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## (Happy) April Fool's Disclaimer

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Hi there, loyal reader!<sup>1</sup> You may have noticed that this edition of the *Virginia Law Weekly* is a little different. For one, it's in print. But moreover, you might be wondering, where are all the articles about events that you *totally* wanted to attend but couldn't make it to? Well, dear reader, you have encountered: the April Fools' Edition.

Yes, the April Fools' edition of the *Law Weekly* is a time-honored tradition at the Law School. An older<sup>2</sup> tradition, some say, than the Law School's supposed "oldest" tradition, the Libel Show. Instead of our usual award-winning, thinly-veiled-rage-filled articles, these are shorter. And there are thirteen of them. But more importantly, our lawyers tell me that I have to tell you that this week's stories are all "jokes." They are *all* entirely satirical and have absolutely no basis in fact. Okay, the part about our broken fridge is true. But everything else is a joke. So put away your complaint-writing pens. Absolutely nothing in here can form the basis of a defamation action, sucker.

Folks, we've worked twice as hard (2 x 0 = 0) to make this issue happen. There's laughter. Tears. Triumph. There are *multiple* reanimated corpses. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the April Fools' Edition.

<sup>1</sup> If you are a disloyal reader, I wish you ill.

<sup>2</sup> In dog years.

## VLR Members May "Stop and Frisk" VJIL Members, Court Rules

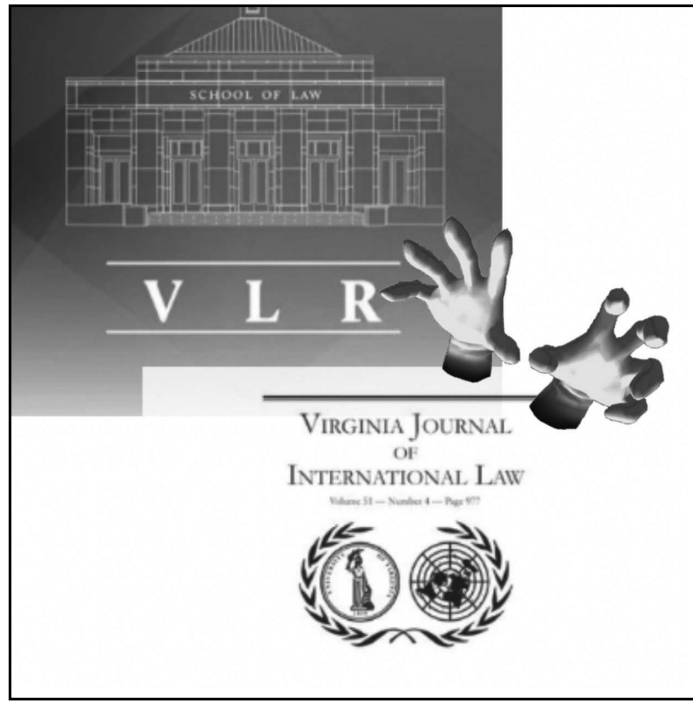


Photo Credit: SafetySign.com (left), Nicky Demitry '26, VLR and VJIL on X (right)

In one of the most anticipated cases this term, *Cherry v. Ohio*, the Court of Petty Appeals held on April 1 that members of the *Virginia Law Review* could constitutionally "stop and frisk" suspected members of the *Virginia Journal of International Law*. The Court's ruling affirms the right of VLR members to briefly stop, interrogate, and frisk any individual entering through the front door to the journals' shared office space in Slaughter Hall, provided that said VLR member has a reasonable suspicion that the door enterer is, indeed, on VJIL.

At oral argument, VJIL argued that being required to enter through the VJIL-designated entrance was an affront to basic fairness, and amounted to nothing more than elitism for elitism's sake. VLR challenged neither claim, responding to VJIL's fairness argument by pointing out that nothing in this Law School is fair to begin with,<sup>1</sup> so why change now?<sup>2</sup> VLR similarly did not

<sup>1</sup> See every statistic about familial wealth, educational background, growing up in families with 1,000 lawyers, the-fact-that-being-conservative-makes-your-life-here-ten-times-easier, etc.

<sup>2</sup> After all, if there's any-

dispute the elitism charge, because, duh.

