



Unity Concert for Cville

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For students dedicated to the “work hard, play hard” philosophy, Foxfield was not the only exciting event during the warm Sunday of September 24. After the horses raced and the booze dwindled, many UVa law students rallied to attend “A Concert for Charlottesville.” The concert occurred in Scott Stadium, attracting one of its biggest crowds (even with the fact that students did not earn five sabre points for attending). The concert brought the community together to share in an incredible common experience and show its unity against the events of August 11 and 12.

The stadium filled with people from all areas and backgrounds. Tickets were free, allowing essentially any and every Charlottesville resident to attend who had a desire to do so. Approximately 20,000 tickets were distributed, reflected by the mass of music lovers in the stadium that evening. Although the concession stands may have been frugal with their rationing of cheese for pretzel-dipping,² the overall feeling was one of camaraderie before the event even started. By the end of the night, every person in that stadium felt a new appreciation for our beautiful city.

Dave Matthews, lead singer of Dave Matthews Band³ organized the event in an attempt to show love and support for his Charlottesville hometown. Matthews welcomed the thousands who gathered for the show before the concert began. Brittany Howard started the music with a bang, followed by Cage the Elephant. After their strong beginning performances, the first surprise guest of the evening walked onto the stage. The crowd roared as Coldplay appeared, crossing the pond to volunteer their time to play for the Charlottesville community. The band performed some of their most famous songs including “The Scientist” and “Viva la Vida.” Coldplay left the crowd with chills in performing “Amazing Day,” a song celebrating the beauty of the world around us. The stands of people swayed along to the music, letting the message of the song sink in.

The Roots and Pharrell Williams performed next, bringing to life recent hits including “Happy,” “Blurred Lines,” and “Get Lucky.” Pharrell, born in Virginia, poured his heart into his performance, expressing his care and encouragement to the crowd between songs. He knelt in front of the thousands in attendance as he charged us to continue to rise together. Everyone could feel his compassion and heartbreak about the horror our city experienced, making

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Take Me Out to the Prof-Ball Game



Professor Richard Schragger concentrating on hitting a pitch. Photo courtesy of Natalie Affinito

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After a five-year hiatus, on Sunday, October 1st the North Grounds Softball League (NGSL) restored the tradition of the Faculty/Student Softball Game on Park Field 6.

The event occurred on a crisp fall morning thanks to the negotiation efforts of Jonathan York '18, who approached Professors White and Hylton about forming a faculty softball team to play the students. “We felt this was too fun an event to not try and get it up and running again,” said York.

Why had it previously been so difficult to field a professor team? “According to Professors White and Hylton, two original members of the inaugural NGSL fall season, several other faculty softball enthusiasts left the law school and the remaining faculty became very concerned about injuries,” recalled York.

“A former colleague broke a hand during one faculty/student game, perhaps that deterred would-be faculty players from participating,” pondered Professor Hylton, “but Jonathan came up with a reasonable compromise that attracted enough professors to play.”

York explained the deal, “We decided that instead of having one student team and one faculty team, we would have two mixed teams of faculty and students to try and prevent any injuries.”

This mixed-team format seemed to have assuaged professors’ fears of injury as Professors Hayashi, Schragger, Brown, Cohen, Schauer, along with Hylton and White, all participated. Pro-

fessor Spellman remained on the bench after sustaining a non-softball related injury earlier in the week, but hopes to play again in the coming years.

Professor Schauer was thrilled to be back on the softball field, “When I taught at Michigan Law in the ‘80s we had a faculty [softball] team,” he said during the warm-up.

Professor Hylton, one of the founders of NGSL in 1976, and Professor White, who led the original faculty team in the league, and played collegiate baseball at Amherst, captained their respective teams.

Professor White assumed the role of pitcher, sporting an all-black tracksuit, sans tie. Professor Schragger and Professor Brown covered the outfield, along with student players Marc Capuano, Will Vieth, Joanna Kelly, Collette McNeela, Avia Gridi, Connor Kelley, Rebecca Kimmel, and Dascher Pasco.

Professor Hylton played catcher for his team with Professor Cohen on first base, Professor Schauer on second base, and Professor Hayashi in left field. Student players included Jill Winter, Vince Flynn, Carly Crist, Jonathan York, Teddy Kristek, Rebecca Chandler, and Chrissy Oberg.

The game had a number of impressive plays: Hylton caught a throw from the shortstop to tag Schragger out at home, and Professor Brown laid down a bunt but was foiled by a swift throw from the pitcher to Cohen on first, sending the criminal law professor back to the dugout. Professor Schragger made a daring outfield catch, where he appeared to have dropped the ball but regained control before it

hit the ground for the out. After the game, Schragger said of his highlight play, “At least I didn’t get hurt.”

Called “the professor to watch” by Professor Spellman from the sidelines, Professor Hayashi hit the first home run of the game. Though Hayashi played baseball in high school, this was his first time playing with faculty and students at UVa Law. His wife and son, Peter, who delighted in the spectacle, cheered him on from the sidelines.

Peter Hayashi, age 3, later led a pickup softball game on the spectator side of the fence against the Goluboff-Schragger kids. With impeccable form, Peter pitched against the Dean’s children, who are both twice his height and four times his age. When asked about whether he will pursue a career as a baseball player or a tax professor, Peter offered no comment. He did say his favorite team is the Toronto Blue Jays.

