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## PILA 2018: Welcome to the Wizarding World of Public Interest

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UVA Law's annual PILA Auction has undergone a makeover that would make even Neville Longbottom jealous. The Live Auction will take place Thursday, November 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Caplin Pavilion, and the Silent Auction at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel will be Saturday, November 10 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Not only is the PILA Auction a highlight of students' social calendars, it is the main fundraiser for the guaranteed funding of students participating in public interest summer internships.

"The reason for having the PILA Auction is to raise money to fund the grants that are given to 1Ls and 2Ls who summer in the public sector and have met the prerequisites for the grant," Auction Director Shivani Patel '19 said. "Taking into account faculty and student feedback, we figured that the best way to increase the efficacy of the Auction was to separate the Live Auction from the Student Silent Auction, enabling greater faculty and student involvement. Since we're holding the Live Auction in Caplin Pavilion during the week, it's easily accessible to everyone, and bidding on items will be made easier as noise and lighting will not be an issue. Furthermore, we plan on publishing the Auction Program in advance of the Live Auction and will indicate the times that certain items will be auction[ed] off so students and faculty can filter in and out."

This makeover is an effort to allow law students, who tend to work with limited individual budgets, to coordinate as groups for bids on high desired items as well as to open the Auction up to faculty. The Live Auction will retain the big-ticket items such as Dean Risa Goluboff and Professor Richard Schragger's ice cream social, while the Silent Auction will feature donations from local businesses as well as student donations. Patel added that surprises may be in store at the Live Auction.

"Professors Mitchell and Ferzan are our hosts for the Live Auction, meaning they will have to share the stage, so I'd say expect the unexpected," said Patel. Professor Mitchell has suggested that he might have a surprise planned that goes beyond the or-

## Substitute 'Fauxfield' Bash A Surprise Hit



A spirited performance from Panic! At the District Court. Photo Kolleen Gladden, Virginia Law Weekly.

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Even without galloping horses, prancing ponies, wide open fields to frolic in, and some other fourth thing that defines the otherwise-annual event,<sup>1</sup> the UVA Law student body turned out to show how much they like to get together and day-drink. The 1Ls seemed to be there in the greatest numbers because the pizza was unlimited, and UVA Law students put the true meaning of "unlimited" to the test. After trekking up a narrow stairway that burned nearly as many calories as the pizza contained, students were treated to barbeque bacon, pepperoni, and some sort of pizza with mushrooms on it.<sup>2</sup> If you came to this event and did not meet your weekly carb quota in just a few hours, you missed out. Crozet Pizza has some of the best pizza in Charlottesville, and I would like to thank them for hosting our somewhat-sloppy selves.

Two Law School bands showed up to demonstrate how amazingly talented some students here are apart from their ability to write case briefs. First to take the stage, Panic! at the District Court—the new band composed entirely of 1Ls—made its premiere performance with Dean Dixon on drums, Matt Hoffer-Hawlik on keyboard, Christian Sheets on

guitar, Jaqueline Foley singing and slapping the bass, and Zane Clark doing what he does best 3 (playing guitar and singing with a stunning cowboy hat to crown his performance). The band was breaking hearts from the moment they opened up with "1985." After following with what were surely memorable songs, which were somewhat country in nature, Panic! at the District Court made a graceful exit. Rumor has it they have signed with Interscope Records and will be asking Dean Faulk for a deferral to pursue their true dream of being a legal-pun rock band.

Their performance—impossible to follow—was followed by a spectacular Gunners N' Roses performance. Country hits like "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Wagon Wheel" were a few hints to the event's theme. Both bands created plenty of opportunity for law students who can't dance to pretend that they can, and this writer took advantage of the occasion. The music was undoubtedly the best part of the event, and we are all grateful our friends and classmates took time to entertain us.

FYC and SBA put a lot of effort into this and deserve as much applause as Gunners N' Roses. However, a few things were noticeably missing. The first was an advertised photo-booth that turned out to be no more than a pile of hay bales. And speaking of hay, any gathering in the fall is incomplete without a hay ride from an old farmer on this tractor. Where


was he, SBA? What could be better than bottomless pizza on a tractor? 1Ls were also required to buy tickets to an event and were given no option to pay less for non-drinking tickets unless they had religious or moral objections. Not drinking was apparently not a good enough excuse, forcing those who didn't want to drink to subsidize the bad decisions of their peers. This is the sort of injustice this paper strives to call out.<sup>4</sup>


With UVA Law students unable to show off their preppiest clothing that I assume they would otherwise wear to an event as bougie as a horse race, they had to make do with the second-whitest<sup>5</sup> event theme possible. A cowboy/country theme for this gathering led to many men donning flannels and making other questionable fashion choices, clearly doing their best to look like


<sup>4</sup> Editor's note: While the Editorial Board may agree with the statements criticizing the non-drinking ticket option, we also feel the need to call out the 1Ls complaining about paying \$25 dollars for the replacement of Foxfield. Given that the normal event usually requires the 1Ls to use hundreds of dollars of their 1L funds to subsidize free eating and drinking for all upper-classmen, these lucky 1Ls have no idea how good a deal they got.

<sup>5</sup> Second most horse-related as well


## around north grounds


 Thumbs up to the mouse in WB on Mental Health Day. ANG is glad to see student affairs considering the mental health of the snakes below the floorboards of WB. The snakes need their healthy snacks too!


 Thumbs down to the flooding in Slaughter last week. While ANG is glad to see the second floor portrait ghosts keeping busy, ANG hoped they would be potty trained by now. ANG assumes this is the influence of Brendan Garrett's nonsense kindergarten paintings.


 SPOTTED: Stephen T. Parr in the library shaking a desk lamp. DON'T YOU HAVE LEAVES TO CHANGE, SIR?

 Thumbs up to the Earthquake Drill last Thursday. ANG enjoyed the thrilling brush with death of the one-line email.

 Thumbs down to the 1L bro in the hallway who said "yeah I batted like six times. They were so mad but I was like 'whatever.'" ANG wasn't even there, but ANG is also mad. Prepare for this to be litigated in Softball Court.

 Thumbs up to the therapy dogs last week. ANG pitched this idea for MONTHS to strangers in the hallway and feels responsible for manifesting it into existence. Also, the formal event structure made ANG's habit of sobbing into the nearest labrador retriever much less weird!

 Thumbs down to all the bros who ask others where they got their flannel shirts and other smashing fall attire. ANG considers these trade secrets.

 Thumbs up to Canada legalizing marijuana. In unrelated news, ANG will be visiting family north of the border for that most famous of holidays, British Columbus Day. #couldbeTrudeaucouldn'tit

 Thumbs up to the sudden cold weather. ANG's preferred clothing style this candy season is "cornucopia of sweaters."

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ange suit he donned at the auction a few years ago, so we'll see."

Additionally, the live auction will feature the chance to pie a professor in the face. As part of this year's PILA Week—which also features the Women in Public Service event sponsored by Virginia Law Women on Wednesday, November 7—students will be able to bid for the opportunity to pie their favorite, or least favorite, professor.

"We hope that watching a professor get pied in the face at some point during the Live Auction will also attract students and other faculty to the event," Patel said.

The separation of the live auction and silent auction is not the only exciting announcement about this year's PILA Auction. The theme: Yule Ball. Break out your cloaks and wands, Potterheads! Represent your house as you aim to raise money for your classmates who intern at public interest organizations. Accio a good time, am I right?

"We have promotional Auction videos coming out soon, which, in my opinion, are really awesome, so look out for those!" Patel said. "Some of them will also be showcasing some of the cool items we have received as donations this year."