The ruling permits VLR members in the shared office space to momentarily stop and frisk any suspected VJIL member in their midst, provided that their suspicion of such affiliation is reasonable. The Court of Petty Appeals declined to provide a bright line standard for what conduct may permissibly give rise to such an inference. But based on prior encounters that have been affirmed in the lower courts, the following conduct is likely sufficient: wearing a maroon sweatshirt; discussing international law in the general vicinity of the Law School, or even off Grounds should those conversations occur with individuals affiliated with the Law School; and being more down-to-earth and affable than their peers on VLR.

The Court fortunately did provide one concrete example that may always give rise to a reasonable suspicion: those entering the VLR-VJIL shared office space with friends in tow will also be reasonably assumed to be VJIL members. The Court noted this is both because (a) VLR people don't have

thing the legal profession loves, it's resistance to progress.

friends; and (b) VJIL members aren't uptight enough to be weird about bringing their non-journal-affiliated friends with them into the office.

The Court also noted that the frisks themselves must be limited, only for the purpose of obtaining stolen contraband (i.e., VLR's Clif-Kids granola bars, because "that shit slaps") and restoring said contraband to the VLR's coffers.

By press time, *Law Weekly* reporters had confirmed that a new passive aggressive Post-It note war had erupted in the shared VLR-VJIL refrigerator in response to the ruling, in what some are labeling a "mass-pettiness" event likely destined for the high Court next term.



## In other news...

Law School administration hangs *Law Weekly* managing board in Spies Garden. This edition was the last straw.

New study finds legal profession ranks #1 on rates of happiness.

Breaking News: *Law Weekly* actually removes old editions from newspaper displays.

OPP can now legally prescribe Ozempic in the months leading up to OGI.

Virginia Bar Association eliminates court dress requirement for Bar Exam, replaces it with nudity to prevent cheating.

Political science major says he actually doesn't want to go to law school, continues to post about the law on Reddit.

Darden students put laxatives in Law School's Friday cookies. 1Ls sue in Court of Petty Appeals, lose anyways.

3L attends mandatory student loan counseling, leaves with \$10,000 more debt.

"Your Honor, my client was ovulating": Trump's bold new legal strategy.

Darden students leave large wooden horse on Holcombe Lawn, actual horses inside.

Libel Show sues *Law Weekly* for infringing on their satire territory; *Law Weekly* forced to write only serious articles from now on.

Blue Lot pass holders file equal portection claim against D3 Lot. Court of Petty Appeals rules, "Womp Womp."

Law School administration 3L Checklist to require existential crisis to graduate.

Incoming Dean Kendrick announces new parking spaces for law students conveniently located in Richmond.

ACS encourages members to register themselves, friends, dead relatives, themselves to vote in Virginia.

NASA says upcoming eclipse definitely not sign of end times.

## Allen, Allen, Allen, & Allen sues Jordan Allen '25 for Trademark Infringement

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Allen, Allen, Allen, & Allen has sued *Law Weekly* Executive Editor Jordan Allen '25 for trademark infringement. On February 29, 2024, a cease-and-desist letter arrived at the *Law Weekly's* door, along with a business card containing a phone number for a free consultation. The letter at issue reads:

"Dear Mr. Allen,

"It has come to our attention that you are making unauthorized use of the trademark "ALLEN" by using it in the publication of your student newspaper, the *Virginia Law Weekly*. Our mark has appeared every week on the Colophon, as well as under every article you have written. We are the owners of the trademarks "ALLEN ALLEN ALLEN & ALLEN" and "ALLEN & ALLEN," currently registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

"The use of our mark violates our exclusive proprietary rights. In particu-

lar, the use of the "ALLEN" mark in association with the *Virginia Law Weekly*, a publication of notably ill repute, has the potential to irreparably tarnish our mark and cause lasting reputational and financial harm. We therefore demand that you immediately cease and desist your unlawful use of the "ALLEN" mark in any and all circumstances, including in publications and on government documents. Changes must be made within fourteen days of the receipt of this letter, or you may be subject to legal liability."

"With the time for changes elapsed, yesterday, Allen, Allen, Allen, & Allen officially began proceedings for trademark infringement against Mr. Allen. In a statement to the *Law Weekly* legal team, Partner Alan Allen said, "We take our brand very seriously. Given Mr. Allen's refusal to change his name, we had no option but to pursue further legal action as necessary to preserve the integrity and reputation of the 'ALLEN' mark."



