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## 75 Ways to Guarantee It'll Be 1L of a Year

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Welcome Class of 2021! The Virginia Law Weekly staff is very excited to welcome you to UVa Law. We compiled a list of the must-do UVa things to do if you want to succeed this year.

- 1. Get the #1 ticket at Bodo's 2. Introduce yourself to Mandy
- 3. Go to the snack room three times in one day
- 4. Learn what a tort is (hint: it's not a pastry)
- 5. Attend Dandelion, then question if you are, in fact, attending a professional school?
- 6. Play in a softball game. Hit a home run! Or, just hit the ball for the first time in your life
- 7. Invite your professor to your softball game
- 8. Drink a beer at a softball game
- 9. Take your professor out to lunch
- 10. Survive your first cold call! (It's really just answering a question in class, which we've all done a hundred times)
- Go to Bar Review
- Join a student organiza-
- Question why you signed up for so many activities at the Activity Fair and now get so many emails
- Sign up for an IM-rec class
- Feel like Beyonce when the air conditioning blows your hair as you walk into Slaughter
- 16. Get lost upstairs in Slaughter
- Ring in autumn at Carter Mountain with a cup of cider and some justpicked apples
- 18. Keep a sweater in your locker to survive the summer air conditioning
- 19. Hike Humpback Rock
- with your section 20. Don't forget to drag along the most antihiking/outdoors of your pals by telling them you'll go to Blue Mountain Brewery and get some nachos after the hike.
- 21. Google "UVa Law Libel 2018." Watch "UVa Law Boyz" and "Please Read"
- 22. Fall down the wonderful YouTube rabbit-hole that is law school Libel videos
- 23. Get invited to a professor's house for dinner
- 24. Donate something for the PILA Auction
- 25. Buy something at the

# Dean Goluboff Greets 1Ls



Law School Dean Risa Goluboff. Photo courtesy University of Virginia

Risa Goluboff Dean, University of Virginia School of Law

At the Picnic in the Park last Sunday, I was talking with some of you about your new lockers and laden backpacks. We jokingly noted the similarities between law school and middle school. Though the comparison has seemed apt since my own law school days, it is perhaps more on my mind right now because I have a seventh grade son in the midst of those years and a ninth grader just coming out the other side. So I hope you will indulge me as I spin out the comparison.

Beyond the lockers, backpacks, full schedule of required courses, and packed hallways between classes, a far more fundamental similarity comes to mind: transformation. Middle school is a time of massive change, as children become young adults by running the gauntlet of adolescence. When they emerge, they have greater independence, knowledge, resources, and perhaps even a bit of wisdom, as well as new responsibilities to match.

Law school will similarly transform you-from the "regular people" I described at orientation to members of the learned profession of the law. It will do so by running vou through the gauntlet of torts, contracts, LRW, and more. You will come out the other side of this year the same person that brought you to law school but also a different person. You will have new skills, new ways of thinking, and new intellectual resources at your disposal.

Of course, in many and profound ways, middle school and law school are so very different. You are adults now. Most of you have work experience of one kind or another. You have persevered through real hardship, traveled the world, succeeded wildly in college. You come to law school with maturity (we hope), perspective, ambition, and focus.

Not only are you different now from who you were ten years ago or more, but what you will encounter here is very different as well. I can't speak for you, but my middle school certainly did not boast world-class faculty engaged in ground-breaking research; experiential learning that let me put my classroom knowledge to work immediately; or the kind of personal and professional support that the Law School provides.

fundamentally, More this adventure is different because you have chosen it. (Who chooses middle school?) You have chosen challenge, transform, and empower yourselves. It might not always be easy, as I am sure you have heard. That is especially true this first year, this first semester. That is not because anyone has set out to make 1L challenging. Rather, it is because you are learning new approaches to information and to life that are just that: new. They take rigor and application to comprehend, and you will want to apply yourself with zeal as you learn them.

I recall my own realization of the engagement and endurance it would take to master this new vocabulary and set of skills. I learned that "thinking like a lawyer"—the analytical reasoning, the precision with words and concepts—was not something that was just going to happen to me. I had to make myself a real partner in the endeavor. I encourage you to take ownership of the education that lies before you, and collaborate with the professors and peers that surround you.

Let me emphasize the last part of that sentence: how much you will learn from your peers. What a gift to us all that our Law School is so diverse. We come from different backgrounds. We have had different experiences. We hold different beliefs, attitudes, and interests, and subscribe to a wide range of political views. We each have our own unique identities, hopes, and dreams. This semester you have been thrown together across these differences immediately and intensely. Spending hours each week in sections of thirty people who vary in all of these ways (and more) can be a novel experience and sometimes a challenging one.

Take advantage of what that offers. The honest and respectful exchange of ideas is invaluable—not only in the classroom, but also in Scott Commons, in the sections you have been assigned, and the organizations you choose to join. It is not always easy

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#### around north grounds



Thumbs up to Golubuff Dean following @uvalawlweekly on Instagram. ANG must have finally mastered the art of 'sliding into the DMs."



