



*The Law Weekly presents the final issue of Volume 70! See you in August!*

## Alumi Corner: Former *Law Weekly* Editor

As part of our Alumni Corner feature, *Law Weekly* staff will be periodically interview UVa Law graduates. To nominate a graduate, please email [editor@lawweekly.org](mailto:editor@lawweekly.org) with contact information.

### Curtis Romig '98

To begin our Alumni Corner feature, we thought we'd show some nepotism and reach out to a former *Law Weekly* editor-in-chief. Curtis Romig '98 is currently a partner at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner<sup>1</sup> in Atlanta. Before joining Bryan Cave, he clerked in the Norfolk Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, specifically for Judge Henry Coke Morgan, Jr.

Romig was editor-in-chief of the *Virginia Law Weekly* during a transitional time in the history of the paper. He described how the growth of different academic journals at the Law School caused the paper, which for much of its history had served as a platform for publishing scholarly articles from professors, to change directions. His staff started focusing more on what was happening at the Law School from the eyes of the students. The issues also started to contain more humor about the student body. His favorite issue was the "April Fools" issue where the front page contained Onion-like satirical articles. One article was about UVa Law's U.S. News and World Report ranking plummeting; Romig remembers people coming up to him saying they couldn't believe it. "I said, 'Did you even read the article?'" Romig remembers chuckling.

Romig treasures his time on the *Law Weekly*, telling members of the editorial board that the editing experience was invaluable. Becoming editor-in-chief also gave him the opportunity to learn about managing people that he didn't receive elsewhere in law school, an experience he says he's valued as he has ascended to partner at his firm. Romig still feels pride in his staff and the content they produced when he looks at the issues—he keeps a bound copy in his office of the *Law*

<sup>1</sup> Bryan Cave recently merged with Berwin Leighton Paisner to form Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner. Hooray for the ever-expanding, monstrous behemoths of BigLaw!

# LILE SEMIFINALS

*Collins and Macomber Will Face Burchard and Harman for Lile Title in September*



From top to bottom, left to right: Katherine Collins '19, Christopher Macomber '19, Scott Harman '19, and Kendall Burchard '19. Photos courtesy of University of Virginia School of Law

Jansen VanderMeulen '19  
Editor-in-Chief

In the semifinal of the 2018 Lile Moot Court competition, two teams of 2Ls advanced to the final round, to be held in the fall. Kendall Burchard and Scott Harman, arguing for the appellant Matthew Christman, prevailed over Brian Miller and Sarah Crandall, who argued for the fictional appellee, the County of Mennaker. In the other bracket, Katharine Collins and Chris Macomber, arguing for the appellee, defeated David Goldman and Amanda Lineberry, who argued on behalf of Mr. Christman.

All four teams of competitors argued in front of a panel composed of three federal judges: Judge Carol Bagley Amon '71 of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Chief Judge Michael F. Urbanski '81 of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia; and Judge Paula Xinis of the U.S. District Court for the District of

Maryland, a 1991 graduate of the University of Virginia. By all accounts, the judges maintained a "hot bench,"<sup>1</sup> peppering the litigants with heated questions throughout the argument.

This year's semifinal problem centered around a fictional man, Matthew Christman, fired from his job with Mennaker County. Christman alleges he was fired because he identifies as a gay man, which he claims falls under Title VII's prohibition on discrimination on the basis of sex. He further claims that the overtly Christian prayers with which the Mennaker County Board of Commissioners typically begins its meetings violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

2L Jenny Lamberth witnessed the arguments between both sets of teams. "I was really impressed with

<sup>1</sup> And not the fun sort, like the one located Page 5 of this paper.

all the arguments," Lamberth said. "The judges were tough, but the litigants were well prepared and did a really good job holding their own."

Burchard and Harman will face off against Collins and Macomber this fall in front of another panel of distinguished jurists. The finalists will argue a new problem, to be written by members of the Lile Moot Court Board. Rumor has it the Law School is seeking a Justice of the United States Supreme Court to preside over the final round, which would help to explain this year's competition's accelerated timeframe. The *Virginia Law Weekly* wishes the remaining participants the best of luck in earning a place of fame on the Slaughter plaque wall.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> As my great aunt always used to say, "It's not vanity if your name's gonna be next to Ted Kennedy's."

around north grounds



Congratulations to Desi Linden on being the first American woman to win the Boston Marathon in more than thirty years! And congratulations to Wade Foster '19 for completing the Boston Marathon in impressive time! Not to brag, but ANG walked to the D3 parking lot the other day...



Thumbs up to Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) raising \$17K from her exes for her campaign. ANG wants to fundraise this way, but most of ANG's exes are celebrities that ANG has never met.



Thumbs down to how awake Professor Cohen is in the morning. There's just no need, sir. There is NO NEED.



Thumbs sideways to the UVa Emergency Alert system for warning us about the fire department response to an incident at {{custom\_message}}. ANG was {{custom\_message}} but then {{custom\_message}} so {{custom\_message}}.



Thumbs down to the Kardashians for naming their newest progeny "True." What, was "False" taken? ANG foresees a future in scantron read errors for this child.



