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## Welcome Back to Law School

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Welcome, Class of 2023, to your long-awaited 3Lol. Welcome, Class of 2024, to another round of the grueling slog to summer. Welcome, Class of 2025, to what will feel like the most stressful year of high school you have ever experienced. The *Law Weekly* remains ready and available (for the 75<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!) to be your trusted source of North Grounds news and personal opinions stated as fact.

At its heart, the *Virginia Law Weekly* is a collection of stories about the Law School told from the perspective of students going through it. Our editors have the same questions you do—is *Law Review* worth the effort? (No.) Do people really dress up for football games? (Also no.) Do my grades 1L fall really determine my whole future? (Only if you are trying to be a SCOTUS clerk.) What is a Dandelion? Will Foxfield happen this year? What does SBA actually do around here, anyway? What is behind those tiny doors on the second floor of Slaughter? No-where else on these Grounds will you find a collection of people so willing to use their free time making up answers to these questions than right here at the *Law Weekly*.

With our monopoly on student publishing, we strive to be informative without taking ourselves too seriously. In between professor dicta and events, you'll find how-to guides on surviving cold calls and definitive lists on the best chicken sandwich in Charlottesville. It's sort of a "come for the professor quotes, stay for the COPA" type model. Our weekly meetings run the same way: Come to SL 279 on Mondays at 5:30 for some free Domino's Pizza, and stay because I guilt you into writing an article for our next edition. If you enjoy working with creative people—the overlap between the *Law Weekly* Editorial Board and the *Libel Show* is almost 100%—or you need a fun outlet that isn't based exclusively around the Corner, come check us out. Do you love satire? Are you an aspiring cartoonist? Have you always dreamed of having a captive audience for a recurring column on some obscure issue you want to shed light on? We have a place for you.

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## A Welcome Letter from Dean Golubuff



Pictured: Dean Risa Golubuff

Risa Golubuff  
Dean of the Law School

What a pleasure it has been this past week to meet so many of you, feel the excitement you are bringing to our community, and watch you begin the transformative experience that is law school. You will come out the other side of this year the same person that brought you to UVA, but also a different person. You will have new skills, new ways of thinking, new intellectual resources at your disposal, and new lifelong friends and colleagues.

It may be hard to believe, but you are, just one week into the semester, already transformed. Think back to what you know now that you didn't a week ago. You know silly but important things like whether you prefer to read cases with highlighters or pens, online or in hard copy. Beyond that, you have started to learn your way around the building, identify student organizations you want to join, and manage your time. You know that a "tort" is not a type of cake and have learned any number of other words, concepts, systems, and processes. You have read and may even be starting to understand (!) the cases your professors have assigned. Many of you have already survived your first cold call and, I hope, even more of you have volunteered in class using the hand-raising we all practiced at orientation.

As I get to know each of you better, as I see you in the halls or at 1L section breakfasts, I will ask you (again and again) some variation of the question: "What do you know today that you didn't know yesterday, or last week, or last month, or when you first arrived here for orientation?" It is one of my favorite questions, because you will, in-

variably, offer some variation of this answer: "So much!" I also hope you will ask this question of yourself—if not every day, at least on a regular basis.

It is well known—one might even say legendary—that the first year of law school can be challenging. That is not because anyone has set out purposefully to make it difficult. Rather, it is because you are learning new approaches to information and to life that are just that: new. They take rigor and application to comprehend, and you will need (and want) to apply yourself with zeal as you learn them.

I encourage you to measure this learning, this transformation, by what happens both inside and outside the classroom. The Law School will offer you more opportunities than you can possibly take. That is the beauty of a school that boasts students who are the best and brightest in the nation, world-class faculty engaged in groundbreaking and interdisciplinary research, experiential learning that will let you put your classroom knowledge to work, and administrators and staff at the top of their fields and devoted to your success. Join a journal, take a clinic, do moot court, engage with the Charlottesville community, take on leadership roles. As you do so, you will encounter some of the many career paths available to you, from trial lawyer to corporate executive, cause crusader to policy wonk to dealmaker. Imagine what these paths might look like for you. Try several on for size.

Just as important as what you will do here are the people with whom you will do it.

UVA Law is more diverse and pluralistic now than at any other moment in its history. Your fellow students come from different backgrounds, have had


different life experiences and live different identities, hold different beliefs, attitudes, and interests, and subscribe to a wide range of political views. Your colleagues as much as your professors will regularly expose you to new ideas and approaches to the law.

The exchange of ideas that results is invaluable to the transformational process of law school. You—we all—will have to work hard every day to create and find opportunities for real and productive exchange across our different viewpoints. That will entail exposure to new and varied information and ideas, a commitment to facts and evidence, and critical thinking about those ideas and that evidence. It will take courage in speaking and generosity in listening. The ability to consider every idea, to argue for your side and engage with the other, is fundamental to the mission of the university, the legal profession, and our democracy. In other words, to become the exceptional lawyers you are all here to become, it is essential to learn how to talk and listen with professionalism, respect, and empathy.


None of this is easy, but you have, once again, already begun. You have been thrown together in small sections that have exposed you to new people and their perspectives. You already know that you may be excited to hear from some classmates, professors, and invited speakers and that you may find fault in others, sometimes passionately. It is our goal both to enable speakers to share their views and to enable those who disagree to register their dissent in ways that promote further dialogue.


