pets is staggeringly inconsistent. First, the majority notes that some students are incapable of having pets for reasons out of their control, such as restrictions in their lease (not to mention more serious restrictions, such as allergies). But then, in the very next sentence, the Court ignores this and says that these students should engage in self-help measures. While I wholeheartedly support telling parties to stick their petty prayers for relief where the sun don't shine, the Court never takes this step. The only explanations we are left with for the Court's logical gymnastics are that the Court

this term might come off as risqué. In any case, my sympathies lie with both the pet-less and un-petted, however you read those terms.

10 While the proceeds supposedly go to the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, VALS would hardly be the first charity to take a healthy cut off the top.

is either 1) assuaging a deep pet-related guilt<sup>11</sup> or 2) under the malign influence of the pet mafia<sup>12</sup> Virginia Animal Law Society ("VALS"). Either way, this decision will tarnish this Court's reputation and bodes ill for the fate of our democracy.

For these reasons, I respectfully dissent.

11 Perhaps related to a goldfish a certain Justice forgot to feed for two weeks when they were growing up, or the pet snake that escaped and ate their little brother's pet hamster. You know who you are.

12 You may be tempted to think I'm crazy and that there is no pet mafia. But let me ask you, what else do you call a group of people who exert disproportionate influence (whether via emotional manipulation by cute animals or pointed threats to "go on strike" and no longer clean up after walking their dogs on the lawn at the Law School's entrance)? Despite the Court's kowtowing and a greater-than-usual number of dogs growling and cats hissing at me lately, I will not be silenced!

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HOT BENCH



Marlyse Vieira '22

Interviewed by Kathryn Querner

Hi, Marlyse! Welcome to the Hot Bench—it's great to have you here after three years with the Law Weekly! First off, where are you from?

Thanks for having me! I'm from Dripping Springs, Texas—a smallish town just west of Austin. Home to a long stretch of highway and the world's best breakfast tacos.

What drew you to study law? And what brought you here to UVA Law specifically?

I worked at a legal aid organization in Chicago for two years after college, where I coordinated the Child Representative and Veterans Programs. I really enjoyed helping people in the legal system, and it confirmed that law was the right path for me. I fell in love with the vibes at UVA Law at Admitted Students Weekend. The students seemed relaxed (for law stu-

dents) and genuinely happy to be here, and I've found that to be true!

What are some of your favorite involvements here at UVA Law?

I've loved being a part of Law Weekly, of course, and LALO! Also going to Firefly trivia every Tuesday night with the same crew. It's not recognized or funded by Student Affairs, but it should be.

What are you doing after law school?

Something unique and unheard of among UVA Law students: I'm headed to a firm in D.C.! I'm hoping to do investigations, white collar, and trade sanctions work.

What are the seven wonders of the Law School?

1. The secret balcony on the third floor that they definitely gatekeep from students
2. Mandy <3
3. Gunner pit chairs (so ergonomic!!)
4. Professor Caleb Nelson's blackboards
5. Law library holiday decorations
6. Clark Hall murals
7. The yoga and meditation room behind C&C

What is the best piece of advice someone has given you?

"You might want to mute yourself."  
Just kidding – it's actually this: "The only person you should compare yourself to is the person you were yesterday."

What's on your bucket list for the rest of your time in Charlottesville?

Watch the stars one summer night in Shenandoah National Park. And go to as many wineries and on as many hikes as possible.

If you weren't going into a legal career, what would you be doing?

Maybe editing or PR. I like behind-the-scenes work.

Lightning round!

What is your favorite study spot in Charlottesville?

I'm not really into "studying" these days, but I'd say the Shenandoah Joe's at Ivy!

Favorite winery?

King Family is a classic. I also love Mount Ida.

What is the phone app you use the most?

Notes app or TikTok. Those apps know me best.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you choose?

Somewhere by the beach in Spain or Portugal.

Biggest pet peeve?

Charlottesville drivers, generally.

Favorite way to spend your downtime?

Napping, reading, Sporcle, staring into the abyss.

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NGSL Tournament Champions

Our Law School absolutely smashed the competition this past weekend during the softball tournament. Thanks to the other schools for attending but the trophies belong here at home. Special shoutout to Alex Castle, Christina Kelly, and Eric Feldman of the Class of '22 for their excellent organizing work.