Thumbs sideways to attorney-client privilege in the political limelight. On the one hand, ANG's glad that semester of Professor Mitchell yelling "rhetorical" accusations at ANG paid off. On the other hand, is it Attorney Client privilege? Or attorney-client privilege? Which—one—is-it?



Spotted: Professor Setear cutting the Spring BBQ food line saying, "The *Law Weekly* quotes me all the time!"



Thumbs up to visiting Judge Eastbrook's founding of new Law School band "The Dead Legislators." ANG for one is excited to wear their new Ann Taylor-brand band shirt!



Thumbs down to the last *Law Weekly* edition. Have a great summer and see you in hell, 3Ls!!

# Faculty Lunch: An Afternoon With Career Services

As the end of 1L spring quickly approaches, I can't help but look back on all

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the things I've learned. One of the biggest learning curves during this first year was understanding the legal market; how people get jobs, the right thing to say in interviews, and how to best market myself. And while I have found it challenging to find just my own path to success, Kevin Donovan and Marit Spekman, Senior Assistant Dean for Career Services and Senior Director of Law Firm Recruiting, respectively, make it their business to help everyone in the school find gainful employment.<sup>1</sup> Knowing this, members of the Law Weekly staff sat down with these two last week to learn more about their paths to UVa, their experiences at the Law School, and what makes their job worth it.

On advice to students going through the job search process, Donovan and Spekman both had insight to share. "Employers want a strong mix of skills," Spekman explained. "Stay engaged and view it as a marathon, not a sprint." Dean Donovan echoed Spekman, saying, "The goal isn't to avoid mess-

<sup>1</sup> LOL at me for thinking my job was tough.

ing it up, the goal is to have it go great. Stay positive, be bold, work with us and don't get demoralized by the ups and downs." Dean Donovan also stressed the importance of not checking out and try-

ing in navigating the search process.

With that response, the Law Weekly group asked the duo how students who may be nervous to come to Career Services to ask for help

of firm events, I was particularly curious about their advice to students who may worry that the Career Services team would be mad that students hadn't come in sooner. "We're very forward-

someone and tell them they should've been here sooner. Our goal is to move forward, not look back."

Dean Donovan's positive response led us to ask about his and Spekman's favorite part of their jobs. "Seeing the evolution of people from their 1L to 3L," Dean Donovan responded. It was clear he enjoyed seeing the transformation of students, from knowing so little to being prepared to enter a major legal market with a strong firm job. Spekman, along the same vein, said her favorite part of the job is "helping students find what they want to do and then helping them succeed in it." Spekman, reflecting on her decision to come to UVa for this position, said she "couldn't do it anywhere else." For Spekman, the people and the environment of UVa are part of what make the stress of the job worth it. Dean Donovan echoed her applause of the UVa community, discussing how Charlottesville was such a great fit for him and his family when he decided to make a career shift. The UVa office was the only place he applied when he was looking to leave the firm life. It's history from there.

As the meeting came close to the end, the conversation shifted to the OGI process. Being the only 1L in the bunch, I talked about how



From left to right: Kevin "Savior of Rising 2Ls" Donovan and Marit "Goddess of Employment" Spekman. Courtesy of the University of Virginia School of Law.

ing to manage the process on your own. They both agreed that the students who struggle the most in the job process tend to be the ones who don't utilize Career Services

should approach doing so. As part of the 1L class that has the reputation of "not going to anything"<sup>2</sup> in terms

<sup>2</sup> Not quoting anyone in

looking," Donovan explained. "We're not going to look at

particular here, but isn't that how rumors start? Out of thin air?"

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## A Few Pieces of Unsolicited but Necessary TV Advice

Not all stories have structure. Not every set of cases has a common theme, lovingly curated

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Format Editor



by a professor to highlight a single nuanced feature of the law. On a related note, the approximately five hundred words below are one such set of dangerously uncultivated thought.<sup>1</sup> Solicited unceremoniously from this *Law Weekly* staff member — who was frankly already booked solid for the weekend on such existential questions as "you've been in this class the whole semester, right?" and "but which red head are you?" — they defy any attempts at an organized theme. It's almost as though this whole piece was written in twenty minutes! What a thought! Anyway, please find below a brief comment on television, a topic on which I apparently have a regrettable breadth of opinion available at a moment's notice, in two parts. There is no conclusion, apart from a reminder that we in this profession value "fair notice."<sup>2</sup>

**Show you have not watched and should try: *Happy Endings***

This show is severely under-

<sup>1</sup> See also, feelings I have about television in a small garbage collection of words, for your ridiculing pleasure.

<sup>2</sup> JANSEN.

appreciated, almost singlehandedly convinced me to move to Chicago, and streams on Hulu. If you enjoyed *New Girl* but

sponsible for its cancellation in 2013.

