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“Where’s the Line?”: JLSA Talks Criticism of Israel and Anti-Semitism

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As the American political spectrum has revealed itself to be increasingly tolerant of criticism of Israel since the election of President Donald Trump, members of UVA Law’s Jewish community have reacted with concern and introspection about what exactly constitutes anti-Semitism.

For decades, support for Israel has been a more-or-less bipartisan proposition. Republican and Democratic presidents alike have supported Israel with military and economic aid and taken Israel’s side in its myriad disputes with its Arab neighbors and the Palestinian peoples of the disputed territories of Gaza and the West Bank. While the United States has sometimes acted as an arbitrator, as it did in encouraging and facilitating the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, more often it has stood firmly behind Israel whether governed by a liberal or a conservative.

President Trump has amplified U.S. support for Israel, standing firmly behind right-wing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to the disputed city of Jerusalem, and recently recognizing the Golan Heights—which Israel seized from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War—as Israeli territory. But according to his critics (some of them in Withers-Brown Hall last Thursday), he has also equivocated in his condemnations of right-wing anti-Semites, most notoriously declaring there were “fine people” on both sides of the white nationalist rallies in Charlottesville in August 2017. Trump’s full-throated support for Israel has opened up space on the left wing of the Democratic Party for something rarely seen in American politics: harsh, unmitigated criticism of the Israeli position from national elected officials, most notably Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.).

It is that criticism, and

Sprouting Dynasty

International Tax Moot Court Team Wins Back-to-Back Gold Medals in Brussels



Greatest of all Tax Students (aka “GOATS”) featured left to right: Elizabeth Donald '19, David Rubin '19, Ben Kramer '19, Griffin Peebles '20, and Colin Cox '19. Photo Courtesy David Rubin.

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The UVA Law team romped to victory once again in this year’s International and European Tax Moot Court in Brussels, Belgium, defeating sixteen other teams—and heavyweight Vienna University of Economics and Business in the final round—to follow up on its surprise triumph last year. Team participants were Ben Kramer '19, Elizabeth Donald '19, Colin Cox '19, and Griffin Peebles '18. David Rubin '19, one of last year’s victorious competitors, served as the team’s coach, while Professor Ruth Mason was its faculty advisor.

Last year, Rubin and a group of dearly departed 3Ls under Mason’s supervision became the first American team to win the fifteen-year-old tax competition, defeating Ukraine’s National University of Kyiv-Mohyla. This year’s competition began in October of 2018. Each participating team received the text of an international tax problem with instructions to submit two briefs over winter break, one for each the applicant taxpayer and the defendant tax authority. Out of twenty-four teams submitting briefs, including teams from Northwestern University and the University of Miami, UVA was among the sixteen schools—and the only one from the U.S.—selected on the basis of the briefs to argue in Brussels. The Vienna team won the competition

in 2015, 2016, and 2017, and was, according to Professor Mason, considered “the team to beat.”

The problem was concerned with the interpretation of an international tax treaty, specifically provisions of the UN and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD, a grouping of industrialized nations) model tax treaties involving fees for technical services and an anti-abuse rule—provisions that the U.S. never includes in its own treaties, Professor Mason told the paper. “That meant that the team members had no familiarity with those articles from the doctrinal tax treaties course they took with me,” she added.

“[W]e split up the issues amongst ourselves so we could each become knowledgeable on specific subject areas,” Donald told the *Law Weekly*. Each participant researched particular areas of law and helped draft the brief. “I focused on the taxation of royalties, tax treaty interpretation, and a concept concerning beneficial ownership, which seeks to prevent treaty abuse,” Donald said. She and Cox prepared the case from the perspective of the defendant, while Kramer and Peebles wrote for the “applicant,” or taxpayer.

Arriving in Belgium, the UVA team was pitted against the host school, the Catholic University of Leuven, and the University of Düsseldorf in the round of sixteen, and then universities from Lux-

embourg and Brazil in the six-team semifinals. Kramer, Donald, Peebles, and Cox all argued in both of the preliminary rounds.

While the first two rounds were argued on the brief that the competitors had been working on for months, the final round was based on an entirely new, forty-five-page brief, one the participants had just twenty-four hours to write. Cox and Peebles argued the final round for the taxpayer. Cox said he was initially “extremely nervous” arguing as the applicant because he had always been in the position of the defendant up to that point, but he and Peebles excelled in the final: “Griffin and Colin killed it in the oral arguments,” Donald said, “They spoke eloquently and were able to cite directly to obscure provisions in the treaty commentary when confronted with difficult questions.” The final round of the competition was argued in front of Judge Peter Cools of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Judge Guy Brannan of the UK Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber), and Professor Gerard Meussen of Radboud University in the Netherlands. Peebles won the competition’s overall best oralist on the applicant side, and Peebles and Kramer won best team oralists for the applicant.

