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## Editor-In-Chief Moves On to Better Things

Jansen VanderMeulen '19  
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

It is now a year since I took over as editor-in-chief of the *Virginia Law Weekly*, and two-and-a-half years since I first straggled into the *Law Weekly*'s tucked-away office in Slaughter looking for free pizza. Like the remnants of a gallon of wholesome, two-percent milk approaching its eleventh day in the refrigerator, my time has come; this is my final edition as editor-in-chief.

I could wax poetic about the last three-ish years of newspaper editing. About long Monday nights spent with colored pens alongside good friends and sometime-nemeses (lookin' at you, Anand). About returning the *Law Weekly* to some of its former glory with two ABA "Best Law School Newspaper" wins in a row. About covering endless talks and symposia and Law School events.

But to be honest, I was never really that into the *Law Weekly* for the whole journalist thing. Yes, despite what our critics say, the *Law Weekly* isn't just goofy thumbs-ups and reviews of various C'ville high- (and low-) lights. In the last year or so alone, we've broken numerous important stories, from the *Virginia Law Review*'s new membership policy<sup>1</sup> to the Copy Center's move away from free printing<sup>2</sup> and security flaws in the University's new dual-authentication mechanism.<sup>3</sup> Our coverage of the events of August 2017 were reproduced by the National Lawyers Guild,<sup>4</sup> and our piece

1 <https://www.lawweekly.org/front-page/2018/11/28/law-review-to-vote-friday-on-selection-overhaul>.

2 <https://www.lawweekly.org/col/2018/11/14/changes-coming-to-printing-policy-the-law-weekly-investigates>.

3 <https://www.lawweekly.org/features/2018/3/28/do-the-login-two-step-but-read-the-fine-print>.

4 <https://www.nlg.org/>

# Ballers at Barristers

### Three Perspectives on the Night



Daniel Natal '19, Gabriela Wolk '19, Maggie Echols '19, and Alyssa Daniels '19 pose for the Law Weekly's camera with their very cool props. Photo Credit Koleen Gladden '21.

Daniel Grill '19  
Staff Editor

As a 3L, I was very excited for my last Barrister's Ball. Previous Barrister's were very fun, but each had their own shortcomings from the line at the bar to the music. This year's event included key improvements that contributed to a fun night for all.

Upon entering the event, I was hounded by the Law Weekly paparazzi (S/O Kollleen/Pittsburgh State Gorillaz). While I was not prepared to answer "who I was wearing," the makeshift light stand and backdrop created the red-carpet environment Barrister's has needed. The pictures turned out very well and were a fun way to remember a great night.

As I proceeded into the main room, I was surprised to see long lines at each of the bars. In light of President Fuqua's day-before email, I expected short lines. Luckily, the lines moved very quickly and my flashbacks to the lines at last year's Barrister's subsided. This was a major improvement from last year when I felt like I was waiting in line for much of the night. The lines may have moved faster because of the separate water and soda-only stations.

With a corn syrup-free Bud Light in hand, I decided to explore the food options in the back corner of the venue. Expecting the chicken tenders and sliders of year's past, I was disappointed with the food options. The first hour of

Barrister's was limited to tortilla chips with salsa and queso, which were not particularly good. I even overheard one 3L, who asked to remain anonymous, say "this queso is hot trash. We have far better queso where I grew up in Houston. This is nothing compared to the queso in Nashville, where I attended college. I bet I can make better queso at my home on Alderman Road." Needless to say, the chips, salsa, and queso did not meet expectations. At around 10:30, pizza was served. They served plain, pepperoni, and vegetable pizza. For journalistic purposes, I tried all three and none were very good. I would have preferred pizza from Christian's or any other local establishment. The food was certainly the low point of the evening.

Food and drink aside, the music and dancing are undoubtedly the most important part of Barrister's. Throughout the night, the DJ played great music and it seemed like everyone was enjoying themselves. The dance floor was packed for the majority of the night, which is the true mark of a great Barrister's.

As Barrister's wound down, the Gunners 'n Roses after party was just beginning at Rapture. Typical of Gunners 'n Roses concerts, an eager crowd quickly filled the bar. The band matched the crowd's energy with a brand-new set list including crowd favorites like Tongue Tied and The Middle ft. Chris Martin. GNR truly brought the heat on Saturday night and set the tone for an-

other semester of great performances.

In conclusion, Barrister's was an excellent event. While the food was limited, the lines at the bar were far shorter than last year and the music at the Omni and Rapture were great. It was clear that SBA improved upon the issues we experienced last year.

