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## Chief Schmalzl Takes Charge

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For years I have dreamed of attending UVA Law. I knew from a young age that this place was special, and for a long time I hoped to walk these halls, make incredible lifelong friendships, and, most importantly, play softball.<sup>1</sup> But the last thing I ever expected was not only to be involved with, but also to be Editor-in-Chief of, the *Virginia Law Weekly*.

Like most people who become involved with the *Law Weekly*, I began attending meetings as a 1L because of the free pizza and the hope to have something interesting to put on my resumé come OGI. Thanks to Jenna Goldman '18, Editor-in-Chief during the 2017-18 school year, and Julie Dostal '19, nicest person to me on Monday nights in the *Law Weekly* office when I was a 1L, I kept coming back to edit every week and enjoy some laughs with fun upperclassmen. And come spring semester, then Editor-in-Chief Jansen VanderMeulen '19 approached me, much to my surprise, about being the paper's Executive Editor. Despite knowing very little about the position, or about how bad pizza smells when you sit in a room with it for six hours on a weekly basis, I agreed to devote my Monday nights and take a more serious role with the newspaper.

It was in that first week as Executive Editor that I realized my passion for the *Virginia Law Weekly*. After publishing our very first edition under the new leadership, the papers were taken from the stands in protest of a controversial piece submitted by a non-staff student that had made its way into our pages. Additionally, a large display condemning the article was left outside of the *Law Weekly* office—a copy of the missing issue marked up with highlighter and red text written across the page, "SHAME" in all caps. Seeing this, I felt threatened. EIC WELCOME page 3

<sup>1</sup> Shout out to Peter Dragna '20 and Ben Hawkins '20 for dubbing me the Leslie Knope of softball. I can't thank you enough for such kind words.

## ISSA Injustice

*Plight of British-born Rapper Representative of Contradictions of American Immigration system*



Photo courtesy of Photo 11: Roy Rochlin, Getty Images.

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On January 29, 2019, rapper 21 Savage (Shéyaa Bin Abraham-Joseph) performed his single "A Lot" on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. In place of J. Cole's feature, 21 Savage inserted a new verse. The verse included the following lyric: "been through some things, but I couldn't imagine my kids stuck at the border. People was innocent couldn't get lawyers."<sup>1</sup> On February 4, 2019, U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement arrested Mr. Abraham-Joseph after a "targeted operation with federal and local law enforcement."<sup>2</sup> ICE spokesperson, Bryan Cox, delivered a statement identifying Abraham-Joseph as an unlawfully present United Kingdom national.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Abraham-Joseph legally arrived with his mother on an H-4 Visa in 2005. His visa expired in 2006. At age 12, through no fault of his own, Mr. Abraham-Joseph's presence in the United States became illegal.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://hypebeast.com/2019/1/21-savage-a-lot-the-tonight-show-starring-jimmy-fallon>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm\\_term=.ff056cff611d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm_term=.ff056cff611d).

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2019/02/21-savage-ice-detention-false-promise-black-citizenship/582013/>.

In addition to the identification of Mr. Abraham-Joseph as an illegal United Kingdom national, ICE also effectively labeled the rapper a fraud, discrediting his public persona as an Atlanta rapper and portraying him as a nefarious felon. An ICE spokesperson commented the following to CNN: "his entire public persona is false."<sup>5</sup> Prior to his arrest by ICE, 21 Savage's Wikipedia page stated he was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In an interview with XXL Magazine in 2016, the rapper stated he was "from Decatur, Georgia," located in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area.<sup>6</sup> The

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm\\_term=.ff056cff611d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm_term=.ff056cff611d).

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2019/02/21-savage-ice-detention-false-promise-black-citizenship/582013/>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.interview-magazine.com/music/21-savage-seth-rogen-interview>.

public also interpreted the rapper's reverent loyalty and common mention of the city of Atlanta as indicative of his birthplace.