Mason was very proud of all the student competitors. “What impressed me most

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around north grounds



Thumbs up to the 1Ls turning in their briefs. ANG made a killing selling 1Ls contraband red-and-blue construction paper that’s just slightly the wrong color.



Thumbs down to the complete lack of softball at this school. ANG has screamed at the heavens and Stephen T. Parr until even vodka won’t bring ANG’s voice back, and still the rain falls.



Thumbs up to Monday’s fire drill. ANG wishes ANG had been smart (read: sober) enough to think to be the one to pull the fire alarm.



Quantum thumbs up, down, and sideways to the Mueller report. Although ANG is a-political, ANG was disappointed that the report did not reveal deals for pretzel croissants at Marie-Bette or at least the pee tape.



Thumbs down to picky vegans. ANG is iffy on vegans as a whole but has been convinced that the subtle ones are actually cool. The picky ones are emphatically not cool, and no, ANG will not try your vegan brownies.



Thumbs up to the open bar at the LAMBDA event on Friday. ANG only ordered double rum and cokes, which was absolutely not a mistake.



Thumbs down to people who say finance with a short-i like “fih-NANCE.” It grates on the ears of children and weakens the resolve of our allies when pronounced that way.



Thumbs up to GNR, who crushed it as usual on Saturday night. ANG survives off Wahoos most nights anyway, but ANG appreciated the better tunes and increased number of law students to join in on ANG’s plot to scare all undergrads from the top floor of Boylan.

New Police Chief Shares His Vision with the *Law Weekly*

On Tuesday, March 19, Tommy Sutton, Chief of Police for the University of Virginia, hosted a breakfast meet and greet for the Law

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School community. Chief Sutton is new to UVA—he joined the UVA Police Department on August 1, after six years at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. He succeeded Mike Gibson, who retired after leading the Department for approximately thirteen years. Before becoming a police officer, Chief Sutton attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in English. Chief Sutton also has a Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee.

Chief Sutton went around the room and introduced himself to the students, faculty, and staff. I was very impressed; Chief Sutton was attentive and friendly to everyone, asking questions and genuinely getting to know people. Students came and went, partially attracted by the impressive breakfast spread at the event (Bodo's, yogurt, bananas, and coffee galore). Chief Sutton was nice enough to sit down with me for a few minutes and

discuss his plans for the University's Police Department and his past experiences.

Chief Sutton wants the Police Department to have a clear identity and be known for collaboration with the community, excellence in service delivery, and community engagement. The nature of policing, Chief Sutton explained, inherently gives the police power. That power, though, comes from the citizens and they can it take back if they don't trust the police. Chief Sutton raised the Department's required qualifications for officer hiring. The Department now requires either a bachelor's degree, four years of military service with honorable discharge, or four years of law enforcement experience. These requirements ensure that the officers will have had exposure to different types of people, cultures, opinions, and experience working in teams. The Department can teach officers the necessary police skills, but they can't teach empathy or compassion. The new standards are meant to ensure the Department hires officers with the required people skills.

By improving relationships with the community, Chief Sutton hopes to reduce crime and improve safety. Chief Sutton wants UVA students to know members of the Police Department and

be able to recognize them on sight. That way, if a student ever ends up in an emergency situation and needs help from the police, the student will already know the officer helping them. Chief Sutton thinks this increased famil-

ilarity will reduce, to a degree, the trauma inherent in any emergency situation.

The Department has several specific plans in place for emergency situations and practices those plans often. Chief Sutton told me

that the Department has an active shooter plan that they practice every summer with the members of other law enforcement officers in the area. The Department wants to educate the community more about what to do in an emergency. If an emergency situation should occur, the Department intends to execute the plan as practiced. That way, citizens will have a better idea of what to expect and the officers will know how to respond. Additionally, at large events like football games and concerts, the Department sets up the same command post as it would during an emergency situation. By doing so, all of the law enforcement officers get to know each other and get used to working together—allowing them to work more effectively in an emergency situation.

Overall, I was very impressed with Chief Sutton and appreciated the opportunity to get to know him. Chief Sutton's approach to policing—collaboration, service delivery, and community engagement—and his underlying values of empathy and compassion will serve the UVA community well.

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UVA Chief of Police Tommy Sutton stopped by Grounds last week. Photo Credit Kolleen Hladden '21.

LOOKING BACK: 70 Years of the *Law Weekly*

In celebration of seventy years of publication, Volume 71 of the *Law Weekly* takes pleasure in publishing excerpts from the past seventy volumes. This week, a special focus on the Law School's long-running tradition: the Libel Show.

Libel is here! Libel is here! Extra, extra read all about the Libels of the past!

"In fact, I'd go so far as to say that every student at U.Va. Law should be required to attend at least one Libel Show during their tenure here... The most valuable thing about the Libel Show is that it allows you to think, if only for a few hours, that law school is not the end of everything that is good in life." Dan Gocek '11, "Libel Shows Its Show," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, March 26, 2010.