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## around north grounds

 Thumbs up to the Domino's on Millmont St., proud sponsor of the *Virginia Law Weekly*.


 Thumbs up to the gender neutral bathrooms finally going into the Law School. About damn time.


 Thumbs up to classes starting for upperclassmen. ANG thinks the 1Ls have had free run of the place for long enough.


 Thumbs down to classes starting for upperclassmen. ANG thinks 2Ls and 3Ls already know enough.


 Thumbs down to UVA parking. ANG doesn't own a car, but ANG does think that parking is ludicrously underpriced when considering basic concepts like supply and demand.

 Thumbs sideways to new editors joining the *Law Weekly*. ANG doesn't like having to share ANG's comfy couch and office fridge space, but loves having new people to share hot goss with.

 Thumbs sideways to 1Ls. ANG does not know you, ANG does not want to know you, and ANG does not need to know you.

 Thumbs up to OGI. Double thumbs up to saying "OCI" to everyone from other law schools for the rest of your lives instead of explaining it. ANG loves liars.

 Thumbs up to building maintenance who responded rapidly to ANG's crisis when ANG's usual hangout spot had no working outlets.

 Thumbs down to starting class at the end of August. ANG doesn't recognize any federal holidays, but even ANG thinks it's cruel and unusual to force law students to take finals in the midst of the winter holiday season.

# Eurotrip Recap: Be a Tourist

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Since graduating college, the exigencies of personal finance and public health have not allowed me the peripatetic life I enjoyed as an undergraduate. However, through the good graces of the Office of Private Practice, the ingenuity of Pfizer, and my summer employer's largesse, I was finally able to again travel abroad. Thus, soon after my summer position ended, my lovely girlfriend and I set out for Europe. What follows are observations from that trip, and an exhortation: Treat yo' self!

We began our journey in the Netherlands. My first impression was of the linguistic prowess of the Dutch: Everyone I encountered spoke incredible English, and, while I first felt presumptuous blithely beginning conversations abroad in my own tongue, I soon gave in. The highlight of my visit was Amsterdam's canal system, which can be explored by renting a boat and cruising through it on your own. I can't take credit for this idea—my college roommate lives in the city and was our intrepid guide—but it was something I can't recommend enough to anyone vis-

iting Amsterdam.

We then left Holland for Brussels, where I fell in love with the neo-Gothic architecture and the art museum. Our hotel was a couple blocks from Brussels' Grand Place, one of the most stunning city centers I've seen. While the European Parliament was underwhelming, the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium were a must-see. To my delight, there I turned the corner and found one of my favorite pieces of art—*The Death of Marat* by Jacques-Louis David. I was unaware the museum housed the piece (a mere replica is in the Louvre!), and stumbling upon it made me giddy.

After Brussels, we flew to Florence, where my girlfriend found us an incredible Airbnb with a rooftop view of the Florence Cathedral and the Palazzo Vecchio—the same view sketched by Hannibal Lecter from his prison cell in *Silence of the Lambs*. Florence was beautiful, and the exterior of the Florence Cathedral is perhaps the most impressive man-made structure I have ever seen (my lovely companion, who has traveled to India, thought it comparable to the Taj Mahal). However, our time in Florence was the first time I ever felt truly swamped by fellow travelers. I would only return in



Pictured: The author at the Milan Cathedral

the offseason, perhaps February, when the city's attractions are not so crowded that they cease ticket sales for certain attractions, as they did during our trip.

We then rented a car in Florence and, applying my rusty skills with a manual transmission, drove into rural Tuscany, where several of the most memorable episodes of our trip occurred. To begin with, we found ourselves in Italy during Ferragosto, an ancient Italian holiday held each year on August 15, but which is generally treated as a long summer holiday, with many Italian businesses closing for weeks. The Italians forced to work during the holiday take on the attitude of an American clocking a long day on the Fourth of July.

As a result, we were forced to check ourselves into our hotel through a key hidden in the bushes adjacent to the building and to largely find our own entertainment. The next day, we drove to Siena and discovered that, by mere happenstance, we had wandered into the city on the day of "Il Palio"—a horse race that might be described as Italy's Kentucky Derby. Luckily for us, we were able to simply take a bus into the city to observe, without any ticket, one of the country's biggest annual events. I had never previously rented a car abroad, but I hope to do it on all my future travels—it affords you the freedom to roam and stumble upon things in a style that, despite Europe's excellent mass transit, is simply not possible when traveling by train.

The last leg of the trip, in Milan, was a little calmer, but we still made time for some sightseeing. On our final day there, we toured the Milanese business district, where there are glass skyscrapers reminiscent of Chicago and New York, but with more of a European feel, given the extensive greenspaces between the buildings and the less frenetic pace on the streets. And, furthermore, finally satiated on Italian cuisine, we did an "Asian Food in Milan Day." It was one of the culinary highlights of the

whole vacation. Lamb vindaloo, it turns out, is delicious anywhere.