Pictured: UVA Co-Rec Gold, Co-Captained by Savannah Logan and Abby Porter of the Class of '22, Champions of the Co-Rec Division



Pictured: UVA Open Gold, Co-Captained by Nate Wunderli and Nick Roberti of the Class of '22, Champions of the Open Division

# Staying Well Fed in Cville: Late Night Haunts

Sai Kulkarni '23  
Production Editor



One thing I loved about my time in college was the ability to buy fast food at any hour of the day. Was it the healthiest thing to do? Absolutely not. I probably turned the freshman fifteen into the sophomore sixty. But regardless of what hour of day it was, whether I was returning from a night out or simply taking a break from writing papers at unholy hours of the night,<sup>1</sup> it was good to be able to comfort my body or my soul with donuts, pizza, or street falafel. Perhaps it was one of the perks of being in the big city, but everyone at my old campus could be secure in the notion that even if they missed dinner, they could have food in their bodies at 3 a.m. and still be able to say that they had at least two meals a day. It was no surprise to me that Charlottesville lacked such a resource when I arrived here at UVA Law—it was, of course, peak pandemic, lockdown, and hybrid learning. There was no reason for food establishments to be open that late; they were already understaffed, and with so few people actually going out to eat, being open late would

1 Things that you do when you have a 24-hour library and a college-era sleep schedule.

have probably hurt their bottom line.

What surprised me was that as the rest of the city began to open up during the day and our esteemed institution moved towards solely in-person learning, there remained few late-night spots open past 10 p.m. and even fewer open past midnight. This was shocking. I could have brought this up in the Court of Petty Appeals, but, from the little I know about personal jurisdiction, I don't think fast food and local establishments fall under the purview of my favorite court in the state.<sup>2</sup> So instead, here I am, complaining to the ether on my own time about the lack of options. Feel free to email me if there are any others, but from what I've observed, there are only three late-night spots here in the campus area to use to line your stomach after a long night.<sup>3</sup> Those three spots are White Spot, Christian's, and, of course, Cookout.

## White Spot

When you are out on the Corner, you can often find yourself incredibly hungry, since the kitchens at our fa-

2 I still think it's wild that we use real legal principles in our fake student newspaper court.

3 I am dead serious. Text or email me if you think I am wrong; I would truly welcome variety.

vorite spots always seem to be closed when we are out.<sup>4</sup> Thus, you are presented with two options within walking distance: burgers or pizza. White Spot provides the burger option with great skill. You



*Pictured: The Best Late Night Cville Fast Food*

might be deterred by the long lines, but the service here is fast. From what I've observed from my friends, their regular burgers come out quick and taste good enough to scarf down in under five minutes. They even have a side place to sit and eat quickly. My only qualm with them is that their veggie burgers and fries tend to take a lot more time to come out. That is to be expected; it is not their main product. But since this is my article, I am allowed to gripe and groan. For the broader population, the main issue is one of variety. This is a burger

4 I don't blame them. Dealing with many drunk undergrads and law students is enough without having to feed them, too.

joint. While there are other things on the menu, that is what you can expect to be the best. Unlike one of the other options, there is a clearly preferred menu item.

## Christian's Pizza

Christian's is quite similar to White Spot in that it is within walking distance of the popular Corner haunts, it has seating space, and it features long lines. This is a pizza place. There are many types behind the glass, and you can skip the line if you order a full pizza.<sup>5</sup> You can expect this place to be full of drunk undergrads past midnight. If that's the experience you want, this is where you go. It's that simple. Christian's is a drunk pizza joint and it owns it.

## Cookout

Now for the crowning jewel. This is where I tend to go late at night almost every week, sometimes even multiple times a week. As a designated driver on most nights, I am at the whims of my passengers.<sup>6</sup> But is it any wonder that they are fond of this place? Providing options ranging from milkshakes to

5 I didn't know this until recently. Thanks, Morgan Kurt '23, for the key info.

6 This usually includes some combination of Paige Kennett, Logan White, Pi Praveen, and Cara Capocitti, all of '23.

burgers, to quesadillas, to chicken fingers and cheese curds, this place has everything.<sup>7</sup> To quote Paige Kennett '23: "You can have those cheese curds at any hour of the day but they just taste better after a few shots, late at night." The biggest benefit, though, is its biggest drawback. Instead of standing in a long line, this allows you to sit down in a car and even allows some passengers to grab a quick nap. The problem is that the line here is the longest of the three spots. The convenience of a drive-thru is mitigated by basically taking all night to get some food. Despite all these complaints, I know I will probably end up there on a weekend in the future. All I can do is give you the warning label regarding the lines. Much like the FDA, I have no control over whether you heed that warning or not.