Taylor EliceGUI '20  
Features Editor

This year's James Bond-themed Barrister's Ball was a smashing success. In keeping with the theme, red, black and metallic long dresses appeared to be the most popular fashion choices of the night. The music choices were great and the dance floor overflowing. Who knew law students could get down so well, particularly to the YMCA?<sup>1</sup> I did see a few too many dance floor makeouts, though—we don't party in the basement of fraternities anymore, people, and it is officially time to leave the DFMO where it rightfully belongs (with the undergrads). The *Law Weekly* photo booth was a nice touch and the line wasn't too long (at least when I was there). Shout out to Kollleen Gladden for her fantastic photography skills. It was quite exciting when my

1 At least, UVA Law students can tear up the dance floor. I can't speak for any of our peer institutions, but I would imagine they are not ~quite~ as fun.

## around north grounds



Thumbs down to ANG's double-print in last week's edition. ANG's bad, guys. Could've sworn there was a crowd chanting "encore" but upon closer reflection, that may have been in ANG's head.



Thumbs up to the drink lines at Barrister's. ANG had so much opportunity to perfect ANG's magic act. ANG specializes in making drinks disappear.



Thumbs down to SBA for barricading the doors to Spies Garden during the Diversity Fair with their own food and tables inside by ScoCo. ANG doesn't even need to make a snide remark to emphasize how, as the kids say, "not cool" that is.



Thumbs sideways to the declaration of a national emergency. On the one hand, ANG is always on board with panic-inducing announcements. On the other, if you "might be able to wait a couple of months," even ANG knows this is not an emergency.



Thumbs up to Valentine's Day. ANG was very excited to have nothing else on social media but couples declaring strange inside jokes to each other for the online public. It was an incredible day that was in no way deeply depressing on an existential level.



Thumbs down to the weather bipolarity this past week. ANG signs a lot of things without reading them, but finds it hard to believe that we ALL accidentally signed up to film an homage to Katy Perry's 2008 masterpiece "Hot N Cold."



Thumbs up to the approaching Admitted Students Open House. ANG holds court under the Copeley bleachers giving admitted students The Truth about Law School and also vodka.



Thumbs down to the second season of "The Umbrella Academy" not immediately being available for ANG's watching. ANG is too used to instant gratification...ANG can't go back.



Thumbs down to property. RAP.

# The Fried Chicken Sandwich Column

The Premier Episode of a Forthcoming Virginia Law Weekly Series: Which Chicken Sandwich is Best? Follow the Saga!

Drew Calamaro '21  
Chicken Reviewer

John F. Kennedy once said, “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things. Not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” My fellow fried chicken sandwich eaters, this column is doing that other thing. I will fulfill Kennedy’s mandate, complete his vision, and find the best fried chicken sandwich in his brother’s alma mater’s city, just as he wanted us to.

The question that any self-respecting future lawyer will ask, however, is “What is a chicken sandwich?” It is therefore my charge to find the outer bounds of what defines a chicken sandwich in this column as well. Important questions like, “Does a chicken tender hoagie count?” and “Do I include buffalo chicken sandwiches?” will be explored, as well as the finer points of mayo. There will even be an ode to iceberg lettuce (the polyester of lettuces).

How does one rate fried poultry? What are the criteria? Well, seeing as beauty is in the eye of the cluckholder, I will rate it according to a rigid system that I develop for each specific sandwich that is liable to change sporadically. That is the only fair way to do it, and is what our founding farmers would have wanted.

Of course, as a responsible journalist, I will relate each and every chicken sandwich to the Trump era, and ask if it is problematic to eat it while Trump is in office. Why? Because the media doesn’t do this enough,



This chicken does not yet know its fate. With your contribution, it may, soon. Photo sourced from almanac.com

and now that I am a member of it, I am going to ask it even more. Questions like, “Is it problematic that I eat the sandwich while scrolling past an Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweet without reading it?” or “Should I care about Trump’s restructuring of the military funds to build the wall without declaring a national emergency while biting into a gorgeously breaded piece of white meat?” are the ones the people want to hear the answers to.

Join me, and together, we will finish what Kennedy started. Not because it is easy, but because it is hard to eat so much fried chicken in so little time; hard to

say no to a non-conforming sandwich; and hard to find the holy grail—the perfect, juiciest, and crispiest chicken sandwich.

**Michael’s Bistro and Tap House – 1427 University Ave., Charlottesville Va**

Is the name too long? Perhaps. Does it seem like this “Michael,” whoever he is, didn’t know whether he wanted to open up a bohemian bistro near the sea or a dark and smoky tap house full of bar fights and broken dreams? Absolutely. But in the end, I refuse to go to [michaelsbistro.com/history](http://michaelsbistro.com/history) to find out why he couldn’t decide between the two. Facts

are dead.

Getting to Michael’s was tough enough—they only have two signs with giant arrows pointing to where the door is. Yet it’s easy to trip over one of them and keep on walking, all while avoiding eye contact with everyone around you. Luckily, I did not do that and nimbly ran up the stairs.