Damon Wayans, Jr. (who you know as "Coach" from

tures cameos by Megan Mullally and Colin Hanks, a fake limousine tour business, and an entire episode that centers on



Claire Foy stars as Queen Elizabeth II in a dimly lit but otherwise great TV show. Photo courtesy of Netflix

thought "I wish there was more of this Winston whimsy vibe" or "I wish Zoey was here less," then BOY is this show for you. Centered on six friends in Chicago who epitomize the hashtag '#nonewfriends' by continuing to only hang out with each other, after one of them literally leaves the other one at the altar (on rollerskates) in the first episode, *Happy Endings* goes to a level of weird that is both (a) the reason I've seen every episode four times and (b) probably re-

*New Girl*) plays one half of Brad and Jane, the grounding couple of the friend group and probably my favorite married couple on television. The other half is shamelessly intense control freak Jane, played by Eliza Coupe (who you probably don't know as "Tiger" from Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg's new show *Future Man*, which is on an "Inside John Malkovich" level of bizarre and which frankly would require a separate paper to explain). The show also fea-

Max ("Peter" from *The Mindy Project*) becoming a popular emcee on the Chicago bar mitzvah circuit (episode title: "Boyz II Menorah").

**Show you have watched and for which I have some questions: *The Crown***

Let me start by openly admitting that I am not enamored with this show. The casting is amazing, as is the structured exploration of historic events related to the British monarchy (like Phil-

ip's titling to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, which the series portrays as a marital concession by Elizabeth, but which is IRL speculated to have been to immunize him from being subpoenaed to testify in his buddy's divorce case). My problem with this show (other than Philip, who sucks, and the former pay discrepancy between the actors who play the main characters, which sucks even more), is that the series is very dark. I don't mean dark tone-wise, which can be an awesome feature in television (see *Black Mirror*, *The Dark*, *Twilight Zone*, *iZombie*, *The OA*, *Futurama*). I mean that the characters inhabit a world that seems to have constantly just lost power after an electrical storm.

I understand that this series is set in 1950s London. You know what they had in 1950s London? Electricity. Why is everyone having full-on serious marital confrontations in the tea room in the pitch black? This is patently unreasonable. Either because of the literal darkness or because I am wholly without sympathy for Philip, who seems to have somehow missed the central premise of a monarchy despite presumably a lifetime of cultural familiarity with it, I fell asleep every single time my family watched this show over winter break, without fail. The dogs were cute and not featured nearly enough. I would likely have stayed awake for more of the dogs.

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# A Farewell to the *Virginia Law Weekly's* 3Ls



Eric Hall '18

Former Managing Editor and Suspected Student-Fund Embezzler

**Where are you headed after graduation?**

The undrained Swamp two hours up Route 29 to put in some Days, nights, and weekends for BigLaw.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Best case scenario, I'm managing a Cinnabon in Omaha.

**What's your fondest memory in law school?**

Hanging out with Alex Haden '17 and Jenna Goldman '19 from six until midnight every Monday, playing Quiplash with my first 1L section (<3 §E), rafting near-freezing whitewater with outdoors club—they're all pretty much tied for me. This is a great place to do law school.

**Fondest Law Weekly memory?**



Greg Ranzini '18

Former News Editor and Team Cynic

**Where are you headed after graduation?**

Skadden's Wilmington, DE office.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

Skadden's Wilmington, DE office?

**What's your fondest memory in law school?**

In a characteristic case of throwing myself into a project without considering what all it might entail, I wound up spending a year defending a student in an Honor case—despite never joining the Committee. So, I guess, my fondest memory would be getting those charges dropped.

**Fondest Law Weekly memory?**

That time ATL ran an article on one of my articles.

**What was the best meal you ate in Charlottesville?**

Meeting ANG for the first time. It was a religious moment. I still tear up whenever I catch a whiff of skunked PBR and Food Lion sushi. :'(

**What was the best meal you ate in Charlottesville?**

The Margherita at LAMPO. D.O.C. or G.T.F.O.

**How are you coping with your impending senility and death?**

Scrolling Law School Memes for Edgy T14s until the pain fades. Incidentally, this is also how I'm prepping for exams.

**Words of advice of those left to mourn/celebrate your absence?**

An em-dash is the width of an "M." An en-dash is the width of an "N."\*

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\*And fluffing to eighty is the best solution to any space issues.



The Buff Orpington pizza at Dr. Ho's, with the bacon replaced with roasted garlic cloves. It's like getting beaten in the face with a baseball bat made out of umami.

**How are you coping with your impending senility and death?**

Look, back when I was twelve or so I spent my summers raising chickens, growing flax, and apprenticing as a blacksmith.<sup>1</sup> Then I found out that there isn't really a job market for 18th century German peasants anymore.<sup>2</sup> So, it would be fair to say that I peaked early and have had a lot of time to make peace with my inevitable demise.<sup>3</sup>

**Words of advice for those left to mourn your absence?**

Ergonomic keyboards are a lot cheaper than carpal tunnel release surgery—and, having owned the former and watched the latter performed in person, a lot less gross as well.

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1 Not actually kidding about this.