PSA to all those gunners out there that think they're "getting ahead" of their classmates by skipping one of the best events during their law school career. Inside jokes will be made Thursday-Saturday, and if you don't come, you risk being on the outside forever.

"This year's [professor] performance consisted of three songs, one focusing on the ban of laptops in classrooms from the professors' point of view, on[e] about the joys of being a law student, and a chilling tune entitled 'The Economy, It is a Tankin'.'" Jessica Brown '10, "Libel Show Delivers Laughs," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, March 27, 2009.

A joke about the economy in 2009? Law School professors are savage. I'm glad (most of) the professors have finally accepted they lost the war against laptops—my improved Tetris skills thank them.

"While most were pondering why the circus had overrun the Law School yet again, we pondered a different question: Who were these people? Among the familiar faces on stage stood at least a half-dozen people we had never seen before. Perhaps, we wondered in our state of innocence, alumni participated in these affairs. Skimming the program as quickly as possible, the true identities of these purported interlopers became apparent. They were second semester 3Ls!" Law Weekly Staff, "Libel Show Liable for Nothing," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, March 30, 2007.

The Law Weekly staff would like to encourage all of this year's 3Ls to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors and stop coming to class. Stop trying to break the curve and enjoy your last chance at extended vacation before moving into the top floor of a NYC skyscraper.

"The *Old School* adaptation was not as well-integrated into the rest of the show



A production number on "The Wizard of Oz" featured Bernie Feord '88 as the Tin Man (Professor Charles Goetz); Fred Wagner '87 as the Scarecrow (Professor Michael Dooley); Mikki Graves (now Wasler) '88 as Dorothy (Professor Mildred Robinson); Mike Callahan '88 as the Lion (Professor Cal Woodard). Photo Credit law.virginia.edu.

as last year's *Office Space*-inspired video (flashback: Professors Jim Ryan, John Harrison, and Anup Malani take a baseball bat to a wireless card). Still, the professors relished their roles, with a standout performance by Professor Cohen that is best summarized in two words: ribbon dance." Irene Noguchi '06, "Good Game, Larry & Junta," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, April 1, 2005.

Is the past predicting the future? Will President Ryan make an appearance in this year's show? Will Profes-

sor Cohen bring the 'ribbon dance' back? Only time will tell.

"*A Coarse Line, or Alice Well That Ends Well*, concerned the careers, from admission to graduation, of six typical law students (wahoo, bookworm, idealist, instate jock, Yalie, and the innocent Alice Purebody) and the search of Emmo's men for a snark, a 'mythical female creature who teaches law.' But the plot was a mere backdrop for the humor, which only occasionally overstepped the bounds of good-natured libel, and

the music, complete with clever lyrics and arrangements, and exceptionally strong voices." Peter Hursh, "Libel Show Has Talent, Humor 'A Coarse Line' Earns A-Plus," *Virginia Law Weekly*, Friday, April 22, 1977.

In the words of our beloved Molly Brady, you either die a Yale Law School Law Revue director or live long enough to become a UVA Law Libel Show sketch.

New York City: A Hillbilly’s Perspective

If you tried to tell my friends back home that I was from a “small town,” most of them would laugh at you. Joplin, Missouri, is a bus-

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Photographer



ting metropolis, and by that I mean it has both a Chipotle and a Target. It is, by far, the largest town within a seventy-mile radius. However, when I first told someone that Charlottesville was

the biggest town I’d ever lived in, I was met with first confusion and then outright horror. That reaction started to make sense when I began my love affair with “The Big City” in fall of last year. After recently spending another week in NYC, the differences between The Big City and my Ozarkian home became even more glaringly and hilariously apparent. Without further ado, I present New York City, through the eyes of a simple Missourian.

On driving: When driv-



Kolleen Gladden ’21 strikes a pose with fellow feminist Lady Liberty. Photo Credit César Andrés Sobrino Acuña.

ing through C’ville for the first time, my dad chuckled and mused, “You’re not going to like the traffic here.” He was right. After graduating from dirt roads to Barracks Road traffic jams, I felt ready to tackle Manhattan during rush hour (a great decision, really). NYC driving has become my favorite variety of traffic. There are truly no rules. Turn signals are a long-gone memory, a distant fading dream. With my massive Yukon and Missouri license plate, I ruled every road I turned onto. Watch out, there’s a Midwesterner on this road and she doesn’t fear death. All went smoothly until a car cut me off, causing me to shift over one inch and mirror-first into a semi parked halfway into my lane. If you see me driving around with a duct-taped mirror, go ahead and mind your own business.

Side note: Next time you meet Midwestern folk, go ahead and ask them if they’ve ever *accidentally* honked at someone. They will look off into the distance, far gone, lost in a jarring piece of the past. By contrast, New Yorkers seem to have this perception that, upon the moment of a light turning green, the car in front of them can accelerate at the speed of an attack helicopter. My apologies, Peggy, I’ll be sure to drive my Bugatti Chiron next time I visit.