But it’s time to talk turkey. What we got here is a true heavyweight—a “fried chicken thigh with pickled jalapeno Oaxaca queso and housemade slaw on an ABC butter roll.” All for \$9.50. When I saw that description, was it problematic that I stopped thinking about

the corporate greed that went into the making of that chicken, the thousands of chickens who laid eggs and died in the past so that this one chicken could get fried up in the crispiest batter and smothered in queso that I know does not come from Oaxaca? As a media member, I will gladly keep asking these questions without taking any personal responsibility myself.

I was going to rate this according to how much debt I felt like I had accumulated since I started writing this, but I’ll save that for another time. Instead, I’ll give this sandwich a solid 177 on the LSAT.

When rated using the problematicness scale, however, I’ll give it an average GPA of 3.54. What tipped it past a 3.5 mark was the ABC bun. As an anti-number guy myself, I am all for naming buns after letters of the alphabet. However, this could quickly turn exclusionary with the finance-law crowd, resulting in a competing 123 bun that could do some damage.

**\*BONUS REVIEW\*  
Cook Out – 1254 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, Va**

This place is best enjoyed on a Friday night when you have to Uber there. Welcome to the south baby. I rate this sandwich a solid 163 on the LSAT—price point is fantastic. Is it problematic if I give this sandwich a 1.0 GPA, meaning it’s nearly not problematic at all? Tune in next week to find out!

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This chicken does know its fate. Fate was not very kind to this chicken, but fate bestowed a delicious gift upon someone else. Photo from cookscountry.com.

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pictures arrived so quickly, too.

The food and drinks were good and plentiful. I heard a lot of rave reviews about the pizza and nachos, and the different table options were a nice touch (both high tops and regular seating). The high tops made a particularly good place to hide your high heels when your feet started to hurt too much, not that I’m speaking from personal experience there. Obviously, the bar lines were a little too long, but I’m not sure that is a problem that can ever be solved without raising the ticket prices to absurd levels.

As a dedicated GNR groupie, I left the Omni on the earlier side to migrate to Rapture, so I got in without any problem. I did hear grumblings about people not being able to get in later, which is unfortunate, but I believe these ever-resourceful students found their way to another bar without too much trouble. GNR crushed the show and lead singer Trina Rizzo gave a great performance. I particularly liked the addition of “Shout” to the set. I love any excuse to kick my feet and dance like a fool. Unfortunately, I missed my favorite, “Toxic,” fighting to get to the bar, which was a struggle all night, but heard it was great.

All in all, 2L Barrister’s was a blast. SBA did a great job organizing and seeing people all dressed up is always fun. I love getting to see friends I don’t see every day, and it’s always nice to have an excuse to buy a new dress. I can’t wait for next year!

Jacob Jones ’21  
Event Editor

Last semester at PILA, I said to my wise PA that the event felt surprisingly like prom. She replied, “Oh no there’s an actual law school prom in the spring. We call it Barrister’s Ball.” Not knowing what a barrister is or what he does with balls, I played it cool and pretended to know what those words meant just like I always do when encountering other made up law school words. And so, I waited, dreaming about a barrister who was some kind of law school Santa/genie who would give me a clue about fee simples.

I needed to do everything I could to prepare so I didn’t



Eric Hall ’18, former production editor of the Virginia Law Weekly, with the amazing and incomparable Trina Rizzo ’19. Photo Credit Koleen Gladden ’21.

mess things up like my real prom. It’s been awhile since I had done this, so I had to refresh myself on the basics. I watched the SpongeBob episode where he takes Pearl to prom, but that didn’t help too much. WikiHow gave me some underwhelming advice, including “Make sure your cell phone is fully charged” and “Enjoy your prom!” One wikiHow article had a picture of wine with a crossed-out circle over someone drinking wine, and so I decided the internet was an unreliable source of information for this task.<sup>1</sup> With my go-to sources of advice exhausted, I decided I was going to have to wing it.

First, I needed a date. I don’t remember where I left the megaphone that I used to ask my high school date to prom with, so this time I settled for a simple unilateral contract. Next, I needed to scrounge up \$50 for a ticket.<sup>2</sup> Girl Scout cookies were off the table this time around, so I sold some of

1 There are 40 results when you search wikiHow for prom. There are dozens of wikiHow articles about prom. My theory is that a middle-aged woman in the Midwest named Betty has written all of them, and her husband, Bill, edits.

2 Many people have remarked about the high price, especially in comparison to PILA. I talked to an inside source on SBA, and while I don’t remember exactly what he said it made me feel better about paying that much.

my highlighter collection and traded up from there. Then, I needed a pre-prom gathering. My section had a vote on whether to buy Raising Cane’s and pregame with ourselves or mix with a different section, and naturally we went with the chicken. Finally, I needed a limo to show up in style. That was out of the budget, but our Uber driver, Sharadkumar, had a 4.97 rating and offered mints, so I’ll let you be the judge of whether a limo would have been better.<sup>3</sup>

We stepped out of our Uber, and I expected to be greeted by the Barrister. Unfortunately, I saw no one dressed in red, handing out presents, or looking like they came of the 19<sup>th</sup> century English legal system. I didn’t even see any balls. The man at the coat check seemed confused when I asked. Being an easily deterred person, I abandoned my search for the Barrister and decided to search for a deeper meaning to the night.