Thumbs down to VJIL not giving out its snacks to non-members anymore. ANG's been tak-

ing snacks from the VJIL office so long ANG remembers when VJIL actually published!



Thumbs down to firms providoff-brand ing water bottles to ANG during OGI. When

ANG does not receive a call-back from said firm. ANG will assume it's because the firm does not recognize name-brand quality.



Thumbs up to ANG's friends and family committing to pay

\$1,500 each so that ANG can have the graduation of ANG's dreams. ANG just wants to be a Kardashian for a day and then live ANG's life like normal.



Thumbs down Foxfield scheduled during Fall Break this year. 1Ls will be able to use their due money to intoxicate only themselves? ANG thought we were all



Thumbs up to the returning students who haven't been humble bragging about their amazing offers. For ANG's part, ANG has been humbled, at ANG's summer job, to witness firsthand how perfectly the contradictions of capitalism are resolved by the triumphant science of Juche Thought–always under the kind guidance of August Helmsman Marshal Kim Jong-Un!

about community here.



Thumbs sideways to Frances Fugua for the Coffee Machine Revolution

2018. ANG has noticed a suspicious lack of Duck Donuts, however. Is it the first day of school? Yes. Does that excuse Fugua's lack of feeding ANG sugar? No.



Thumbs up to being back on Grounds. ANG hates to admit it,

but ANG's missed this dear old place.

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#### **VIRGINIA LAW WEEKLY**

## BUCKET LIST continued from page 1

PILA Auction

- 26. Get a \$6 steak from Sedona Taphouse
- 27. Attend a Weekly Winddown
- 28. Go to a Wednesday Social
- 29. Consult the last page of the *Law Weekly* to see where you can get free lunch this week
- 30. Attend a lunch event solely for the Chick-fil-A
- 31. Try out for the Libel Show
- 32. Host a dinner party with a professor-themed cocktail menu
- 33. Form a study group
- 34. Start outlining when your PAs tell you to and not before then
- 35. Buy a suit
- 36. Get your suit tailored
- 37. Ponder the questionable merits of pantyhose as you shop for OGI suits (and let us know if you do, in fact, discover if such merits actually exist)
- 38. Attend Virginia Law Women's Faculty Wine and Cheese Night
- 39. Get dumplings after a night out
- 40. Get pizza from Christian's Pizza after a night out (and yes, that means you should go out more than once a semester)
- 41. Try out the massage chair in the library
- 42. Attend Virginia Law Women's Women in Public Service Event
- 43. Go to Lampo for some of the best pizza you've ever

- had in your life. Learn there's a forty minute wait and decide to wait it out at Champion's Brewery or Potter's Cider Garden. Realize the anticipation can (almost) be the best part.
- 44. Go to a Gunners 'N' Roses show
- 45. Become friends with your Legal Writing Fellow and hope they forgive your lousy second memo
- 46. Work on becoming a true oenophile (as opposed to someone who just drinks a lot of wine) and go wine-tasting at a local vineyard at least once.
- 47. Learn how to write a legal memo
- 48. Go to Brazos Tacos
- 49. Check out Three Notch'd Brewery (the one with the kitchen—make sure you order the pretzel bites)
- 50. Study in the library
- 51. Study in Spies Garden
- 52. Study in the ScoCo quiet room
- 53. "Study" in ScoCo
- 54. Exercise (just once)
- 55. Try a class at Fly Dog Yoga
- 56. Refrain from asking a question that starts with "What if..."
- 57. Don't be afraid to ask good questions, though
- 58. Go to office hours
- 59. Print your resume for free in the Copy Center
- 60. Create a LinkedIn
- 61. Go back through your social media and delete everything you wouldn't want to explain to your grandmother

- 62. Go to trivia at Mellow Mushroom
- 63. Go to a UVa Sporting Event
- 64. Follow a professor on Twitter65. Follow Virginia Law
- Women on Twitter
  66. Have a full out promstyle photoshoot for Barrister's Ball
- 67. Multitask and choose both your new favorite restaurant and your new favorite law firm based on the culinary offerings at firm receptions
- 68. Take a bubble bath to de-stress
- 69. Impulse-buy the entire line of Bath & Bodyworks' Comfort products during journal tryouts. Question if this is a cry for help.
- 70. Survive journal tryouts! It's only one weekend, and we've all been there
- 71. If you still (gasp!) read for pleasure, take advantage of the Law School getting free intra-campus delivery of library books
- 72. Develop a reverence Stephen T. Parr, UVa Law's weather email demigod
- 73. Enjoy a snow day!
- 74. Be sad when it's all over

And finally, the single most important thing to make the most of your 1L year and succeed:

75. Join the Virginia *Law Weekly*. By coming to weekly editing night. 5:30 p.m. SL279. Free Pizza included!

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to speak so that others can listen or listen even when the message is hard to hear, but our community of trust and belonging makes that possible. Moreover, those skills are essential to analyzing and solving problems, considering every argument, exploring every idea, arguing for your side and collaborating with the other. In other words, learning how to talk and listen with professionalism, respect, and empathy is essential to becoming the exceptional lawyers you are all here to become. If you were very precocious, you might have tried all this in middle school. But I'm guessing it might not have gone as well then.