Fans may not have been aware of where 21 Savage was born, but the U.S. government most definitely was. The ICE statement is clear. Mr. Abraham-Joseph's "public persona is false." The intention is also clear. ICE intended to capitalize on the rapper's alleged deception with regards to his citizenship to manipulate the public into disclaiming 21 Savage. The agency attempted to sever the rapper's fourteen-year ties to the city where his brother died, where his three children now live, and where he started charity programs to help children in his neighborhood with financial literacy and school supplies.<sup>7</sup> ICE then labeled Mr. Abraham-Joseph a felon. Mr. Abraham-Joseph was convicted of felony drug charges in 2014.<sup>8</sup> The penalty was later

<sup>7</sup> See the ISSA Bank Account and ISSA School Drive programs in East Atlanta. <https://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/hip-hop/8467380/21-savage-hosting-issa-back-to-school-drive-third-year>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.nbcboston.com/entertainment/entertainment-news/21-Savage-ICE-UK-505280672.html>

## around north grounds



Thumbs up to Chris Evans as a human being. Glorious beard? Check. Swoonable smile? Check. Helping Regina King up the stairs? Check.



Thumbs sideways to the 1L who attempted to eat 75 chicken nuggets in an hour. ANG is disappointed he didn't succeed, but ANG officially remains pro-fried chicken.



Thumbs down to journal try-outs. ANG hates the notion of try-outs ever since ANG didn't make travel soccer in second grade, which also started ANG's hatred of orange slices.



Thumbs up to Dean Goluboff for signing emails with "RLG." ANG hopes that when Dean Goluboff adversely possesses a seat on the Supreme Court, she becomes known as "the open and notorious RLG".



Thumbs sideways to last week's mid-week snow-day. ANG wasn't going to come into school anyway, but the validation is nice.



Thumbs up to SBA for making emails an issue in the election and keeping with the American Tradition. ANG keeps hearing about these "but her emails" and appreciates the equal gender representation.



Thumbs down to the official at Friday's UVA's senior night wrestling dual. ANG hears a take-down is normally two points, but didn't think this applied when the wrestlers were eight feet off the mat.



Thumbs up to the Courts & Commerce's annual t-shirt sale! ANG now has gifts for ANG's family for the next three holiday seasons.



Congratulations to Taz Jones '20 and Shanna Adler '19 on their quick engagement and upcoming wedding, happening tonight. ANG wishes you a lifetime of happiness and lots of beautiful children!

# The Fried Chicken Sandwich Column Strikes Back

## Episode II: The Poblanos Problematic

I'm big enough to admit that I made a lot of sacri-

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Chicken Reviewer



fices this week. I *could* have stayed inside during the snow day, and I *could* have stayed home with a stuffy nose on Saturday. Instead I walked all the way to the car and drove to review more chicken sandwiches. Doing so took a physical and emotional toll on me, but I refuse to complain. I especially *won't* complain about the \$3 parking fee I had to pay for one of my reviews that the *Virginia Law Weekly* refuses to refund; not in this column, and especially not to the readers.

Instead, like a true member of the media, I am here to relate chicken sandwiches to the current political environment. This requires asking tough questions addressing the intersectionality of problems and maticness. No one else is asking these questions, and like the chicken and the egg, it has to start somewhere.

**Zinburger—973 Emmet St N**

Don't let the name fool you—Zinburger is not the German word for hamburger. My good friend from Germany told me that the German word for hamburger is *dumneranwalt*, which I trust to be correct since, as he said, translating German back to English on Google never works right.

1 Editor's note: at no point did this author ask for reimbursement by the *Law Weekly*. Fake news.



The author's sandwich at the Whiskey Jar. Photo Drew Calamaro / *Virginia Law Weekly*

German names aside, Zinburger's Southwest Fried Chicken Sandwich includes "Pepper Jack Cheese, Red and Yellow Peppers, Poblano Peppers and Avocado Crème." The chicken itself was good, but, to my horror, the sandwich had bell peppers on it. When it comes to chicken sandwiches, I draw the line at bell peppers. They have no place in the public sphere except in a salad ordered by Amy Klobuchar that I assume contains the souls of her underlings topped with a nice green goddess dressing.

I was so upset over this *fowl-pas* that I forgot to feel outraged enough to read Paul Manafort's 800-page sentencing memo. Does that make me an irresponsible citizen? Perhaps. But remember that Zinburger calls this a "Southwest" chicken sandwich by virtue of putting the worst vegetable

on the best possible food. Therefore, I give this sandwich a 3.5 out of 5 stars for both taste and problematicness, which is the same as

Southwest Airlines' food rating on TripAdvisor.

