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Virginia Students Volunteer on Election Day

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On Tuesday, nearly two million Virginians went to the polls, resulting in a landslide sweep by Republicans, recapturing the Governor's Mansion after an eight-year hiatus and retaining the Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General positions as well. Voters were not the only ones out and about in the Commonwealth Tuesday: Virginia Law students who volunteered to ensure the election ran smoothly joined them.

The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) joined the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law as a coalition partner in the National Campaign for Fair Elections in "Election Protection." According to second-year Melinda Hightower, a co-leader of the Charlottesville Command Center for Mobile Legal Volunteers, the goal of this effort was "ensuring that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to cast a meaningful ballot."

Some, such as Hightower, took on a more organizational role, "sourcing volunteers, conducting volunteer training, coordinating and managing volunteer shifts, logging issues as they arose on Election Day, and connecting with other Command Centers throughout the day," while others such as second-year Amelia Dungan were out in the field, going "to polling places around Charlottesville to make sure that voting was running smoothly and that voters weren't being improperly turned away." This is BLSA's second year participating in Election Protection, and, according to Hightower, BLSA "absolutely" plans to participate again next year.

BLSA was joined in its voter protection efforts by the Law and Graduate Republicans, and the Law Democrats. Members of the Law and Graduate Republicans traveled to Richmond to work in the Republican "War Room." According to an email from Law GOP President third-year Margaret McPherson and third-year Megan Lacy, "We responded to calls from roving lawyers and pollwatchers at precincts to ensure the voting procedures in all the precincts followed Virginia Election law." For first-year Ben Massey, "It was a great experience and

Site Manager Debates Prof. White on Internet Duties

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Should a person who operates a website that allows users to comment anonymously have a legal duty to moderate those comments and delete those that are defamatory or harassing in nature?

This was the subject of a spirited debate between Professor G.E. "Ted" White, the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law, and Anthony Ciolli on Monday, with Ciolli advocating that there ought to be no such duty and Professor White advocating that there should.

Ciolli, who is a graduate of Cornell, Harvard, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, was formerly an administrator of the AutoAdmit website, which has been a lightning rod for controversy. In 2007, Brittan Heller and Heide Irvani, two students at Yale Law School, sued Ciolli and a number of pseudonymous posters on the site, alleging defamation and harassment. Although Ciolli was eventually dropped from the suit when it became apparent that he did not post any of the material in question, Heller and Irvani were eventually able to identify some of the anonymous defendants and settle with them.

The controversy reached UVA Law in the spring of 2007 when posters from AutoAdmit—some of whom were defendants in the Heller/Irvani suit—started a website of their own called "T14 Tal-

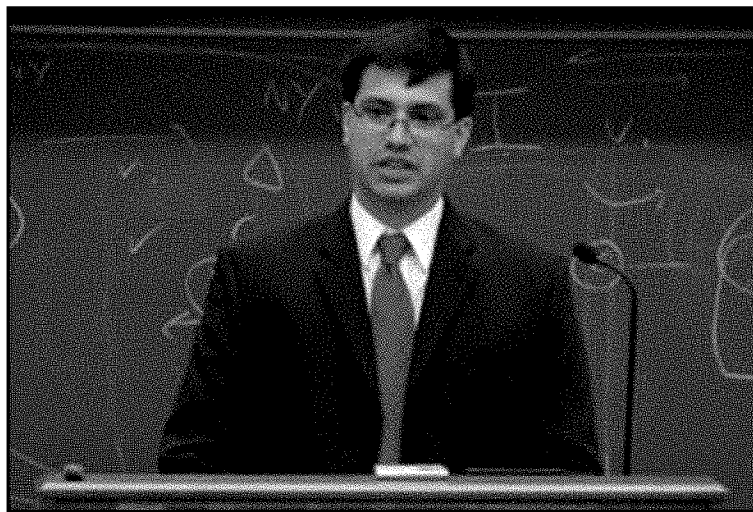


photo by Daniel Nazar '12

Anthony Ciolli squared off against Professor G.E. White in a spirited Lincoln-Douglas style debate on Monday.

ent," where they posted pictures of the "hottest" women in the country's top law schools. Posters then commented about the women anonymously and often lewdly on AutoAdmit, which led to much of the material to which Heller and Irvani objected.