Ticketsales will begin Wednesday, October 31 in Hunton & Williams Hall and run through Wednesday, November 7, with price increases as the PILA Auction nears. According to Patel, "It'll be a magical night that allows you to forget your muggle status for the evening."

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Woody from Toy Story. In that effort, UVA Law boys donned vests and boots that sadly did not have the spinning spikes on the back that real cowboys wear. Several brave men (although not nearly enough) wore cutoff jean shorts, giving the event some real country credibility. Turning to women's fashion, flannels also dominated, with pointy boots and skirts (all impractical for riding horses) making appearances as well. Enough flannels were tied around waists to give the event a slight '90s feeling, and cowboy hats were everywhere. Many students must've used those ten-gallon hats to smuggle in their extra booze.

While the fashion was fierce, the friendship was fiercer, and the recently formed class of 2021 had a chance to let loose and shake off stress from midterms and two hard months of classes. More friendship would have been had if Crozet had not run out of their much-anticipated Jello shots far too early in the afternoon.

Overall, Fauxfield was fun and memorable, and 1Ls should be glad they got to miss the chance to subsidize an over-priced day at the races.

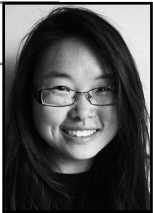
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# [L]elp! The Law Weekly Reviews Charlottesville Asian Eateries

**Bang! - Asian Tapas**  
213 2nd St. SW, Charlottesville, Va.

Grace: I am biased toward Bang! since the restaurant offers two of my favorite things:

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tapas and staple Asian classics with a twist. The restaurant is conveniently located a few blocks from the Downtown Mall, and has the perfect atmosphere for a date or night out with friends. I

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visited Bang! for dinner and I was struck by the beautiful lights strung outside the cheerful two-story brick building. The service was fantastic, especially as the waiters knew their menu very well and gave great drink suggestions from their extensive list. My top choices include: scallops, any steamed buns, and tuna poke. Bonus points for the delicious variety of vegan and vegetarian options available. **Rating: 4.2/5**

Christina: Bang! It's trendy, it's fun, it's pretty much everything you expect from a restaurant with an exclamation point in its name.

The small plates are a little pricey for my taste, but they taste. So. Good. And remember to order a classy cocktail to add to the atmosphere. Everyone at your table will thank you. This is a very good place to bring your friends or a date, maybe even back-to-back the same week because you can't believe how tasty everything is. I recommend the Tuna Poke, Chickpea Spring Rolls, and seasonal Rockfish. **Rating: 4.0/5**

**Sushi King - All-You-Can-Eat Sushi**  
2849, 171 Seminole Ct, Charlottesville, Va.

Grace: VALUE and VARIETY are the two things that come to mind when I think of Sushi King. When a friend first informed me of \$13 all-you-can-eat sushi in Charlottesville, I was very cautious. However, I was pleasantly blown away by how good the sushi was. Pro Tip: Order a bunch of rolls and ask for all of your sushi in a boat, with dry ice if you want to be extra fancy. TRUST ME, your Instagram and Snapchat will thank you later. Additionally, there is a self-serve appetizer and dessert bar to indulge in. My personal favorites include: Dragon Roll, Volcano Roll, and Steak Hibachi. **Rating: 4.0/5**

Christina: There are days when you want something

nice, and there are days when only sheer quantity will fill the void inside. For the latter, I recommend Sushi King. For the round number of \$12.99, you can run the gambit of culinary delight. Get the spring rolls, get the shrimp tempura, get the fried rice, hibachi steak, and miso soup. Get all the sushi you want and then turn the menu over and get all the rolls. How many rolls, you wonder? Thirty, dear reader. One for each cold October day as we inch inexorably closer to the PILA auction and the beginning of the end. When you go, remember me, and order the Sea Angel Roll. **Rating: 5/5**

**Tara Thai and Silk Thai: The Thai-Thai Grudge Match**  
Silk Thai: 2210 Fontaine Ave, Charlottesville, Va.  
Tara Thai: 1107 Emmet St. N, Charlottesville, Va.

Grace: Silk Thai is phenomenal. A friend recommended the location for dinner after the OVal hike last Friday, and it was a surprise gem. The restaurant is tucked away in a corner, and the inside is decorated with a funky assortment of art. As soon as we entered, the smell of delicious goodness hit us like a brick wall. I don't think it's possible to go wrong with anything on the menu, but the particularly good options

include: soup (Tom Yum and Tom Ka), drunken noodles, crispy duck, and pineapple fried rice (that comes in a real pineapple). The value-to-price ratio is incredible since every dish is enough for two or three meals, so you can enjoy your food for meals to come. **Rating: 4.5/5**

Christina: For those of you who have been looking for the perfect Thai restaurant to stress-eat your heart out, look no further than Barracks Road, because Tara Thai is the place for you! It's close to school, decently priced, and generously portioned. Nothing strongly stood out when I walked in, but trust me when I say that the food here is delicious. I strongly recommend ordering the panang curry and your drink of choice while you settle in to professor-watch. I have it on good authority that this is the favorite haunt of Professors Bowers and Barzun. Do you have a particularly good question about legal history or theory? Keep it to yourself and take another bite of curry. **Rating 4.5/5**

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## A Midwesterner in NYC: The Law Weekly's Missouri Correspondent Takes a Trip North

Driving into the city felt like a dream. I pressed my face against the passenger window and took it in with

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a sense of reverence and awe. The midnight skyline glowed, an endless sea of lights. The Statue of Liberty stood proudly in the foreground, a reminder of how, for seemingly countless people over generations, this place meant a fresh start and renewed sense of hope. I took a deep breath. "Wow, isn't this beau-" before my child-like wonder was quickly interrupted by a cacophony of honking cars screaming from all directions.

I was born and raised in Southwest Missouri. When I turned eighteen, I made the treacherous journey an hour from home to attend a college in rural Kansas. Charlottesville is, by far, the largest city I have ever lived in or near. I am easily wooed by the simple pleasures of life, such as being near an L.L. Bean and a Trader Joe's. When fall break approached, I felt brave or perhaps simply foolhardy enough to venture to New York City for the week. Thankfully, a 1L friend was also taking the



The City as seen from Central Park. Kolleen Gladden / Virginia Law Weekly

trip and offered me a ride (thank you, Dominique) and another 1L friend set me up with a friend of his to stay with (thank you, Will).

When Dominique dropped me off at a subway station, it became quickly evident that navigating was not going to be intuitive. Public transpor-

tation in Southwest Missouri is making a public service announcement on Facebook soliciting a ride from whoever happens to be available on that given day. I have heard rumors of a singular bus, an ancient vehicle that haunts the streets of my hometown, with a less reliable schedule than the transit in Rock Bottom from Spongebob. I looked at the signs, attempting to glean meaning from the combinations of letters and numbers. When I finally made it to the doorstep of the apartment, I felt as if I had successfully conquered the labyrinth that is NYC.

I was greeted by Susanna, the new friend that I would be staying with. I realized at first sight that she was much cooler than I could ever dream of being. She had recently shaved her head, and wore an effortlessly chic maxidress. Throughout the week, I became increasingly fascinated by her coolness. She is a professional model who teaches Yoga, and plans to lead a troupe to Costa Rica. She goes to unconventional gyms in chic neighborhoods and attends art gala events—in short, the essence of sophistication. That night, she took me to a refurbished arcade, a hub of nightlife in her neighborhood in Williamsburg, and

## LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Organization Spotlight—Asian-Pacific American Law Student Association

Each week, the Law Weekly showcases a Law School affinity group in a feature we call “Spotlight.” Our goal is to give leaders a regular platform to inform readers about their goals and to educate the UVA Law community about their diverse perspectives.