**Iron Paffles & Coffee—214 W Water Street**

The sandwich here is build-your-own. I am not convinced that the public is ready for this type of power. Chicken sandwiches, like societies, cannot be trusted to the masses and instead require chicklets and balances. However, as someone in the roost-ruling class, I knew the only correct order was a chicken sandwich with aioli, tomato, slaw, and pepper jack cheese.

The "paffles" are a mixture of French puff pastry and Belgian waffles, which is a touchy combination of countries that hasn't been attempted in over half a century. However, the result here is a beautiful piece of chicken nestled between two flaky waffles. Given that the term "flaky waffles" is literally redundant and that combining the two words gives you "falafel," calling the sandwich bun a "paffle" starts to make more sense.

Since I am giving Iron Paffles free press, and Belgium is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 180 countries on the Press Freedom Index, I will give this sandwich 173/180 on tastiness. However, since France is 33<sup>rd</sup> on the Press Freedom Index, I will give it a 147/180 on problematicness, which as we all know is still very high!

**The Whiskey Jar – 227 W Main Street**

Here we have "Shredded Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato, [and] Duke's Mayo on a Grilled Brioche Bun." Innocuous, you might say, but we

need to talk about something first: the Brioche Bun.

Folks, I haven't seen appropriation like this since Ruth Bader Ginsburg stole Barry Goldwater's glasses. I don't think we depended on France to gain our independence, so why are we depending on them to make our sandwiches? Maybe I'm simple, but the only French "bread" I'm interested in appropriating is more funds for NATO. I give the Brioche Bun 10/10 baguettes for problematicness. However, it was delicious, and I take the baguettes back and give it 47/50 FREEDOM fries for tastiness. The other 3 fell down my car seat.

Overall, this was a strong contender. I don't know who "Duke" is or why he has his own mayo, but seeing as mayo contains eggs, there are arguably two chickens in this sandwich. Therefore, I give it 10 eggs out of a basket

that can hold 12, because you should never put all of your eggs in one basket.

**Current Rankings:**  
**Michael's Bistro:**  
Taste: 177/180 LSAT  
Problematicness: 3.54 GPA

**Iron Paffles:**  
Taste: 173/180 Press Freedom Index  
Problematicness: 147/180 (still very high!)

**Whiskey Jar**  
Taste: 10/12 eggs  
Problematicness (Brioche tastiness): 47/50 freedom fries

**Zinburger**  
Taste: 3.5/5 stars (Southwest airlines food rating)  
Problematicness: 3.5/5 stars (*Id.*)

**Cookout**  
Taste: 163 LSAT  
Problematicness: Tune in next week!

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Chicken and . . . "paffles"? This do-it-yourself offering won high marks from our reviewer-- for democratic liberal internationalism as well as for flavor. Photo Drew Calamaro / *Virginia Law Weekly*



Zinburger's Southwest Fried Chicken Sandwich, featuring the sweet peppers our correspondent found so difficult to swallow. Photo Drew Calamaro / *Virginia Law Weekly*

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# Tweedledee: La Joya Fiesta

After a long and laborious week of being 2Ls, Taylor and I decided it was time for a celebration. No, a party. Nay, a

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*fiesta*. As a result, she and I opted to try a new Mexican restaurant here in Charlottesville: La Joya. Located off Exit 120 on 64-E (and right across from the beloved Wegman's), La Joya provided us with quick service and a great atmosphere for our first joint restaurant review.

Taylor and I entered a pleasantly quiet restaurant, dimly-lit but bright enough to find our table and even see each other from across the booth. We perused the menu and struggled to decide what meals to get given the wide variety of appealing options. Those who struggle to make decisions may be overwhelmed by this Mexican restaurant's unique offerings, but I loved getting to pick from a wide array of exciting options. I often get the same thing every time I go to a restaurant for fear of getting a dish I don't like as much as my normal go-to, but since this was my first visit to La Joya, the world was my oyster.