As I mentioned at orientation, this combination of pluralism and community is fundamental to who we are as a law school. I still remember my interview with UVa Law when I was applying to teach here almost twenty years ago. Of the many schools I spoke with, I saw immediately how this one was unique. The faculty here did not always agree. They did not take the views of others for granted. They were open to those views and to the possibility that their own might be wrong, or incomplete, or improved upon. That was why I came here, and it is what has enriched my scholarship, my teaching, my professional development, and my personal life ever since. It is at

the heart of this Law School and a huge part of why I feel privileged to lead it.

At the end of this year, I have no doubt that you will have transformed yourselves and one another. Each year, I find it thrilling that so many 1Ls come up to me after their last exams to say, with appropriate pride, that they now see how far they had traveled, that they feel like different people from when they had arrived. I knew that would be the case, as that is what law school does. It transforms how we think and what we can do in the world.

I know I have overworked this comparison by now, but I want to close on one last and very stark difference between your gawky early teen years and this most recent phase of your lives. It is rare to find a middle schooler who is happy, and most adults would be quick to note that they would never want to repeat middle school again. I can't speak to all law schools, but that is certainly not the case at this one. I cannot count how many alumni report that their time at UVa Law was the happiest of their lives, and that they would relive it in a heartbeat. I hope and trust you will feel the same in three years. My wish for you is that these years are happy ones, that you thrive as well as succeed, savor as well as learn.

Welcome, let's get to work, and enjoy.

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## Twelve Summer Associates, Éight Markets, One Fantastic Summer

Virginia Law Weekly staff interviewed twelve summer associates who worked for firms. These are their stories

# What drew you to that geographic location and/ or employer?

"Great firm in my target market" – D.C. '20

"I'm originally from Philly and it was a smaller firm. I immediately connected with the people and knew I wanted to come home for the summer." – Philly '20

"What drew me to [the firm] were the lawyers and the quality of work. This past summer, I met attorneys who have a sincere desire to do their best work and to mentor young associates. They collaborate with each other to devise solutions to complex legal issues." – NYC '19

"Close to home and reputation for being a great place to work." – Chicago '19

"I wanted to be closer to family, and somewhere without the awful, humid weather." – Denver '19

"Family." - Houston '19

"Lots of family and friends there from before law school (plus it's the greatest city on Chicago, IL
8%

Washington, DC
17%

Philadelphia, PA
8%

San Francisco, CA
8%

New York City
34%

Houston, TX
9%

This chart shows the locations where interviewed members of the classes of '19 and '20 worked this summer.

Earth)." - NYC '19

"NYC has always been the goal. It seemed like the best place to start a legal career, a city that offers opportunity for all areas of law." – NYC '19

"D.C. is home." – D.C. '19

What type of work did you do? Were you able to become involved with pro bono work? If you had a favorite matter (billable or pro bono!),

#### can you describe it at all?

"The firm I worked at did mostly environmental law. I focused on mainly environmental litigation but also some regulatory work. A lot of my research consisted of looking up federal or state environmental regulations and understanding the meaning and workings of them." – Philly '20

"I did a little bit of work in pretty much every practice group. The most exciting project all summer was an article that I actually had published and sent out to clients. I also got to see my research appear in an opposition that we filed to a Supreme Court cert petition."

– Denver '19

"All tax work but not much pro bono. My favorite assignment was working on research for a client who was a whistleblower and figuring out how to win our client an award for the client's help in the case. The award potential was high, which made my research feel important as a 1L." – D.C. '20

"Mergers and Acquisitions." – SF '19

"I worked primarily on litigation assignments involving legal research and writing. I was also able to do probono work. My favorite probono assignment involved helping a victim of domestic violence receive a temporary order of protection from her abuser." – NYC '19

"My favorite project was transitioning a company from an LLC to a non-profit. This saved them money and let the younger lawyers get some really advanced work" – Chicago '19

"Complex commercial litigation—mostly antitrust cartel investigation-related work. Also did a bit of work in energy regulatory matters and a pro bono project related to parole opportunities for asylum seekers found to have a credible threat of persecution or violence if deported home." – D.C. '19

"Corporate, M&A, securities, public finance, and corporate finance." – Houston

"Mixture, but mostly litigation. My favorite project was a memo for restructur-

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# Suing White Supremacists: Elizabeth Sines '19 Takes on August 11-12 Organizers

Elizabeth Sines '19 counter-protested the white supremacist rallies of August

Ali Zablocki '19 Articles Editor

11 and 12, 2017. She is currently suing the organizers of



the Unite the Right rally in what is reported to be "the most notable-and comprehensive-lawsuit filed against white supremacists in years."1

Law Weekly Articles Editor Ali Zablocki '19 interviewed Sines about this groundbreaking lawsuit.