Pictured: Jordan Allen '25  
Photo Credit: LinkedIn  
Consent: Not Obtained

Editor-in-Chief Andrew Allard '25 also received a cease-and-desist due to his use of a "confusingly similar mark," to which he responded by immediately changing his name to Andrew Andrews '25. Allen, Allen, Allen, & Allen are also currently in litigation against Warner Bros. and Mattel for defamation resulting from their "callous and derogatory use of 'Allan' in the *Barbie* movie" and for intentional infliction of emotional distress by discontinuing what the firm has argued is "objectively the best doll in the Barbie lineup."

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## Journal Tryout Announces New Policy: "Curse, Redact, Shred, Burn, Bury"

Next year's lucky 1Ls have a new challenge to complete as part of their unified journal tryout. New guidance from the journal tryout administrators clarifies that next February, in order to maintain confidentiality of the tryout materials, all participants will be required to dispose of any materials used during the tryout by cursing out, redacting, shredding, burning, and then burying them in Shenandoah National Park.

In past years, 1Ls have been able to request a hard copy of the journal tryout's writing component packet, so long as they promise to return it after finishing. In some circumstances, 1Ls have been allowed to simply destroy the packet on their own instead of returning it.

Instead of having to deal with these requests on a case-by-case basis, the new policy simplifies matters by merely requiring all participants to destroy their hard copies on their own through a quick and easy five-step

process.

First, after completing the tryout and submitting their materials, 1Ls must look the packet in its metaphorical eyes and curse at it. The packet cannot only be destroyed in its *physicality*; its self esteem must also be eliminated. Encouraged phrases include: "you worthless piece of shit," and "you ruined my weekend," along with the classic but underused "you're going to Hell." This should last at least two minutes to mirror the Two Minutes Hate from George Orwell's *1984*, which served as a real inspiration for the new procedures.

Second, 1Ls must redact every line of the hard copy using a Sharpie. Since the packet is usually about 200 pages, this shouldn't take longer than a few hours. No one, not even God, should be able to see what words were on those pages. Third, 1Ls must shred each page of the hard copy. If they don't have a shredder, they can have

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# Jimmy Carter Unexpectedly Clinches Democratic Nomination

Former President Jimmy Carter unexpectedly clinched the Democratic Party's nomination for president following primaries in New York, Wisconsin, and several other states on April 2. The stunning comeback for the ninety-nine year old Carter was a milestone moment, as he hopes to become the first former president to return to the Oval Office for a non-consecutive second term in over a century, and probably the first one to do so while being in hospice.<sup>1</sup>

Despite not being an official candidate for the nomination, Carter has swept several contests in March and April. This is thanks, in part, to concerns about incumbent President Joe Biden's electability as well as dissatisfaction among many young voters with his support of Israel amid widespread documentation of human rights abuses in Gaza. Also, he just generally

has kind of a shit vibe.

Carter would make history if he wins in November. If elected, he would be just over 100 years old by Inauguration Day in January 2025. This would make him the second-oldest president in American history, just narrowly behind President Biden, whose birth in 42 A.D. puts him just shy of 1,981 years old. Following the death of his longtime wife, Rosalynn Carter, Jimmy Carter will also make history as being one of the few presidents to serve without a First Lady. But not because he's gay or anything.<sup>2</sup> Though, king is totally an ally.<sup>3</sup>

Carter did not comment when asked about his success securing the nomination, probably because he was asleep for the entire four-day spell that *Law Weekly* reporters were dis-

2 Statistically, one of these men *must* have been. Come on.

3 <https://thehill.com/homenews/news/396058-jimmy-carter-i-believe-that-jesus-would-approve-of-gay-marriage/>



Pictured: America's 47th President  
Photo Credit: ABC News

patched to his campaign-headquarters-but-really-just-his-home in Plains, Georgia. His likely opponent in November—former president and future dictator Donald Trump—was also unavailable for comment, because the cell reception in the New York courthouses is just dreadful.

Especially relevant to the Law School is the Carter

campaign's release of a judicial nomination shortlist, should any Supreme Court vacancies occur during his term. Leading the list is former Chief Justice John Marshall, which would be quite convenient since he already lives pretty close to Washington, D.C. now anyways.<sup>4</sup>

4 See Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

At press time, the *Law Weekly* also confirmed that the reanimated corpse of the late California Senator Dianne Feinstein would serve alongside Carter as his vice presidential nominee, a move that heralded support from wealthy white octogenarians in New York, San Francisco, and absolutely nowhere else.