Despite the great assortment of options, Taylor and

I didn't stray too far from our core values. We ordered guac and queso in addition to the salsa that was provided for free by the fine establishment.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, we both got margaritas.<sup>2</sup> The appetizers all had a nice little kick to them, providing the perfect<sup>3</sup> burst of flavor before our main courses. However, the margaritas left us wanting. What we were wanting? Alcohol. Seriously, I got a jumbo and wasn't disgusted by the taste of tequila by the end of it (as is per usual for me when I get jumbos elsewhere in Charlottesville). But hey, if you enjoy sugary drinks that don't leave you at least a little buzzed, La Joya margs are the ones for you!

Next came our entrees. I got the pollo con arroz<sup>4</sup> and, ex-

1 But extra chips after the first basket cost an additional \$0.75. As the positive food reviewer, I will reserve statement on this menu decision.

2 Only for the sake of journalistic research, obviously.

3 Except for the onion in the guac. I don't know why onion must be put in everything, but it has always felt especially inappropriate in the delicacy that is guacamole.

4 This was its official title on the menu, should anyone question my knowledge that it is more commonly known as

cept for good company, found it to be my favorite part of the dinner. With bits of zucchini and mushroom mixed in, I enjoyed the unique twist on one of my go-to Mexican restaurant dishes. And I hadn't realized this when ordering, but the dish didn't include pounds of queso, meaning I didn't have to waddle out of the restaurant in pain from being so full, as I normally do when eating at Mexican restaurants. Best of all, the restaurant honored my request for no onions despite them being included as part of the normal menu item. There is nothing worse than special ordering a dish to add or remove ingredients and those special orders being completely ignored. For this alone, I have to respect La Joya. I just can't take the onion.

Overall, La Joya was a fine little hole-in-the-wall place for some decent grub. While I will stick to La Plaza Azteca when I need a good marg after a long week, and El Puerto for its closeness to the law school, La Joya provides a nice change of pace for people wanting a more low-key Mexican restaurant. Plus, with a Nestlé Tollhouse ice cream shop right across the street, how can you not love pay this nice, little restaurant a visit?

"arroz con pollo."

I have high standards for Mexican restaurants, and La Joya was okay but did not exceed expectations. The atmosphere is decent—it feels like

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a typical Mexican restaurant. The menu had a lot of options, which is always a bonus. There were almost too many good choices; Eleanor and I struggled to make decisions.

We started off with some cheese dip, guacamole, and salsa. This was one of my biggest complaints: the first basket of chips was free, but refills cost money. I appreciated the instant gratification of how quickly these delicious dips arrived but was very bitter when we had to pay \$0.75 for another basket of chips to finish off our dips. The cheese dip was really good, but a little bit on the spicy side for my weak self. I was still undecided between several options, but the spiciness of the cheese sauce persuaded me away from the nachos and cheese enchiladas.

Ultimately, I decided on chimichangas—one chicken and one veggie. It came with rice and salad (which I find outrageous), but I substituted the salad for some refried beans. The beans were absolutely delicious and unhealthy—my favorite combo.

The chicken chimichanga was also yummy and flavorful, particularly because it was covered in cheese. The veggie chimichanga was pretty solidly meh, particularly because I am not at all a bell pepper fan. I felt a little outraged on Eleanor's behalf, though—what type of ACP doesn't come smothered in cheese?!

My other biggest complaint was the margarita. As our driver, I went for a small, but was hoping for some interesting Eleanor jokes after she finished consuming her large. Unfortunately for me, the margarita appeared to be missing the key ingredient (tequila). She could have been the one driving us home, even post-jumbo margarita. Interestingly, the margarita also didn't come with salt on the rim. I was happy, because I don't like salt, but found it strange I didn't even have to request it. If you happen to be a person who prefers a more exciting rim, make sure you request it.

Overall, the company was great and the food was okay. Not my new favorite Mexican restaurant in Charlottesville, but I would consider going again if I found myself on that side of town.

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## 21 SAVAGE

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expunged. The agency failed to mention the expungement in its official statement. Instead, ICE identified Mr. Abraham-Joseph as a felon and a foreigner. The agency's garnered its intended response from the American public.