AZ: Let's start with the basics. Who exactly are you suing?

ES: I am one of several Charlottesville residents suing over two dozen white supremacists and affiliated groups. The most wellknown defendants are probably Jason Kessler, Richard Spencer, and the KKK.

AZ: Who are you represented by?

ES: We are represented by lawyers from two firms: Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP and Boies Schiller Flexner LLP. Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn are two of the lead attorneys. Karen is a former advisor to Hillary Clin-

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ing. Lots of pro bono, both firm and external programbased. I would highly recommend the Courtroom Advocates Project, which assists victims of domestic violence in procuring protective orders, if your firm participates." - NYC '19

"Mainly memo drafting, which involved research and writing on various disputes related to the Delaware Corporate Code." - Wilmington

"Litigation." – NYC '19

"I did a little bit of evmostly litigation, and a pro bono matter. I tried to do as much litigation as possible, and did a lot of sports litigation, antitrust, and insurance. My favorite matter was an extensive antitrust litigation case I was put on with another summer. It was an exciting part of a long-time case, and I had the opportunity to do some substantive work that ended up being seen by a judge." – NYC '19

Did spending the summer at a firm influence your future career goals (area of practice, firm vs. in-house, private vs. public, which market, etc.)?

"A bit in terms of area of practice, yes." - DC '19

counsel to Barack Obama. She was also a federal prosecutor. She is now a partner at Boies Schiller Flexner. Robbie is best known for representing Edie Windsor in United States v. Windsor (which invalidated a section

ton and served as associate They both are absolutely incredible. Integrity First for America is providing financial support for the suit.

> AZ: What are the claims? ES: The main claim is civil conspiracy. We argue that defendants conspired

a few, the rally's organizers encouraged violence and planned how violence would be enacted.

AZ: Why did you decide to become a plaintiff in this lawsuit?

ES: I never want anything



Elizabeth Sines '19. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Sines

of the Defense of Marriage Act and required the federal government to recognize same-sex marriages). She is also an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School.

"Spending my summer at the firm affirmed that I want to do litigation. I was also surprised that firm life ended up being a lot more appealing than I previously anticipated. I figured I would only spend a few years at a large firm, but after this summer, I could see myself spending the majority of my career there." – NYC '19

"Most definitely. It confirmed my interest in litigation work at a firm. But it also opened my eyes to environmental work-that wasn't something I was originally super interested in, but this summer definitely changed that." - Philly '20

"My experience totally erything—some corporate, changed my practice group interest—I went in leaning towards litigation, but over the course of the summer I actually developed a stronger interest in health care, which is an area of law that I hadn't even previously considered." – Denver '19

> "I knew I wanted to do tax at a firm to start out my career so it didn't change that too much, only confirmed it." – D.C. '20

"After spending the summer at the firm, I confirmed my interest in litigation." -NYC '19

"Made me realize that corporate work was right for me." - Chicago '19

What was your favorite "fun" summer class accommit violence in Charlottesville, in violation of the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871. In online discussions and posts, on websites like Discord and The Daily Stormer, to name

#### tivity?

"Probably the trip to and tour of the Supreme Court with former SCOTUS clerks from the firm. Also the day one of the partners took us out on the Chesapeake Bay in his boat." – D.C. '19

"I loved volunteering at Habitat for Humanity with my co-interns and mentors at the firm." - Philly '20

"Axe Throwing" - Wilmington '19 | "Our most exciting activity was definitely axe-throwing!" - Denver '19 (ANG's Note: Why didn't ANG's firm do axe-throw-

"Whirleyball" - Chicago D.C. '19 '19

"Going for a winetasting tour on Long Island." - NYC

"Volleyball bar event" – Houston '19

"The most fun activity was a cooking competition held at an NYC restaurant. Attorneys and summer associates broke up into groups and had an hour to prep a meal that was judged by a restaurant chef. While using our very-limited student mealprep experience was stressful when having to prepare a meal without a recipe, everyone got really involved and competitive and it ended up being a greatly entertaining night." - NYC '19

"We went to a crab house

like this to happen again. No one should have to go through what the residents of Charlottesville have gone through this past year. I joined the lawsuit because

and I learned how to crack crabs open and eat them for the first time!" - D.C. '20

"Wine tasting in Napa" -SF '19

"I'd have to say sailing on the Hudson River with partners and summer associates. Thankfully no one fell in the water!" - NYC '19