On road signs: What are these “no standing” signs? What do y’all have against standing? Does everyone have to move forward at all times?

On the streets: I am convinced the reason New Yorkers are stressed is because there aren’t any dirt roads to take it out on.

On the trains: I’ve become more experienced at navigating the subways, but we’re still working out the kinks. My dear friend César and I were sitting in a subway car, blissfully unaware that the train had been stopped for a while and every other person had vacated. Suddenly, the doors closed, and the train barreled into the distance before halting in the darkness, screeching the entire time. César looked around, obviously concerned, before taking a sip of his green tea and musing with a smirk, “I’ve lived a good life.”

On restaurants: I knew my down-home days were behind me when I heard the words, “would you like sparkling or still?”

On Times Square: No matter how far you walk, all Manhattan roads lead back to here. You trek for hours. You see lights up ahead. They are unfazed, ever blinking. Your eyes glaze over. It is never dark.

On the people: I love New Yorkers. I’ve never met a group of people so totally

infazed by such a plethora of things. During my time spent on the subway alone, I saw walking transformers, pole dancers, preachers, rappers, wildly vicious arguments, and pyramid schemers of all varieties. Nobody so much as took a headphone out of an ear. And yet, so many of them are apprehensive of anything that isn’t New York City. I had a conversation with a tough-as-nails woman when it came to all things city who said she was terrified of the Midwest because it’s dark and quiet. I also had three people specifically tell me they thought that the Ozarks was a place conjured up by Netflix for their series *Ozark*. “I thought that region was mythical,” one person told me, “you know, like Narnia.”

On Madison Square Garden: It is neither square nor a garden. We were all disappointed.

On Columbia: As we scoped out the campus, a tour guide walked past. She gestured at the pristine, sprawling lawns. “When the weather is nice, we like to come out here and protest.”

On thrifting: Those who know me know I am an avid thrifter. I like to stroll into a secondhand store, grab a ridiculous pair of pants for five bucks, and get out. NYC thrift stores are more of an experience. I’d rather not spend

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especially Omar’s, that attracted the attention of UVA Law’s Jewish Law Student Association (JLSA). Omar drew the ire of many supporters of Israel by calling lawmakers’ support for Israel “all about the Benjamins” and calling other lawmakers’ support for Israel “allegiance to a foreign country.” Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), the Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, called the latter comment “a vile, anti-Semitic slur,” and the House of Representatives passed a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry, including Islamophobia, a short time later. JLSA leaders decided to host a conversation about when legitimate criticisms of Israel stray into anti-Semitic territory.

That conversation, held last Thursday at the Law School, featured voices from across the political spectrum, both Jewish and non-Jewish, and with various levels of familiarity with Israel’s history and politics. One Jewish student described his frustration with non-Jewish friends who simply didn’t understand the significance of the world’s only Jewish state to Jews everywhere. Another student echoed that complaint: Despite his secular attitudes, he felt that Israel’s unique history merited special consideration.

That issue—the unique position of Israel—came up repeatedly. Julian Kritz ’20, JLSA’s outgoing president,

explained to participants the Obama-era State Department’s “Three D’s” of Anti-Semitism: “Demonize Israel,” “Double Standard for Israel,” and “Delegitimize Israel.” The conversation proceeded with those principles at its center. Participants in the discussion aired grievances with Israel; one participant, a Jewish liberal, said she “hate[d] Netanyahu almost as much as Trump.” But participants expressed frustration and offense at what they perceived as Israel citics’ targeting of the Jewish state. One student said he found it insulting and conspicuous that critics of Israel, including left-wing critics, seemed to focus so much ire on Israel and leave unmentioned the much-worse human rights abuses of other nations, including other American allies.

The participants also discussed the use of anti-Semitic tropes. Several attendees considered Omar’s “Benjamins” and “allegiance” comments to carry historical anti-Semitic implications. Anti-Semites have often alleged Jewish conspiracies, especially connected to banking and media, as justification for anti-Semitic policy, and Jews before the establishment of Israel in 1948 were often accused of lacking sufficient loyalty to their respective nations. Many participants in Thursday’s event saw Omar’s comments as a continuation of that historical anti-Semitism. Some considered the House’s change from a resolution condemning Omar’s comments to one condemning bigotry writ

large a “watering down.” One student compared it to answering “all lives matter” to a claim of “black lives matter.”

While this event evinced a growing Jewish awareness of left-wing anti-Semitism, attendees were careful not to let the right off the hook. There was little love lost between most attendees and Trump’s administration. Several students brought up Trump’s “both sides” comments as evidence that Trump has empowered right-wing “alt-right” anti-Semites. And even while many students were critical of Omar and what they saw as growing tolerance of anti-Semitic rhetoric in the Democratic Party, they were cautious, too. None imputed Omar’s comments to other Democrats, and no one volunteered a willingness to punish Democrats electorally for their tolerance of Omar’s and Tlaib’s outspoken criticism of Israel.