"Immediately following news of the detainment, narratives echoing ICE's language proliferated online. These quips relied on the dangerous logic of ICE's statement: the implication that Abraham Joseph's newly revealed immigration status renders him a fraudulent cultural interloper."<sup>9</sup>

Public commentary demonstrated a marked lack of engagement with the life of 21 Savage. Further, the public's embrace of ICE's depiction of 21 Savage as a fraud and a felon demonstrates a "an unfamiliarity with the agency's wide-ranging tactics to discredit its detainees, and the broader systems that contribute to that targeting."<sup>10</sup> In May of 2018, a U.S. District Court held that ICE falsely claimed that detainees were affiliated with street gangs in order to successfully deport the individ-

uals.<sup>11</sup> ICE failed to include relevant information regarding Mr. Abraham-Joseph's arrest record. The agency also actively worked to discredit an individual who has tirelessly represented Atlanta and actively serves the community through philanthropy and taxes. It is essential that the public sensibly engage with the facts surrounding the arrest and deportation proceedings of 21 Savage.

On February 13, 2019, 21 Savage was released from ICE custody.<sup>12</sup> He paid \$100,000 to be released on bond. A statement by the rapper's lawyers revealed the U.S. government was already aware of 21 Savage's immigration status. The rapper's U visa application has been pending for over a year. A U visa is available to those who have been victims of a crime in the United States, have suffered physical or mental injury as a result of that crime, and who are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in an investigation or criminal prosecution.<sup>13</sup> 21 Savage's U visa application likely relates to injuries he suffered after being shot six times by rival

11 <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/05/federal-judge-accused-ice-of-making-up-evidence-to-prove-that-dreamer-was-gang-affiliated.html>.

12 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/13/us/21-savage-rapper-release-ice/index.html>.

gang members. The rapper's lawyers noted his visa application. The statement read in part:

"Mr. Abraham-Joseph has never hid his immigration status from the US government. The Department of Homeland Security has known his address and his history since his filing for the U visa in 2017, yet they took no action against him until this past weekend."<sup>14</sup>

Despite the government's previous awareness of the rapper's residence, 21 Savage was arrested while driving with his cousins in Atlanta. Mr. Abraham-Joseph recalls he looked up from his steering wheel to see flashing blue lights and guns. A helicopter was also present during his arrest.<sup>15</sup> He was then put into the back of a car without further explanation. He told reporters that his only understanding of his arrest came from overhearing an officer state, "we got Savage."<sup>16</sup> The rapper now sees himself as an important advocate for poor black Americans and poor black immigrants whose in-

14 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm\\_term=.ff056c6ff611d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2019/02/03/rapper-savage-arrested-by-ice-agents-who-say-hes-united-kingdom-not-atlanta/?utm_term=.ff056c6ff611d).

15 <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/rapper-21-savage-describes-arrest-ice-we-got-savage-n971951>.

16 *Id.*

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And I felt like someone was trying to scare the paper's leaders away from publishing controversial articles submitted to them. Suffice it to say that the new executive board was shaken, unsure of what our tenure would look like from that point forward.

Those events left me feeling passionate about the importance of freedom of speech and the press. They also transformed my previous enjoyment of the *Law Weekly* into much more. No matter my feelings toward the controversial article of that week or others like it, I feel strongly that opinions should be heard. And when people disagree, I feel just as strongly that these people should have a place where they can challenge those opinions—as many students did by writing response letters in subsequent editions of the paper last spring. I don't view the *Law Weekly* as the appropriate posting board of all things controversial, but I am thankful to have had this experience. It led me to love a facet of this law school I never dreamt I would care about—this newspaper. It led me to want to take on this role as Editor-in-Chief.

As Jansen mentioned in his farewell article last week, the *Law Weekly* has come a long way in the last five years. I feel so lucky to have had such strong lead-

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9 <https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archives/2019/02/21-savages-ice-detention-false-promise-black-citizenship/582013/>.



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.

Schmalzl Shmazzle v. VanderMeulen  
936 U.Va. 492 (2019)

SHMAZZLE, C. J., (formerly Schmalzl, J.,) delivered the opinion of the Court, in which PICKETT, LUK, and ELICEGUI, JJ., joined. VANDERMEULEN, J., filed a dissenting opinion.

Chief Justice SHMAZZLE delivered the opinion of the Court.