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, or APALSA, is

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dedicated to promoting awareness of legal and cultural issues affecting Asian Pacific American law students. APALSA strives to achieve these aims through

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a variety of programs and panels, in addition to providing a forum for discussion. In a professional environment such as the legal field, where there is a clear dearth of Asian Pacific representation, a community that is able to supply both support and guidance to law students hoping to enter the field can be a helpful resource. Throughout the year, we hold events such as Career Networking Day and other academic panels targeted at assisting 1Ls with their transition into law school and the legal profession. Our main focus is oriented towards fostering a network that is helpful to both students and alumni alike.

**Nicole:** In my own experience, I have always been surrounded by a prominent Asian Pacific support system—I am originally from the second most densely populated Korean municipality in all of the United States. Naturally, I was nervous about attending a law school with a significantly small percentage of Asian Pacific students. I had been working as a paralegal in New York for two years, and the lack of diversity in the legal industry was surprising and extremely noticeable. Being the only East Asian student in my section, a phenomenon I had never experienced in my academic career, I joined APALSA hoping to seek advice from upperclassmen who shared my cultural identity. I was immediately welcomed into the small but friendly community and paired with a supportive mentor, Gina Sato, who had already dealt with many of the same worries I was experiencing. Gina is one of several upperclassmen who have been incredibly welcoming and willing to lend advice on how best to navigate the legal industry as an Asian American.

**Jessica:** I grew up in a biracial, interfaith house-

hold. From an early age, my parents taught my brothers and I to celebrate diversity and to view it as a catalyst for positive change. Similar to Nicole, I worked in a law firm for two years before attending law school. I, too, quickly noticed the lack of diverse attorneys in the industry, and I specifically noticed the shortage of Asian attorneys in the legal profession. I expected that I would face certain challenges as an Asian woman entering a field with relatively low Asian representation, so I wanted to join APALSA to be a part of a community that genuinely understands these challenges and offers guidance on how to navigate them. APALSA turned out to be that community, plus so much more. Though it is a smaller group than some of the other organizations at our law school, it is a community full of intelligent, compassionate, and accomplished people who are dedicated to supporting one another and developing relationships—both personal and professional—that will last long after graduation.

This year, we are very excited to serve as co-presidents of APALSA. We both enjoyed serving on the board last year as 1L rep-

resentatives, and we were eager to get more involved in APALSA this year to continue to help it grow and develop. We are also very lucky to serve on a board with an amazing group 1L and 2L students who share our dedication and appreciation for this organization.

One of APALSA’s main priorities this year is to work with the Admissions Office to increase representation of Asian Pacific students in the Law School. We hope that with a larger student body, we will have more opportunities to promote a stronger network of both law students and alumni. Throughout the fall semester, we plan a mix of casual dinners, panels, and socials in order to give the 1Ls a chance to meet each other and the upperclassmen. Our main fall event is the annual mentorship dinner, during which mentors and mentees have an opportunity to officially meet if they have not already done so.

Next spring, APALSA will collaborate with SALSA to host our annual Career Networking Day and provide our members a chance to connect with Asian Pacific and South Asian attorneys already in the field. Career Networking Day is our biggest event each year, as

it is valuable to all of our participating members and gives 1Ls a chance to practice networking in a comfortable, and perhaps more familiar, setting. In the meantime, our top priority is to support the 1Ls as they continue to adjust to their first semester as law students. We hope to serve the UVA Law student body as an all-inclusive community. Whether you need a supportive community as a respite from your busy law school career, or you simply hope to learn more about cultural issues that touch the lives of Asian Pacific students, you are welcome to join APALSA.

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## Hidden Gems: Four Underappreciated Charlottesville Restaurants Reviewed

From Mas to Marco and Luca’s, we are lucky to have an eclectic food scene in Charl-

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ottesville. In fact, Charlottesville has far more to offer than many realize. Just a short drive from familiar res-

taurants on The Corner and the Downtown Mall are hidden gems such as Greenwood Gro-

**Greenwood Grocery:** Greenwood Grocery is an artisanal grocery store filled with local goods such as honey and meats. It has an amazing and eclectic selection of beers and wines. However, Greenwood Grocery is better known for

boast the best of what Charlottesville has to offer: great food in a unique environment.

he loved the sun-dried tomato spread, delicate prosciutto, and light fresh mozzarella. Tom ordered the “Devon” and found the roast beef as fresh as the mountain air outside.

Twenty minutes from the Law School and nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge, Greenwood Grocery is a hidden gem. Be warned though, as this artisanal grocery store (literally built on the foundation of a roadside fruit stand) is easily miss-able when you are on the road to the nearby Crozet wineries and Skyline Drive.

**Riverside Lunch:** One word: BURGERS. It didn’t take long for our waitress to recommend the most popular item on the menu, and it did not disappoint. The double cheeseburger was very filling and delicious. The chef flattened the patties, a signature of Riverside, which added great “caramelization” to the burger. This burger is my favorite among Citizen Burger and Jack Brown’s Burger Joint. We also shared a basket of fries, which was more than enough for the three of us. The fries were solid. They were thin and crunchy, similar to fries you might get from a fast food restaurant.

In addition to the food, Riverside Lunch has a pleasant diner atmosphere. The waitresses were happy to chat with us, and it seemed like every other patron had eaten there many times before. Even the tables scream local Charlottesville as they are covered with ads for

nearly stores, many of which likely closed years ago.

This was also the most affordable restaurant we tried. The most expensive item on the menu was \$9.50, and most dishes were in the \$4.00-\$6.00 range. Riverside also sells beer

assuming restaurant located next to a gas station across the street from Pippin Hill Vineyard. Aside from the smell of freshly-baked pizza, the restaurant’s decor is the first thing we noticed when we entered. The dining room is adorned with



A homestyle burger from Riverside Lunch. Photo courtesy Riverside Lunch.

taurants on The Corner and the Downtown Mall are hidden gems such as Greenwood Gro-

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cery, Riverside Lunch, Doctor Ho’s Humble Pie, and La Flor Michoacana. These restaurants all



The authors’ half/half Annie Oakley / Humble Pie at Dr. Ho’s.

for \$3.00. Riverside is a must-try restaurant for anyone looking for a great diner style meal with local flavor.

**Doctor Ho’s Humble Pie:** Doctor Ho’s Humble Pie: The Alternative Pizza is an un-

old-school Americana signs and Grateful Dead memorabilia.

The food was excellent as well. We enjoyed our Annie Oakley and Humble Pie specialty pizzas. The pizzas served



# Jeopardy! At UVA

Are you tired of always pulling the team on your back during bar trivia? Do you feel like you are

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destined for greater things than simply using your knowledge of random facts to win gift cards at local breweries? Although I am useless at bar trivia and highly doubt I am destined for trivia glory, I recently sat down with Ruth Payne, Director of Clerkships, Matt Hoffer-Hawlik '21, and Alex Caton '21 to discuss their Jeopardy! experiences and gather some tips from the pros.