Daniel Grill ’19, who spoke with Kritz about organizing the event, said the event was “a great opportunity to discuss current events as they pertain to anti-Semitism.” Acknowledging that the line between legitimate criticism of Israeli policy was “particularly challenging” because of its necessary intersection “between political and religious identities,” Grill expressed hope that discussions like these can help everyone have a more productive debate about Israel and anti-Semitism more broadly.

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about this team was their dedication and preparation from the beginning of fall all the way through the final round of competition,” she said, “I would receive a modest text from the team saying that they thought they had done well in a round. Soon thereafter, I would receive an email from a professor in Europe who had had a chance to watch the round telling me in glowing terms how impressive my students were, how well prepared, and how powerful their arguments had been.” In news sure to please Professors Buck, Ware, and Fore, Professor Mason commented glowingly about the students’ writing skills: “Their legal writing professors will be glad to know that by the time they turned in their final draft briefs, they had expunged all use of the passive voice!”

The trip wasn’t all business; while making the finals meant the UVA team had less opportunity to socialize than they would have otherwise, several competitors told us of the fun they had in Brussels.

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<p>Rejected (but noteworthy) title alternatives for this article:</p> <p>“No Waffling Here: Int’l Moot Court Becomes a Dynasty in Belgium”</p> <p>“UVA Tax Moot Court Remains Unflemished”</p> <p>“More GOATS: Greatest of All Tax Students Win Two Years in a Row”</p> <p>“Death, Taxes, and Another Win by Our GOATS”</p>
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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 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 mes5hf@virginia.edu

In re Pleats
303 U.Va. 295 (2019)

SCHMID, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which Shmazzle, C. J., and Ranzini and Luk, JJ., joined. Welch, J., filed a dissenting opinion.

Justice SCHMID, delivered the opinion of the Court.

I
Before the Court is an appeal from the Court of Petty Fashion Claims, pertaining to a matter of direct relevance to the fashion-conscious law students of our fine institution. Faced with the re-entry of pleated pants into the rarified air of high fashion, Plaintiffs, a class of “fashionable and highly refined law students,” plead to this Court for style justice to halt this alleged fashion abomination. For the unaware, pleats are creases sewn into the front of pants, commonly found in men’s dress slacks. These creases, ostensibly to allow more freedom of movement for the wearer, cause excess fabric to bunch up below the waist. Pleated pants reached peak popularity in the ’80s and ’90s, see Any ’90s Sitcom Set in an Office, and largely faded from the public’s fashion consciousness in the 2010s.

Certain fashion designers, including Defendants, have attempted to revive the outmoded style of pleats. First, they placed minor pleats on women’s trousers and now are attempting to flood the market of men’s dress pants with pleats. Plaintiffs, fearing that full market saturation of pleats will leave no safe harbor for the proponent of tailored trousers, seek relief from this Court.

The learned judge below, while of unparalleled judicial acumen, is allegedly a man of less than dapper vestments¹

1 Plaintiffs’ claim that the judge wore a brown belt with black shoes further lends credence to this conclusion.

“The fabric of our nation is inexorably reflected by the fabric of our trousers.” - J. Schmid

whom Plaintiffs allege erred in granting Defendants “judgment on the pleatings.” Plaintiffs allege trespass, nuisance, and tortious interference against the entire fashion industry and the defendant fashion designers named herein. For the reasons set forth below, we reverse the clearly erroneous decision of the court below and fully grant all of Plaintiffs’ requested relief.

II
In resolving this case, a look to the petty courts of other jurisdictions have proven fruitless. Inexplicably, the issue of pleated pants has been given scant attention by judges, a typically fashion-deficient bunch.² There is one English case, *Rex v. Royal Garment and Haberdashery of East-Westforshire-Essex-upon-Thames* to take up the issue of pleats. However, there are eight different judges writing for the court, three of them named “Smith,” and this Court simply has no idea what rule is supposed to be discerned.

Defendants’ brief claims fashion immunity, as they can “do whatever the hell [they] want and people will buy [their] clothes regardless. So deal with it.” We appreciate Defendants’ attempt to appeal to our sense of caprice, but they will not be rewarded in the case at bar. Our propensity for arbitrariness will not dissuade us from arresting the encroachment of pleated pants on the fashion market. In the alternative,

2 Justice Ginsburg and her phenomenal dissent collars being an obvious exception.

Defendants contend that this claim is simply far too petty even for this Court. See Brief for Respondents (“Aren’t you guys law students? Don’t you have anything better to do?”) We categorically reject that there is an issue of any level of pettiness that cannot be rightfully claimed to be within our jurisdiction. See *Section C Civ Pro v. That One Really Squeaky Chair in WB 105*, 288 U.Va. 578 (2014). Furthermore, we reject Defendants’ argument that it is not the proper role of this Court to rule on matters of fashion and style. Such a claim is patently false for two main reasons. First, we refer Defendants to Rule of Petty Procedure 1: “We do what we want.” Second, Defendants clearly did not bother to read our precedents, as this Court has a long and storied tradition of adjudicating fashion disputes, dating back decades. See *Class of 1976 v. Professors* (1975) (finding a prima facie nuisance claim against any professor for whom the width of his tie exceeds the length). Have Defendants forgotten about the landmark case of *2L Britney Spears Wannabes v. Coalition Against Low-Rise Jeans*, 215 U.Va. 213 (2002)?