As I flew home, I reflected on the past two weeks in Europe with gratitude—gratitude heightened by the challenges of the past two years. I've enjoyed law school, but navigating it has been no easy task. Taking this opportunity for a trip was a way to reward myself, and I hope all my readers, when time and money allows, also reward themselves for all the hard work and mental strain of law school. I'm glad I did.

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If you don't want the full commitment of joining our staff, send in a Letter-to-the-Editor at editor@lawweekly.org. This paper is better the more students engage with it. Tell us about an event your organization is hosting or a cool thing around Charlottesville you and your friends got up to. Send in a photo to celebrate an engagement. Tell us if we publish something you disagree with, and be ready for some good-faith debating.

For upperclassmen, you've heard the pitch enough times by now to have built up a decent immunity. If you join us this year, I offer you instead the ability to control the difficulty level of the Sudoku.

The Law School gets its fair share of jokes and complaints, but the community at UVA is what we build. For many people, it's the last few years of unrestricted free time and fun you'll be having before the realities of real employment come in. Make the most of your time here. Go to an event you're nervous about attending alone. Join a softball team, even if you've never played. Maybe even join an organization that will feed you dinner once a week and that has an awesome club room in SL 279. Don't let the toxic rush of 1L fall determine your whole law school path—you are going to find your people, one way or another.

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## Dean

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Achieving those goals is possible in part because of our shared commitment to the extraordinary community you have just joined. We come to the free exchange of ideas with a shared aspiration that our differences serve as a source of humility and strength, empathy and intellectual stimulation. The relationships you build during your time here—with your classmates, faculty, administrators, and staff—will enrich your education, enhance your time at the Law School, and sustain you personally and professionally far into the future.

So when things seem challenging—when you are not quite sure of your footing or next steps—I encourage you to look back. Once you do that, I know you will feel as confident as I do in looking forward as well. At the end of this year, you will be able to see your own transformation. You will, as your predecessors have, come up to me after your last exam of the semester to say, with appropriate pride, that you now appreciate how far you have traveled, that you feel like you are a different person from when you arrived. I know that will be the case, as that is what Law School does. It transforms how we think and what we can do in the world.

I can't wait to hear your answers to my question, again and again. And to see all you learn and all you do.

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## The Worst Summer Associate

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Well, well, well, if it isn't all of my favorite and least favorite peers back on Grounds for another thrilling, yet predictable, year in the oh-so-glamorous Charlottesville, Virginia. I'd like to specifically welcome back all the 3Ls who moved up a tax bracket this summer and finally made their parents proud of them; it's been a long time coming guys, but we finally did it. While life as a 3L will no doubt only consist of bar trip planning and eating at all the expensive Charlottesville restaurants we couldn't afford before, I did miraculously find time in my schedule to offer some insight into summer associate life for those less fortunate non-3Ls. So, let's get right to it. While most of you will waste your time going through the "how was your summer" pleasantries, I skipped right to the important part and asked the real hard-hitting journalism question everyone wanted the answer to: What summer associate drama did everyone get up to while still securing that BigLaw job offer?

On an official note, the Law Weekly of course does not endorse or recommend any of the following actions, as hiring results will vary

greatly by firm. For example, there's no telling whether a firm like Watham and Latkins will tolerate the same shenanigans as Kooley. And before OPP starts having a panic attack, we must disclose that none of these stories are about any flawless UVA Law students, who are model summer associates swimming in job offers and spectacular end-of-summer reviews. Instead, all of these occurrences are about students from much weirder, less collegial schools with inferior career departments who forgot to tell them not to light anything on fire in the office over the summer.

Despite the overwhelming data that 97 percent of summer associates received an offer from their summer firm, there will always be that little voice inside your head saying, "Oh no, they hate me, why would they hire me, I'm an idiot." As a certified voice of reason, I'm here to help you squash your fears and hopefully save you from being that summer associate who has so much no-offer anxiety that they never shut up about it. So first, let's hear what a 3L at a big New York firm had to say about her summer class: "My summer class was definitely one that pushed the boundaries of the firm and probably what the partners were comfortable with. We had

one summer associate who vlogged her entire summer experience and uploaded it to YouTube, including footage of partners' house parties and riding in their cars, as well as all around the office, which everyone found pretty weird and invasive, but not only did she get an offer, they also doubled her scholarship to entice her to return." Another 3L New York summer described her summer class as "brave, but also crazy," as she described how one summer associate once felt some slight homophobia among some of the older partners, so she decided to take it upon herself to serenade these partners by singing "I Kissed a Girl" by Katy Perry at a small firm karaoke event. Not only did this summer receive an offer, they also asked her to conduct interviews at her school's OCI for them.

Now you might be thinking, "Okay, those things are pretty interesting things to do at a job, but what if I seriously screw up?" Well, have I got more stories for you. A summer associate from D.C. had this to say about his small summer class: "Going into the summer, I thought D.C. was going to be a lot more competitive, given the smaller class sizes. While New York firms have

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# Perspectives on Choosing Your Own Academic Adventure

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Two semesters to go. While I'll be delighted to finish law school, with the ticking of the clock comes a certain pressure to make good course selections. And, despite having been through the course lottery and add-drop rigamarole before,<sup>1</sup> with each new semester, I find myself making an unrealistically long list of courses, planning to attend as many first classes as I can before settling into a final schedule for the semester.