Though her husband played on Team White, Dean Goluboff offered cheers of support for everyone at bat. “It’s a beautiful day for this community event.” Goluboff remarked, saying she looks forward to the faculty/student game tradition continuing again. The Dean said she enjoyed watching students, professors, and their families all interact and hopes next time even more members of the UVa Law community will come out to play and spectate.

The contentious game ended 9-7 for Team White, but all celebrated with Ivy Provision sandwiches and a postgame practice between the professors and

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around north grounds



ANG’s thoughts are with the victim’s of the Las Vegas shooting. #vegasstrong



Thumbs up to Professor Ortiz arguing *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis* before the Supreme Court. ANG doesn’t have a clue what an arbitration clause is, but ANG is sure Professor Ortiz convinced Justice Kennedy to change his mind!



Thumbs sideways to the UK law student pursuing a porn career on the side. ANG isn’t so sure this is what “bare-ister” was supposed to mean, but ANG looks forward to K-Don’s 17 page series of emails regarding this career path.



Thumbs down to the 1Ls discussing their “upcoming clerkship applications” on the softball field. Recreational softball leagues are not where ANG (or any law student, or middle-aged singles looking for extracurriculars, or anyone) goes to think about career trajectory. Keep it to the gunner pit, please. It’s literally named for you.



Congratulations to ANG for starting ANG’s outlines. ANG definitely thinks that’s why ANG got inducted into the secret 1L society. Thank goodness ANG didn’t wait until Fall Break.



Thumbs up to the Charlottesville Fire Department for ‘saving’ our Productions Editor. From his ‘tragic’ bicycle accident. Conveniently the day before his Law Weekly assignment was ‘due.’ ANG’s got both eyes on you, bud.



Pour one out for Hugh Hefner. ANG, for one, will be wearing silk pajamas all week.



Thumbs up to Stephen T. Parr. The weather this weekend was ideal for early October. ANG is grateful that Parr has given us a taste of fall, but held off on the wind and rain. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations to Professor Deeks, you found ANG out. ANG really is an SJD student who has been living below the floorboards of WB at the invitation of Steven Glendon.

LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: SPOTLIGHT

The Law Weekly reached out to affinity group leaders to write for us in a feature we are calling "Spotlight." Our goal is to give leaders a regular platform to start conversations about issues they are facing, to reflect on the events of August 11th and 12th, and to educate the UVa Law community about their diverse experiences so that we can become better allies to our fellow classmates.

If you or your organization would like to be featured, please reach out to us at editor@lawweekly.org.

This weekend, several board members from the Latin American Law Organization (LALO) at UVa Law traveled to Atlanta to participate in the 21st annual National Latino/a Law Student Association (NLLSA) Conference. The conference was a gathering of over 150 Latinx law students from over twenty law schools across the nation to reconnect with our national umbrella organization and other affiliate chapters. We had an incredible time, reflected a lot about our identity, and learned a ton along the way.

The theme for this year's conference was "Latinidad y Rompiendo Barreras," which translates to "Latinity and Breaking Barriers". Latinxs make up around 18% of the U.S. population, but according to the ABA Lawyer Demographics for 2016, only 4% of barred attorneys identify as Latinx. At the conference, we focused on unpacking why those numbers are significant in the context of what it means to be a Latinx lawyer in our respective communities.

We talked a lot about representation and what that looks like in law schools. When reflecting on our own

community here at UVa Law, the lack of Hispanic/Latinx students is apparent. Furthermore, Latinx lawyers and professors are not well represented in the ranks of our faculty. After coming mostly

mal to most of us—something we've learned to accept and cope with. Not seeing someone who looks like you or might share a common background in the faculty is commonplace. But after experi-

ence, we found out just how important it is to see that sort of representation at our school.

Upon walking into the conference the morning of the first day, we were feeling emotional. Seeing all of the Latinx law students and professionals around us was affirming and validating. Then we all sat down for the opening remarks from the President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, Erica Mason. Ms. Mason shared some takeaways about her experience as a Latina in the law. We'd like to share them with you as they give insight into what life is like as a Latinx law student.

First, Ms. Mason encouraged us never to hide who we are or our culture for the benefit of others. Many times, Latinx students and professionals feel pressured to neutralize their identities through a process called "covering." There are many instances where Latinx students and attorneys feel like their culture might not be agreeable with the legal profession, whether in interviews or working on a day-to-day basis. There is a pressure to assimilate into dominant culture and dress or talk in a way that fits the norm. Ms. Mason's message was never to "dim [our] light to make someone more comfortable."

Ms. Mason also discussed what she says is the number one predictor of success: resilience. Her message to us was that we already had everything necessary for success within ourselves. Many times, students of color get dismissed by their peers as the "affirmative" hire. It's ultimately a condescending way to elevate their status and put down someone who worked just as hard to attain the same position. Barriers to inclusion are very real, and the Latinx community's ability to work past them is inspiring.