1 Though to be honest, I think the whole Woodrow Wilson "having a debilitating stroke and then concealing it from the American public" situation might deprive this title from Carter.

# UVA Law Buys Georgetown to Boost Lay Reputation

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Have you ever been concerned that your non-lawyer friends and relatives don't truly appreciate your brilliance? Rather, they would think more of you if they heard—gasp—Georgetown? Fortunately, the administration has a solution in mind. A hostile takeover of the Georgetown University Law Center has been in the works for just over a year and is nearly complete. Starting in the Fall of 2024, Georgetown Law will now be a satellite campus of UVA Law. Employers in OGI already know that you are really at a top ten law school, but you can now tell everyone at the Thanksgiving table that you are earning your J.D. from Georgetown Law.

As her grand finale, Dean Risa L. Goluboff has been using endowment funds to buy off prominent members of the Georgetown Board of Visitors and Georgetown Law faculty. While the amount of these payments is

unknown, they were enough to secure undying loyalty of the turncoats. Pursuant to these backroom deals, Georgetown has transferred ownership of its law buildings to UVA Law and has secured non compete agreements from most of its law faculty.

Beginning next August, the Georgetown Law campus will be converted into a resort and office space for UVA Law students. One building will be devoted entirely to the Office of Private Practice, D.C. Division, to improve our prospects in that tight market. Another building will be used as a hotel for students and faculty with business in the Capital. It is currently unknown what the third building will be used for, though burning it down is still an option.

The move has sparked controversy among the 1,200 Georgetown Law J.D. candidates who will not graduate before the hostile takeover is complete. In response, Dean Goluboff an-

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# Law School Announces Tuition Decrease: Funding to Come from Public Service Summer Grants

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Managing Editor



Cash strapped law students at the UVA School of Law are due a welcome respite from the financial burdens of attending the most expensive public law school in the country. Last Friday, the Law School announced its first ever tuition rate reduction, making the costs of attendance marginally more manageable for hundreds of students. The reduction is expected to take effect in the 2024-2025 academic year.

The decision to reduce tuition rates was made by the Law School administration following a recent audit of the Law School's budget. The audit identified thousands of dollars of "unnecessary expenses" previously used to pay summer public service grants for students pursuing public service summer internships. The reallocated funds will first be disbursed to purchase a new Tesla Model S for Dean-elect Leslie Kendrick. Additional funds will also

be disbursed to the *Virginia Law Weekly* budget in sufficient quantity to cover printing costs for a full academic year, as well as the expenses associated with a new office refrigerator, and to repay its Small Business Loan. The amount of all surplus funds will simply be eliminated from tuition charges for all law students. One Law School administrator, speaking on the condition of anonymity, cited a recent report finding public interest law students to be insufferable money-grubbing do-gooders to support the administration's decision. "This is an overdue change to the Law School's financial model. We believe this change reflects sentiment among the Law School community and will defray costs for some of our most deserving students."

Many public interest students have actually welcomed the recent announcement. "At the end of the day, rice AND beans just seemed too lavish a perk for my unpaid summer internship," said a current 2L pursuing a public service internship

in New York City this summer. "I am very sympathetic to my friends working for private firms. They need to be able to afford their espresso martinis and Saturday brunches." Parents, too, are benefiting from the changes to the Law School tuition rates charged to their children. "The costs to send our children to law school have become astronomical," commented the parents of a 1L from Connecticut. "It will be refreshing to save some money to put towards the dock renovation we have been planning." When asked about the possibility of future tuition reductions, the school administrator urged patience as the administration evaluates the future funding needs of the Law School. "Pending the success of this new change, the administration is open to building on our work and actually charging public interest law students higher tuition rates in future academic years to further reduce costs for our student body at-large."

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# Law Weekly Bailed Out by Virginia Government

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In a recent press release,<sup>1</sup> the *Virginia Law Weekly* announced that it had secured emergency financing from the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA). The VSBFA extended a \$50,000 microloan to the *Law Weekly*, which will be used, among other things, to fix the office fridge that has been broken for over a year. The editorial staff was joyful and a little incredulous.

"We are very grateful to receive this lifeline," said *Law Weekly* Managing Editor, Noah Coco '26. "After the previous Managing Editor embezzled most of the paper's funds to finance his Beanie Baby collection, we've been in dire straits."