Caton tried out for *Jeopardy!* in September and is waiting for the official invitation to be on the show. Caton decided to try out because, although he doesn't watch Jeopardy! that often, he gets sucked in and ends up yelling at the TV whenever he stumbles upon the show. After passing the online quiz (to audition, first you have to pass on online quiz given once a year,<sup>1</sup> compete in

<sup>1</sup> No one knows how many correct answers you need to move on to the next round. All three Jeopardy! pros gave me different guesses.

an in-person audition, and then get lucky and be selected from the potential contestant pool), Caton drove up to Philadelphia for the in-person audition. Caton accidentally went to the wrong hotel and ended up having to sprint to the

that aired this summer and got third place. This was Payne's second time reaching the in-person tryout phase. After completing the in-person audition in March, which she thought went well, Payne forgot about the audition

to help.

Payne had a great game. The show starts with the contestants' stories, and show host Alex Trebek, a sucker for romance, was a big fan of Payne's story—she and her husband are high school



UVA Director of Clerkships Ruth Payne (center) on the set this summer. Photo courtesy NBC.

correct hotel a half-mile away. Luckily, Caton made it and completed a written quiz, interview, and played a mock game. He played with some characters, including a "jaded" professor who makes crossword puzzles, a PhD student in a cover band called The Footnotes, and a software programmer who designs software for Amish farmers. Caton hasn't done much preparation yet but will start if he gets the official call. Fingers crossed he hears good news soon!

Payne appeared on *Jeopardy!* in an episode

and never expected to hear from *Jeopardy!* again. To her surprise and excitement, Payne received a call from *Jeopardy!* the following January, asking her to fly out to Los Angeles in February to tape an episode. Taping occurred during Payne's busiest time of year, which limited her prep time, but Payne drew on her high school and college Quiz Bowl experience. Payne tried to study for an hour per night and focused on her weaker categories like pop culture and sports. Her daughter made a pop culture Quizlet

sweethearts who went to college on opposite sides of the country, so her husband wrote her a letter every single day. During the game, Payne only got two questions wrong. She told me her strategy was to buzz in only when she knew the answer. Payne also told me she was surprised at the random things she knew, including the original inventor of the infomercial (the category was called "Birth of a Salesman"). It paid off, and Payne went into Final Jeopardy with \$14,000. The Final Jeopardy question was: "Researchers in London & Vienna now speculate that his 1791 death was due to a strep infection, not poisoning." Payne knew she could only win if she got the question right, and the contestant in first place missed it. Unfortunately, Payne wrote down the right answer (Mozart) but crossed it out and replaced it with the wrong answer. She told me Trebek made fun of her after the show, telling her she should always trust her gut with trivia questions.

Hoffer-Hawlik won *Jeopardy!* in July 2016. Hoffer-Hawlik always loved *Jeopardy!* and has watched for as long as he can remember. After taking the online quiz three times, he made it to the in-person audition and got into the contestant pool. After getting the call and being asked to come on the show, Hoffer-Hawlik also began preparing and focusing on his weakest categories—for example, 70s/80s pop culture. He also made a spreadsheet of questions from the *Jeopardy!* archive and tried to look for trends in the questions to have a better idea of what to expect. Like Payne, Hoffer-Hawlik also benefitted from his high school and college Quiz Bowl background.

Hoffer-Hawlik won the first day of *Jeopardy!* and then lost the second. Hoffer-Hawlik's categories included Good & Bad Investments and My Name is Symbolic (sing-

ers with \$#!@ symbols in their names—P!nk, Ke\$ha, A\$ap Rocky). Hoffer-Hawlik enjoyed meeting Trebek, a fellow music lover, and was impressed by how many answers Trebek knew. Hoffer-Hawlik also enjoyed the access to the network of *Jeopardy!* Alumni that helped him get ready for the show. He hopes to do the same for contestants in the future.

So, if you're a trivia buff hoping to get on the show, sign up for the online quiz! It only happens once a year, so until then, watch the show and enjoy some bar trivia around Charlottesville (if you Google "bar trivia in Charlottesville," you can find a different place to play every night of the week). Until then, test your *Jeopardy!* knowledge with the five questions below answered correctly by our local *Jeopardy!* experts while on the show.

**1 Burning Love Songs:** Robby Krieger wrote most of this 1967 classic, but that "mire"/"pyre" rhyme is pure Morrison.

**2 Clothing in the Middle Ages:** A baldric was a wide, decorative belt worn diagonally across the chest to carry one of these at the hip.

**3 3-Letter Words With Only 2 Vowels:** It's a synonym for color, or a shade of color.

**4 Canadian Prime Ministers:** During Joe Clark's tenure (1979-80), 6 Americans trapped in this country were able to escape using fake Canadian papers.

**5 Final Jeopardy:** Brought to our attention by a 1984 film, this Italian had success with the 1780s operas "Tarare" & "Les da-naïdes."

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## LOOKING BACK: 70 Years of the Law Weekly

"When most law students think of heavy metal, groups like M[ö]tley Cr[ü]e and Van Halen probably come to mind. But the genre has changed quite a bit since (most of us) were in high school, and surprisingly, Charlottesville attracts a fairly significant number of very talented metal bands. In the past year, Trax (now Crossroads) has hosted some prominent, nationally known bands, including Overkill, Pro-Pain, Sacred Reich, Corrosion of Conformity, and Souls at Zero (formerly Wrathchild America). Hint: if you want to see one of these bands, Crossroads is a great forum because of its size, but do yourself a favor and don't dress like a student. Tattoos, although popular, aren't necessary, but L.L. Bean and J. Crew will get you some funny looks." Van Hardenbergh, "Charlottesville Metal Scene Flourishes," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, October 28, 1994.

*The Law Weekly can neither confirm nor deny whether heavy metal continues to flourish in Charlottesville because I am writing this article wearing both L.L. Bean and J. Crew, but I'm glad to know even law students got in on the grunge and metal of the 90s.*

"The competition challenges candidates on several levels, including a talent, swimsuit, formalwear, and even a best

eyes event... Watch out contestants and audience. The competition up to this point has been cutthroat, especially considering the impressive pool of male law students to choose from. Narrowing the group down to seven must have been extraordinarily difficult, but the real challenge faces the eager contestants on Saturday night," Jackie Sadker '02, "Men Compete for 'Mr. U.Va. Law' Title," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, November 3, 2000.

*It turns out, last year's Libel video, UVA Law Boys, draws on a long and storied tradition of allowing male law students opportunities to strut their stuff.*

"As the only common forum for the Law School community, the *Law Weekly* has a fiduciary duty to readers to publish content that is responsive to their social, academic, and professional interests. Moreover, because it has a monopoly over the Law School market, the paper should reflect not only some, but all of the diverse interests represented in the student body... Most importantly, remember that this is your paper. Although you have no choice over whether to buy it—it's 'free'—you also have no choice over whether to pay for it because it's heavily subsidized by the SBA, which in turn gets its money from your tuition and activ-

ity fees... To really make your voice heard, you are still better off sharing your thoughts directly with the *Law Weekly* staff. I think I can speak for the paper when I say, in the words of Ross Perot, we're 'all ears.'" Eric Wang, "How Are We Doing?" *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, October 8, 2004.

*You still don't have a choice about whether or not you pay for the Law Weekly and I no longer get the Ross Perot reference, but the Law Weekly staff still worries about preserving the history of the school and is still all ears.*

"The short course is a tempting choice for the enterprising procrastinator. One whole course that you don't need to attend until November! Well, I'm here to tell you: That's a load of horse puke. Short courses have many great things to offer, but lightening your per-credit workload is not one of them." Evan Mix '12, "The Short Course: A Pocket Survival Guide," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, November 19, 2010.