Another part of the conference focused on inequities for Latinx people in the criminal justice system. This is a scary time in U.S. history for Latinx people. There seems to be a trend of ICE agents waiting outside the courthouse for immigrants who are showing up for court dates. In some localities, ICE agents are even entering courtrooms and writing down names and personal information spoken in front of the court. Immigrants are scared, which incentivizes them either to not show up for court or to spend as little time in the courthouse as possible. The effect of this tactic is to ensure that immigrants often plead out their cases rather than wait for an in-

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From right to left, Daniel Natal, Victoria Granda, and Robbie Pomeroy attending the NLLSA Conference. Photo courtesy of Robbie Pomeroy

from predominantly white institutions, this seems normalizing Latinidad amongst lawyers at the NLLSA Confer-

The Role of Non-Black Allies

The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) hosted an informational dialogue last

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Monday night called "The Role of Non-Black Allies." Hosted by Toccara Nelson '19, the program allowed students and faculty members to discuss the experience of black students at the Law School, and what non-black students can do to educate themselves about Allyship. Originally scheduled for Purcell Reading Room, interest was high enough that the event was moved to Caplin Pavilion and was attended by over a hundred participants. Ms. Nelson noted that the discussion could create discomfort, but during the discussion, participants spoke with respect while they shared their experiences with racism and Allyship.

The idea behind Allyship is that non-black people who are concerned about racism and violence against black people can play a role in supporting black people in their community. "Allyship is not an identity," said Ms. Nelson, but rather "a lifelong process of building relationships." One student noted that building relationships can be as simple as developing friendships, and that friends can express concern or ask questions about others' experiences. Some students in the audience expressed a concern that people want to call themselves allies without actually doing anything,

and that overt acts of support, such as supporting a black student in class, can be uncomfortable but highly valuable.

Ms. Nelson highlighted the importance of Allyship with statistics detailing the low numbers of black students in top law schools, the prevalence of racial profiling, and the staggeringly high rate of murder among black transwomen (1 in 2,600

demolished in 1965 to make way for shops and apartments between the University of Virginia and the Downtown area.²

The burden of combating racism was discussed as well, with many students noting the exhaustion and fatigue that comes with being the black person responsible for calling out racism. One student suggested that non-black allies can shift some of the

Not only do black students feel burdened by having to speak out against racially insensitive comments, but these moments have a negative impact on black students' participation in the classroom, which can in turn affect their academic performance.

If a student or professor expresses a racially insensitive idea, suggested one audience member, non-black students

UVa Law students Jeri Brown '19, Kelsey Watkins '19, and Michele St. Julien '20 to the front of the room to answer questions. Ms. Nelson asked first for the panelists to describe some examples of positive steps toward Allyship that these women had seen at the Law School. Ms. Brown spoke about the work Virginia Law Women has done recently to reach out to affinity groups in order to include more students of color, particularly in leadership roles. She said that VLW's approach was intentional and accommodating, and had the goal of making people of color comfortable and safe.

When asked about ways to improve the quality of Allyship, Ms. St. Julien raised the issue of language, specifically that some non-black students use racially coded language without realizing how it may be offensive, as in the time she heard another student speak of visiting incarcerated individuals as a "fun surprise." She noted that racism often takes subtler forms than that of a Tiki-torch bearing Nazi. Ms. Watkins identified the need in the Charlottesville community for volunteers, and said that we need to go beyond the school and think about the greater Charlottesville area.

Both Ms. Watkins and Ms. Brown described experiences in which students made flippant or insensitive comments about affirmative action in their presence. Ms. Brown explained that the feeling of impostor syndrome can creep in at such moments, and while she is confident in both her qualifications

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Photo courtesy of Katherine Mann

compared to 1 in 19,000 in the general population).¹ She also told the story of Vinegar Hill, a formerly thriving black community in Charlottesville that was

¹ <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/mics-new-project-highlights-the-skyrocketing-murder-rate-of-black-transgender-women>

burden by standing up to racist comments made in their presence. Classroom discussions are one place where non-black allies can have a crucial role, as it is often the case that there are few black students in the room.

² <https://timeline.com/charlottesville-vinegar-hill-demolished-ba27b6ea69e1>

should feel compelled to speak up. Ms. Nelson asked the audience how many of them had heard a racist comment in the classroom, and over half the audience raised their hands. Far fewer kept them up when she asked how many times they had spoken up in response.

During the second half of the program, Ms. Nelson invited

Coming Up Roses

Listening to new UVa Law School cover band, Gunners N' Roses, one might assume

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the six-piece ensemble has been playing together for years, but that's not the case. Lead guitarist Ben Lucy '20 (2L-MBA) and lead violinist Victoria Granda '19 first met during Libel rehearsals just this past spring. After bonding about being two of the three music majors in the 2019 class, they discussed forming a band. During those Libel rehearsals, Ben and Vicky listened to Jordan Naftalis '18 sing and decided to approach her about joining; she was enthusiastic about the idea and agreed to become lead vocalist. The search for other musicians led to Becca Chandler '19 and Alex Degroat '19. "It took about five seconds of hearing both of them play for Ben and me to know we wanted them in the band," says Vicky. They became the back-up guitar and drummer, respectively. The final search was to find a bassist. Even though they seem similar, the two instruments require different mechanics to play. Becca ended up teaching Nate Shepherd '19 how to switch from guitar to bass, and he caught on immediately. "With that, the band was complete," said Vicky.