So, we stepped onto the dance floor to make the most of the night. I realized that the 3Ls had nothing to lose at this point in their law school experience, and my fellow 1Ls were a bit too comfortable around each other by this point, leading to a lot of DFMOs.<sup>4</sup> Social norms were

3 But if you judge against Sharadkumar you are WRONG.

4 I recently learned this means “Dance Floor Make-Out” and I’m excited to use this hip new lingo.

abandoned in favor of recklessness, and I was a fan.

They say that this is law school prom, but really it was a timeless event. The songs were most of the ones I have been hearing since middle school activity centers,<sup>5</sup> while the open bar reminded me that, shockingly, we’re old enough to be trusted with drinking responsibly. I was having these deep thoughts when someone pointed out there was toilet paper stuck to my shoe. It was actually a napkin, but the damage to my ego was done, and my dance moves were much less wild for the rest of the night.

The theme of the night was 007, I think. The photo booth props were my biggest clue and maybe the only one.<sup>6</sup> Students seemed to have a lot of fun. Eliza Schultz ’21 said that “it was like the bat mitzvah I wish I’d had,” despite her bartender not knowing what a seltzer was. There were no tables where you could bid \$50 to hang with someone else’s dog like you could at PILA so that was a bummer. This was somewhat counterbalanced by seeing law boyz dress up in silly tuxedos.

We were then uplifted to Rapture, where Gunners n’ Roses was doing their first performance of their Farewell Tour. Despite being packed in like sardines in a barrel, law students seemed to have plenty of fun. The band also played some of the songs I loved in middle school, and still do, but this time it was way better.

The next morning I woke and I realized that for one magical night, we had all forgotten about all the stresses of law school for a night. Through friendship, we had transcended themes, legal concepts, and time to let loose on the dance floor and beyond. And maybe that’s what a Barrister is. Friendship.<sup>7</sup>

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5 In retrospect, it was weird they were playing “Get Low” and “Hot in Herre” at dances back then. We were like 12.

6 Many thanks to Kolleen Gladden ’21 for running this!

7 Still no clue what the ball is though.

Social Media  
at UVA Law:  
What’s Hot  
and What’s  
Not?

Lena Welch ’20  
New Media Editor, Shameless  
Promoter of Favorite Student  
Org Social Media Accounts

Since #ANG has rediscovered ANG’s Twitter account, it’s time to review the social media presences of UVA Law student organizations. I’m going to focus on Twitter and Instagram. Y’all get the Facebook event invitations, you know which organizations are on Facebook. In the meantime, one retweet = one respect.

I’m also limiting the review to student organizations and programs; otherwise, the library (@UVALawLibrary) would win. Y’all know their Arthur content is \*heart eyes emoji.\*

The @UVALaw account would also be a winner because, as some of y’all know, they are responsible for my \*fire emoji\* phone background of Dean Risa Goluboff and Pharrell Williams. It’s truly the greatest photo in the world.

Nevertheless, some of the student organizations are churning out good #content, highlighting the goings-on around North Grounds and beyond.

**Virginia Law Women Twitter: @UVALawWomen**

Virginia Law Women joined twitter in the spring and has been giving us gifs and girl power ever since. @UVALawWomen’s retweet game is strong, inspiring us all with suc-cessful lady lawyers.

Follow if you like staying up to date with the women at UVA Law as well as the stellar alumnae.

Ranking: 8 RTs

**Public Interest Law Association | Instagram: @PILAatUVA**

While PILA hasn’t tweeted since 2014, it does have a new Instagram account. With only eight posts, @PILAatUVA has room for improvement, but I have a feeling some spring events will provide good content.

Don’t forget to donate, y’all. Your public service classmates can use it!

Ranking: 6 likes

**Black Law Students Association | Twitter: @UVABLSA | Instagram: @BLSAatUVA**

@UVABLSA highlights the organization’s involvement in the greater Charlottesville community, which is definitely something to be commended. BLSA’s accounts also feature some excellent graphics. Plus, last year’s “Nice for What” video was



The legendary Jacob Jones ’21 strikes a pose with Meg McKinley ’21 at the Barrister’s Ball. Their love was blinding. Photo Credit Koleen Gladden ’21.



LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVA Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court comprises 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 mes5hs@virginia.edu.

**Class of 2019 v. Impending Graduation**  
889 U.Va. 13 (2019)  
VANDERMEULEN, C. J., announced the opinion of the Court in which HOPKIN, MALKOWSKI, and DOSTAL, JJ., joined. JANI, J., filed a dissenting opinion.