Thus, Ciolli had a good deal of personal experience in the matter and, although he claimed during the debate that he lacked the ability to remove offensive posts as Heller and Irvani requested of him, a good deal of perspective on the issue.

In the Lincoln-Douglas style debate, Ciolli spoke first. He made three basic points. First, he argued, that the current law under § 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act immunizes website operators

from comments made anonymously on their site, but does not protect the people who actually made the comments, who can still be uncovered and made to pay for their offensive remarks, as happened in the Heller/Irvani suit. Second, he advocated that the current law helps to maintain a "free and open marketplace" on the Internet. Finally, Ciolli advanced the position that "as a matter of policy, society should err on the side of [protecting] speech" instead of stifling it.

Professor White responded that there is a "crucial distinction between the Internet . . . and other regimes that allow tortious recovery for speech that is treated as defamatory . . . why should the Internet

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VLW Panel Offers Career Advice

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After the passing of the NALP-imposed prohibition on giving career advice to first-years on November 1, first-year career service programming began this week with a variety of programs focused on helping first-year students in their job search. While under the NALP guidelines first-years may not begin contacting potential employers until December 1, many students got a jump start on their upcoming job search by attending these informative events.

On Wednesday, Virginia Law Women hosted a panel discussion, bringing members of the Women's Section of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association to campus to discuss "What to Expect at Your New Job." Not specifically aimed at the first-year class, the lunch discussion provided important information to students interested in learning more

about the realities of practicing law in a variety of settings.

The panelists had diverse legal backgrounds and the discussion addressed careers in large, medium, and small firms and in public service.

Suzanne Bednar '01, an Estate Planning associate at McGuire Woods in Charlottesville addressed both the benefits and the difficulties of life at a large firm. According to Bednar, positives of large law firms include the multitude of resources, the cutting-edge work, and substantial remuneration. On the other hand, Bednar cautioned the students that high expectations for profitability, pressure for billing hours, and face-time requirements can lead to intense stress, especially in a difficult economy.

Charlottesville attorneys Doron Samuel-Siegel of Tucker Griffin Barnes and Elisabeth Ayyildiz of Morin & Barkley urged students to consider working at smaller firms, many of which are hir-

ing. Samuel-Siegel and Ayyildiz stressed the benefits of smaller firm life including: flexibility, work/life balance, client contact, and immediate responsibility.

Stephanie Cangin, who started her career in legal aid and now works as a solo practitioner, spoke on the benefits of a career as a public service attorney. According to Cangin, lawyers entering public services are expected to hit the ground running and often are met with a full case load on their first day. Cangin stressed the very human nature of her cases, and the challenges and rewards that the work brings with it.

The program presented a variety of perspectives on the law and was a look at the reality of practice that many students, especially first-years, have not had a chance to see. First-year Karen Dottore found the talk particularly useful as she begins her job search as it "presented the woman's perspective on legal careers that [students] aren't getting elsewhere."

around north grounds



Congrats to 1L Kirk Anderson and his wife Merrie on the birth of their daughter, who joins older sister Elsha.



Thumbs up to Bar Review at the Trinity Irish Pub, proving the Law School likes drinking at Catholic establishments as much as Buddhist ones. Unfortunately, the SBA keeps rejecting ANG's suggestion, telling ANG that "The Hindu Saloon" doesn't exist.



Thumbs down to constant yearbook reminders. ANG already remembered to take a yearbook photo. In high school. Where yearbook photos belong.



Thumbs up to the law school golf tournament, which is planned for the Sunday morning after the MPRE. ANG isn't sure what kind of awards they are handing out, but "the 3L that smells the most like bourbon" should probably be a category.



Thumbs up to Professor Spellman for ordering dozens of large pizzas from Mellow Mushroom for a 40-person class. That's a pizza to human ratio that ANG doesn't even start considering until after 4 a.m.



Thumbs down to the emergency alert email that the Sym-licity scheduler is going to be down for a few days. Nooooooooooooo!



Thumbs up to the paper deadline being moved back to January. ANG will now have time to gather research sources beyond the piles of old *In Touch Weekly* issues under ANG's bed.