The band began research-

ing what kind of sound they wanted to pursue and rehearsed separately during the summer. Every member devoted time and effort to make sure they could hit the ground running when they came back to school. Then, in September, the group came together to play with each other for the first time. Becca described those first rehearsals as "amazing." She re-

ners N' Roses show for the first time on Thursday, September 21 at Buddhist Biker Bar. Alex expressed how incredible it felt to finally share what the band has been working on with his friends. His use of electric drums allowed the band to achieve new sounds, while lead vocalist Jordan used her impressive vocal range to switch between different styles like Beyoncé

music. When asked why he came out to watch the show, Brendan Woods '19 sarcastically responded, "Wait, this wasn't a Bar Review event?" Officially sanctioned or not, the consensus showed this show was definitely a Law School-wide event. From 3Ls to 1Ls, the bar was packed. The band unequivocally met their goal of performing "bangers on bangers."

After experiencing their first show, it's hard not to think that the formation of Gunners N' Roses was destined. Vicky agreed remembering how everything seemed to come together so smoothly. Even the name of the band was serendipitous: Jordan was telling her summer associate friends about the band when a 3L from Stanford suddenly hushed everyone and said, "Gunners N' Roses." Jordan's response was, "That's it. We're done looking for a name." She eagerly messaged her bandmates, and the name stuck. Since then, support for the band has gone through the roof. People are responding to their aesthetic and high energy. Part of the credit for their great aesthetic certainly goes to Jenny Lamberth '19, the artist who made the logo that adorns the band's popular Facebook page.

As for any "rivalry" rumors going around the Law School, this journalist simply couldn't substantiate the claims. Becca quickly assured me that Gunners N' Roses supports music, period. "The

more live music in Charlottesville, the better. The more law students playing, the better." Vicky brought the discussion back to the main mission of Gunners N' Roses when she stated, "The best part for us, at the end of the day, is to play the music for our friends. Music is, after all, something you share with people." This growth in the music scene just means that Law School students will have to fight (less) for their right to party. Gunners N' Roses is a group of dedicated musicians coming together to show UVa Law Students a good time.

What can we expect from Gunners N' Roses in the future? According to members, the experimentation is just beginning. The group is constantly looking for guest performers who are willing to join Gunners N' Roses at upcoming gigs. Ryan Snow '17 already joined them on stage once, expanding their sound through his use of a brass instrument, the trombone. It seems like UVa Law students will never have to see the same show twice. Band members agree, "We're just getting started!"

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Photo courtesy of Jenny Lamberth '19

counted how the process of coming together for the first time really validated all their hard work over the summer. "We've really focused on the music and then were able to build friendships around that love," she said.

The Law School community got to experience a Gun-

and Muse. Judging from the high attendance and number of students belting out lyrics, they accomplished their goal of providing quality cover songs. Most importantly to the group, the night brought out a diverse group of the student body to bond over something they had in common:

HOT BENCH



Max Wagner '19

1. Have you ever had a nickname? What?

Yes. My family used to call me M.J.

2. What is your favorite word?

Propreantepenultimate.

3. Where did you grow up?

Cumberland, Rhode Island.

4. What's the best meal you've ever had?

My mom's chicken parm.

5. What's your most interesting two-truths-and-a-lie? (And what's the lie?)

I was in a Bollywood Dance Company in college.

I wrote a 20-page research paper in a night (and started the research that night as well).

I've never slept for more than 24 hours in a row (Lie: 25 is my record).

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

Tom Brady. You shouldn't have to ask.

7. If you owned a sports team, what/who would be the mascot?

Tom Brady, see above.

8. What did you have for breakfast this morning?

Eggs and toast.

9. If you had to pick one song to play non-stop in the background of your life, what would it be?

"Hallelujah," but the Rufus Wainwright version

10. If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?

Metamorphosis, clearly the best.

11. What's something you wish you'd known about law school before coming to UVa?

There are dozens of classes you want to take, but you can't possibly take them all

12. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

My favorite city in America: Muncie, Indiana.

13. Backstreet Boys or *NSYNC?

Backstreet Boys. Is that even a question?

14. What's the best (or worst!) PG-rated pick-up line you've ever heard?

Q: How much does a polar bear weight.

R: Enough to break the ice?
Q: No. An adult polar bear weighs about 800 pounds. If it weighed enough to break the ice it would fall through and and die...

15. What's the best gift you've ever received?

Tickets to go see my first Red Sox game with my uncle and my grandfather when I was ten.

16. If the Law School had yearbook awards, what would you want to win?

Most likely to be a 4L.

17. If you could know one thing about your future, what would it be?

When will I become a billionaire? I don't like having to wonder WHEN it will happen.

18. What's the longest you've gone without sleep and why?

140 hours. It was second semester sophomore year, the week before classes ended for finals, and I had a lot of stuff to do. 7 a.m. Sunday through 3 a.m. Saturday.

19. What's your favorite thing to do in Charlottesville?

I like running around the Park fields at night. Either that or softball

20. If you could make one law that everyone had to follow, what would it be?

If you have a stupid opinion or fan theory about Harry Potter you have to keep it to yourself. Leave it to the experts like me. And yes, J.K. Rowling would be bound by this as well.

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several people emotional. His passionate contribution to the show added to the feeling of harmony in the air.

Chris Stapleton took the stage next, providing beautiful lyrics and chords to soothe the crowd. The stadium took a breath as he played, finding time for reflection after the moving prior acts. The break in high-energy performance ended when the next big act emerged—Ariana Grande was ready to rock.