"Seeing 'Come from Away' on Broadway!" - NYC '19

#### What was the most surprising thing about your summer?

"Hearing about how different people's experiences were at different firms." -

"I was surprised at how quickly I became friends with my summer class. Throughout the work and extra activities, the summer class grew very close and made it difficult to leave at the end." - NYC '19

"I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the environmental legal field but also at the amount of 'real' work I was given-I felt needed and appreciated." - Philly '20

"I was shocked by how fast the summer goes—10 weeks sounds like a long time, but it goes by so fast that you won't know what hit you." -Denver '19

"How quickly it went!" -D.C. '20

black lives matter, because antisemitism is on the rise around the world and cannot be left unchecked, and because white supremacy is a disease. White supremacy will not go away by itself. And the fight against white supremacy must be waged everywhere-in our homes, in the voting booth, in our schools, the streets, and in the courts. Everywhere. The recent anniversary Unite the Right Rally that happened in DC? Lasted less than an hour and only thirty Nazis showed up. Because last year, activists relentlessly identified them, and so many Nazis lost their jobs, or were kicked out of schools, or were sued for brutalizing innocent people, particularly young black men, like DeAndre Harris.

AZ: What is the status of the suit?

ES: The defendants' motion to dismiss was just denied by Judge Moon of the Western District of Virginia. We are expected to go to trial in July 2019.

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1 https://thinkprogress. org/oral-arguments-beginin-lawsuit-against-charlottesville-white-supremacists-203a1d6658dc/

"I was surprised by the amount of pro bono work that I was able to do. [My firm] has a strong pro bono practice that spans a range of areas from immigration to domestic violence." - NYC

"How helpful and patient the first-year associates were." – Chicago '19

"10 weeks feels much longer than 8 weeks!" - Houston '19

"Though I appreciated getting a glimpse into first year associate life, I didn't anticipate working as hard and as long as I did." – Wilmington

What would you suggest to someone moving to your market (professional advice, recommendation of something fun to do, where to live, favorite restaurant sky's the limit!)?

"I absolutely loved being able to walk to work." – D.C.

"I think it's valuable to try different practice areas at the beginning of the summer, but to not be scared of letting your preferences known once you've gained some experience. Beyond that, it's important to socialize and get to know the people you'll be working with (both attorneys and the other summer associates). I lived in Brooklyn over the summer and

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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 jmv5af@virginia.edu.

Unnamed Gunner v. Section D

864 U.Va. 137 (2018)

Vander Meulen, C.J., announced the opinion of the Court, in which Jani and Ranzini, JJ., joined. Hopkin, J., filed a concurring opinion in which Schmalzl, J., joined.

CHIEF JUSTICE VANDERMEU-LEN, for the Court.

I

As the new term begins, this Petty Court finds itself once again beset by petitions to solve the most pressing questions facing UVa Law.1 But before we resolve once and for all these vexing conflicts, we must once more address the issue that most plagues this Court's docket: the lamentable prevalence of gunning in the Law School. Seasoned denizens of this Law School will find the uncontested facts of this case grimly familiar. As 1L classes began last Wednesday, the erstwhile eager and energetic members of the Class of 2021's Section D found themselves enjoying a delightful Criminal Law lecture from Professor Anne Coughlin.2 Spritely and blissfully ignorant of their coming doom via the difference between common-law and MPC mens rea standards or \*shudder\* inchoate offenses, respondent Section D members were looking forward to lunch—as they should, the

- 1 For the last time, 3Ls, we will take no position on the oft-asked question, "Wait, was that Joby or Joe Fore?"
- 2 Professor Coughlin is a friend of this Court and we salute her and Gary with utmost reverence as we prepare for this year's battle against the Virginia Animal Law Society's know-nothing speciesism. #ImWiththeToad.

poor dears.

Respondent Section D alleges—and petitioner Gunner does not contest—that with three minutes remaining in their first class, Professor Coughlin asked if anyone had any questions. At that moment, petitioner raised his hand confidently. Announcing that he had

he said 'canard'...

were also subjected to the outrageous, audacious show of gunning.

Respondents filed suit as soon as they got out of Torts that afternoon, excited to have learned from Professor Duffy about the concept of "damages." They have, according to their refreshingly candid brief "no idea what

ning is detestable and indeed sanctionable. See, e.g., Foster, et al. v. Jeffries, 804 U.Va. 401, 412 (2016) (affirming an injunction against a group Professor Jeffries called "nefarious and knownothing nitpickers."); Kennedy v. Ribble, 118 U.Va. 716, 733 (1950) ("We get it, Bobby, seriously, You don't

At that moment, petitioner raised his hand confidently. Announcing that he had cording to their refreshingly candid brief, "no idea what recall his comments, due both to their stupor-inducing boringness and the infuriatingly self-satisfied way in which