2 That, and I genuinely find law more interesting and fun.

3 Here's one last footnote to make life difficult for Anand when he typesets this.

**Where are you headed after graduation?**

To greener pastures. Well, more accurately, a concrete jungle—New York, to be exact.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Probably still at a firm, preferably in an office next to a coffee machine, and hopefully the mother of a Frenchie and a poodle-mix named Scalia and Ginsburg, respectively. #worklifebalance

**What's your fondest memory in law school?**

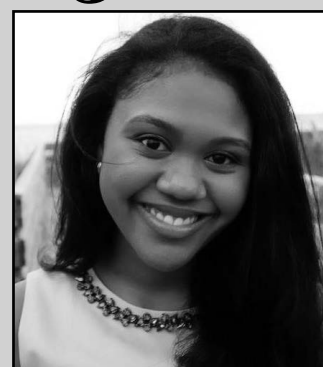
Something something Biltmore, duh. Actually, I was scrolling through old Facebook photos recently and saw the picture that my entire 1L section took with Professor Hylton on the last day of Property, and I think that might be it. (Nostalgia is real, kids.)

**Fondest Law Weekly memory?**

It's a tie between one of my articles beating the Law School's Twitter page on a breaking story (pwned!) and answering this Hot Bench. After two years of asking the questions, it's finally my time to shine.

**What was the best meal you ate in Charlottesville?**

I don't know if it's the best meal I've eaten in Charlottesville, but according to my



Lia-Michelle Keane '18

Former Features Editor and Designated Enforcer

GrubHub history, my #1 go-to order is a lamb vindaloo with garlic naan from Milan.

**How are you coping with your impending senility and death?**

Fortunately, after taking Estate Planning this semester, I am happy to report that all of my affairs are in order. I am leaving my prized collection of colored pens and all my paper plates to the Law Weekly. Hopefully the paper's budget can cover the estate tax.

**Words of advice of those left to mourn your absence?**

In lieu of flowers and graduation cards, please make donations to my student loan balance (Account No.: 18-00-00). My advice is that you direct others to do the same for you when you graduate.

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Jenna Goldman '18

Former Editor-in-Chief and Former Omni Hotel Prisoner

**How are you coping with your impending senility and death?**

I am perfectly at peace. I have Carole King and James Taylor's greatest hits playing at all times, and I am almost one-third through writing my memoir, "The Audacity of Nope: The Jenna Goldman Story."

**Words of advice of those left to mourn your absence?**

No one will remember you for your smarmy comments in class; you will, however, be remembered for your epic CoPA dissent and your article on bear safety, likely saving the lives of thousands. Solidify your place in University of Virginia School of Law history and write for the best newspaper in the country, the *Virginia Law Weekly*.

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**Where are you headed after graduation?**

New York City, baby.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

Buried under the crippling weight of student loans, of course! (EDITOR'S NOTE: Apparently Jenna Goldman has very expensive tastes, or is not very good with money.)

**What's your fondest memory in law school?**

Besides winning the ABA best law school newspaper award? Probably sleeping in front of the Supreme Court to hear the decision get handed down in *Whole Women's Health* with some fellow law students. It was the first time as a law student that I felt so connected to a decision in real time.

**Fondest Law Weekly memory?**

My time at the *Law Weekly* has been one long montage of late-night editing, Lady Gaga sing-alongs, angry emails, and wondering what to do with all the leftover pizza we give away for free every Monday in SL 279 starting at 5 p.m. Well, and winning the ABA's award for best law school newspaper.

**What was the best meal you ate in Charlottesville?**

Kao Soi at Monsoon Siam, tell them Jenna sent you. Two more referrals and I get a plaque.

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 jmv5af@virginia.edu.

Greene, et al. v. Coleburn, et al. 863 U.Va. 120 (2018)

ZABLOCKI, J., announced the opinion of the Court in an opinion joined by DOSTAL, RANZINI, and MALKOWSKI, JJ. VANDERMEULEN, C.J., filed an opinion concurring in part, dissenting in part, and concurring in the judgment.

JUSTICE ZABLOCKI, for the Court.

I

Petitioner Greene, who represents an entire class of individuals frustrated at their roommates' environmentally unfriendly tendencies, prays that we recognize the following claims against the class known by the surname of named respondent Coleburn: (1) temperature-inflicted assault and battery, (2) wanton waste and/or destruction of natural resources, and, of course, (3) intentional infliction of emotional distress.

On the first claim, Petitioner Greene alleges that during our balmy Virginian summers, his final approach to his apartment is routinely filled with trepidation at the blast of frigid air which will blast him upon opening the door. Petitioner has described this experience as both physically and mind-numbing, referring to his confusion at what necessitates a 65°F thermostat setting. This bewildering effect is especially consternating, Petitioner has explained, in light of the fact that come crisper fall days, the switch is immediately flipped to the heat setting, with the thermostat set to 72°F—a temperature significantly higher than that preferred during warmer months but which is similarly in opposition to the natural temperature and which leads to similarly unwelcoming homecomings. And then the thermostat may perhaps be flipped back to AC later that same day when the sun's warming rays streaming in through the window have a

greenhouse effect, boosting the temperature to—gasp!—78°F. In her amicus brief, Chief Justice Emeritus Goldman, who recused herself in order that she be allowed to join in protest of such absurd practices, said the following: "You know it's out of control when the Floridian says the heat is on too high and the Minnesotan says a bit of Southern heat and humidity would be a welcome re-

the power of humanity over nature,<sup>1</sup> is absurd and should cease.

III

A.