Coming from Asia to perform at the concert, Ariana Grande set the tone with her hit song, "Side to Side." Running around the stage to energize the crowd, she motivated several people to sing and dance along. Her performance ended with "Dangerous Woman," inspiring all the women to belt out the lyrics, some more in tune than others. She parted with expressions of warmth and positive thoughts for Charlottesville, centering the crowd again on the underlying point of the event to join together as one.

Invited by a symphony of high-pitched shrieking and cheering voices, Justin Timberlake took the stage next. With a long set list, Timberlake sang several crowd pleasers including "My Love," "Holy Grail," "Cry Me a River," "Rock Your Body," and "Can't Stop the Feeling." And, as we all expected, the singer brought sexy back in usual style, bringing more unconstrained squealing from the zealous concert attendees. Timberlake shared

his words of encouragement with the crowd before his final song, "Mirrors." He appropriately set the stage well for what was thought to be the last act of the night, Dave Matthews Band.

The band gave an incredible performance, including songs "Don't Drink the Water," "Warehouse," and "Grey Street." Dave Matthews sang from the soul, continuing to light up the mass of people listening. Just when the people thought it couldn't get any better, Stevie Wonder came onto the stage. He ended the show with "Imagine," a John Lennon cover, "Love's in Need of Love Today," and "Superstition." Dave Matthews Band and Stevie Wonder beautifully ended the concert. The crowd exited the stadium, some holding hands and others still humming to their favorite tunes of the night.

It's been over a week since the concert, but the experience has left a lasting impression on all those who attended. Since the difficulties Charlottesville faced in August, the nation's support for this small city continues to exceed imagination. The number of famous performers who donated their time to bring joy to this community is one amazing example of that. "A Concert for Charlottesville" is one for the history books. As law students, we may not have time to reflect much on it with November quickly approaching, but our memories of that night won't fade anytime soon.

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LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVA Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court is comprised of four associate justices and one Chief Justice. Opinions shall be released periodically and only in the official court reporter: the Virginia Law Weekly. Please email a brief summary of any and all conflicts to jmg3db@virginia.edu.

**Anonymous 3L
(We / Us / Our)¹**

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**Court of Petty Appeals,
and justices thereof, in
their official capacity, but
especially Chief Justice
Goldman and Justice
VanderMeulen**

Docket 17-139

An Action for Damages in
the Court of Petty Appeals

Complaint²

I. Procedural Posture

1. This complaint, made by Anonymous 3L to the Court of Petty Appeals (CoPA) against CoPA, results from CoPA's failure to publish CoPA opinions in the past two editions of the *Virginia Law Weekly*.

2. Having used the abbreviation CoPA for the Court of Petty Appeals, We now realize that CoPA looks, in print, like a kidnapper creating a ransom note by cutting letters out of recycled magazines, and We decline to use this abbreviation, and instead will refer to CoPA as the Court.

3. The Court has jurisdiction because the Court of Petty Appeals is being sued and because Anonymous 3L has forgotten all *Our* CivPro and doesn't personally or generally remember what jurisdiction

1 We realize it may be difficult to learn how to speak Italics, but law school is a time for expanding minds and learning new things, including tolerance of new languages like Italics. Although a tonal language, Italics is not difficult to master. Just speak English in the sardonic and dismissive manner of Prof. Mitchell's storytelling.

2 Thanks to LRW and Prof. Fore for teaching me how to write a fake brief. What an immensely valuable skill.

is.³

4. This action lies in both Tort and Contract.⁴ We believe that the Court's prior consistent publishing of Court of Petty Appeals opinions has created an implied contract with its readership to continue publishing such opinions and, not having published, has breached its contract. We also believe that this action lies in Tort because We are unhappy about this and that's basically

ia Law Weekly. We spoke with VanderMeulen, J., and queried whether the Court's opinions would continue to remain unpublished. We told the Justice that justice required that opinions not be hidden from the public.

3. Anonymous 3L also spoke with Goldman, C.J., on the same issue. Her response to Us was, "You try doing this every week, loser."

4. Goldman, C.J., also made

dering of impartial judgments among law students, faculty, and whomever else the Court damn well pleases to adjudicate regarding.

7. The resolution of such issues by a fair and open judiciary and the publication of such resolutions is crucial to the Law School community's trust in its overall system of governance.⁶

8. Hiddenness and opacity in the judicial function, begin-

had Bodo's this morning to have an effect on its rulings. Especially not when such important matters as the douchery of a certain firm's OGI swag is on the line.

9. In short, unpublished opinions lead to tyranny. And as that one guy who lives in the van with the MNDSEYE license plate has (too) often reminded Us at the law school events, tyranny is bad.

III. Remedies

1. Anonymous 3L requests a damage award from the Court of two Court opinions for the two weeks of opinions lost, or in the alternative, a "best of" compilation of the Court's best opinions from the years past.

2. If CoPA refuses to start printing its opinions again, We believe the only option is for President Steve Glendon to appoint a special prosecutor to look into the matter. We think that ANG or Gunner the Wonderdog would be good choices.⁷ And if necessary, Lock them up! We acknowledge that Freedom of the Press is important, but it's more important that the press prints what we want to read and gives it to us for free.

3. We also believe that the Court of Petty Appeals should change its name to the Petty Supreme Court or the Court of Supreme Pettiness so as to indicate that it is the chief court of pettiness in the land. Quit confusing us like New York court system.