-C.J. VanderMeulen

"been doing a little reading this summer" that "caused [him] to reexamine the way [he] look[s] at the notion of free will and its relationship with culpability and punishment generally," he "wondered if [Professor Coughlin] might comment on . . . " from this point none of petitioner's colleagues can recall his comments, due both to their stupor-inducing boringness and the infuriatingly self-satisfied way in which petitioner said "canard."3 Professor Coughlin, looking defeated but unable to crush the lad's spirit this early in the semester, mustered an abnormally dispirited "good for you" before dutifully providing her perspective on the question and thereby holding all the class's attendees three minutes over time. She later joined the case as amicus curiae for respondents alongside Section I, who

3 Note to all students: this is one of those words (like "pedantic") that cannot be used unpretentiously.

[they are] doing," but know that they've been harmed and want redress. The case comes to us on appeal from the Court of Petty Claims, where Judge K-Don granted summary judgment for Section D, awarding the section the sum all three years of Gunner's tuition as compensation, and we now affirm with additur because this shit pisses us off.

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Respondents have had, to this point, just five days of legal education, so it is to be expected that their brief is less than clear regarding their exact legal theory, but we really don't like gunning so we're just gonna go with it.<sup>4</sup> This Court's precedents may be all over the map on such issues as massage chairs, K-cups, and disputes about proper Snack Office snack selection, but we have been crystal clear that gun-

4 See Petty Rule of Civil Procedure 1: "We do what we want."

have to give a speech EVERY CLASS PERIOD."); Three Unnamed Roguish Brutes v. Lile, 21 U.Va. 13, 15 (1873) ("We find despickable and unbecoming the rogues' irritating pontification."). Indeed, these cases and their progeny make clear that there exists a presumption of damages for gunning so long as it can be proved the gunner acted with "actual annoyingness." Abraham v. Generations of Torts Students, 487 U.Va. 83, 86 (2008) ("Where a student acts with such pretense as to seriously be a little prick, the law requires no accounting of actual harms to those alleging injury by the student's gunning.") (opinion of Liu, J.).

III

Petitioner here fails to defeat respondents' summary judgment motion because, in addition to failing to show there exists a genuine factual dispute, he's super annoying. In his brief before this Court, petitioner claims his questions "were of the highest philosophical value, pedagogically designed to challenge—nay, present an affront to—[his] fellow students' most dearly held beliefs with the hope of provoking genuine conversation." He also notes that he considers it his personal responsibility "to weed out pockets of bourgeois and reactionary thinking among the student body, especially as it relates to the canard of free will." It goes on like this for, like, 26 pages and (other than some bizarre but delightful citations to Bill Murray's Groundhog Day) reeeeeeally sucks. This Court generally urges the lower courts to exercise caution in declaring the presumption of damages that comes along with "actual annoyingness," and lower court judges have struggled to apply the standard, but dammit Judge K-Don, well done, you did a fantastic job applying that standard here. Spot on, seriously. This sort of gunning is, to quote Justice Holmes, "the fucking worst," and it must stop.

The concurrence is a bit

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## **Faculty Quotes**

**M. Collins**: "This is sort of a judicial food fight."

**B. Armacost**: "I'm gonna sue your butt."

**J.H. Verkerke**: "I am your benevolent dictator."

J. Harrison: "Whenever SCOTUS says something, lower courts have to ask themselves, 'Wait, were they kidding?'"

- J. Johnston: "You can kill a lot of people in North Carolina for the price of one person in New Jersey"
- **A. Bamzai**: "Some of what I'm saying is in the book, and you ought to know that."
- **K. Kordana:** "What if he loses his job for inopportune reasons? He dies."



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wishy-washy,<sup>5</sup> but the Court does not blame Justices Hopkin and Schmalzl for protecting their 1Ls. The Court wishes it could have confidence that few 1Ls could be so annoying as the petitioner in this case, but, alas, long experience has not taught us to doubt the infuriating self-satisfaction of law students.

IV

Judge K-Don's award of damages to the plaintiffs was judicious and eminently reasonable. Too reasonable. We're doubling it, because we can do that.6 The word "additur" came to our minds and it's like we never saw the disappointment in Professor Abraham's eyes after our Torts exams. Judge K-Don's judgment is affirmed, and the award of damages is doubled. Let this be a warning to all the gunners lurking in the Class of 2021: when that pretentious quote from a treatise you read once comes to mind; when you come up with a hypo you think is super on-point but isn't; when you get a hankerin' to com-

- 5 Unsurprising given the honorable justices' known affinity for that rascal Justice Kennedy.
- 6 See Petty Rules of Civil Procedure 1

pare the case at issue with some previous case no one asked about, just stop.

It is so ordered.

HOPKIN, J., concurring.

While I concur with the Court's overall argument, I write to clarify that a similar case could arise where I would be forced to decide matters in a completely opposite fashion. This is not just because of my allegiance to Justice Kennedy, as the Court slyly alludes to in its salty footnote.