III
Pleated pants are a nuisance, as they involve an amount of fabric that is wholly unnecessary, both stylistically and functionally. While pleats may have been necessary when trousers were made out of heavy, stiff fabric that restricted the wearer’s movements, modern fabrics are more comfortable and allow better freedom of

movement. When sartorial advances render former fashion trends obsolete, this Court feels obliged to intervene. Secondly, dicta from the case of *Preppy East Coast 1Ls v. JNCO Jeans*, 210 U.Va. 614 (1997) demonstrates this Court’s stylistic aversion to excessive fabric. It is argued that this Court is not well-equipped to establish a bright line rule regarding when the amount of fabric becomes “excessive.” While there can be difficulty in determining when the boundary of excessive fabric has been crossed, we know it when we see it, and pleated pants clearly contain far more fabric than is necessary. Moreover, pleated pants are a tortious interference with the enjoyment of the fashion scene of every stylish, 21st-century individual. The fabric of our nation is inexorably reflected by the fabric of our trousers, and this Court remains the vigilant guardian against the return of fashion trends best left to the annals of history.

As it relates to Plaintiffs’ trespass claim, we are in accord with Plaintiffs’ concerns about the potential resurgence of pleated pants dominating

the market and displacing their non-pleated cohorts. Pleated pants have controlled the market once, and this Court will not allow such a takeover again. There’s an old saying: fool me once... shame on—wait, shame on who again? Well, if you fool us, we can’t get fooled again. We hope to avoid a scenario in which Plaintiffs will be forced to have their suits custom made to keep their clothing fashionable and pleat-less.

IV
We grant Plaintiffs’ requested relief of damages and a permanent injunction against the design, production, and marketing of pleated trousers. Additionally, this Court has decided, *sua sponte*, to compel Defendants to burn any and all pleated pants in their possession to appease the snakes in Withers-Brown.

The judgment of the Court of Petty Fashion Claims is REVERSED and the case is REMANDED for further proceedings not inconsistent with this Court’s opinion and sense of style.

It is so ordered.

Justice WELCH, dissenting.

Have you ever seen Michael Cera as George Michael Bluth? He was born to wear pleated pants. Accordingly, I dissent.

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Faculty Quotes

S. Prakash: “Where you guys even born then? TIME FLIES!”

J. Johnston: “I’d rather eat straight pesticides than eat at Chipotle.”


M. Livermore: “It’s like the Court says, ‘Congress can be an ass sometimes.’”

J. Setear: Amsterdam, what a place: lots of... bicycles. And prostitutes.

G. Rutherglen: “You can read it if you want, but it’s not required. The 8th Amendment prohibits me from inflicting that sort of cruel and unusual punishment.”

J. Harrison: “I’m sort of a moderate when it comes to cynicism.”

M. Gilbert: “It turns out love is not a prerequisite for efficient bargaining.”



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


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UVA Law Split Second Sightings

With so many events happening every week at the Law School, the Law Weekly members are unable to attend every event and provide full coverage of all the incredible work done by student organizations every day. This section of the Virginia Law Weekly is a compilation of events seen and heard around the Law School, allowing readers to see more of the hopping happenings at UVA Law.

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Admitted students mingle with UVA Law students. When not discussing collegiality, current law students raved about the fun they had on the softball field.



Natasha Halloran '21 and Ines Tulic '21 smile for the Law Weekly photographer. Directly to the right of the captured photo, Production Editor Michael Schmid '21 wonders when he'll ever make the cut for a Law Weekly photo. #notbitter.

Admitted students came from across the country this past week to visit North Grounds and got a taste (both literally and figuratively) of what life is like at UVA Law. While here, admitted students (and the scavengers that are currently enrolled students) got their fill of cookies, barbeque, popsicles, catered lunch, and more. In addition, they had the chance to speak to professors and students, sit in on various informational session about life at UVA Law, and hear the word “collegial” more in one weekend than they had heard in their prior lifetime up to that point. Maria Luevano '21 and Katie Carpenter '21 were the lead organizers, creating a huge success and a fun weekend for all who crowded the halls of the Law School.

The two photos below are from Judge Gregory Katsas's visit to the Law School on March 19. He discussed his path to being a judge and how his classroom experiences helped in his legal work post-law school. He also shared about his incredible legal feats and his enjoyment serving as a D.C. Circuit judge.