7 Robert Mueller was Our first choice, but he said he was busy. . .

"While We have appreciated the puns, wittiness, and pomp of the Court, its more important function is the rendering of impartial judgments among law students, faculty, and whomever else the Court damn well pleases to adjudicate regarding."

- Ungrateful Anonymous 3L who doesn't know what he/she is talking about

all that Tort law requires. If the Court requires us to be more specific, the elements of the Tort of Intentional Affliction of Opinions Unread are clearly met.

II. Substantive Harms

1. Anonymous 3L has been an avid reader of the distinguished opinions of the Court of Petty Appeals since his 1L year, or basically for eternity.

2. Anonymous 3L noticed that no such opinion of the Court was published in the September 20 Issue of *Virgin-*

3 Sorry Prof. Collins. You're the man. Don't ever change, especially not out of that train conductor hat.

4 Maybe Crim charges, too? Seems as bad as felony-murder to Us, Prof. Ferzan!

reference to important events of national significance that took place here in Charlottesville that the *Law Weekly* felt it had a duty to cover. We appreciate the coverage of national news, but We don't remember seeing anything from our main source of information, InfoWars.com, about Charlottesville. Mostly just things about little green elves.⁵ In Alex Jones We trust.

5. The September 27 issue of the *Law Weekly* again did not publish an opinion of the Court. Anonymous 3L began to worry that breakdown of law and order is imminent and commenced to file this action.

6. While We have appreciated the puns, wittiness, and pomp of the Court, its more important function is the ren-

5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3zACfX6wB8>

ning with unpublished opinions of the court, will lead to distrust in the system. Worse yet, Justices can render opinions that do not concord with pre-ordained law and precedent, leaving litigants to the impact of the whims and breakfasts of the judiciary to decide cases of the utmost importance. We don't want the fact that CoPA has or has not

6 See, e.g., maybe?, T.J., James Madison, and friends.

Faculty Quotes

J. G. Hylton: "26 is practically the only possible wrong answer to my question of what is a substantial majority of 50 hours."

K. Ferzan: "I only heckled three people yesterday!"


K. Abraham: "For a good lawyer, think of nitpicking as a triumphal arch."

G. Geis: "So there were two Peerlesses. I hope everyone appreciates the irony there."

Heard a good professor quote?
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Correction

In the September 20 article, "Hunkered Down for Irma," the paper misidentified the author's update time interval. The update interval should have read "bi-hourly." The *Law Weekly* regrets the error.



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Living With Anxiety Unapologetically

Pop culture calls us petty, “extra,” paranoid, and crazy hot messes. But really, our

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brains just never stop working. A simple “hi” catapults our brain into overdrive, and we start wondering why you didn’t include an explanation point or an emoji. We instantly begin pulling up our data points (popularly known as receipts) to see if you are behaving differently. We are reluctant to take things at face value because our brains function exclusively on a worst-case-scenario mode. **Maybe that’s why we make great lawyers.**

We don’t want to be this way. We want to just go with the flow and let things go. But the smallest things can set us off. Why didn’t you tag me in that meme? Are you upset with me? Are we not friends anymore?

This is where the panic sets in. We relive and reevaluate literally every single second of interaction we ever had with you, your friends, and even our friends’ encounters with your friends. We must have all the relevant information in order to make an accurate assessment of the situation. We need to be prepared because our anxiety has convinced us that this is a level 500 and it is the end

ALLYSHIP

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as a law student and her ability to respond, she feels she might appear defensive. Ms. Watkins said that in her Constitutional Law class last year, she felt that arguing for affirmative action was perceived negatively by others. In both women’s experience, having a non-black ally to speak



From left to right, Jeri Brown '19, Michele St. Julien '20, and Kelsey Watkins '19 speak at BLSA's Photo courtesy of Katherine Mann

up in those moments would have been valuable. “Back-up is good because it gives an air of legitimacy,” said Ms. Watkins.

“Allyship is helpful where black people are traditionally excluded,” said Ms. Watkins. “Sometimes stopping to explain takes away energy, so you can be helpful in spaces you already occupy and have access to.” Ms. Brown added that black students “would like to feel safe everywhere,” and that non-black allies can “make the spaces you inhabit safe” for black students, such as in student organizations and in activities like softball. She also suggested that peer advisors ask themselves who they tend to build relationships with,

of the world.

Don’t get me wrong. We are fully aware that there are other logical explanations to your seemingly unenthusiastic “hi,” such as the fact that it could be 7 a.m. on a Monday. Statistically speaking, it usually isn’t a level five, let alone level 500. As a matter of fact, there usually isn’t even a level. However, we have again created a whole alternate universe (that is very real to us) because of one single event.

Here’s the problem: the little voice that tells us, “But what if?” It’s the “what if” that keeps us up at night, losing our minds over the one sentence you uttered or one text you sent. What if we misread your text, and you were actually upset? What if you’re no longer invested in us? What if we hurt your feelings? What if we turned in the wrong assignment? What if our email never sent? What if we read the wrong cases?

We are afraid of failures, and we are afraid of losses. We are terrified of people leaving us or hurting us. Some of us lost loved ones. Some of us were assaulted. Some of us were abused. Some of us experienced trauma that we will never speak about. Some of us have always lived with anxiety. Sometimes there are no observable physical manifestations, yet sometimes we are immobilized for minutes or hours on end. The walls close in and we cannot breathe.

and reach out to black students. “They need those resources as well.”