I

Not too long ago, former Chief Justice VanderMeulen<sup>1</sup> was the dictator of this Court. During his tenure, other Justices on the Court often found themselves joining opinions they’d never actually read, filing dissents they’d never actually written, and acting at the whim of “the King.” Now that I have taken control, I am going to lay to rest the wrongs he committed against me.<sup>2</sup> Only one such wrong is worth addressing today, for it was so great and so burdensome that no other can rightfully be tackled along with it.

As some of you may know, I entered this Court during February of 2017, eager to help decide all the petty problems that UVA Law students need litigated. The first opinion I joined was on April 11, 2018, *Streit v. Students*, 654 U.Va. 183 (2017), and I proudly signed off as Justice Shmazzle. The name stems from my first cold call in 1L, when an unnamed professor<sup>3</sup>

- 1 May his soul rest in peace.
- 2 I would help the others, but TBH I don’t think anyone but me cared because they “liked” and “respected” Mr. VanderMeulen. While I withhold judgment of my learned colleagues, I disagree with such kind feelings toward the tyrant.
- 3 Who loves mental furniture.

spent extravagant time and effort trying, but never succeeding, to say my (admittedly vowel-deficient) name correctly. My sectionmates rallied behind me in support,<sup>4</sup> turning the trauma into a wonderful memory that I will forever hold dear. In dedication to them, I used this varia-

tends that I don’t have jurisdiction over a case in which I am a party due to ancient principles of the common law,<sup>5</sup> blah blah blah. My response is two-fold. First, VanderMeulen assumes this Court follows some version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Such a notion is laugh-

he had “good policy reasons” for forcing me to change my name. He claims that Shmazzle was “unrecognizable” and “no one would know who [I was],” and that therefore my good name would be wasted as a recruiting tool. To this I ask: Really? You think people can’t connect

nizable” names and were not forced to change their identities. While I only know of just one, it’s a pretty good one and I rely heavily on it as precedent. Justice ScaLIA, Lia-Michelle Keané ’18, was a true inspiration to the creative minds among us. People may not have known instantly who she was, but man could she issue a damn good opinion. To force me to change my name forever is to insult the incredible minds of those who came before us. For this, I will not stand.

C

Finally, the dearly departed Chief states some garbage about how it’s “not a big deal” and that I should just “calm down.” [Please note that the defendant vehemently denies stating such a defense. While this Court acknowledges that he did not actually make these statements, I am on my soap box and feel the need to address all men who feel that telling a woman to “calm down” is ever, in any circumstance, a good idea. Plus, if SCOTUS can drone on about pointless topics in its opinions, then this Court certainly can too.]

This Court, in its official capacity, refutes this argument and urges VanderMeulen/all men to consider how foolish it is to tell a woman to “calm down.” Women are always calm, rational, correct, and should never be questioned. *See Goluboff, Kendrick, and All the Inspirational Women Who Run All the Dang Student Orgs v. All Those Who Try to Stand in Their Way*, 798 U.Va. 606 (2016). VanderMeu-

“Women always calm, rational, correct, and should never be questioned.” — C. J. Shmazzle

tion of my last name during my first year on the Court, serving as a reminder of how far I’d come since that fateful day.

Then one day, the name was ripped away from me. At the start of the 2018–19 school year, Chief Justice VanderMeulen decided using my given last name, Schmalzl, was “easier” and “good for the paper.” As his powerless minion, I sat in silence at his decision. Until now. There’s a new sheriff in town, and I’m taking my name back.

The former Chief Justice raises several defenses to his decisions, which I address in turn.

II

A

To start, VanderMeulen con-

4 Section Ayeee foreverrrrr.

able, as this Court doesn’t follow any rules.<sup>6</sup> Second, even if there were some jurisdictional issue, it is well known that our readers are deeply dedicated to frequent opinions issued by this Petty Court. And because this Court has received no recent complaints to decide upon, I can do whatever I want. And even if we had received recent complaints, I still can do whatever I want. I’m the boss. Defense denied.

B

Next, VanderMeulen claims

5 He uses in his brief the extremely pretentious Latin phrase “*Nemo judex in causa sua*” which only makes us like him less.