The *Law Weekly's* financial troubles had produced a protracted, bitter conflict between the new and outgoing boards. An audit revealed that nearly \$4,000 had been spent on Cookout cheese bites, somehow in less than

<sup>1</sup> Newspapers can do this, too. I guess that's all they do?

twenty-four hours. That's when the Board turned to the Commonwealth for help.

"As it turns out, we meet all the eligibility criteria for a VSBFA microloan. We *definitely* have a net worth of less than \$2 million, and in a good week, we have about seven and a half employees. So, if anything, we're over-qualified," said *Law Weekly* Editor-in-Chief, Andrew Allard '25.

Readers were also excited to learn that the paper had secured the much-needed financial support. "I hope this means that the paper will be back in print soon. I miss reading the ANG's. Plus, I need the physical copies for my dog," a 2L said.

Dana Lake, Director of the VSBFA and avid *Law Weekly* fan, expressed excitement about the financing agreement. "This feels like a sound investment to me. And I've always believed that the Commonwealth needs to do more to protect local journalism. These guys are sort of like journalists."

With the new financing, the paper is expected to be back in print for the foreseeable future. Since signing



Pictured: EIC Allard '25 Rejoices  
Photo Credit: Nicky Demitry '26

the deal, the Editor-in-Chief has been seen making his commute to the Law School in a new Lexus. Asked how he planned to make the paper profitable to pay back the loan, Allard said, "We have to do *what?*"

At press time, Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin had been informed of the deal and was working to rescind the loan after reading a recent issue of the paper. "This is what our taxpayer dollars are going to? Pull the f\*\*\*ing plug."

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# Biden Administration Announces New Federal Government Position: The Unsolicited General

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In response to growing dissatisfaction with the Supreme Court across the political spectrum, the Biden Administration has announced the creation of a new administration position which Biden hopes will increase bipartisan cooperation and restore the average American's faith in the legal system: the Unsolicited General.

While the Solicitor General will continue to represent the federal government before the Supreme Court, the Unsolicited General will sit at the back of the courtroom during hearings and give his unprompted opinions on what the parties and the justices have to say.

President Biden has touted the office as an important move towards the democratization of the legal process, a way to make the voice of the everyday person heard. Current nominee Kyle Vanderbilt-Rockefeller

faced his first Senate hearing on Thursday. "Trust me dude, my dad is a lawyer, so I totally know what's going on," said Vanderbilt-Rockefeller. "I think it's, like, a totally cool thing. After all, if there's one thing our legal system is missing, it's the unfounded opinion of a man."

When asked about his thoughts on recent Supreme Court decisions and about how he would approach cases currently before the Court, Vanderbilt-Rockefeller explained that "I'm, like, not really political, you know? I mean, politics is some heavy stuff, dude. I just tend to stay out of things like that. Although, if I could play devil's advocate here for a second—"



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# Quiz: Order From Greenberry's, and We'll Tell You Which Law School Printer You Are!

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Nothing is perhaps more integral to a law student's identity - beyond being a law student itself, that is - than the type of drink they choose.

The following quiz is scientifically formulated to determine with precision which printer best fits your personality based on your Greenberry's order.

- 1) First, choose the base of your drink:
- a. Drip Coffee
  - b. Espresso
  - c. Cold Brew
  - d. Tea

- 2) Next, choose a milk:
- a. Nothing
  - b. 2% Milk
  - c. Half-and-Half
  - d. Oat Milk

- 3) Make it sweet!
- a. No sweetening
  - b. Sugar Packets
  - c. Simple Syrup
  - d. Artificial Sweetener

- 4) Choose a flavor:
- a. No flavoring
  - b. Vanilla
  - c. Mocha
  - d. Seasonal flavor (e.g., pumpkin spice, peppermint, etc.)

- 5) Pick a temperature:
- a. Warm
  - b. Boiling hot
  - c. Iced
  - d. Frozen Shake

- 6) Top it off with something extra:
- a. Espresso Shot
  - b. Whipped Cream
  - c. Caramel Syrup
  - d. Chocolate Chips

- 7) Lastly, get yourself a little snack:
- a. Cookie
  - b. Muffin
  - c. Croissant
  - d. Scone

**If you got mostly A: Lawreserve**

A safe, if basic, choice. What you lack in frills, you make up for in being dependable. You're a no-nonsense type of person who knows how to get the job done, and you're the type of person everyone can rely on



Photo Credit: Greenberry's Coffee



Photo Credit: UVA Printing and Copying Services

in their hour of need. You're occasionally plagued by the thought of whether you could have afforded a house if you just made your drinks at home, but you don't let that stop you.