Ms. Nelson concluded the program with a list of next steps for the audience. She encouraged the audience to read and support the list of demands from UVa’s Black Student Alliance.³ She suggested that student organization leaders include black attorneys when organizing

events and that students include black students in study groups. She also suggested being aware of one’s implicit bias. Many program participants had taken the Harvard Implicit Bias test⁴ before attending as a first step toward this goal. She also emphasized the need for non-black allies to do seek out information. A suggested reading list provided

3 <https://ojwgq10stm42ulxuw45kft8-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/March-to-Reclaim-Grounds-Demands-2.pdf>

4 <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>

Anxiety affects everyone differently.

We are fast to doubt our self-worth because someone or something has made us feel like we were nothing. Despite all of our accomplishments since, we are easily triggered to return to that negative space. We often feel like we are social outcasts because we obsess over trivial events. We require excessive reassuring that things really are ok because what we know logically doesn’t easily translate to how we feel emotionally.

This makes most meaningful relationships particularly difficult. With friendships or romantic relationships, we get jealous very easily. It is not because we think you are an unfaithful friend or partner, but rather because we are insecure. We see all your effort to be there for us, but anxiety tells us that, sooner or later, you will leave us. Why would anyone want to be friends with, or in a relationship with, someone so broken? So, it’s only natural that you would want to replace us with someone who is capable of being optimistic. That’s the fear behind every bout of spiraling overthinking.

Please understand that anxiety is a part of who we are, and stop telling us to “just relax” or “just chill.” It’s insulting and hurtful. It presumes that we can control our anxiety and that we are bringing this on ourselves.

ed by Ms. Watkins is below:

The Fire Next Time, by James Baldwin

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, by Frederick Douglass

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, by Michelle Alexander

The Souls of Black Folk, by W.E.B. Du Bois

There is a River: The Black Struggle for Freedom in America, by Vincent Harding

David Walker’s Appeal, by David Walker

Making Whiteness: The Culture of Segregation in the South, 1890-1940, by Grace Elizabeth Hale

At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance – A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power, by Danielle McGuire

The Black Woman: An Anthology, by Toni Cade

Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama, by Tim Wise

As for the event itself, Ms. Nelson thought it went really well, and was happy with the turnout. “These are people in the community who really care and want to be better at supporting black students,” she said. “This was a good first action for a lot of people.” For those who would like more information about BLSA or Allyship, please contact Toccara Nelson at allyshipblsa@virginia.edu.

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Don’t tell us that getting over it is the mature thing to do. We do not choose to be petty just for the fun of it. It is not fun to constantly rehash why no one loves us.

What we need is just for you to hear us out and patiently talk us through as we recognize when we’re being irrational. Our jealousy is not reflective of our distrust in you but our distrust in ourselves. Some of us are capable of disguising the anxiety because society tells us there’s something wrong with us. However, I’m here to tell you that we are not a burden and our anxiety makes us who we are. The tendency to overanalyze is the same mechanism that makes us highly efficient and highly functional. It’s the same reason that we are detail-oriented and excellent at risk analysis. It is that same skill that allows us to be empathetic and perceptive. We don’t need shining knights to save us. After all, we didn’t get here without knowing how to cope with anxiety. What we need is understanding and patience. We just want someone to listen to the rationales behind our anxiety and panic and say, “That’s silly and I still love you.”

Song suggestions for similar experiences: “Ready For Ya” by Demi Lovato, “Liability” by Lorde, and “Messy” by Fifth Harmony

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SPOTLIGHT

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investigation and trial because they want their cases in and out of the court quickly. Years down the line, those convictions become barriers for so many things.

We also talked a lot about the current standing of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. This week is the cutoff for people whose status are going to expire from now until March 5 to renew for the next two years. There are several proposed pieces of legislation going before Congress, many with bipartisan support. We spoke with an expert who feels that the DREAM Act probably has the best chance of passing. We encourage everyone in the UVa Law community to call their representative and senators to support this legislation; timing is important and the momentum we feel now is what will propel the passage of this protective legislation.

Attending the NLLSA Conference was a time of revitalization for our organization. We congratulate our very own Daniel Natal for being re-elected to the NLLSA National Board as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. We look forward to continuing to support Hispanic/Latinx students at UVa Law in every way we can and hope that our peers help us to do the same.

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SOFTBALL

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their kids. York summed up the game’s esprit de corps, “UVa Softball is all about community; getting to play our professors was a lot of fun. I’m really going to miss this.”