On the second claim of wanton waste and/or destruction of natural resources, this Court sympathizes with Petitioner. Just because Respondent has the wherewithal to pay astro-

in order to make yourself comfortable while making them miserable. However, as there is no private cause of action by which Petitioners may do battle on behalf of the planet, this Court chooses to use its equitable powers to expand upon the tort of douchebaggery (see Student Body of UVa v. Thimpson Sacher and Offerees Thereof, 27 U.Va. 203 (2017)). As described above, Respon-

is 72°F no matter the season. We'd cite some scientific principle, but unfortunately—or perhaps fortunately, as at least this isn't what public funding and grant money is being used for these days—the mathematical property read as "A = A" was deemed too duhhh for anyone to want to take credit, put his (it would totes be a his) name on it, and be immortalized as the person who pointed out the obvious.<sup>2</sup> In addition, while in the grand scheme of things it is a relatively novel idea, as such innovation has only been around for roughly half a millennium (vs. the wheel c. 3,500 BC), opening or closing a window is in fact an ecological method of climate control with tremendous effectiveness limited to a single room! For instance, if it is November, 71°F in the apartment, and 62°F outside, one can contrive to mix the cooler (fresher!) outdoor air with the warm, allegedly stale air inside the building by sliding the panel of glass up, rather than turning on the AC. The additional benefit of this method of climate control is the ability to customize one's own space to personal preference, rather than inflicting such preference upon all cohabitants.

"This Court therefore . . . decrees that Respondents' behavior in setting the thermostat in opposition to Mother Nature, apparently in some show of the power of humanity over nature, is absurd and should cease.

-J. Zablocki

spite from the AC."

II

That Petitioner has made Respondent aware of the torturous results of such temperature settings upon Petitioner, and yet that Respondent continues to indulge himself, satisfies this Court that Respondent is intentionally causing Petitioner this angst, thus satisfying the key elements of the assault claim. Temperature swings à la left hook/right uppercut are, of course, de facto battery.

This Court therefore finds Respondent liable for assault and battery, and decrees that Respondents' behavior in setting the thermostat in opposition to Mother Nature, apparently in some show of

nomical electric bills in order to adjust his apartmental microclimate does not mean Respondent should. In the first instance, this Court loathes such entitlement and views such a practice as a clear step along the pathway to driving a Hummer. In the second, more paternalistic instance, this Court is puzzled why any student would wish to take on additional loans just to fight Mother Nature. In the third instance, which has nothing to do with saving the planet, it's kind of shitty to unilaterally boost your roommates' electric bills

1 Because if there's one thing the last few hurricane seasons have shown, it's that humanity > nature.

dent's behavior is intentional, outrageous (lolz Law Student v. Mother Nature), douchey, and distressing; ergo, without further ado, we find Respondent liable for direct douchebaggery.

B.

This Court takes judicial notice that 65°F is 65°F and 72°F

IV With regard to the IIED claim, this Court is sick and

2 This despite endemic mansplaining—so maybe it's something beyond obvious even?

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Faculty Quotes

Faculty Quotes section containing quotes from K. Abraham, M. Robinson, J. Harrison, C. Nicoletti, J. Mahoney, G. Cohen, and J. Johnston.

Virginia Law Weekly COLOPHON section listing staff members including Jansen VanderMeulen, M. Eleanor Schmalzl, Anand Jani, David Ranzini, Kim Hopkin, Ali Zablocki, Alison Malkowski, Katherine Mann, Taylor Elicegui, and Jenny Lamberth.

Domino's Pizza advertisement featuring a large 1-topping pizza for \$8.99, the slogan 'Caring for the Community', and the phone number 977-UVA1.

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daunting OGI can seem and asked how 2Ls and 3Ls, after finishing OGI, felt looking back. “Everyone’s nervous, but it’s not the worst experience,” Donovan noted, pointing out that once students get into the rhythm of the process, it can be a really positive experience. Spekman felt similarly, saying, “After a relatively quiet summer, OGI is kind of a fun way to kick off the next school year.”<sup>3</sup> Spekman talked about how there’s a lot of adrenaline and life at the Law School during that time, and how great it is to see that shift. Students enjoy getting to see their classmates, many of whom they haven’t seen in months, and de-stress together in the halls. There’s a sense of camaraderie about that moment where all the people in the hall knock on their respective interview doors; it can be a really uniting experience.

After hearing about the positive side of the OGI process, I asked the loaded question: What are some of the top recent OGI horror stories? Donovan took this question, reflecting on two natural disaster scenarios the school has faced during this process. The first bizarre incident he discussed was an actual beehive inside the school dur-

<sup>3</sup> At press time, the *Law Weekly* was unable to confirm this startling bit of info.

ing OGI. The school called someone in to extract it and that area obviously wasn’t usable during the rest of the interview process. A fun twist, though: the honey from the hive was sold at next year’s PILA auction to fund unpaid public service jobs.<sup>4</sup> And second, the year an earthquake hit during the OGI interview timeframe. Interviewers wouldn’t go back inside after the earthquake happened, so there were interviews conducted in Spies Garden instead.

The meeting ended with the duo asking us how we felt about the job search process. They wanted to learn more about our experiences and where we felt it could improve, showing their commitment to making this process as effective and painless as possible for students. Given all the angst and uncertainty that comes naturally with the job search process, the Law Weekly is glad the leaders of Career Services are so accessible and frank. Students with questions about getting a job after law school should be sure to utilize the resources Career Services offers.<sup>5</sup> It might all seem intimidating and mysterious, but the office, including Donovan and Spekman, are here to help.