For instance, I do not want the citizens of UVa Law to study in fear during exam season. This Court has often proclaimed that fall exam season officially starts after the hangover following PILA Auction has concluded and ends after you drunkenly make out with a 1L at Trinity following the last exam period. Any actions taken during this period can be rightfully attributed to "exam-time crazies" if the student meets the Court's other qualifications—mostly, if we like you.<sup>7</sup>

Furthermore, since I am a Peer Advisor during my leisure time off the Court, any comments made by my 1Ls will be defended as they are my ducklings.

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7 The best way to never be called out by the Court is to attend editing sessions on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in SL 279.

SURVEY

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would highly recommend it for people working in NY. It was the ideal break on the weekends (at least in the mornings before meeting up with others in the city) to be somewhere with less people, more space, and a different vibe." – NYC '19 "Philly is a wonderful city! There's a new Lebanese restaurant in Fishtown I recommend—it's called Suraya. There are many great firms in Philly too; it's a great city to work in if NY is too much for you and you're not a D.C.-type person. Plus, our football team isn't too bad right now." – Philly '20

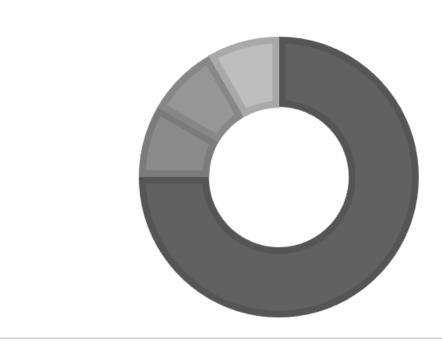
"Follow the crowds and get out of the city on the weekends - there are so many things to do outdoors. And if you don't check out Bubu and/or Blue for lunch, you're missing out." - Denver '19

"Explore! Days can be long but make time for fun." – D.C. '20

"New York City is a place of

# Will You Be Returning to Your Summer 2018 Employment Next Year?

- Yes--I have enthusiastically accepted an offer!
- Undecided.
- It was my 1L summer job so I will be going to a different firm next summer.
- ■Yes, but haven't accepted yet.



#### HOT BENCH



Darcy Whelan '19

1. What are you most excited for during your last year in Charlottesville? I am so sad to leave this place. I'm looking forward to thoroughly eating and drinking my way through C'ville's restaurants, breweries, and wineries, though. #TeamBodos #3LOL #HarrisTeeterBar

## 2. What is your favorite word?

"Idiosyncrasy." I don't know why, but it's always been my favorite.

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

Calvert County, Maryland (in Maryland we identify with our counties for some reason). My mom's family has actually been in the area since colonial days. It's a super rural area on the water; when you drive across the county line, you're met with a sign that says "Welcome to Calvert County. God bless y'all real good," and our county flag, which is just one single tobacco leaf. It's only

about 45 minutes from D.C. without traffic, but it feels like a world away.

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

Everything bagel with sausage and provolone from Bodo's and a Diet Coke. I will also say it tastes even better when you get that #1 ticket of the day.

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

J.K. Rowling, the guiding light of my whole life. I have so many questions for her. How was she able to chart out the entire AMAZING Harry Potter series before even writing the first book? Why does only Harry's birthday get celebrated out of the trio? WHY DOBBY?!

## 6. What's your favorite hobby to avoid the stress of law school?

Aggressively snuggling with my puppy, Luna. She lights up my world. (Hit her up on insta: @lunathepawhoo)

#### 7. Where is your favorite place to vacation?

The Outer Banks, North Carolina. We've gone there since I was a kid, and it feels so familiar to me.

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

That your life does not have to just suck for three years. Everyone told me that law school would be miserable, but I'd do it all again if I could. I hate to leave; the friends and mentors that I have made here are now some of the most important people in my life. Plus, Charlottesville is awesome.

## 9. What did you have for breakfast this morning?

... a Bodo's bagel with sausage and provolone and a medium Diet Coke. The one consistent thing in my life.

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

I've been skydiving, paragliding, and bungee jumping.

(Bungee jumping is the lie; a vision of the rope snapping is too engrained in my head)

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

Italy. Either Cinque Terre or Florence. If this whole lawyer thing doesn't work out, I'm moving there to make wine and pizza and live a happy life on the Mediterranean with my dogs.

#### 12. What's your least favorite sound?

It's a tie between people chewing and people scraping their teeth on their silverware. Both drive me utterly insane.

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

For our first Christmas together, my fiancé got me a set of all of the Harry Potter books because he noticed that I'd read mine so much that some of them were actually falling apart and borderline unreadable. That's when I knew he was the one.

## 14. Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera?

It's Britney, b\*tch.

15. What is the best con-

#### cert you have ever been to?

Kenny Chesney in Williams-Brice stadium, the football stadium at the University of South Carolina.

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

Vigorously cheer on softball games while simultaneously be pretty lousy at softball (go Legal Eagles though).