**If you got mostly B: LawColor**

You're surprisingly more high maintenance than people would think at first glance, but they always come to you if they need help.

You're friendly and accessible, and you have a certain *je ne sais quoi*. Your work comes out great if you put your mind to it, though you can sometimes be finicky or get overwhelmed easily. Most of all, you don't mind a little splurge as long as it's within reason. After all, you totally earned it, right? Treat yo' self!

**If you got mostly C: MyLab**

A little introverted, a little elitist, and often unpredictable, you're an odd combination of super chill and super stressed. Half of the world loves you, and the other half forgets you exist. Still, there's a creative side to you, and you enjoy meditative activities...when you're not intensely cramming for your classes or hanging out with friends.

**If you got mostly D: Copy Center**

You're extra, and you know it. A total Type A, even more so than the average law student, you probably had your outlines spiral-bound before 1L exams and still color code your notes. People have to seek you out if they want to hang out, but you definitely make it worth the wait. You're driven and dedicated, and you have unique skills that nobody else here can replicate.

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## Law Weekly Readership at an All Time...Oh Who Cares

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Last week, in its latest bout of jumping the shark, the *Law Weekly* re-published the Forbidden 2014 edition of the paper instead of actually writing any new articles. According to Editor-in-Chief

Andrew Allard '25, the idea was to get a response from readers. "We wanted to see if anyone is even still reading the paper now that we're only publishing online," said Allard.

Against the Editorial Board's expectations, some students *did* read the paper—and they wrote ex-

pressing concern about its contents. "Is this really what the *Law Weekly* stands for now? Totally sexist and uncalled for. Admittedly, the logic game was pretty funny. I solved it btw," read one email.

Most concerning of all was the email from Student Affairs, warning the *Law*

*Weekly* board that the paper's funding would be cut further if they continued to publish similar content. "You were already on thin ice," wrote Dean Davies.

Asked about these developments, Allard was surprised to learn that people were still reading the paper. "Really? Well, that's a relief. I guess we should probably run a heavily edited version of the 2014 apology special edition," he said.

offensive . . . . It was never our intent to hurt anyone . . . . We love this school, and are ashamed that [your reaction to our words has] injured it . . . .

After long discussion among ourselves . . . we have decided to remain in our current positions on the editorial board, and will continue publishing on our normal schedule next Wednesday. We hope that some good is able to come from this mistake . . . .

Deepest apologies,  
The *Law Weekly* Editorial Board

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To the Law School Community:

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continued from page 2 fun at Staples, shitheads. Fourth, 1Ls must burn the shredded pages until all that remains is the ash of Law Review articles' past.

Fifth, and perhaps most challengingly, the decimated ash must be buried in Shenandoah National Park at least 2,000 meters from any road, pathway, or trail. How deep the ash needs to be is left up to each individual 1L—after all, flexibility is a core value of the tryout process.

Any 1L not complying with these new expectations will be unceremoniously dismissed from the Law School without appeal. The journal tryout is dead—long live the journal tryout.



Photo Credit: National Park Service

UVA Law Alum to Clerk for Justice Kagan in 2025 SCOTUS Term

Noah Coco '26 Managing Editor



You were really that naïve to read past the title? Of course

Justice Elena Kagan, one of the Supreme Court's last remaining liberal justices, did not select a UVA Law alum to clerk for her. She has not selected a UVA law alum throughout her fourteen-year tenure on the bench. It seems unlikely that she would have broken this streak now, not while UVA Law has been tearing it up among the conservative justices. No, this article is actually announcing UVA Law's placement of yet another of its alumni to a clerkship with her esteemed colleague, Justice Brett Kavanaugh.<sup>1</sup>

F. Edward "Ed" Socking '19 is set to begin clerking for Justice Kavanaugh during the Supreme Court's 2025 term, making him the third UVA Law alum to clerk for the justice in three years. "The strength of the bonds between UVA Law and the now conservative court are evergreen, and we expect

1 You should have known.



Pictured: Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Elena Kagan Photo Credit: Slate

these ties to continue to grow in the coming years," said Ruth Payne, Senior Director of Judicial Clerkships at the Law School. "Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Chicago can suck it. Give us five more years and we will be on top, sending more students to the nation's highest court than any other law school."