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<sup>4</sup> Who said OGI was only for people going to firms after graduation?

<sup>5</sup> With regard to the OGI Handbook, Please Read!

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Weekly volume produced during his time as head of the paper. Infusing the issues with fresh humor was his favorite aspect. Where the current Law Weekly issues feature a sudoku and a cartoon, the old issues featured pictures submitted by the student body with humorous captions created by the editorial team. Although Romig always focused the humor on the student body as a whole, he recalls that one student featured in a photo did not appreciate the joke in the caption and called him angrily, threatening to physically harm him. The experience allowed Romig to see the wide reach and potentially damaging effects of his words, a valuable experience for an aspiring lawyer.

Romig was also influential in stepping up the amount of sports and Law School news coverage in the Law Weekly. During his time, he included weekly updates from NGSJL as well as UVa athletic team updates. The NGSJL column, called Vanguard of Democracy, played the role that Around North Grounds plays today, anonymously and good-naturedly lampooning various aspects of the Law School’s culture.

Today, Romig leads the litigation department at Bryan Cave’s Atlanta office, winning the largest verdict in the history of Brooks County, Ga., in 2016. Romig’s advice

to current students is to understand the culture of the firm or office you are entering with an eye towards how they handle their employees’ needs. He also stressed the

time networking with those you respect and want to emulate.

When asked about what he’s glad he didn’t know when graduating law school, Romig



Curtis Romig '98. Photo courtesy Bryan Cave.

importance of understanding how the person who gives you assignments gets their assignments. Is there room to advance directly? Being aware of the business aspects and plans of your office is very important when entering. Other than that, he encourages everyone to “network, network, network.”

“You don’t have to network with people you don’t like,” he clarified. “Network with the people that you do like.” That’s a smart method to ensure you are maximizing your

laughingly replied, “The ongoing and constant weight of time entry.” Romig encourages new lawyers to be smart about recording their time so it doesn’t pile up. Reminiscing fondly about his days in Charlottesville, Romig urged current students to treasure the time they spend in law school and at UVa. And of course, he advised all students to pick up copies of the Virginia Law Weekly.

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tired of adjudicating such whiny bullshit. Therefore, rather than going through the motions, the Court leaves it to Respondent to consider whether it is better to have an increasingly pissed-off roomie or, well, oneself constantly hovering on the brink of pissed off due to lack of sleep? In so ruling, this Court congratulates itself on ensuring a constant stream of future litigation as passive aggression becomes outright aggression and the roomie situation escalates.

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In sum, happy Earth Day. Quit wasting electricity and making your roommates miserable—rather, show a touch of respect for the planet and your fellow humans.

VI

The decision of the court below, enforcing injunctive relief against Respondent and damages of public shaming, three-quarters of recent power bills, two strawberry milkshakes, a bouquet of petunias, and some lemonade, is hereby affirmed.

*It is so ordered.*

CHIEF JUSTICE VANDERMEULEN concurring in part, dissenting in part, and concurring in the judgment.

I join the judgment of the Court, which I find to be judicious and precise. Respon-

dent’s ridiculous manipulation of the apartment thermostat ends here, and the damages due to Petitioner ought to justly redress the class’s injury.

Rather than the Court’s enviro-Marxist nonsense, I uphold the judgment of the Court like a red-blooded American: through objection to waste and entitlement. The environmental impact of Respondent’s profligacy is next to nil, but the vice and sheer outrage of such wastefulness is very real. Respondent demonstrates his moral vacuity and blameworthiness by way of his deplorable self-indulgence, which has inflicted grievous cost on Petitioner and demonstrated Respondent’s own depravity. Only the most despicably self-obsessed among us indulge their own comforts with so little regard for the natural way of the world and their roommates’ pocketbooks.

With this in mind, I join Parts III-A, IV, and VI of the Court’s opinion. I’ll celebrate Earth Day like any good salt-of-the-earth American: by driving a four-wheeler out to a bonfire full of old-growth cedars through a Wetland. But I join with the Court to condemn the vicious waste here occurring.

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**HOT BENCH**



Clayton Bailey '18

**1. What are you most excited for during your summer?**

Charlottesville during the summer is just delightful. I’ll spend some time studying for the bar, drink some wine, and hit all the classics I won’t see again until I come back down to “recruit,” “go to alumni events,” or “do other things that I’m actually going to do and don’t belong in quotation marks.”

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

The abbreviated version of “casual” that you can’t spell in a way that seems right.

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

Kentucky . . . not many people know that.

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

Re-watching *The West Wing*. Still great.

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

Ireland. The ground is never dry but the people are hilarious. There’s a lot of really cutting sarcasm and everyone looks vaguely like my grandpa. Great craic!

**6. What’s something you wish you’d known about law school before coming to UVa Law?**

The most accurate part of Legally Blonde is the scene where Elle gets asked a question, she answers it in a dumb way, and everyone laughs. No one means it in a mean way, but pay attention—you’ll see it.