However, this course-hopping is inefficient and unnecessarily stressful. So, driven by curiosity, indecision, and a need to provide content for our first *Law Weekly* issue of the semester, I embarked on some highly unscientific research into what my peers

1 For the 1L readers who have yet to experience course selection: The Law School, unlike UVA's undergraduate College and many other institutions, does not simply have students sign up for their courses at an individual allotted time, but rather has them rank their choices and hope. (Detailed information on this process is available on Law-Web.)

prioritize when choosing their classes. (Sorry, 1Ls. You will get to make decisions eventually.)<sup>2</sup>

## Professors Do Matter (And Subject Matter Might)

"I prioritize professor reputation," said Shinae Yoon '23, who's signed up to take her third class with the legendarily popular Professor Cathy Hwang. "I'm pointedly avoiding things I might encounter in practice because I figured 3L was a good opportunity to explore, so I'm

2 Sophia Hernandez Tragesser '24 summarized the process of navigating the lottery in combination with Add/Drop: "My first step is to flag all the classes that pique my interest, either because of their content or the professor. Then I organize them by their time slots and do a March Madness of sorts to decide which competing classes in the same bracket will move on to my top choice. Once I have an optimal set of classes that don't conflict, I assess the damage done by the 3Ls who already got their classes. I make my [course lottery] bids based on which classes have the fewest spots left." (After switching in three classes during Add/Drop, Sophia reported that she is happy with her schedule.)

in National Security Law and the Community Solutions Clinic."

Shinae's approach made me second-guess the priority I'd placed on bar subject classes when I first put together my schedule. After all, I'll have to study for the bar anyway...why not have some very expensive intellectual fun this semester?<sup>3</sup>

Other students, while emphasizing the importance of enjoying a given professor's teaching style, weighed subject matter more heavily. Being interested in the topic of the course was the "number one thing" for an anonymous member of the Class of 2023, who declined to speak on record due to their candor about other course-selection factors (keep reading for the good stuff).

## Timing

"I try not to have anything before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m., unless it's a night class," said Jennifer Scherschel '23, who enjoys having a chunk of clear time in which to do her reading.

In a similar boat, Chris Nolan '24 packed his sched-

3 \$10,000 less expensive than I'd planned for! A drop in the student loan bucket, but a very welcome drop, given the Law School's predilection for hiking up tuition.

ule with morning classes. "It didn't feel limiting," he explained, noting that the large number of early courses enabled him to keep his afternoons pretty clear, even without making convenience the number one priority in his planning.<sup>4</sup>

Students' priorities reflect many commonalities (who doesn't love a free Friday?) and also unique concerns. Vanessa Rodrigues Moody '23 decided to "do something different this semester" regarding timing. A brain tumor survivor, Vanessa organized her schedule around "later class options and classes that meet once or twice a week, instead of three times." The later schedule allows Vanessa to manage morning migraines with medication and safely drive herself to school. "Hopefully, that means I can enjoy the learning much more—and also enjoy my days off more!"

Real Talk from Anonymous Sources

4 This author felt limited! The overlapping M/T/W/TH 11:30 a.m. time slot was so loaded up with good options this semester that I found myself completely unable to choose a class, and will probably end up taking nothing at all in that slot out of pure indecision.

When off the record, members of the 2L and 3L classes shared tips for minimizing academic pain and suffering. "I look at the cold-call-to-reading ratio," one shared. With this framework, a class with light reading and considerable cold calling is fine, as is a class with heavy reading and no cold calls. Lots of reading *and* cold calls? That's a combination sure to provoke semester-long sorrow.

Another student opined that anyone *not* using *vgrades.com* is missing out on critical info. Knowing that virtually everyone will get a B+, say, allows the student to spend time more effectively by concentrating on classes with the potential for higher grades.

A classmate offered some hard and fast rules: "No Friday class. Nothing after 5 p.m. on Thursday."<sup>5</sup>

Can I utilize *all* of these tips to forge the perfect schedule this semester? Probably not, but perhaps you will join me in trying.

5 Shoutout to those who endured Professional Responsibility until 8 p.m. on Thursdays last semester.

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# Hot Girls in the City

The Law Weekly Triumvirate

## Washington, D.C.

First of all, welcome back to school, readers. I hope everyone had a great summer. By that, I mean I hope the new 1Ls did nothing, the 2Ls had fun at their first-ever<sup>1</sup> legal jobs, and the 3Ls were able to have fun amidst the work. Other than the summer before and after my 1L year, members of our esteemed institution were scattered all across the nation, and this year was no different. Each of us had our own experiences that are worth their own articles. But guess what, none of you are on this newspaper,<sup>2</sup> so you get to read this instead.

I spent my summer in the best city imaginable: Washington, D.C.<sup>3</sup> Although a literal swamp that had my face melting at all hours of the day, the city is ideal for people in the law. Every working professional has their career connected to the law, either passing it or cir-

1 Yes, I know some of you were paralegals. Good for you. Most of us are KJD children. Your friends still have some degree of youth and energy.

2 This is something you can change! Come to our meetings on Mondays; we have free pizza and good people.

3 I don't care how often my friends Cara Capocitti and Paige Kennett (both of '23) try to say otherwise, NYC is too much for me.