Congratulations to next years group of Peer Advisors. On behalf of the entire staff of the Law Weekly: bless your hearts.

Photo credits for the two photos above and to the right go to Kolleen Gladden, '21.



Judge Katsas, left, speaks with moderator Professor Nelson about his legal work.



Students gather to hear about Judge Katsas's experience and his advice for them moving forward in their legal career.

HOT BENCH



Collin Hunt '19

What is your favorite word?
“Torn” – Like '90s one-hit wonder Natalie Imbruglia.

Where did you grow up?
...Florida.

Your mom and your girlfriend switch bodies and the only way to switch back is to kiss one of them. Who would you kiss?
Nice try, I've seen *Freaky Friday*, all they would have to do is share a fortune cookie.

Other than his rugged good looks, what is Graham Pittman's best quality?
Consistency—As far as I can tell, he's worn one blue and red Patagonia jacket for his entire life. Solid meme guy too.

Favorite pregame song?
“Like a Prayer,” Madonna.

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

Shia LaBeouf. Seems like he has some good ideas.

What's something you wish you'd known about law school before coming to UVA Law?

When people tell you that no one remembers your embarrassing cold calls, they're lying. Everyone who was there remembers, and occasionally they'll remind you. Best to just accept it and not care.

What conspiracy theory do you buy into?
Dinosaurs were tamed and trained by the ancient Egyptians to help them build the pyramids.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Houston, Texas (Hope my supervisors will read this!).

How many ten-year-olds could you beat in a fight, assuming they came at you in waves of five?
The limit does not exist. If you're counting, that's two Lindsay Lohan movie references.

What's the best gift you've ever received?
My childhood collie, Gracie. Named after Mark Grace, Chicago Cubs star first baseman of the '90s.

What's your favorite thing to do in Charlottesville?
Trivia at Fry's Spring Station with the rest of the “Very Stable Geniuses.”

If you were challenged to

a duel, what weapon would you bring?
Thanos's glove. I don't see how I could lose.

What's your spirit animal?
Rhino—I've had 3 concussions from slamming my head on things.

What's your favorite food?
Brick-oven pizza.

Is a hot dog a sandwich?
Definitely in Chicago.

If you could be in the Olympics, which sport would you compete in?
Skeleton, to challenge 2018 South Korean Gold Medalist and personal hero of mine, Yun Sung-Bin.

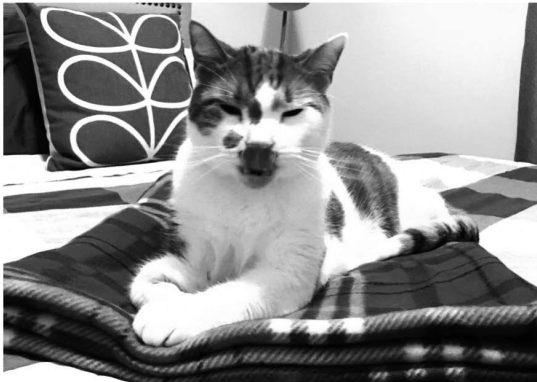
How many hot dogs do you think you could eat in five minutes?
Preferably zero.

What are you looking forward to after you graduate?
Never having to have the internal debate over whether to pay the extra two dollars for guac.

What are you going to miss most about the law school?
I currently have an outrageous amount of free time for someone who is twenty-five and claims to be a productive member of society.

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Rocky for Paw Review



My hooman didn't make Law Review . . .

Help me restore the family honor by awarding me Paw Review!

Articles Editor Emeritus Ali Zablocki '19 shamelessly promotes her cat for Paw Review. The Law Weekly staff encourages you to vote for Gary the toad.

NYC

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ninety-five dollars on a used pair of paint-stained jeans while a DJ spins records on vinyl behind me. With that said, there are bargains to be found if you know how to hunt. Awoke Vintage has a bin of cheap items, and I snagged a \$3 floor-length tweed coat from a street vendor in Morningside Heights.

On Sak’s Fifth Avenue: We walked into the store. We found a clearance aisle. We found a pair of boots for \$1,600. We walked out of the store.

On Nina: Nina is an absolute gem. She works at a vintage shop in Williamsburg, never wears shoes with less than a six-inch platform,