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

Scrambled eggs . . . is this a question about legal realism? We get it, this school really leans toward the rules side of the rules-standards debate.

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

Wait, there are options outside of New York and D.C.?

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

I restarted playing Candy Crush a couple of weeks ago for some reason, and the music is starting to seep into my dreams.

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

The gift of friendship. And I receive it every day. That’s what UVa Law is all about. #UVALawDay #Retweet #Collegiality

**11. Backstreet Boys or \*NSYNC?**

\*NSYNC. My birthday is in May, so “It’s Gonna Be Me” is sort of a personal anthem.

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

When attending karaoke, “Piano Man” is best left until the end of the night.

**13. What’s your favorite food?**

There’s this little sandwich place in Lexington called Dad’s Favorites, that has the best cheese spreads. I don’t know if it’s my favorite, but I do miss it dearly.

**14. If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?**

Fund a PAC to advocate for a less regressive government revenue stream. Also, buy a jet ski.

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

Caleb Nelson’s casebook. I’m pretty sure it secretly contains every viewpoint on every legal issue.

**16. If you could be in the winter Olympics, which sport would you compete in?**

Last year, I walked from Ivy to the Pavilion in like a foot of snow, so I think I’m pretty much qualified to compete in any of them.

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# In Defense of "Garbage" Entertainment

I have to admit that I often feel self-conscious about the forms of entertainment

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that I consume. I want to be the person who gets true fulfillment from only listening to NPR, only reading *The Economist*, and only binge-watching Ken Burns documentaries. In fact, I've forced myself to try new podcasts, documentaries, and subscriptions to make it as easy as possible for me to be that person. And occasionally, I do like to spend some of my time with *This American Life* or getting some niche knowledge via Ken Burns on Prohibition or the Roosevelts. But, while these sources do enrich my life, I don't always want to stay away from "garbage" TV.

I had a college humanities professor who told me that classical music was objectively better than any other type of music. She lectured us by telling us that understanding classical music and preferring to listen to that over contemporary music made you a better and more intelligent person. Having listened to it, I can say it's not bad music. The people who listen aren't inherently boring people. But I'm also not stupid for preferring music with lyrics.

That's just how I engage the most with songs I hear. It's also how I rank songs and musicians that I like. I find Walker Hayes, Sam Hunt, and Devin Dawson's lyrics interesting and easy to sing along to. People seem to understand and buy into this reasoning.

However, when I tell people that I sometimes tune into *Keeping up with the Kardashians* or that I love *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, I feel like I'm admitting to a dirty secret. "Not even Andy Samberg thinks *Nine-Nine* should be nominated for an Emmy," someone once told me. But why do I have to limit myself to smart or award-winning entertainment? Does that make it actually better? It's *entertainment*.

I feel like there are times when I want to turn on the television and think about the issues that are brought up in the episode. Maybe I want to see things from another perspective or I want to learn about a new topic. But sometimes, I want to just laugh or spend some time *actively not thinking that hard*. Say what you want about the inherent evil in reality television: *The Bachelor* is sexist; the Kardashians are talentless. Trust me, I have those thoughts occasionally, too. However, after a long day already thinking about criminal justice policy, or

researching for a ten-page paper, or re-reading the Federal Rules of Evidence, I just want to wind down for bed.

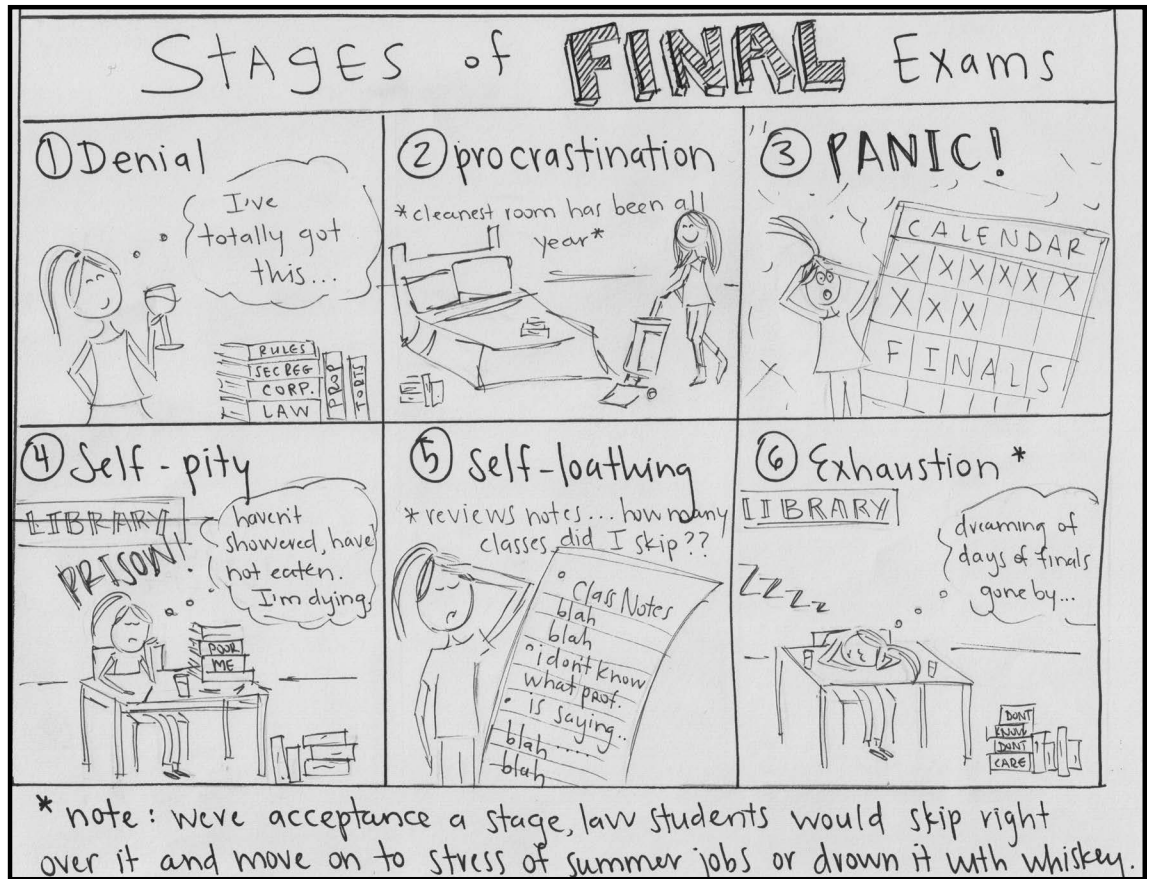
That's why it doesn't matter that I could be spending my limited amount of time watching *Westworld* or reading biographies of Supreme Court Justices. I understand that having a working knowledge about