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

If someone does something nice for you on the road, like let you into traffic, WAVE OR OTHERWISE INDICATE YOUR GRATITUDE.

# 19. If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?

I'd like to say I'd do something groundbreaking and benevolent, but I'd probably just like, buy an island or something and make everyone I love move there with me to live the rest of our days in idyllic luxury.

## 20. What are the 7 wonders of the law school?

Snakes in the law school, the absolutely magical BFF relationship between Dean Goluboff and Vice Dean Kendrick, the Libel Show, how WB is always so freakin' cold even when the rest of the school is toasty, Mandy, the snow day decisionmaking system, Professor Dick Howard.

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endless possibilities! There are so many great restaurants (Joe's Shanghai, V&T Pizzeria, Sarabeth's) and things to do (free kayaking on the Hudson River during the summer, Shakespeare in the Park, free concerts in Central Park)." – NYC '19

"Get out to do something every day after work. Chicago has so much to offer so there's always something new to do. Also, I would suggest living within walking distance to your office." – Chicago '19

"Houston has the best restaurants for reasonable prices. Try everything." – Houston '19

"Live in Brooklyn--it's so much more peaceful." – NYC

"If you really, really want a spicy burger, go to Farmer and the Cow (they also serve boozy milkshakes)." – Wilmington '19

#### Will you be returning to your Summer 2018 employer next year?

[See chart].



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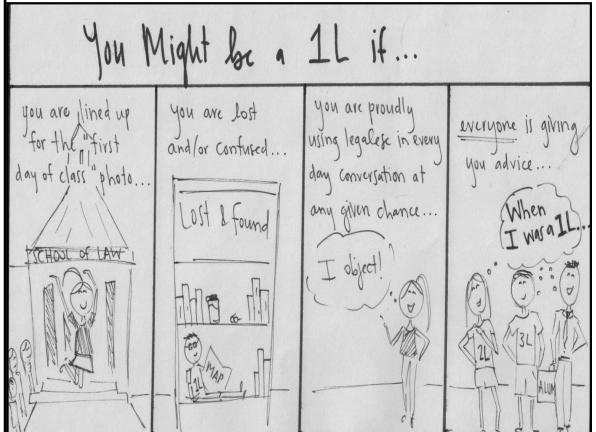
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**EVENT** 

## Cartoon By Jenny







FOOD?

	WEDNESDAY – August 29									
	10:30 - 17:30	"Liberalism's Religion" with Cecile Laborde	Purcell	Free	God will provide, all others brown bag.					
	16:00 - 19:00	Student Activities Fair	Spies Garden	Free	Yes, by Law Weekly and other, lesser, student orgs.					
	17:00	Public Service Kickoff	Caplin Pavilion	Free						
	Thursday – August 30									
	11:30 - 12:30	"What I Wish I'd Known as a 1L"	WB 105	Free with Symplicity RSVP	Pizza					
	11:30- 13:00	Reforming Our Criminal Justice System: Refine or Replace?	Caplin Pavilion	Free	Chik-Fil-A					
	12:00 - 13:00	J.B. Moore Intl' Law Soc. Info Session	WB 101	Free	Mezeh					
<b>-</b>	17:30 -	Lambda Law General Body Meeting	Caplin Pavilion	Free						
X E	21:00 - 22:00	UPC Presents: Comedian Sasheer Zamata	Old Cabell Hall	Free						
			FRIDAY - Augu	ıst 31						
O C	12:30 <b>–</b> 13:30	Jewish Law Assoc. 1L Lunch	WB 114	Free	Zoe's Kitchen					
_	16:00 - 18:00	UVA Theater Fair	Culbreth Theater Lobby	Free						
۵	17:30 -	Fridays After Five: Tribute to Prince	Sprint Pavilion	Free						
НЕ	SATURDAY – September 1									
	10:00 - 16:00	UVA Drama Fall Signups	Room 115 C Drama Ed Bldg	Free (1-2 min. contemporary or verse monologue)	Not unless "Tartuffe" is a kind of food?					
$ar{dash}$	10:00 - 11:00	Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball	Alumni Hall Ballroom	Free with online registration	51% polled say no (margin of error 15%)					
	17:30 – 18:30	WTJU Freefall Presents: \$12 Bacon	IX Park	Free	Food trucks onsite. Bacon outlook uncertain.					
	SUNDAY – September 2									
	13:00 <b>–</b> 15:30	Singer-Songwriter Alice Clair	Batesville Market	Free						
	Monday – September 3									
	19:00	Open Mic at Twisted Branch	Twisted Branch Tea Bazaar	\$5	Avail. onsite					
			Tuesday - Septe	ember 4						
	19:00	Virginia Consort Sing-In: Mozart's Requiem	Church of the Incarnation, Seminole Tr.	\$5						
	Wednesday - September 5									
	19:00	Beginner Swing Dance Lesson Series	The Front Porch	\$30						

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