Chief Justice VANDERMEULEN, one final time, for the Court. The sudden realization that they must graduate in three months’ time swept through the 3L class this week, leading members of that class to file a suit seeking to enjoin said graduation and the final exams preceding it. Plaintiff class complains its members “aren’t ready at all to take finals,” “have ZERO idea what the bar exam even is,” and “can’t go on without Mandy in [their] lives.”

This case comes to us on appeal from the Court of Petty Complaints, where Judge Joby dismissed plaintiffs’ complaint, writing, “You kids are really sweet, but it’s time you got out there into the world and started donating to the Law School.” We now affirm.

I All good things must come to an end. See, e.g., Lunchtime. But see, e.g., Libel—which never, in fact, ends. So it must be with the Class of 2019’s time at the University of Virginia School of Law. Plaintiffs—112 members of the 3L class, not including JD/MBAs—complain that the end of law school and coming of such awful things as finals, the graduation reception’s “summer cocktail attire,” and a mind-numbing summer filled with no-drinks bar review entitles them to an injunction against this parade of horrors.

Plaintiffs must have hired Professor Jeffries to be their lawyer or something because they make a whole lot of claims about declaratory relief and use the word “equitable” a lot. Fed Courts was scary so I don’t remember a lot of that and will just pretend I didn’t read it. The other thing plaintiffs talk

“Fed courts was scary so I don’t remember a lot of that and will just pretend I didn’t read it. — C. J. VanderMeulen

about is due process and I do know that, thank goodness. They claim that graduation being foisted upon them is a violation of the Fifth Amendment right to due process. In support of that proposition, they cite *Ballenger v. 2Ls*, 645 U.Va. 1 (1994), in which this Court held that 2Ls can’t be made to go through OGI without some kind of hearing and a right to “cry their little hearts out,” and *Haden v. Lisa*, 778 U.Va. 888 (2015), in which the Court declared the end of sweet snacks in the Snack Office a cognizable loss for which plaintiffs could sue.

II Plaintiffs misread our precedents. While it is true that no one can be forced to interview for jobs without being given a hearing, a proper hankie, and a shoulder “of ample width” to cry on, there can be no analogy between OGI and graduation. Defendant Graduation, represented by Deans Goluboff, Kendrick, Davies, and Donovan (aka the Four Horsemen), insists that while OGI is “optional,” there is in fact “no place to put you if you don’t graduate” and “this is all very silly.” Much though it pains us to agree with the literal embodiment of evil,

we must agree with the Four Horsemen. Post-law-school summer life sounds pretty not fun, we agree. And none of the 3L members of this Court are ready to be real adults yet; Justice Malkowski informs us that the post-law-school TV-watching environment is very bleak indeed.

But the Four Horsemen make a good point: They did send that “Apply for Graduation” email notifying all 3Ls of the need to, in their words, “get the hell out of here and into some kind of livelihood for once in your life.” The email may not have been very long; it certainly wasn’t very interesting. But we find that the cursory “apply for graduation” email suffices for process allotted to plaintiffs before their dreams were seized from them.

Besides, not everyone is sad to graduate. *Amici* calling themselves “THree-El’s Enjoying Nearing Doom” posit to us that they “can’t wait to leave this hellhole” and that they’re “really over seeing Vineyard Vines shit.” With such a divide in the 3L class, we cannot in good conscience rule that a group of sentimental slackers like plaintiffs needn’t graduate.

Justice JANI, dissenting. I dissent from my colleague’s trauma-addled decision. The Court accuses plaintiffs of misreading our precedents, but it is they who have misconstrued our august decisions. How could the Court forget *SBA v. NGS*, 445 U.Va. 256 (1993), which held that softball season may not be cancelled without paying the student body in kegs for their loss? Or *Roberts v. Scott*, 598 U.Va. 100 (1998), which declared “fundamental” the right to a hearing before the administration could censor Libel productions?

I can reach no other conclusion than that my Brother VanderMeulen and his cronies do not, in fact, lament their fast-approaching graduation, but in fact that they relish it, the sick fiends. Personally, as a Darden student, I will be here another year, so I needn’t yet face the black abyss of existential dread my colleagues now feel. And when I do, there will be plenty of Xanax and expensive liquor to get me through it. Accordingly, I dissent.

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The lower court’s ruling is AFFIRMED. Also, this is my final decision as Chief Justice. I have been unceremoniously deposed from the bench by a rowdy, irreverent bunch of 2Ls. They’ve forced me into early retirement without even a ceremonial gavel to show for it. Protest letters may be sent to editor@lawweekly.org. It is so ordered.