Pictured: The view from the Washington, DC office of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

cumventing—I mean practicing—it. The tourism is obvious; each monument and museum is worth hours or even a full day of your time. There's just something for everyone. Every single person I met there was able to stay out until 2 a.m. for work events and rally for their 6 a.m. workout class. I could talk about the work I did or the inequality and problems in the city, but this is the first issue of the year. I have plenty of time to make dark jokes about depressing realities.

For now, all I can say is that I hope there are enough of you 1Ls and 2Ls that consider going to D.C. to experience the non-stop insanity that is a city built for heavy partying, working, and worrying. I can't wait to go back and experience it all as a real adult.

## San Francisco

"The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." Despite this not being a quote from Mark Twain, as many believe, it is nonetheless accurate. While there were many gorgeous, 75-degree days spent looking out across the bay at Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Napa to the north, many were closer to 55 and cloudy. In fact, I've never seen a worse Fourth of July celebration. The fireworks' trajectory took them directly into a cloud bank. So, occasionally you'd see the streak of light, hear the whizz, and then see a dull Shrek-green flash of light in the clouds if you were lucky. Otherwise, you just had to trust that somewhere deep in the fog, fireworks were happening, and they were beautiful.

But, when the city was

sunny, it was beautiful. And the cool weather helped immensely with the hills. The city's various inclines were another beast altogether, one that I lived on top of. I have a fond memory of talking to my mom on the phone and telling her not to worry, Trader Joe's was "only a mile away" and "it was completely downhill from my place." Conveniently, I left out the fact that I'd be carrying groceries uphill for a mile on the way home.

All in all, I loved San Francisco. I don't like cities, but it's unlike any other, and that's what I really liked about it. I'm excited to return in 2023!

## Houston

I am from South Florida. When people mention heat and humidity, I metaphorically don't break a sweat. Literally, I am probably already very sweaty. I thought I was ready for Texas summer, and I was wrong. It really is unbearable.

The upside is, Houston's infrastructure is built around the hellish stretch of time from May to September when the UV index is 11 and the air itself hurts your skin until well after sundown. Much like other desert creatures, Houstonians working downtown have a network of air-conditioned tunnels into which to retreat. The tunnels connect all the buildings downtown and are full of restaurants and every kind of store a working professional might need access to, from dry cleaning to an optometrist.

If you are interested even



Pictured: The view of beautiful downtown Houston

remotely in energy work, Houston is the place to be. You have the chance to work with leading experts in both renewables and traditional sources, in a city with some of the craziest infrastructure and zoning in the country. The pace of life and work-life balance is different from the more traditional corporate cities, like New York. The people you work with will be some of the most genuine, easy-going Big Law attorneys you'll ever meet. You'll have the opportunity to work on pro bono projects that affect lives directly in your community, from abortion access to voting rights. There's no income tax, and owning a home is a real possibility. You just need to pack your sunscreen.

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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)

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ELICEGUI, J., delivers the opinion of the court, in which SHMAZ-ZLE, former C.J., RANZINI, LUK, and SCHMID, JJ. join. Current C.J. LAKE concurs and consents to reprinting of this historic decision.

EliceGUI, J., delivered the opinion of the court.

### Summary

As happens every year, the brand-new 1Ls have been running around the school for a week, finding their favorite study spots, surviving their first cold calls, and bonding with their section friends. When left unattended, though, this year's crop of 1Ls developed a complex. They began to think that they rule the school. Well, that comes to a stop today.

### Facts

This morning, three 1Ls—Sally Sue, Mike Matthews, and Hank Hayden—filed a lawsuit alleging intentional infliction of emotional distress and unlawful conversion. Over the last week, the three 1Ls of Section F have developed a morning routine. Sue arrives at school first and puts her stuff down in the conference room across from the bookstore (prime studying territory—arguably the best study spot in the school, since the room has its own thermostat). Sue then goes to grab a coffee and chat with Mandy. Some days she even gets a chocolate chip muffin or a scone. While Sue gets her caffeine and sugar fix, Matthews and Hayden arrive in the conference room and settle in. When Sue gets back, the three brand-new section besties begin discussing the

reading from last night, trying to get down the intricacies of *Penoyer v. Neff* and in rem jurisdiction. This has become a comforting, cozy routine that allows the friends to catch up on section gossip from the day before and work on learning the complexities of doctrine. This morning, though, Sue arrived at school as usual to find her conference room occupied by a group of strangers. A group of tan, beautiful, and a little chubby-looking people were