## Taco Bell

As a brief conclusion, I want to say that Taco Bell is the most universally loved late-night food. This article wouldn't need to exist if our local establishment simply chose to be open past 12:45 a.m.; it would be the clear winner.

7 I imagine that last part to be said in the voice of Chance Maginness '22 as Stefon in the Libel Show.

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## Distance

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tion slideshow, complete with pros and cons, synopses, and the Julia-specific reasons she thought of me for each recommendation. Call me crazy, but that's a love language. I only watch what she's recommended at this point, and I can't watch anything without thinking about how much I love her.

3) Voice messages.

Finally, send voice notes. Constantly. As in, whenever a stupid thought pops into your head that you might have chosen to inflict on your loved ones had they been physically next to you, inflict it on them anyway via voice message.

Voice messages take many forms, and they are all created equal. And believe me when I say that your friends want all of them. They want your chaotic live-reactions to Love is Blind. They want your unformed thoughts on the Will Smith—Chris Rock drama. They want your tipsy proclamations of affection ("I love you, and I miss you, and I had three white claws tonight!").

They want to hear your voice! So call. Make over-the-top presentations. Send voice notes. And remember: when someone loves you — which your friends do, a lot — there is nothing too trivial to talk about.

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## Narcan

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ment of Health staff gave us a ton of detailed guidance. But, basically, you just stick the applicator deep up the person's nose and spray that puppy in there. After you apply the spray, you want to back off quickly because that person just went from having the best/worst high of their life to a sudden withdrawal. They might flail around, or be pissed at you, or throw up. It's really a mixed bag with these sorts of things.

My sincere wish is that more people learn about the effects of opioid overdose and how to counteract it. Many of the people I applied Narcan to were unhoused, but they are far from the only ones who use opioids. Just because we are in the UVA Law bubble doesn't mean that overdoses aren't a problem. Many of our friends and classmates deal with drug addiction, and the stressful environment we've put ourselves in does nothing to help.

If you are interested in learning more about Narcan or want to get some for yourself, you can go to the local Virginia Department of Health building at 1138 Rose Hill Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903, and they will hook you up. Keep a dose at your desk at home or in your locker. Better yet, bring it to parties! Trust me, you'll look way cooler than the kid with the half-empty box of White Claws.

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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.*

*Subject: "Should I Drop Out?"*

Hi, I'm a 2L. I am genuinely unhappy in law school, and I am on the fence about dropping out.

Since coming here, it feels like so much of my brain has become so full of legal nonsense that all of the interesting and funny parts are gone. Don't get me wrong, I can make a passable *Palsgraf* joke, but it almost feels dirty when I do it.

I feel like the professional and social incentive structure of law school has made me extremely risk-averse. I have lost my adventurous, daring edge, which used to be a staple of my identity.

I don't feel like I belong here. It used to feel like typical imposter syndrome, but recently it has felt deeper than that. I'm not only a first-generation law student—I'm the first person in my family to get a high school diploma. I know not everyone is a "multi-generation" law student, but I have never felt class differences as deeply as I have here. Bottom line, should I drop out?

Sincerely,  
Wah Wah Wahoo

*Answer:*

I appreciate your vulnerability and candor. I'm sor-

ry to hear that you're going through a tough time. That being said, as a fellow Wahoo, I am invested in your success, so this response has a bit more tough love in it.

First of all, you are verifiably a badass. Admissions has an infallible system that only allows the coolest of cucumbers to grace the halls of UVA Law with their presence. I'm sure you know this based on your experiences with your colleagues. Cultured scholars and fine specimens, every last one. You, my friend and fellow Wahoo, are one cool cucumber.

And guess what: you're a first-generation high school graduate, so you *are* an imposter! You don't really belong here, but feed into that disconnect. I have found that a mindset of petty revenge justified by abstract ideals can be quite entertaining. In this situation, the abstract ideal would be class struggle, and the petty revenge would be a toxically-competitive mentality.

Look around at the rich kids. Dominate them. Spite their class with your successes. What is impressive for someone with your background is expected for them. Spite their class for the generations of your ancestors who were spited for their class.

Lastly, a lawyer's most valuable asset is her ability

to defer gratification. Some do it until death. That's my plan, at least. Lawyers are creatures of unwavering commitment, so you can't just quit now! Powering through this unhappiness will make you a much stronger and more competent lawyer.

As an aside, you would probably be an excellent writer for the Libel Show because you have a bone to pick. Let that be your outlet, but stick to the course.