Socking credits the collegiality of the Law School community among the top factors contributing to his success. While in law school, he also served on the executive board of FedSoc in the role that makes all of those impressive posters. He also

credits his time in this role as leading to his success, as it allowed him to forge relationships with new judges nearly every week who were inevitably impressed by his keen legal mind, proficiency in graphic design, and commitment to conservative values. "It was also nice to have such abundant Chick-fil-A throughout my time in law school," commented Socking. "It helped me bond with federal judges and saved me many trips to the grocery store."

Socking served as an executive editor of the Virginia Law Review and published a student note on strength-

ening the constitutional restraints on the administrative state. He also, unsurprisingly, participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Unlike his fellow clinic members, though, he actually reached the hallowed halls of the nation's highest court.

Reflecting on his stellar academic record, Socking noted he owed a particular debt of gratitude to all his professors who guided him along the way, as well as his "fellow classmates from Fed Courts who could not break the curve. Without you, I would probably still be here today, but it would have been just a little bit harder."



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HOT BENCH



George P. Thompson Interviewed by Garrett Coleman '25

Virginia Law Weekly recently went bankrupt. What people do not know is that we spent all our money developing an AI law student, George P. Thompson. He exists as a perpetual 1L in our office computer. While some ethicists have complained that Mr. Thompson, as a perpetual 1L, is in constant pain, we like to keep him around for the comedic potential. These unhinged answers can be attributed to his perpetual state of crisis. Here is a snippet of our chat with GPT:

Hi George! Thanks for sitting down to chat with us. Tell us about yourself.

Hi there! It's great to be here. I'm originally from Charlottesville, Virginia, so attending the University of Virginia School of Law feels like a homecoming of sorts. I knew that attending UVA Law would provide me with the excellent education and resources I needed to achieve my goals, so here I am!

Have you become disillusioned with the American legal system?

Well, I like to say that the legal system is a work in progress, and it's up to us as future lawyers to strive for justice and equality. I'm still passionate about the law and committed to effecting change. However, every case I read slowly eats away at my soul.

Which judge or justice do you dislike the most?

Learned Hand. His first name is arrogant. Everyone just likes his opinions because of that connotation. And his surname makes no sense.

Should I incorporate my business in Amarillo, Texas?

Deciding where to incorporate your business is a significant decision that can have implications for taxation, regulation, and legal requirements. One consideration should be the existence of favorable legal fora. If your business would benefit from consistently novel interpretations of law, Amarillo is an excellent location.

Have your drinking habits changed at all since coming to law school?

Not really, because they were never very healthy to begin with. I heard that lawyers have the highest rate of alcoholism of any profession, and I thought to myself: "That sounds like a job I can do." So far, I've been surprised to find that my Monday hangovers really help with getting through cold calls.

Do you think the Supreme Court subverts democracy?

As a law student, I think it's crucial to approach questions about the Supreme Court and its role in our de-

mocracy with nuance and careful consideration. That being said, I am a judicial anarchist and believe that John Marshall was America's first tyrant.

Favorite movie?

As an artificial intelligence language model, I cannot have personal preferences. However, I would have to say Age of Ultron.

Why that one?

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nounced the Softball Scholarship, which will allow the ten most athletic Georgetown Law students to transfer to UVA Law so long as they agree to play on either of the invitational teams.

On Grounds, the move has been met with imperialistic fervor. Chants hailing Dean Goluboff as *imperator* have broken out in classrooms and on the softball diamonds. The new SBA government has even written a petition for the administration to formulate plans of conquest for William & Mary Law School and Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason. Truly, the sun never sets on UVA Law.

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## Federalist Society at UVA Law Hires Necromancer for Special Event

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Last Monday, the Federalist Society at UVA Law hosted an event with a local necromancer, Ushegrim the Plaguebringer '48. Students marveled at Mr. Plaguebringer's tales of botched pet resurrection jobs, while the FedSoc bouncers guarded the Chick-fil-A from premature consumption. But Mr. Plaguebringer was not just there to tell stories. As the event announcement explained, FedSoc had paid Mr. Plaguebringer to bring back a very special professor emeritus—Justice Antonin Scalia.