Thumbs up the Virginia Film Festival, which dramatically cuts the travel time ANG needed to stalk Matthew Broderick.



Thumbs down to *Law Review* for benching players from the regular season so they can be more competitive in the softball playoffs. You already win in life; can't you let the rest of us win in softball?

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Law Students Provide Important Support for State Elections

a great opportunity to apply some legal skills in a practical environment for a good cause." In addition to manning the phone lines reporting potential election issues, Law GOP members were treated to high-profile visitors, including Attorney General-elect Ken Cuccinelli and Lieutenant Governor-elect Bill Bolling.

The Law Democrats were also out and about in the Charlottesville area on Election Day. According to the Law Democrats' President, second-year Andrew Winerman, in addition to get out the vote efforts, there were about "a half-dozen people doing election-day poll-watching." For Winerman, the high point of Election Day was "when my friend and I helped an elderly woman commit to getting to the polls. She had been embarrassed in the last election by the fact that she didn't understand the voting machine and we were able to reassure her that she would be able to use a paper ballot when she went to the polls as a result of a recent rule change."

While some of the organiza-



photo courtesy of Gary Lawkowski '11

Megan Lacy '10 (left) and Margaret McPherson '10 (right) staff phones in the Republican war room.

tions lamented the low turnout relative to 2008, all agree that the election was generally without incident. According to Dungan, "The polls were a lot less crowded than last year, and there were fewer problems." Winerman concurred, observing "In terms of management the election was fine so far as I can tell." McPherson and Lacy concurred, remarking, "The election went remarkably smoothly."

Professor Lawsky Joins UVA Law Faculty

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The Tax Code has been described in many ways, but Professor Sarah Lawsky can sum it up in two words: "It's awesome!"

Professor Lawsky joins the UVA faculty as a visiting professor from George Washington University Law School, where she teaches and writes in the area of—you guessed it—tax law. An associate professor at George Washington since 2007, Lawsky previously worked at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP.

The road to academia was an unexpected one for Professor Lawsky, who says she didn't know—"at least not consciously"—that she wanted to be a law professor while she was in law school. While she loved practicing law, she was led to pursue a career in academia after realizing she "wanted the opportunity to think more deeply about the law."

Professor Lawsky is currently teaching corporate tax while exploring theoretical questions in tax law. "Currently, in addition to my more technical, Code-based scholarship, I'm working on two related topics," says Lawsky. "First, the role that risk and probability, and discourse about risk and probability, play in tax policy; and second, the assumptions that underlie consequentialist approaches to analyz-

ing tax law and policy." Lawsky's past publications deal with a diverse array of subjects, from adoption tax credits to defining mental disability in Treasury regulations.

Outside of the Law School, Professor Lawsky has been settling into Charlottesville with her family. Part of the attraction of UVA, she says, is that "Charlottesville is known to be a great place to live." An added bonus of life in Charlottesville is that "my son and I are able to go to actual football games, which is not really an option in the D.C. area." Lawsky devotes most of her free time to her family, which includes her seven year-old son and new baby daughter, who "keeps [my partner and I] pretty busy."

"I enjoy watching sports (especially basketball and football), going to the movies, and building things, mostly out of Legos and K'nex," says Lawsky. "This list, obviously, tends towards things that a seven year-old boy enjoys." As for her daughter, Lawsky says that "she does not yet seem to have any interests other than eating and sleeping, but I also like to do those things, so we're good."

Professor Lawsky's first impressions of the Law School have left her feeling similarly upbeat: "[S]o far, the students, faculty, and Charlottesville are all living up to their reputations, and I'm a big fan of

both the Law School and Charlottesville. I've found the students here to be bright, knowledgeable and motivated, and the faculty has been extremely welcoming to me and my family."

Professor Lawsky's visit to UVA will continue with her courses in basic tax, as well as a tax policy seminar in the spring. For students skeptical about tax law, she gives this ringing endorsement: "[I]t's by far the most interesting and fun area in which to practice law. Seriously. I am not kidding. Come by my office and I will elaborate on this at length." To students considering following her path towards academia, she offers similar advice. "Schools are often looking for someone to teach tax law, while they're rarely lacking, say, con law scholars. And the Tax Code: It's awesome!" she says. "Again, seriously, I am not kidding."