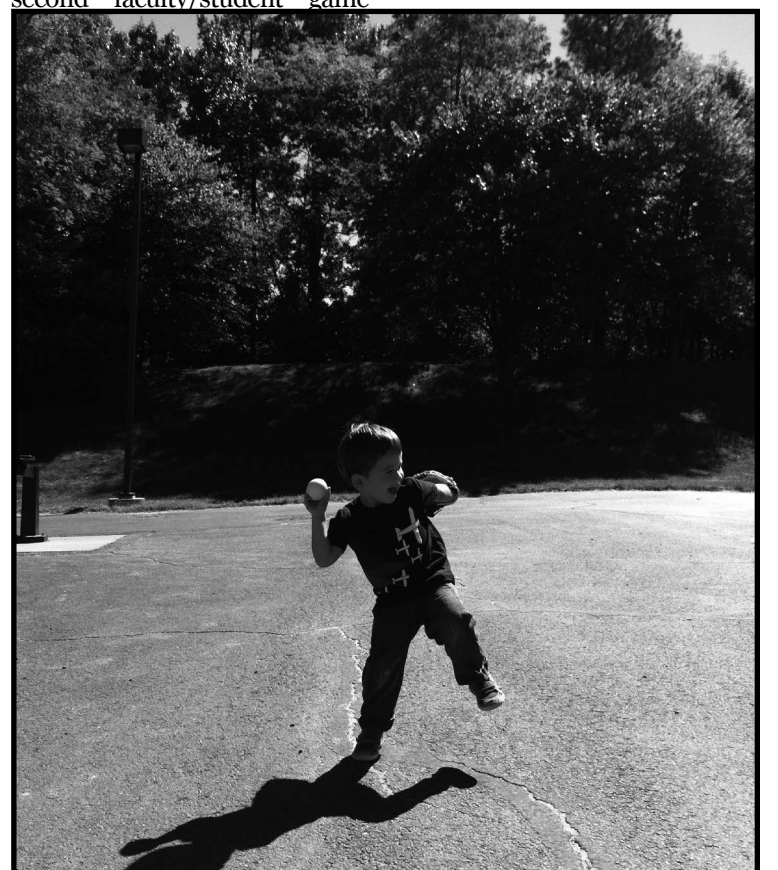
Professor Cohen spoke for the faculty when he told the *Law Weekly*, “Escaping without injury was key.” With none immediately apparent among the faculty and students, the game was deemed a success.

York, Professor White, and Professor Hylton are in discussions about NGSL hosting a second faculty/student game

during the spring season. They believe the injury-free fall game will convince more professors to play.

In an aside to the *Law Weekly*, Professor Hylton mentioned “Jim Ryan [President-elect of the University of Virginia] is a fantastic softball player and participated in numerous faculty/student games when he taught at UVa Law.” Perhaps if this tradition continues, President-elect Ryan will make time to play a couple innings on North Grounds at his alma mater.

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Peter Hayashi, age 3, works out in front of professional scouts. Photo courtesy of Professor Barbara Spellman

Bus Blunder Abandons Famished 3Ls

Last Thursday was the long-awaited 3L Bonfire. An event that some law stu-

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dents wait two and a quarter years to attend. Many even choose UVa Law just for the free hot chicken and s'mores served atop the Misty Mountain. And on Thursday September 28th, the evening finally came—for most 3Ls.

For the rest, the bus didn't come for nearly an hour after its scheduled departure. That left about fifty starved 3Ls stranded in the parking lot by the JAG school. "Bus is three minutes away from the school," said Connor Kelley, thirty minutes before the bus arrived to pick up its atrophied passengers. Asked for comment, normally-stoic 3L Steve Pet said "We are hungry, WE ARE HANGRY!!" Another 3L, saving

his strength, commented breathily, "annoyed, frustrated, starving."

While trying to drown out groaning bellies, one group broke into a game of charades. Interest waned when every clue was food related, and someone guessed "Donner Party!" with a touch too much enthusiasm. By the time the bus arrived, the fifty-person crowd had dwindled by half. "I have no idea where they went" said 3L Jeff Dahmer, who seemed satiated when the bus arrived.

Some remaining 3Ls were determined to redeem this hallmark of 3Lship. When asked if he planned to concede that chicken would not be forthcoming, Peter Bautz '18 responded, "We will fight on the beaches, we will fight in the parking lot."

The official story from event organizers Kelley and Laura Gregory, was that the bus company blundered the bus order, launching a large

bus when there should have been a short. Why the buses were different sizes remains unanswered. Would not three large buses have worked just as well? Were the short buses a subtle snub at too-slow students not quick or cool enough for the 7:10?

Said Lia-Michele Keane '18, "I was on bus two, it was empty. I then arrived at the bonfire, drank all the booze, and ate all the mac 'n cheese because I'm a proponent of survival of the fittest or first in line." To their credit, the organizers offered a full bus ticket refund to the surviving late-bus 3Ls.

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3L Katerina Seifkas charades her impression of Grandma Donner. Photo courtesy Eric Hall.



Surviving 3Ls huddle for warmth. Photo courtesy Jenna Goldman.

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CROSSWORD

This week, the editors at the Law Weekly decided that a change of pace was in order. Thus, we give you this crossword puzzle. Before we get a bunch of angry emails from our readers who depend on the reliability of sequential whole numbers to maintain order in their lives, sudoku and the docket will be back next issue. Answers will be published on Instagram @virginialawweekly and on our Facebook page.

Crossword Clues

Across

- 9. Law School Prom
- 11. 1L class most likely to make one terrified of trains
- 14. 1L equivalent of a treasure map
- 15. Thursday night fun (every two weeks at least)
- 16. Acronym for local cult

Down

- 1. Wi-Fi network name (or a small spaniel)
- 2. Glendon promises, and then fails to deliver, these
- 3. Topic of nervous interest for 1Ls
- 4. Longest running UVa Law tradition
- 5. Terror lurking under WB benches
- 6. 1L performance event that brings great joy
- 7. Local semi-annual pastel fashion show
- 8. See you at _____
- 10. ABA 2017 Best Student Newspaper
- 12. Nickname for UVa Law Student "productivity" area
- 13. Bar Review is on _____