Correction

Last week, the Law Weekly attributed the Shaping Justice conference to PILA. However, the Law Weekly did not correctly state all who were responsible for making the event a great success. The four responsible for the Shaping Justice conference were Rachel Davidson Raycraft ’20 (PILA), Professor Crystal Shin (LPS), Dean Annie Kim (PSC), and Lena Welch ’20 (LPS). The Law Weekly regrets the error

Faculty Quotes

**Prakash:** “We need more holidays that the law school will ignore”  
**Ad. Bamzai:** “You can, for reasons that still escape me, have your refrigerator connected to the internet.”  
**J. Setear:** “Contracts lawyers are to blame for WWII, and I’ll explain why”  
**R. Harmon:** [Trying to think of a word] “I’m suffering from noun deficiency syndrome.”  
**A. Vollmer:** “Some of you out there are more anal than I am . . . I am pretty anal, but some people are worse, and some of them are in this room.”  
**R. Verkerke:** “I have a lust for diamonds”  
**J. Harrison:** “I know you came to law school because you can’t do math . . . me too.”  
**D. Hellman:** “I like to gamble. It’s fine with me!”



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on Judge Amul Thapar’s visit to the Law School made it onto SCOTUSblog’s feature on Thapar’s jurisprudence.<sup>5</sup> These pieces and others helped secure our paper the aforementioned ABA awards.

But that’s not what kept me at the Law School until ungodly hours eating more Domino’s in two and a half years than any human should in a lifetime. I stayed for the *Law Weekly*’s documentation of life at the Law School. For pieces like the one that gave advice on how to survive bear encounters (“The Bear Necessities,” 9 Sept. 2017) and profiles on Law School badasses like Chinny Sharma ’19.<sup>6</sup>

For origin stories, like the one about Professor Mitchell’s redhead obsession,<sup>7</sup> and final chapters, like our *in memoriam* for Professor

guild-notes/article/a-view-from-august-12th-legal-observers-in-charlottesville/.

5 <https://www.scotusblog.com/2018/07/potential-nominee-profile-amul-thapar/>.

6 <https://www.lawweekly.org/features/2019/2/1/hot-bench-chinny-sharma-19>.

7 <https://www.lawweekly.org/features/2018/9/11/lunch-with-professor-mitchell-it-all-started-with-a-redhead>.

and former *Law Weekly* EIC J. Gordon Hylton ’77, who passed away last spring.<sup>8</sup> The way I see it, people can get their news from anywhere. People don’t pick up the *Law Weekly* for our hot takes on current events or our news about Supreme Court opinions. The paper continues to grow and thrive because we offer something no one else can: stories about life at the Law School from the perspective of students.

And make no mistake: The *Law Weekly* is thriving. When I got to Charlottesville as a 1L, the paper was just beginning to recover from a low point in its history. Our predecessors in the mid-teens had run the paper into the ground with juvenile garbage. Pot shots, mean jokes, even gross racial stuff. A look at the *Law Weekly*’s 2013 or 2014 pages is a look at a dying newspaper sadly fallen from its glory days.

The editor-in-chief when I was a 1L was Alex Haden ’17, who had joined during what he called “the bad years.” Under the leadership of Alex and then Jenna Goldman ’18, the *Law Weekly* turned around. Professors emailed me telling me the paper had “come a long way.” Faculty members who had hated the paper’s mean streak and disliked the paper generally

8 <https://www.lawweekly.org/features/2018/5/2/in-memoriam-an-interview-with-professor-j-gordon-hylton>.

started contributing to its pages. One night, I stopped to talk to Frank, the night-time security guard, and told him I was with the paper. “It’s gotten a lot better these last few years,” he told me. “Way more thumbs ups, not so many thumbs downs.” Our improvement showed: After years in the wilderness, the *Law Weekly* has won the ABA’s Best Law School Newspaper award each of the last two years.

I could go on about increased circulation and growing classes of 1Ls on the paper’s staff, but you get the point. To all of you loyal readers, thank you for picking the paper up off the stands and for telling me you’re not sure if ANG is a man or a woman.

To Professor Doran, sorry for putting your quotes in the Faculty Quotes section even though you told me not to, and p.s. it’s pronounced “broach.” I am glad to say that as the *Law Weekly* begins its seventy-second year, the paper is as strong as ever and poised to continue to provide readers with the things they love about it—yes, even you, people who complain when we replace the sudoku with a cool crossword. I’m proud to have been a part of this fine old Law School tradition, and it is with confidence that I hand off the reins to a new group of leaders.

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Letter to the Editor

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“I Hate The Economist”  
Thoughts from a Law Weekly  
Guest Writer

Ben Lucy ’20

It has gradually occurred to me that I will criticize *The Economist*, the only news publication that I both hate and pay money to read.

I usually kind of enjoy the publication, the same way I enjoy *The American Conservative*, because a lot of smart people work there and they’re generally more libertarian, so nowadays there’s this impulse to say things that are, like, shocking to the neoliberalcon establishment or whatever, and I need those kinds of things to survive. So we get along fairly well.

This weekend I made the mistake of reading “How to deal with the mullahs” from the February 9 edition. (I love how they don’t capitalize words in their titles. So edgy! So liberated!)