*I thought this was a good reminder for the 1Ls out there thinking about spring classes. Mostly, though, I really want to bring back the term "horse puke."*

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1. What is "Light My Fire," answered correctly by Payne.  
2. What is "a sword," answered correctly by Payne.  
3. What is "hue," answered correctly by Hoffer-Hawlik.  
4. What is "Iran," answered correctly by Hoffer-Hawlik.  
5. Who is "Antoni Salieri," answered correctly by Hoffer-Hawlik.

# Letters to the Editor

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## Kavanaugh: Neutrality Matters

On October 4, a letter signed by more than 2,400 law professors was submitted to the U.S. Senate opposing the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh because he “displayed a lack of judicial temperament” during the hearings held on September 27. We want to talk about something different, but related, namely how Judge Kavanaugh chose to speak in public about the issues surrounding his confirmation. There are two features of Justice Kavanaugh’s testimony that we want to address. We write as scholars who feel called to nurture the rule of law, but also as teachers who are devoted to your education and who care about your personal flourishing.

First, we fault Justice Kavanaugh for so angrily displaying his alignment with the extreme partisanship being expressed around him. Judges have prejudices and political preferences like anyone else. Good judges are better at limiting the improper influence of their prejudices, but one would be naïve to think they always succeed. What is especially regrettable in this case is that Justice Kavanaugh so violently displayed his own partisan preferences, which had the effect of associating him with the partisan voices surrounding his confirmation. We live in a moment where the institutions of our democracy seem fragile; they are viewed with unrestrained cynicism and the only motivation anyone can imagine is the will to power. And so, some celebrate Kavanaugh’s performance as the unveiling of truth. We do not feel that way. It may well be that judicial virtues are rare, but if we do not even aspire to them, if we do not even expect the public performance of impartiality, then we have given up too much. Some of you will become judges and most of you will become lawyers. We hope that, as graduates of UVA Law, you will inspire others about the possibility of fairness and impartiality in the law with your words as well as your actions.

Second, and of even broader significance, we lament the way that Kavanaugh’s rage and defensiveness elevated him and his own sense of persecution above all else. We assume that Kavanaugh does not believe that he assaulted Professor Ford and we do not trivialize the feeling of being unjustly accused of heinous crimes. His behavior would be expected of anyone coming to terms with such accusations in the privacy of their own home. However, venting his rage publicly wasted an opportunity to demonstrate grace and understanding about the trauma that no one doubts Professor Ford experienced. The purpose of the hearing was, of course, to vet Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. It is entirely appropriate that he

defend himself against accusations that he believes false. But the consequences of our public conduct go beyond the narrow purposes at which that conduct is directed. Responsible, wise people who care about others consider those other consequences.

There was an opportunity to make the hearing not only about his anger about his reputation being besmirched, but to show compassion to a woman who clearly believed that she had been assaulted by him. Such compassion is noble on the part of one who deems himself unjustly accused. But compassion is an important, even essential attribute for those of us who will be hearing and defending the rights of others. Professor Ford’s testimony prompted women all over the country to relive their own assaults, and in certain places, on social media and elsewhere, you may have seen the torrent of human suffering. Kavanaugh is not responsible for all of this, but he is responsible for the example he set of how to respond to credible accusations of sexual assault and the essential role of law in addressing those accusations.

And so we pose the question: how would Kavanaugh have responded if he thought not only about his reputation, but also about dampening the partisan fever surrounding his hearing and about Professor Ford and the millions of victims of sexual violence? How would the substance of his comments have differed? How would his tone have differed? Perhaps this is a lot to ask, but it is not too much to ask, and it is something that we should all aspire to.

--Professor Barbara E. Armacost ’89 and Professor Andrew Hayashi

## Scalia Deserves a Law School Portrait

When Dean Goluboff was welcomed as the twelfth dean of the University of Virginia School of Law, she emphatically stated that the faculty at UVA “are among the finest anywhere.” Our academic experience thus far permits us to concur in that judgment in full. But the law faculty did not become exceptional overnight. Rather, the faculty has been shaping and molding young, ambitious minds at a level unsurpassed by peer institutions for decades. One needs just walk the halls to recognize the truth of this claim.

The walls of law schools around the country are adorned with the stern, life-like painted faces of academics, intellectuals, and influential alumni. UVA Law is no exception. Portraits immortalizing professors and alumni fill the walls of Slaughter Hall, the alcoves of the library, and the classrooms of Withers-Brown.

The portraits recognize the contributions the school’s faculty and alumni have made to the Law School. But they also serve an important additional purpose. The portraits provide the onlooker a vivid reminder that the law is just as much about the diversity of individual lawyers’ thoughts, dispositions, and idiosyncrasies as it is about rules, precedents, and theories of interpretation. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said it best that “[t]he life of the law has not been logic: it has been experience.”

One such life experience was recently commemorated by the law school. The legacy of Gregory Swanson—the law school’s first black student—his career contributions, as well as his courage and perseverance in the face of racial adversity, was rightfully recognized this past spring at a ceremony revealing his portrait, which is on permanent display in the law library. We were glad to see Mr. Swanson receive the appreciation he deserves for fighting for civil rights in the Commonwealth of Virginia and for the equal protection of all Americans. Reflecting upon portraits of alumni like Mr. Swanson makes us proud to be Wahos.

We encourage everyone to spend a few minutes wandering the halls to inspect the portraits of those who have taught at and graduated from the Law School. You may be surprised to discover that a portrait of the country’s twenty-eighth president, Woodrow Wilson, hangs in the library. Moreover, the portraits of Elizabeth Nelson Tompkins ’23, one of the first women admitted to the law school, and John Barbee Minor, a professor at the school for nearly half a century, greet library visitors at the entrance. However, despite the recognition of numerous alumni and former faculty members, a commemoration of a man who is one of the school’s most noteworthy former professors, and one of the most influential jurists of the last half century, is nowhere to be found. The late Associate Justice Antonin Scalia taught at the law school from 1967 through 1974. In addition to teaching, then Professor Scalia made it a priority to have a good relationship with students. Then-Professor Scalia officiated the Virginia Law Weekly–Virginia Law Review football game—a tradition that we hope to revitalize next year—demonstrating his commitment to cultivating a sense of community at the school. And in 1983, he helped establish The Journal of Law & Politics, a journal that continues to play an influential role in legal academia. Professor Scalia’s affinity for the law school did not end when he donned a robe. During his thirty years on the Su-

preme Court, Justice Scalia hired eight law clerks from UVA Law. He frequently returned to Charlottesville to give speeches. And a number of his former clerks now teach at the Law School. In recognition of his many contributions to the University, Justice Scalia received the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law, the highest external honor bestowed by the University of Virginia.

After Justice Scalia’s death, then-Dean Paul Mahoney wrote in the Virginia Law Review about Justice Scalia’s love for, and contributions to, our community, which includes a video appearance in the Libel Show. Dean Mahoney also mentions that Justice Scalia returned while on the bench to commemorate the life of Dean Emerson Spies, for whom Spies Garden is named. Justice Scalia’s devotion to our Law School was evident in that speech when he noted that “the institution that Emerson Spies helped to shape, the lawyers he helped to form, will continue to reflect his good work for many years to come.” The library currently has an exhibit showcasing the indelible impact twenty-four former professors, including Justice Scalia, had on the intellectual community at the law school. However, Justice Scalia’s legacy and his commitment to our school deserves permanent recognition.

Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whose photograph graces the wall in front of Caplin Pavilion, eulogized her “best buddy on the court” by recalling the time he reminded her, in a lone dissent, that “there is only one University of Virginia.” You can disagree with Justice Scalia, but we all should honor his many contributions to the Law School, just as his opponents on the court honored his contributions to intellectual diversity in the law. He gave the school his time, his energy, and his passion. He made the University of Virginia School of Law a better institution. His contributions to our school, along with his formative legal and intellectual legacy, both deserve our recognition, and his portrait deserves a spot on the wall.

--Justin William Aimonetti ’20 and TJ Whittle ’20

## SBA: Blood Drive Will Go Ahead With Antidiscrimination Messages Attached

On Monday, October 15th, the Blood Drive Special Committee voted on whether the SBA at UVA Law should continue hosting Blood Drives on Grounds. In a 9-1 vote, the Special Committee voted to recommend that SBA con-

tinues Blood Drives on Grounds. The Blood Drive Special Committee also recommended significant programming attached to our Fall and Spring Blood Drives. Future programming will educate the student body about the discriminatory nature of the FDA’s men who have sex with men (MSM) blood donation prohibition, while providing students outlets to express concerns about the FDA’s policy. The committee leadership presented recommendations to the general SBA body on Tuesday, October 16.

Our list of recommendations include: no blood drives during Diversity Week; fundraising for LG-BTQIA+ organizations working to overturn the MSM blood donation prohibition; distributing an ABA/FDA petition for those seeking to protest the Blood Ban; implementing improved and empathetic Blood Drive promotions that acknowledge the MSM blood donation prohibition; organizing programming with legal/medical scholars discussing the MSM blood donation prohibition; having a Lambda and/or LGBTQIA+ liaison on the Health and Wellness Committee to preserve institutional knowledge; submitting our recommendations on Blood Drives to UVA Law/UVA administration; improving SBA Committee record-keeping to preserve institutional knowledge; and other initiatives.

We truly hope that the Special Committee’s recommendations adequately address and challenge the discriminatory nature of the FDA’s MSM blood donation prohibition while simultaneously addressing and being respective of the U.S. Blood shortage.

With saying this, our recommendations are difficult and triggering for a significant and valued part of our UVA Law community. We recognize the magnitude of our recommendations. Whether you are a student for Blood Drives on Grounds or against, valid perspectives exist on multiple sides of this issue. Over the course of Committee deliberations, we found that many members of our student community were against the FDA’s MSM blood donation prohibition. The central disagreement was how UVA Law and its SBA should address our tradition of having Blood Drives in lieu of the FDA’s policy targeting members of our LGBTQIA+ community.

As chairs of the Blood Drive Special Committee, we urge students not to dismiss or demonize the perspectives of those brave enough to voice disagreement with our

# Confirmation Stories: Ike’s Mistake Part II— The Nomination of William J. Brennan, Jr.

President Eisenhower’s first term proved to be an eventful one. Ike brought an end to

William Fassuliotis ’19  
Guest Columnist



the Korean War stalemate and convinced reluctant hawks to support the armistice. He signed into law the act that started the interstate system. He cut taxes and balanced the budget by reducing the size of the military. These and more brought an impressive resume for his campaign for reelection in 1956. But Eisenhower had also suffered a heart attack the year before, and at 64, there were not-so-quiet concerns about his health as he was beginning to finish his second term. In addition, the events that would lead to the Suez Crisis began to simmer.

Perhaps of more interest to the legal profession, Ike had to this point appointed two Justices to the Supreme Court: Chief Justice Earl Warren<sup>1</sup> and Justice John Marshall Harlan. The latter Justice was not the first John M. Harlan to sit on the court; his grandfather was nominated by President Rutherford B. Hayes, and served from 1877 to 1911. Harlan II would work on his opinions on the desk Harlan I used and wore his grandfather’s pocket watch. Harlan I is best known as the lone dissenter in *Plessy v. Ferguson*<sup>2</sup>—“[o]ur constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens”—and Harlan II would join the Court just in time to help carry out the spirit of his grandfather’s dissent into the law of the land in *Brown II*

and other segregation cases.<sup>3</sup>

As if the above were not enough issues for the campaign, it was a mere two months before election day (early September 1956) when Justice Sherman Minton<sup>4</sup> informed President Eisenhower that he would retire soon and that Ike would have a chance at a third nomination before the election. Fearful of losing, Eisenhower and his advisors came to use this vacancy to shore up electoral support. The Supreme Court as a political motivator was not novel back then and is so obvious now so as to hardly merit mention. But Eisenhower was not thinking of nominating an ideological firebrand to ignite the ideologue’s support. No, Eisenhower didn’t nominate Brennan for what he believed, but for who he was: an Irish, Catholic, Democrat from the Northeast. Such kinds of voters were key members of the New Deal coalition, but also the voters Eisenhower attracted as the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in World War II. But why focus on these demographics? And why Brennan?

In private, Eisenhower laid out three criteria for the next justice: (1) experience on lower courts; (2) relative youth (younger than 62) and good health; and (3) if at all possible, a Catholic faith. The first criterion was in response to Truman’s

3 The Senate actually refused to hold a vote on Harlan’s nomination at first. Eisenhower nominated Harlan on November 8, 1954, after the midterm election. Southern segregationists were able to hold off hearings until the new Congress was inaugurated. When Harlan’s nomination expired at the end of the Congress, Eisenhower re-nominated Harlan. The Senate finally confirmed Harlan on March 16, 1955, 77-11.

4 Justice Minton was appointed by President Truman in 1949 at the age of 58 and served only seven years. Minton retired due to a combination of poor health and his frustration at the “activist” turn of the court, which he felt he had little influence over and dissented regularly.

tendency to pick his friends or, in the eyes of critics, cronies. Eisenhower viewed such appointments as unpleasant and harmful to the Court’s status. Eisenhower was particularly interested in appointing a state court judge. There had been no state judge appointed to the Court since Benjamin Cardozo nearly three decades earlier, and various state court interests lobbied Eisenhower to change this. The second criterion is self-evident.

The third criterion may strike the current observer as odd. The Court today has a Catholic Chief Justice and is majority Catholic (and has been since 2006, when Justice Alito was confirmed). But at the time, no Catholic sat on the court. The longtime “Catholic seat” sat empty for seven years since the death of Justice Frank Murphy in 1949. Political pressure was borne on Ike as well. The powerful Archbishop of New York and Cardinal Francis Spellman had personally asked Eisenhower to appoint a Catholic as early as 1954. And while Eisenhower had won Northeast Catholics in the previous election, vigorous campaigning for the Democratic nominee by a young, charismatic Senator named John F. Kennedy made outreach even more important in the minds of Republicans.

The search was headed by Attorney General Herbert Brownell.<sup>5</sup> The criteria did not leave many options—only two federal judges fit the bill. At this

5 In a sign of the times, vetting was handled directly by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and two or three others, not the scores of lawyers or outside groups used today. Brownell claimed he read all four hundred of Brennan’s opinions, on top of his other AG duties. The sparse vetting team could help explain how someone who would be as liberal as Brennan could be appointed. Brennan was only the third Justice to have a background check conducted by the FBI. The report was put together in no more than a day.

time, Brennan was a Justice on the New Jersey Supreme Court. Despite being a Democrat, the Republican Governor of New Jersey appointed him to the state trial court, before elevating him to the state Supreme Court. To the extent that Brennan had a reputation, he was known as an able administrator and proponent of court reform. Along with state Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Brennan implemented a system that drastically reduced congestion in the state judiciary. It was for this that Brennan first came to the attention of Brownell and on the path to becoming a Justice.