different subjects is important to being a well-rounded human, and I do try to learn things outside the classroom. But I'm tired of feeling like I can't enjoy some mindless entertainment for an hour a day. And if you also feel guilty about not having an encyclopedic understanding of mid-century European politics, I implore you to join me.

Let's stop criticizing people who don't have the stamina to watch an Aaron Sorkin show from beginning to end. If someone doesn't like *The Crown*, then they shouldn't have to cling to gender pay inequality to have a worthwhile reason. Let's watch a little Bravo.

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## Cartoon By Jenny



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
<b>WEDNESDAY - April 18</b>				
11:30-13:00	Protecting Federal Lands From the Trump Admin	Purcell	Free	Uncertain but they should
13:00-14:00	Animals in Labs	WB129	Free	You'll be vegan after this one.
11:00-13:00	Bike Maintenance Workshop	Clark Hall	Free	Lol our former production editor got stuck in his bike and had to get cut out by the fire department
All Day	Shahil Jani's 22 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday	ATL	Free	The joke above was fake news. Happy birthday little bro.
<b>THURSDAY - April 19</b>				
11:00-14:00	Pop-up Composting	Ampitheater	Free	For worms- yes. For people- no.
17:00-18:30	Buddhist Cave Murals of Western Tibet	Rouss 403	Free	Won't even speculate what they'll serve here
<b>FRIDAY - April 20</b>				
08:00-16:45	Va. Assoc. Crim. Def. Lawyers Spring Seminar	Caplin	RSVP	Lunch for RSVP
10:00-15:00	Tech Takeback	The Park at North Grounds	Free	Bring own chips.
11:00-15:00	Earth Week Clothing Swap	1515 University Ave.	Free	Nope, but free clothes!
<b>SATURDAY - April 21</b>				
10:00-15:00	Tech Takeback Day 2	The Park at North Grounds	Free	Get it? Like silicon chips..?
<b>SUNDAY - April 22</b>				
15:30-17:00	Chamber Music Series: Ayn Baliya, Viola & Shelby Sender, Piano	Old Cabell Hall	Free	I apologize for the joke above. The writer has been sacked.
<b>MONDAY - April 23</b>				
16:30	Senator Feingold: Taking on the New Populist Plutocracy	Rotunda Dome	Free advance registration required	----
17:00-18:30	Stone Lecture in Environ. Policy: Sunita Narain	Campbell Hall 153,	Free	----
<b>TUESDAY - April 24</b>				
15:15	The Art of the Wasted Day	Nau Hall	Free	----
16:00-18:00	How Borges Wrote	Library Special Collections	Free	Reception follows
<b>WEDNESDAY - April 25</b>				
09:00-15:30	Law of the Sea Convention and U.S. National Interests Symposium	Caplin	Free	Splice the mainbrace! Bully-beef and a gill of grog for all

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## Nostra Culpa

Two weeks ago, *Law Weekly* Cartoonist-in-Chief Jenny Lamberth '19 drew a cartoon mocking professors' and students' inverse motivational trends. The cartoon was based on—and provided credit to—a humorous illustration drawn periodically by Professor Michael Doran (may he live forever). After publishing the cartoon, the *Law Weekly* learned that Professor Doran had not yet told the joke in either of his classes for this semester, and that the paper had therefore ruined the joke's humorous effect for a generation of students. The *Law Weekly*, and especially Editor-in-Chief Jansen VanderMeulen '19, apologize abjectly to Professor Doran for this loathsome perfidy. We crave his pardon, but considering the magnitude of his anger and his notorious (and righteous) grudge against the *Law Weekly*, we do not expect it to be forthcoming.