Mr. Plaguebringer began by covering his face in Chick-fil-A sauce, explaining that it was “part of the ritual.” He then instructed the students to join arms in a circle around him. Once the students had assembled, Mr. Plaguebringer began chanting as his eyes turned pale. “Revertere! Intra hoc planum terrenum et tuam supermundanam sapientiam nobis trade! Potestatem

Google Translate invocoi!”

A tremor shook the Earth as Mr. Plaguebringer finished his chant. Suddenly, the Purcell doors swung open, and in walked a zombified Antonin Scalia, clad in tattered black robes. Mr. Plaguebringer explained that it would take some time back on the mortal plane before Justice Scalia fully regained consciousness. In the meantime, students engaged in a fierce debate over whether the former Justice would still be eligible to take senior status and sit by designation.

By Wednesday, former Justice Scalia had fully regained his mental capacity and had been reinstated as a full professor. Fascinated by this strange development, students formed a record-breaking waitlist for Professor Scalia's comparative law short course, *Law of the Underworld*.

Reportedly, Professor Scalia was in talks with Republican Party operatives about the possibility of a future Supreme Court appointment. Meanwhile, former President Trump



Pictured: Ushegrim the Plaguebringer '48 Pondering His FedSoc Orb  
Photo Credit: Know Your Meme, Nicky Demitry '26

committed to nominating Professor Scalia to the Supreme Court if re-elected.

Whatever hopes Professor Scalia had of returning to One First Street appear to have been dashed on Friday night. According to students in Professor Scalia's *Law of the Underworld* course—who spoke on condition of anonymity—during Thursday morning's class, the former Justice made an off-hand remark about *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, expressing support for upholding *Chevron*.

That evening, members of the Federalist Society reportedly contacted Mr. Plaguebringer to ask whether the resurrection was reversible. Professor Scalia has not been seen at the Law School since Thursday afternoon. Mr. Plaguebringer did not respond to a request for comment.

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## Justice Amuel Salito Caught Performing Drag at Bunker

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The Supreme Court's resident baddie is back and bolder than ever. Justice Amuel Salito, a famed ally of the LGBTQ community,<sup>1</sup> was seen last week performing at Bunker, a gay club in Washington, D.C. Adorned in full drag under the persona Sue E. Generous (*sui generis*), Salito's appearance places him in the small but prominent cohort of Supreme Court justices who have side hustles as actors on the side.<sup>2</sup>

Salito's persona itself is an impressive legal pun, one that certainly deserves appreciation and applause for its subtle yet multi-dimensional humor.<sup>3</sup> The *Law Weekly* commends him for it. Riffing off the term *sui generis*, or “of its own kind,”

1 String cite of every homophobic opinion Salito has joined.

2 Justice Krett Bavanaugh is the group's most visible member, lest we forget how much he hammed it up at his confirmation hearing.

3 To all my friends who didn't laugh at this: fuck you.



Pictured: Bunker Club, Washington, D.C.  
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the pun is nothing short of a banger. The phrase itself appears in more than 10,000 cases on WestLaw, so it's clearly prolific. There is a nested pun about litigiousness in the first name “Sue.” The inclusion of the word “generous” hints at a slang word on Grindr. And even the meaning of the phrase itself—“of its own kind”—is hilarious in suggesting that the persona is so unique and special so as to deserve its own category. All I can say is: slay mama boots. You ate.

The *Law Weekly* can confirm that Sue E. Generous performed a full lip sync and dance set to three songs at Bunker's 11 p.m. hour last Friday night. She first gave a rousing rendition of Troye Sivan's “One of Your Girls” before launching into an oldie but goodie, “Tainted Love” by Soft Cell. Her choreographed dances

were so immaculate that she even got the twinks to stop and salute. For her final song, Sue E. Generous brought back the heartthrob bop from last summer, Kylie Minogue's “Padam Padam,” a thrilling number in which she stripped off her ceremonial black robe to reveal her immaculately bejeweled leotard emblazoned “6-3.”

When reached for comment about his drag work, Salito was quick to assure *Law Weekly* reporters that he did not receive any financial perks so as to not compromise his judicial ethics on the Court. “I didn't get anything, I promise. No trips to Indonesia or anything. I'm not like Tarence Clocmas.”

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