Earlier, on May 22 in 1956, Brennan delivered a speech on the topic of court efficiency in Washington, D.C. at the Justice Department headquarters. He had delivered similar speeches many times before, but this was easily the highest profile venue to hear it. Despite the admit-

tedly boring nature of the topic, this conference played a pivotal role for Brennan’s selection. After listening to Brennan’s twelve-page speech, Brownell and his Deputy A.G. were suitably impressed and sensed from the speech a moderate conservatism, making him the best choice when the vacancy opened later that year.

One story that was perpetuated for so long as to become legend was that this speech was not even Brennan’s. The story goes that Brennan was a last-minute substitute for his mentor, NJ Chief Justice Vanderbilt. His substitution was so last minute that Brennan read Vanderbilt’s speech, and that the good impression he had on Brownell was actually a false impression, the imprint of someone else. Brennan’s selection would then be quite literally a mistake from its beginning faulty premises. While repeated for much of Brennan’s life, later

## Correction



Last week, the *Law Weekly* featured an article from Staff Editor **Sarah-Jane Lorenzo ’21** about, in her mind, the wonderful Cleveland, Ohio. While the Editorial Board does not take a position regarding Cleveland, we do take an opinion on her overall awesomeness and stellar contributions to the paper. Because we omitted her byline in last week’s paper, we issue this correction to give credit where credit is due.

## Faculty Quotes

**K. Kordana:** “While human IQ has been in decline since 1973, as evidenced by . . . all current events . . .”

**M. Collins:** “Sometimes I watch British movies with subtitles”

**J. Harrison:** “They’re going to put my ass in jail. Yes, that is a concrete and particularized interest.”


**M. Gilbert:** “You’ll see, economists don’t care about theft . . . it’s just a transfer. The economics of criminal law are very interesting.”

**A. Vollmer:** “I’m the nicest person in the world.”

**R. Harmon:** “That’s what a burglary call is! It’s a chance to make friends!”

**A.E. Howard:** “We should get together to watch the election. We’ll need a lot of booze. I’m not sure the University would approve”

**F. Schauer:** “Anyone who makes you read Cardozo opinions should apologize. It should entitle you to a discount on tuition.”



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Judge Brennan is congratulated by President Eisenhower after his selection to the Supreme Court. Photo courtesy Associated Press.

evidence contradicts the story as little more than myth.<sup>6</sup> Mistake or not, Brennan’s selection was not by accident. Brennan

6 For the evidence against, see Stephen J. Wermiel’s “The Nomination of Justice Brennan: Eisenhower’s Mistake? A Look at The Historical Record.”

was the only name Brownell recommended to Eisenhower.

On October 16, 1956, Eisenhower put Brennan on the Court through a recess appointment.<sup>7</sup>

7 For those with recent nominations in mind, does this directly contradict the so-called McConnell Rule, which

purports to prevent new Justices during a presidential election year, invoked to avoid holding hearings for Judge Garland, Obama’s nominee? This example is mixed, and it likely depends on your priors. Ike did get his justice on the Court, and there is no sign that the Democratic majority

in the Senate objected at the time. But, the Senate did not vote on it. As a recess appointment, Brennan’s commission would expire if no action was taken. And Eisenhower was running for reelection, not termed-out like Obama was. But do those distinctions actually matter? For a more ex-

A recess appointment commission would expire at the end of the term, so if Eisenhower lost, Brennan could lose his spot on the Court if the Democrat Adlai Stevenson wished to appoint someone else. Eisenhower would win the election, convincingly, however, 457 to 73 electoral votes, and 35.5 million (57.4%) to 26 million (42%). On March 25, 1957, Brennan would be confirmed by the new Senate by voice vote.<sup>8</sup> And Justice Brennan would stay on the court for 33 years, longer than all but six other justices.

This article’s primary source, in addition to above citations, was Seth Stern and Stephen Wermiel’s “Justice Brennan: Liberal Champion.” Next time: the nomination of the first African American Justice: Thurgood Marshall.

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tensive treatment of the topic, see [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2016/02/24/a-recent-supreme-court-appointment-in-an-election-year-without-controversy/?utm\\_term=.c3cf30db3307](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2016/02/24/a-recent-supreme-court-appointment-in-an-election-year-without-controversy/?utm_term=.c3cf30db3307).

8 In the intervening time, a new vacancy on the court opened up when Justice Stanley Reed retired. Charles Evans Whittaker was confirmed on the same day to fill the spot.

# HOT BENCH



Lina Leal LL.M. '19

**Where did you grow up?**  
In Bogotá, Colombia.

**What were you doing before coming to UVA Law?**

I was a clerk at the constitutional court of Colombia.

**What was that like?**

It was amazing. It was a great job. All my life, all I wanted to do was to protect people’s rights, and the constitutional court is the highest court where Colombian citizens got their rights protected, so I think it’s the best place to do that, to really help people.

**What made you decide to come here?**

After law school in Colombia, one of my goals was to work for a while and then get a master’s in the U.S. because the master’s education is outstanding and very good. And I really wanted to go to an Ivy school, and this is the Ivy public school, so it is an honor to be here. For me it’s an honor to be here.

**You’re the President of LLMS. What is that like?**

It’s fun. I’ve been meeting a lot of people because of that.

It’s cool because I think it’s a link between the LLMS and other things in law school but also to other graduate schools. It’s kind of interesting. I think it’s a great position to meet people and do fun things with the LLMS.

**What do you wish the JDs knew about the LLMS?**

Well, I don’t know if the JDs know exactly what an LLM is. I’ve been to different conferences and meetings, and I always introduce myself like, “Hi, I’m Lina, an LLM from Colombia.” They’re like, “Cool, what’s an LLM?” When I tell them it’s a master’s program, they’ll ask, “So, are you a lawyer?” “Yes, I finished law school in my country, I worked for a while, and then I came here to get my master’s degree.” But I thought it was common knowledge, and it’s not. Not for everyone.

**What is your favorite English word?**

My favorite English word, and I use it for everything and everywhere, is “amazing”. To me, everything is amazing.

**What is your favorite Spanish word?**

My favorite Spanish word, I could say lo máximo, which is great or amazing, but yeah, lo máximo.

**What’s the best meal you’ve ever had?**

That’s a tough one because I’ve had so many, but I would say in Spain they have this plate huevos estrellados, so it’s scrambled eggs with French fries.

**If you could meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?**

This guy, I’m in love with him, Daniel Brühl. The one from *Inglorious Basterds* and *Good Bye Lenin!* He’s German. I love him, and I love his films. In *Inglorious Basterds*, I think he is amazing.

**What is your favorite hobby to escape the stress of law school?**

Watching Netflix, I think, is my favorite. And I’ve discovered this new TV show called *La Casa de Las Flores*. It’s great, and I watched it all in two days!

**What did you eat for breakfast?**

Popcorn, caramel and cheddar. It’s a mix. It’s so good!

**What is your least favorite sound?**

I’m a very nerdy person, so whenever I’m in class and someone has a pen and is tapping it on the table—I hate that.

**If you could live anywhere, where would it be?**

I would say in a city, like a big city like Bogotá or a small city like Charlottesville, but near my parents and my friends.

**What’s the best gift you’ve ever received?**

This old, vintage record player from my boyfriend on my birthday.

**What is your favorite thing to do in Charlottesville?**

Now, I would say hiking. I’ve been here for two months, and I’ve been on two hikes, and I think that’s my favorite thing.