**Procedural Posture**  
Sue, Matthews, and Hayden reconvened in ScoCo and decided to seek recourse in the school's best forum for addressing wrongs—the Court of Petty Problems. The plaintiffs allege intentional infliction of emotional distress and unlawful conversion. They seek a temporary injunction to prevent the 3Ls from taking over their conference room. At the lower court, the Court of Petty Problems, the brand-new 1L Judge Elaine Cruz

kindergarteners have taken over the school study spaces. I did not want to spend my first class of 3L doing justice instead of paying attention in class—I would much rather spend that time on Twitter. But, c'est la vie, something must be done. Thus, the temporary injunction issued by the lower court is hereby overturned and this court grants summary judgment in favor of the defendants because, under Petty Rule of Civil Procedure One, "we do what we want." The

against SBA that required SBA to provide more than two pizzas at the Thursday Social because people are hungry). According to Judge Cruz, all of these conditions were met. Whether that is so is a question of law and will be reviewed de novo. Judge Cruz misapplied the law because she ignored a basic rule of Petty Law, which will be underscored explicitly today: 1Ls lose. The plaintiffs cannot succeed on the merits for several reasons. First, 1Ls lose. The court acknowledges that 1Ls may win when they are right, but the court assumes 1Ls will misapply the law, and therefore places a higher burden of proof on 1Ls to make good legal arguments. The plaintiffs in this case do not meet that burden. The plaintiffs cannot show that the 3Ls inflicted emotional distress on them because they cannot prove causation. Additionally, emotional distress is a harm within the risk of attending law school. When you pay your first tuition bill or get your first student loan disbursement, you experience shocks that are designed to prepare you for the fact that law school is emotionally stressful. When you experience your first cold call, that experience reinforces the emotional rollercoaster that is law school. How else would we prepare 1Ls for their first finals? Law students may not recover for intentional

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*"Someone has to address the fact that the kindergartners have taken over the school study spaces."*

lounging around feasting on Bodo's Bagels, downing iced coffee, and laughing loudly. Sue was flabbergasted. Who were these creatures and where did they come from?! These were the 3Ls of Section Z, tan from spending all of August deep in vacation mode and a little bit chubbier from all of the steaks their law firms had fed them this summer. The 3Ls were here to reclaim their territory. Sue worked up her courage and walked into the conference room, explaining to the occupants that she and her friends have occupied this room every morning for the past WEEK. Did these interlopers not understand that 1L is the hardest year and that they need this space to focus and do their ten pages of Civ Pro reading? The 3Ls looked at Sue and laughed. "Get outta here," said Riley Rivers. "Talk to me when you have thirty pages of Sec Reg reading that you're never going to do." The rest of the 3Ls cracked up, and Sue ran out of the room in tears.

granted the preliminary injunction for the plaintiffs. According to Judge Cruz, the 1Ls showed a likelihood of success on the merits because 1Ls have a cognizable right over the conference room, gained by occupying it for the last week, and the 3Ls violated that right by taking over the conference room and laughing at Sue. The 3Ls immediately appealed the decision to this illustrious body, the Court of Petty Appeals. The appeal stated, "We don't really feel like writing a full brief, but someone needs to put the 1Ls back in their place."

### Analysis

Although the 3Ls' brief did not comply with the Petty Rules of Civil Procedure and did not really lay out any arguments per se, this Court will hear the appeal and restore order across the Law School. As a Senior Associate Justice 3L, I am not particularly in a mood to do any work, but someone has to address the fact that the

1Ls have not pled any cognizable harms for which redress may be granted and have not shown a likelihood of success on the merits. In order to grant a preliminary injunction, the lower Court of Petty Problems must find: (1) a likelihood of success on the merits, (2) the plaintiffs face a substantial threat of harm or injury without the injunction, (3) the threat is immediate, (4) the balance of harms weighs in favor of the plaintiffs, (5) there is no other available remedy, and (6) granting the injunction serves the public interest. *Hungry Students v. SBA*, 86 Va. 456 (2004) (granting a preliminary injunction

## Faculty Quotes

**R. Verkerke:** "I just moved my beer bottle collection to Charlottesville, and now I don't know what to do."

**T. Haley:** "Lunch is a state of mind."

**T. Frampton:** "Civil damages, by which I mean cash money."

**Nachbar:** "So, for instance, if Dean Goluboff wanted to conspire with other law deans to raise your tuition, and I spoke up against it—and I would, right?—and she fired me or she conspired to get me fired..."

**J. Harrison:** "It's not necessary, Felix, to write 500 pages about this. We could be on the golf course by 3 pm."


**C. Jaffe:** "If I invented a web browser, it would play music while the pages loaded."

**K. Kordana:** "There are a lot of people who have trouble swallowing."

**R. Schragger:** "Now it's full of yuppies and yuppie restaurants because we love exposed brick."

**J. Setear:** "Pandas are incompetent and chonky—all they do is roll around until they find their paper-diet food and then they crap it out because it's too fibrous. They can't even eat correctly."

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infliction of emotional distress from other law students because the emotional distress should be expected. Additionally, the plaintiffs cannot demonstrate unlawful conversion because the 3Ls have a much stronger claim to the conference room. The court takes judicial notice of the fact that this group of 3Ls uses the conference room in question frequently. As an Associate Senior Justice, I have walked past that room on my way to buy Diet Coke from the Bookstore and I have seen all of them. That is enough of a basis to conclude that the 3Ls are there a lot. Therefore, they have a better claim to the room.

**Summary**

In conclusion, the 3Ls are back, baby. We rule the school and everyone else better prepare themselves. 1Ls lose and all cases from here on out will proceed from the presumption that 1Ls are wrong. This is the first of petty applications of this new rule, but I'm sure it won't be the last.

It is so ordered.