6 Except, of course, Petty Rule of Civil Procedure 1: “We do what we want.”

Faculty Quotes

G. Geis: “What’s a \$130 million between friends?”

A. Woolhandler: “Do not agree to be questioned under hypnosis.”


C. Nelson: “I will now commit the mistake of analyzing this joke, thereby stripping it of all humor.”

A. Bamzai: “Every single part of your life can be vulnerable to other people!”

J. Setear: “Law professors aren’t trained to teach, they aren’t trained in anything.”

L. Kendrick: “There will be more opportunities for adult entertainment in this class.”

R. Hynes: “I’m taking the good stuff. The stuff you can make meth out of. I don’t make meth out of it.”



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ers before me who have left the paper as healthy as it is. And I feel fortunate to have such a supportive Law School community that cares to pick up a copy every week and actually read our some-times-funny and hopefully-informative content. Now, as I begin my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, I feel a real responsibility to continue to push the *Law Weekly* toward excellence. At this point in the paper's rejuvenation, this year's leaders have a high bar to clear if we really want to improve the *Virginia Law Weekly*. Luckily, we have an enthusiastic editorial board and strong group of staff editors who cram into the office on Monday nights, eager to produce content and push the *Law Weekly* to new heights.

This coming year, I hope to make the paper more interactive and better serve the needs of the students, present and former, at UVA Law. I know a lot of you pick up the paper for the ANGs, the professor quotes, and the Sudoku,<sup>2</sup> and I know some of you have become loyal readers of our restaurant reviews and recaps of Law School events. But I hope to expand our readership by producing more exclusive, valuable content and making it readily available both in print and

online. I also hope to provide better means of soliciting feedback from our readers so the paper can learn what you want more of and how we can better serve you.

With that, I charge those reading this to reach out to us. Without our readers, there is no *Virginia Law Weekly*. Tell us what you like. Tell us what you *would* like. Tell us where we can improve. Engage with us. During my time as Editor-in-Chief, my goal is to serve you and this Law School community. After years of dreaming about this place, I feel so fortunate to be able to contribute to it in this unique and, for me, unexpected way. To everyone who is reading this article: I appreciate your involvement with this paper, whether it's scanning the ANGs every week or reading the pages cover-to-cover. Help make it a great year and leave this paper—and this community—better than we found it.

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2 Or the rare but valuable crosswords.

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THE DOCKET

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
WEDNESDAY – February 27				
12:00	Lexis Lunch	WB 101	Time	Pizza
17:15	PILA Spring Mentorship Mixer	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Food provided
THURSDAY – February 28				
9:00 – 17:00	FedSoc Pres: The Future of Originalism	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Lunch provided
13:00	A Conversation About the Transgender Military Ban	WB 152	Free	Lunch
16:00	APALSA Career Networking Day	WB 103	Free	----
18:00	BLSA Black History Month Trivia Night	Purcell	Free	
FRIDAY – March 1				
9:00 – 12:00	Alderman Lib: Washington Papers Open House	Alderman 5F East	Free	----
12:00	Student Legal Forum Pres: Gen. Wesley Clark	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Refreshments
12:00 – 13:00	ECVC: Tech Company General Counsel Panel	Purcell Reading Room	Free	Lunch with RSVP
SATURDAY – March 2				
10:00	Career Ctr. Professionalism ft. Dean Donovan	SL 278	Free	----
14:00 – 16:00	UVA Drama: Stick Fly	Ruth Caplin Theater	Free to students	----
SUNDAY – March 3				
15:30	Cellist Nicholas Rupert	Old Cabell Hall	Free	----
MONDAY – March 4				
12:00 – 13:00	Freedom's Counsel: Irwin Cotler with Dean Goluboff	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Sticks
17:30 – 19:00	Lambda / BLSA: Perspectives on Black Queerness	Purcell	Free	Food served
TUESDAY – March 5				
8:30 – 14:00	Brennan Ctr. / Heritage Found. / JL&P: Elections: Where Law and Politics Intersect	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Breakfast & Lunch
WEDNESDAY – March 6				
10:00 – 10:45	Pictures & Pages Storytime	Fralin Museum (Bayly Bldg)	Ages 2-4 RSVP 434-243-2050	----

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