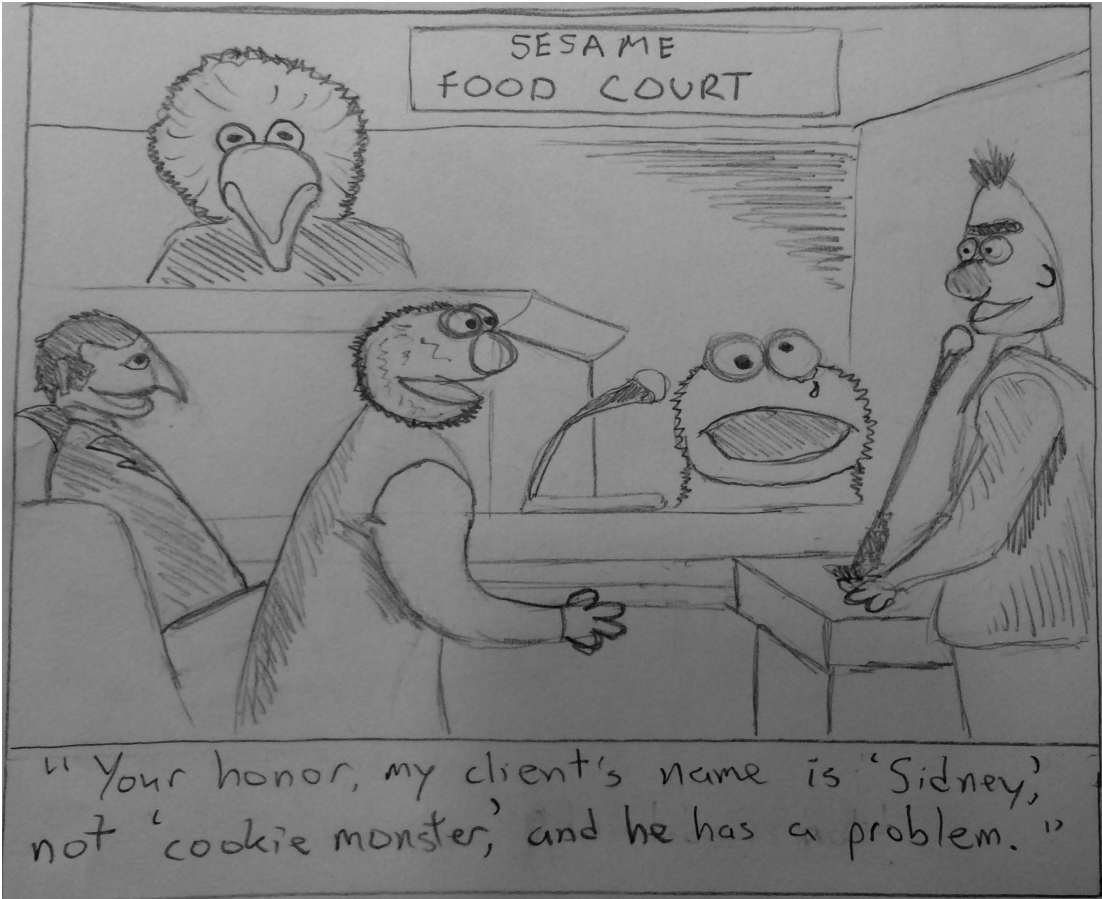
and hates the outdoors. She warmly spoke with my friends and me for an hour about her love for the city. My favorite quote was, “I love NYC rudeness. I lived in LA for a year. They’re too friendly there. Just one time, a man pushed me so hard I almost fell over. I loved it. He didn’t even say sorry.”

On public restrooms: Do y’all not have bladders???

Overall, the city of New York is an eclectic, fascinating myriad of unique people and neighborhoods. I suspect the love affair will continue a while longer—even if I am the only one wearing cow-spotted kicks.

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Cartoon By Raphael



Week 3 Softball Scores

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THE DOCKET	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
	WEDNESDAY – March 27, 2019				
	10:00 – 15:00	PILA Spring Silent Auction	Hunton & Williams Hall	How much do you want to win the items?	----
	12:50	VELF Talk with Erik Olson	WB 154	Free	Provided
	16:00 – 19:15	LIST Spring Networking Event	Purcell	Free	Provided
	THURSDAY – March 28, 2019				
	10:00 – 15:00	PILA Spring Silent Auction	Hunton & Williams Hall	See above	----
	19:00	111th Libel Show	Caplin Auditorium	Varies	----
	FRIDAY – March 29, 2019				
	12:00	Human Rights in the Himalayas	Purcell	Free	----
	19:00	111th Libel Show	Caplin Auditorium	Varies	----
	SATURDAY – March 30, 2019				
	12:00	Women’s Softball: Virginia vs. Florida State	The Park	Free with student ID	----
	19:00	111th Libel Show	Caplin Auditorium	Varies	----
	SUNDAY – March 31, 2019				
	15:30	UVA Chamber Music Series: Rivanna String Quartet	Old Cabell Hall	Free - \$15	----
	MONDAY – April 1, 2019				
	12:00	Sexual Assault Awareness Panel	Purcell	Free	----
	12:00	Skadden Fellowship Talk	SL 208	Free	Provided with RSVP by 3/29
	TUESDAY – April 2, 2019				
	12:00	Role of the Bystander	WB 152	Free	----
	13:00	“Salt in My Soul” Book Talk	Purcell	Free	----
	17:30	Environmental Law Career Panel	Purcell	Free, RSVP requested	Reception to Follow panel
	15:30 – 19:00	Lile Moot Court Semi-Final Round	Caplin Pavilion	Free	----

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