# What the (1)L? A Very Practical Guide to Your First Year

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Co-Executive Editor



Welcome, Class of 2025! Orientation may be over, but your law career has just begun. Law school isn't easy, so here are ten tips for making the most of your first year:<sup>1</sup>

**1. Don't struggle alone**

There will be classes where you have no idea what's going on. There will be periods of frustration and doubt. And that's okay. Don't be afraid to reach out if you need help. Go to your professors' office hours, work with your classmates and peer advisors, and reach out to Student Affairs. I cannot overstate the importance of a good support system. We are all here for you, and we want you to succeed.

**2. Keep an eye out for free food**

I once went two weeks almost exclusively eating free food from the Law School. In addition to the glorious *Snack Student Affairs Office*, many events, from student organization meetings to invited

speakers, also offer free food to attendees.<sup>2</sup> Check out the *Law Weekly's* docket of events. "Food provided" is your best friend. Be sure to RSVP if the event requires it!

**3. Get involved**

With over seventy different student organizations, there's something for everyone! Organizations are a great way to get to meet people outside of your section, explore practice areas you're interested in, help out the community, or just take a break from the intensity of your first year. Who knows? You might just find you have a burning passion for hard-hitting journalism and decide to join a certain highly acclaimed student newspaper...

**4. Color code**

While this may not work for everyone, my strategy for cold calls is to color-code key sections in my casebook.<sup>3</sup> This gives me a visual cue for where to look if I need to reference my book, rather than flipping through big blocks of text. Play around with different strategies to see what's most effective for you.

<sup>2</sup> Including the *Law Weekly*—contact us for more details on how you can eat free pizza every week.

<sup>3</sup> For example, I highlight the question in pink, key facts in green, reasoning in orange, and the holding in yellow.

**5. Understand the "why"**

Continuing the theme of cold calls, you won't be able to memorize every single detail of every case you read. Concentrate on *what* the key issue was, *how* the case was resolved, and *why* it was resolved that way. Understanding cases is a learning process. See if you can identify the reasoning used. If the reasoning doesn't make sense to you, ask yourself *why* it doesn't make sense. If the outcome contradicts a case you read previously, try to figure out what differences, if any, made this particular case turn out the way it did.

**6. See Charlottesville**

Though it may not always feel like it, there's more to Charlottesville than North Grounds. Spend time outside in the fresh air, try out new restaurants, go to a winery with friends, and have fun exploring the city! Breaking the cycle of school to home to school will help you get some much-needed rest in your free time.

**7. Plan**

The first year throws a lot of information your way. To avoid feeling overwhelmed or getting surprised by a deadline, make a list of what you want to get done over a certain period of time. This can be daily, weekly, or even monthly. Know what you have to do and when you're going to make time to do it. Afterwards, you get the satisfaction of checking an item off of

your to-do list!

**8. Be flexible**

New events and opportunities arise all the time, as do unforeseen challenges.<sup>4</sup> Be prepared to not have everything work out exactly as intended. You may find yourself needing to change your study style. You may have to rearrange your schedule in order to spend time with your friends from undergrad who decided to drop by for the weekend. Embrace the ups and downs. In fact, the best plans acknowledge that plans will sometimes have to change.

**9. Be kind to yourself**

Your wellbeing is the most important thing. Take care of yourself, and make sure that you're eating well, getting enough sleep, and maintaining your hobbies. To use a cliché, "it's a marathon, not a sprint."

**10. Read the Law Weekly**

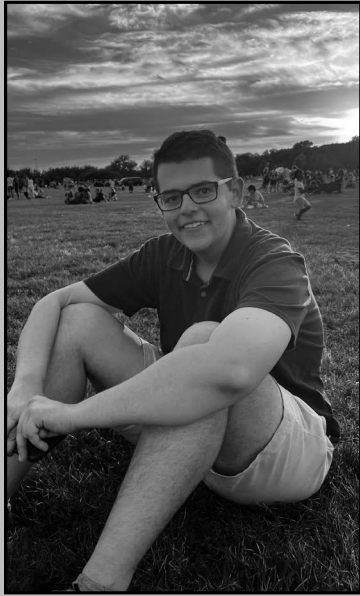
This is non-negotiable. Ten out of ten of UVA Law students recommend reading the *Law Weekly* to ensure academic and personal success.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Make sure to read your email regularly! Everything from social events to career services information comes by email.

<sup>5</sup> Source: the *Virginia Law Weekly*

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## HOT BENCH



Jon Greenstein '24

Interviewed by Julia D'Rozario

**So, Jon, tell me a bit about yourself—where are you from? Where did you go to undergrad?**

Hey! So, I'm Jon, and I'm a 2L. I'm from Florida. I grew up there, and I absolutely loved it. My family, including my twin brother, Rob, still lives in Tampa. And I went to Florida State University. FSU was awesome. It was so much fun to meet people, and I got involved with a lot of activities and community service. It's actually a lot like UVA Law, where the community is really close and there are always things to do

in the city.

**Having a twin must be so much fun. What kind of shenanigans did you and Rob get up to growing up?**

We've switched places in a class before. Also, our voices sound the exact same, so when we're on the phone with our parents, they can't tell who it is—so sometimes we'll switch on the phone too. Once, we switched places in swim practice . . . but I was at a higher level in swimming than he was. So, they threw him in the pool because they thought he could swim. He could not swim.