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at Dr. Ho’s are classic pizza, more similar to the style served at Christian’s (although much better) than they are to the thin crust style served at Lampo. They also have a wide variety of excellent appetizers, like wings. Dr. Ho’s is a great pizza spot, especially if you’re planning to eat before going to Pippin Hill or to sneak more substantial food into the vineyard known for its paltry food options.

**La Flor Michoacana:** La Flor Michoacana is primarily a popsicle and ice cream shop, but they also sell Mexican food, candy, and snacks. We recommend the popsicles as they offer much more than your standard popsicle. Between the three of us, we tried the mango chile, strawberry and Oreo popsicles. The mango chile popsicle had tons of real mango in it, but beware; it was spicy. The strawberry popsicle was a true light delight filled with real strawberries. The Oreo popsicle was a traditional vanilla popsicle with two full Oreos and smaller Oreo pieces. Whether you prefer fruit or an ice cream popsicle, La Flor Michoacana is a delicious and fun way to cap off a great meal.

We truly enjoyed exploring these restaurants in and around Charlottesville. Each brought unique flavors and vibes that we can’t wait to experience again. We hope that you will take the opportunity to try one of these restaurants. You won’t be disappointed!

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recommendations. We value those perspectives. We instead encourage our community to educate themselves about why students may feel hurt, upset, triggered, and displeased with our decision. Students must build bridges of empathy instead of indifference or dismissiveness. We are, in fact, a community of future attorneys and policy makers. Many students who are against the FDA’s MSM blood donation prohibition will have the political or governmental power to challenge this policy in the near future. But, an attitude of disdain and apathy toward our colleagues who are validly hurt by this policy only derails such efforts.

We plan to work with the SBA Health and Wellness Committee and the SBA Diversity Committee to implement these recommendations not only for this year’s Blood Drives, but for any future Blood Drive at UVA Law. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any other recommendations or concerns.

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introduced me to several friends. Two of them were writers with Columbia degrees, and another was also a professional model. They all wore leather jackets and talked about the local scene. Is this what all New Yorkers are like? I felt as if I had wandered into a television show about Brooklyn and was interacting with the main characters. They inspired me, and the next morning I threw on a maxi dress and hit the town running.

Something I love about New Yorkers is their fanatic dedication to the city itself. At school, I casually mentioned I would be traveling there to a few people, and by the end of the week I had no less than eight Excel spreadsheets filled with recommendations. My travel plan was a combination of following the spreadsheets and wandering off at random subway stops to see where the roads would take me. At no point in my life had I ever identified with Buddy the Elf more. At one point, I exited the wrong subway stop and ended up in sea of people, sound, and light. After some confusion, I realized that I had somehow wandered into Times Square. The sheer amount of stimuli was unbelievable. I came to realize that New Yorkers truly are unfazed by anything. I passed performers, costumed vigilan-

tes, sights of all kinds that people passed without even a glance. This is especially true on the subway. One evening, while traveling home, I listened to a woman deliver a sermon to a throng of travelers, only to be followed by a troupe of dancers who executed perfect routines on the poles and handlebars. I watched with wide-eyed fascination as everyone else wore headphones and looked off into the distance.

During the trip, I roamed through East Village, finding an excellent thrift store and trying the famous Baohous, a low-key eatery with an excellence that cannot be overstated. I went inside every museum I crossed, taking in everything from classic paintings to sensationalized modern portraiture. For most of my stay, I visited fringe areas of the city recommended by locals—as a result, I saw a more laid-back version of the Big Apple. If I could give anyone advice from my experience, it would be to go with a sense of adventure and at least a spreadsheet or two from a local. I hope to go again soon and see where the roads lead. New York City truly is a one-of-a-kind place, and yes, it did live up to the hype.

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Softball Scores:

**Sermon on the Mound** over Nerd Herd 12-2  
**Cheap 3Ls** over Cases Loaded 15-5  
**Cheap 3Ls** over Nerd Herd 33-2  
**F Bombers** over Legal-Es 23-6  
**DDD** over Bad News Bearristers 10-7  
**BatMen** over RELLS 19-8  
**Beyond a Reasonable Out** over Rip's RAngers 13-2

**CRG** over Hoos on 2nd 18-4  
**CRG** over National Goat Sacrificing League 30-0  
**3L Six Mafia** over The 1L Softball Team 11-7  
**Section I '19** over Bad News Bearristers 9-7  
**Do it for the (J)D** over Hoos on 2nd 12-10  
**C's Get JDs** over Cases Loaded 17-6  
**Fairly Odd Patents** over Allied Front 16-10

**Fairly Odd Patents** over 2ooLs 14-9  
**2ooLs** over C's Get JDs 12-3  
**See No Evil, Guerinot Evil** over A'notha One 15-14  
**A'notha One** over Green Machine 15-12  
**Well Hung Jurors** over The 1L Softball Team 25-13  
**2ooLs** over VLW 22-3  
**Basis Loaded** over Do it for the (J)D 18-10

Cartoon By Jenny Lamberth



THE DOCKET

WEDNESDAY – October 24					
12:00	VLPP/LALO: One Charge, Two Justice Systems: Imm/Crim L. Intersection "Ag-Gag": Animal Agriculture & The First Amendment	Purcell	Free		Lunch served
13:00		Caplin	Free		Roots
17:30	Baker Botts Presents: Courtroom War Stories	WB 101	Free		Brochures, mints, monogrammed hand sanitizer
17:30	Minority Rights Coalition Mixer	Caplin	Free		Light refreshments
THURSDAY – October 25					
11:30 – 13:00	FedSoc Presents: "Recent Supreme Court Cases Every Law Student Should Know"	Caplin	Free		Chik-Fil-A
13:00	US Relations With the International Criminal Court ft. Mark Kersten	WB 102	Free		Lunch served
17:30 – 18:30	VLBS Presents: In-House Counsel Panel	WB 104	Free		Yes
FRIDAY – October 26					
9:30 – 15:00	Inst. World Langs. Fall Symposium	Nau Hall	Register @ iwl.virginia.edu		Breakfast
10:00 – 14:00	UVA Women's Ctr. "Healthy Relationship Day" Drop-in Consults	Women's Center	Free		Refreshments provided
12:00 – 13:00	Perspectives on Womanhood From Around the World	Women's Center	Free		Lunch served
13:00	JB Moore Soc. Presents: International Law Course Panel	WB 128	Free		----
19:00 – 22:00	UVA Ballroom Halloween Swing Dance	1515 Student Ctr.	\$5		Candy
SATURDAY – October 27					
10:00 – 11:00	More Than the Score: Children's Memories of Past Lives	Alumni Hall	Free		----
20:00	Final Night: "The Wolves" by Sarah DeLappe	Ruth Caplin Theater	Free to UVA		----
SUNDAY – October 28					
19:00	Keith Urban: Graffiti U	JPJ	\$37 - \$95		Avail. onsite
MONDAY – October 29					
13:00	Asylum for Victims of Domestic Violence	Purcell	Free		----
13:00 – 14:00	Opioids, Pain Management & Avoiding Addiction	Caplin	Free		Pizza
TUESDAY – October 30					
11:30 – 13:00	FedSoc Presents: Why the Anti-Federalist Papers Matter	Caplin	Free		Chik-Fil-A
12:00 – 12:30	ECVC Presents: PJ Harris on Company Founders' Legal Needs	WB 154	Free		----
WEDNESDAY – October 31					
17:00 – 19:00	Family Trick-Or-Treating	UVA Lawn & Spies Garden	Free		Various candy (BYO pillowcase)

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