Synopsis: To get Iran to do what would be best for the writers of *The Economist*, “America needs to mix firmness with pragmatism...” Yeah, so basically another completely meaningless article by these status-quo propaganda hacks, but it sets some norms that I think are conversation-worthy even though the substance of the piece is not.

Anyways, sometimes *The Economist* writes these sentences, and they seem like they’re stating facts, but then if you think about it you’re like wait a second (1) some British people definitely wrote this sentence, ugh they’re the worst and (2) definitely some of them were high-fiving when they finally wrote this sentence and (3) my God—they, an alleged news organization, have written this sentence exactly as if they were reporting facts, but really it’s just a bunch of highly controversial conjectural nonsense! Again!

“If Iran casts off the JCPOA’s nuclear constraints, America and Israel will have to choose between the risk of Iran building a nuclear bomb and the dangers of a bombing campaign to stop it.”

That’s like saying, “If that bus crosses the street, I will have to choose between the risk of also crossing the street or pulling out my gun and declaring that no one is crossing this street anymore.” Like yeah, okay, sure, maybe? But isn’t it weird to say? Are they dichotomous? Is it clear that one or the other is the only solution?

From another angle: pretend I’m a machine learning algorithm that literally learned to read from this article. Even I know that “the JCPOA” means “Mr. Obama’s accord,” and that President Trump “abandoned Barack

Obama’s nuclear deal in favour of tight sanctions.”<sup>1</sup> So like, as a strictly logical computer, I have to ask, are you aware that the “JCPOA’s nuclear constraints” have already been lifted? Okay, maybe I’m an algorithm that also understands basic contracts, but yeah this is some pretty one-sided propaganda nonsense.

I get that the Economist is run by a crack team of like 500 M16/CIA college interns from conservative economics and political science departments around the world, but I will say unabashedly that it unnerves me how every article is reported like it’s God’s truth without a name attributed to it.

Maybe there’s like a special British way that you attribute names to things and I’m just not looking in the right place, but it’s weird. Anyways, true story, I wrote in to my hometown newspaper one time the criticize its editorial board for criticizing Robert Bentley (years before the whole he-was-a-hypocrite thing), and I specifically called them out for not affixing their name to the attack on Bentley.

My parents literally didn’t tell me what editorials were as a child. I’m embarrassed about this to this day. So I’m hesitant on this one. Like, maybe every *Economist* article is an editorial? If that’s the case, could the smart macro people come in and tell the PolySci people how to write?

Back in reality, it’s really frustrating that supposedly objective or mainstream news sources operate so transparently as organs of the state. Maybe next week we can talk about *The Economist*’s coverage of Venezuela?

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1 I have this subscription because this charming English college student called me and was like “Hey do you want some discounted The Economist” and I was like “Haha my brother-in-law is British you folks are alright yes that’d be great here’s my credit card.” He found me in America. He knows I’m in America. Why am I reading “favour”? Why can’t they tailor my user experience as closely as they apparently can tailor my prospective-user experience? Anyways, yeah, definitely not gonna renew.



# HOT BENCH



Sydney Mark ’19

**1. What are you most excited for during your spring semester in Charlottesville?**

Libel Show, obvi.

**2. What is your favorite word?**

Schvitzy (Yiddish for sweaty).

**3. Where did you grow up?**

Raleigh, NC.

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

Pitbull—hands down. He is a lyrical genius.

**5. What’s your favorite hobby to avoid the stress of law school?**

Dance party in my room.

**6. Where is your favorite place to vacation?**

Anywhere that’s warm with sand. Can’t wait for Hawaii with some of my favorite law school people.

**7. What’s something you wish you’d known**

**about law school before coming to UVA Law?**

How to use all those cool Word functions that paralegals know how to use.

**8. What did you have for breakfast this morning?**

Avocado toast with crushed red pepper.

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

Venice (but only in a universe where it stops sinking).

**10. What’s your least favorite sound?**

Nails on a chalkboard.

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

A royal title of Sealand—you may refer to me as Lady Sydney of Sealand.

**12. Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera?**

Xtina.

**13. What is the best concert you have ever been to?**

LMFAO/Ludacris/Black Eyed Peas.

**14. What’s your favorite thing to do in Charlottesville?**

Wineries on the weekends.

**15. If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what would it be?**

Everyone would have to listen to at least one Pitbull song every day. #dale

**16. Spirit animal?**

Wolf.

**17. What are your favorite foods?**

Sushi, cookie dough, and gummy bears.

**18. If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?**

Buy a lot of aromatherapy candles.

**19. If you had Matrix-like learning, what would you learn?**

How to code.

**20. What would be the title of your autobiography?**

Whoops!

**21. Where is a place you haven’t been but want to travel to?**

New Zealand.

**22. Oxford comma or nah?**

HUNDY P, Oxford comma.