**How have you liked your first year at UVA? Has anything surprised you?**

My first year was great! My section-mates are some of my closest friends. I'm so lucky to be here and to be surrounded by such great people. I've loved my professors too, and I think my classes have been super interesting. And, honestly, it hasn't been as hard or as crazy as I thought it would be.

**It's awesome that you've been enjoying it so much. Do you have a favorite memory here so far?**

Yes! So, my friends hosted a "livery of seisin" party in honor of Property, and I would say that was pretty fun. I also liked our section

poker nights, and I'm hoping we'll do them again this semester. We've had a lot of great nights here, and it's been great that we still get to hang out and have fun on top of working hard as students.

I feel like law school people are very interesting and unique in a sense. I think I came in expecting everyone to be really professional and nerdy—and the people have been nerdy in the best way, where you can have really cool conversations—but I've been surprised at how normal everyone's been. People still want to go out, do cool things, and socialize, while at the same time being so incredibly smart and driven and dedicated to their goals. It's really inspiring to be around people like that, and I think it makes you a better person and a better lawyer.

**If you could give any piece of advice to the new 1Ls, what would it be?**

So, first off: Everything is going to work out. Everything is going to be okay. We're at this great law school, and you're going to be surrounded by some amazingly smart people. Take advantage of it. There's so much pressure and stress in 1L—everyone's freaking out trying to figure out the law, what they want to do, what they like. The most important thing is to take a step back, take a breath, and realize that you are going to find your place. You are going to find your people. You are going to find

what interests you. Everything will work out—we've already done the hard part. Enjoy your time here.

**That's great advice. What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?**

"Be yourself." So many of us worry so much about what other people think about us or what other people are doing. But at the end of the day, you have to live with yourself twenty-four hours a day. Be true to yourself, and be confident in who you are; some people will love it and some won't. It's just a part of life.

**Lightning round!**

**Favorite spot in C'ville?**

Carter Mountain. You have to pay, which kind of sucks, but it is the best view in Charlottesville. Going there on Thursday nights for the Sunset Series is something that every single student at UVA has to do. It's incredible.

**Favorite snack?**

I love the fruit snacks that they give out in the Student Affairs office. They're the real ones.

**If you were a drink, what drink would you be?**

Because I'm going to professional school, I'll say Dr. Pepper.

**What song is on repeat recently?**

For the last year and a half, it's been "Circles" by Post Malone—such a good one. Recently, it's been "Way It Goes" by Hippo Campus.

**Texting or calling?**

Big texter.

**What was your best Halloween costume ever?**

I went as a DEA agent one year, and my friend Eric went as a criminal. So, I got to spend the entire night chasing him around parties and locking him up, which was pretty fun.

**Do you believe in fate?**

I think that things happen for a reason, and that everyone is on the path they're supposed to be on. So, yeah, in that way, I do believe in fate.

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fifty-plus summer associates, most D.C. firms have less than twenty, so it's a little harder to blend into the background. However, after I saw one of my other summer associates repeatedly be denied alcohol at an open-bar event for being too intoxicated and then not only watched him pass out, but also his date, I for sure thought he was done for. And yet, when offers started going out, he received one, just like the rest of us, and I realized I was being stupid for thinking my typos would do me in." Some other stories that resulted in job offers include taking your shirt off at a firm event, being caught smoking questionable legal substances on the firm's rooftop, wearing shorts to the office, and the most cardinal sin of all: replying all to every email this summer.

So, all you 1L and 2L private sector sellout wannabes, if you're worrying about how serious the no-offer curse is, relax. It will probably be fine. I mean, summer associates have definitely been fired for less, don't get me wrong, but, you know, good luck.

Sincerely, an exhausted but employed 3L.

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
<b>WEDNESDAY – August 31</b>				
13:00	Pro Bono Program Orientation(Session 1)	WB152	Free	☹️
17:00 – 21:00	Wind Down Wednesday at Carter Mountain	1435 Carters Mountain Trail	\$5	For Purchase
<b>THURSDAY – Sept 1</b>				
11:30	Pro Bono Program Orientation(Session 2)	WB152	Free	☹️
13:00	Innocence Project Pro Bono Student Group Interest Meeting	Purcell Reading Room	Free	☹️
17:00	Student Activities Fair	Spies Garden	Free	Snacks at Different Tables!
19:00 – 22:00	Arts from Underground: Art making and karaoke	Ix Art Park	Free	For Purchase
<b>FRIDAY – September 2</b>				
16:00 – 19:30	Oysters at the Winery	Eastwood Farm and Winery	Free	For Purchase
17:30	Fridays After Five: 100 Proof Band	Ting Pavilion 700 E Main St	Free	For Purchase
<b>SATURDAY – September 3</b>				
8:00 – 12:00	Charlottesville City Market	100 Water St E	Free	For Purchase
<b>MONDAY – September 5</b>				
13:00	Women of Color General Body Meeting	Purcell Reading Room	Free	Yes!
17:00	Latin American Law Organization General Body Meeting	WB103	Free	☹️
<b>Tuesday – September 6</b>				
10:30 and 13:30	Daily Tour of Indigenous Australian Art	Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of UVA	Free	☹️

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