**23. Coke or Pepsi?**

Diet Coke and anything else is wrong.

**24. Where’s your favorite place in the law school?**

The study room by the bookstore. It’s one of the only places you can study and spread out reaaaaaal wide.

**25. What are you most excited for in thinking about your upcoming summer in NYC?**

All of the cannoli!

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SOCIAL MEDIA  
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Ranking: 10 RTs

**Latin American Law Organization** | **Twitter:** @UVA\_LALO | **Instagram:** @LALOatUVALaw  
LALO's Twitter account primarily tweets out its Instagram photos, which automatically improves their #hashtag game.  
Also, it has posted about the Shaping Justice Conference and the *Virginia Law Weekly*, and that goes a long way with this reporter.  
Ranking: 9 RTs

**William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition** | **Twitter:** @LileMootCourt  
@LileMootCourt features some excellent photos. Its tone is particularly positive and encouraging.  
Even if you're not writing a brief, you may want to give them a follow for the good luck GIFs. It's also a good introduction to #AppellateTwitter, so prepare for the quote tweets.  
Ranking: 8 RTs

**American Constitution Society** | **Twitter:** @AC-SatUVA  
@ACSatUVA has a self-deprecating tone to its tweets. I expect its following will increase with its student convention coming up.  
In the meantime, give them a follow for interest-

ing information with a bit of silliness. Plus, they tweeted about the Shaping Justice Conference, so...  
Ranking: 7 RTs

**Federalist Society** | **Twitter:** @FedSocAtUVALaw | **Instagram:** @FedSocAtUVALaw  
Fed Soc's Twitter and Instagram accounts are focused on its events, perfect if you want to be in the know for everything it's sponsoring. Good graphics and timely information make these a couple of well-run social media accounts.  
Ranking: 8 RTs

**Program in Law and Public Service** | **Instagram:** @LPSatUVALaw  
The Program in Law and Public Service is new to Instagram, but it is definitely worth a follow.  
The idea behind it is simple: public service students do cool things. Plus, the boomerang of Robbie Pomeroy '19 and Spencer Ryan '19 is one of the best posts on the internet.  
Ranking: 10 Likes

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THE DOCKET

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	Food?
WEDNESDAY – February 20				
11:00 – 16:00	Class Ring Promo Event	Bookstore	Still too much	----
12:00	Lexis Lunch	WB 101	Free	You know the drill
12:00	Legal Practice at the NSA ft. General Counsel Glenn Gerstell	Caplin Pavilion	Call your Mom and tell her you're going	----
16:00 – 19:15	Women in Biglaw	Various	RSVP online or to rls9bp@virginia.edu	Hors d'oeuvres, wine
18:15	ASL Meeting	WB 105	Free	----
20:00	Lambda Pres: Movie Night: <i>Paris is Burning</i>	Ivy Clubhouse	Free	Light refreshments
THURSDAY – February 21				
12:00 – 13:00	JLSA/MLSA Pres: Religious Minorities in Big Law—Balancing Faith and the Billable Hour	SL 294	Free	Food served
12:00	The Foreign Policy of the Future	Purcell	Free	
15:30 – 19:30	West Coast Wahoos Hospitality Suites, Career Panel, Reception	SL 211/217; reception in Purcell	RSVP online	Hors d'oeuvres
17:00 – 18:00	Bluebooking Session	WB 152	Free	----
FRIDAY – February 22				
12:00	APALSA/SALSA/WOC Journal Tryout Info Sess.	WB 128	Free	----
12:00	FLF: Human Rights Work & Feminism	Purcell	Free	Lunch provided
15:00	ACS Student Convention	Caplin	Free	----
SATURDAY – February 23				
10:00	Law Families Play Day @ Bounce	Bounce, 127 Seminole Court	With RSVP to VLF online	Bring own Goldfish, juice
14:00 – 22:00	One-Day UVA—Jazz: Exploring the History and Music	Colonnade Club	\$200	----
SUNDAY – February 24				
15:30 – 17:00	UVA Chamber Music Series Albemarle Ensemble	Old Cabell Hall	Students free in advance, \$5 door	----
MONDAY – February 25				
13:00	Common Law Grounds	Caplin	Free	----
TUESDAY – February 26				
15:40 - 18:00	Career Svcs: New York City Day	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Small group dinners follow
15:45 – 17:00	Fin. Aid Pres: Saving & Investing Strategies w/ Prof. Paul Mahoney	WB 128	Free	Refreshments served
17:00	Sustainable Food at UVA	WB 104	Free	Food served
WEDNESDAY – February 27				
18:00 – 19:30	Night of Self-Expression ft. FLF/DVP/VLW/The Vagina Monologues	TBA	rgg5fb@virginia.edu for info	----
20:00	Journal Tryout Sign-up Deadline	In those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them	One woe is past, and behold, there come two woes more hereafter	If any man have an ear, let him hear!

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