Professor Lawsky spent most of her childhood in Washington, D.C. She attended the University of Chicago, earning a B.A. in philosophy with an allied field of mathematics. She then spent time working to obtain social security and veterans' benefits for veterans with psychiatric disabilities before attending Yale Law School. The executive editor of the Yale Law Journal, Lawsky went on to receive an LL.M. in tax law from New York University.

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Debaters Argue Over Duty to Moderate

be treated differently, if there's accountability in other areas?" White rejected the notion that the current regime is sufficient to protect would-be victims of defamation or harassment by anonymous Internet posters.

"I think that § 230 should be modified to include a provision that includes vigorous enforcement of federal discrimination," White said. White added that there should be "a limited legal duty to moderate" on the part of website hosts, advocating for "direct liability" for those website operators who "facilitate the defamation material," as he argued the AutoAdmit operators had done.

Ciulli shot back that even if this were true, website operators are in a difficult position to evaluate what material is actually defamatory. He asked White if he had ever operated a website. White responded that he had not, but added that this made him *more* qualified because he lacked interest in the matter.

Both debaters responded to their opponent's points during the rebuttal. Ciulli stated that he did not believe in any form of "Internet exceptionalism," and challenged the notion that § 230 treated websites that allow anonymous comments any different from any other form of media. He concluded by reiterating his point that if Professor White's recommendations were implemented, there would be a serious "chilling effect" on Internet free speech, because website operators would have to remove all sorts of material—some of it being exactly the sort of material the First Amendment is meant to protect the most—simply because it might turn out to be defamatory. Professor White advanced

an argument about social costs in his rebuttal. "What kind of social mores are we creating [under the] current regime?" he asked the audience rhetorically. "It seems we are encouraging people to sit there with the privacy of [being anonymous on a] computer and say as many mean and inappropriate things as they want with immunity." He added that places like AutoAdmit are "The perfect setting for . . . warped fantasists . . . and misogynists."

It was perhaps the question-and-answer period, however, where the real clash in values was uncovered. Professor Chris Sprigman commented that the notion of anonymity on the Internet is "mostly an illusion," because of IP address tracking, and that the would-be defamation victims therefore really do have a recourse against their attackers. White countered by reasserting his earlier point about social degradation, saying the "best remedy for bad speech isn't always 'more speech.'"

In response to a different question, Ciulli disputed the assertion that he was a "moderator" of AutoAdmit with the power to remove the offensive comments that sparked the Heller/Irvani lawsuit. And when White asserted that the Ciulli was instructed by the University of Pennsylvania Law School to take down the offensive comments, Ciulli shot back, "That's not true," adding that, "You can't believe everything you read in the papers, and that's simply not true."

Indeed, Ciulli had some harsh words for the media. When this reporter asked him if there were anything he might have done differently regarding the Heller/Irvani situation, he responded that

he would have "taken a course in media relations," because he felt the media slandered him and his role on the AutoAdmit website. He blasted the *Law Weekly* for a March 16, 2007 article on the matter—ironically, written anonymously—which stated that Ciulli "commented frequently about the T14 contest."

Ciulli said after the talk that he wrote a letter to the *Law Weekly* to correct the matter, stating that he did not make any of the comments at issue, but that his letter was not published.

Ciulli also responded to an argument from a female student angry that the website had become a haven for offensive and often misogynist anonymous speech. "I promise you," the student said angrily, "there are no women who post on AutoAdmit," and asserted that more attention should be paid to "how much [Heller and Irvani] were hurt" by what was said about them. Ciulli responded by simply stating that he agreed that the offensive posts should have been taken down as a moral and ethical matter, but strongly opposed any legal duty to do so because of the potentially devastating effects on exactly the sort of speech that the First Amendment is meant to protect the most.

Ciulli and Professor White were introduced by second-year Andrew Penman, and third-year Troy Felver moderated the debate and the question-and-answer period. The talk was well-attended, with at least sixty students and several professors present. A reception afterwards was catered by HotCakes, and both Ciulli and White continued to answer questions and talk with students over wine and pastries.



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NGSL Round-Up: Playoff Controversy and 1L Tournament

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NGSL Playoffs

The first round of the NSGL softball playoffs drew to a close on Monday, with the second round games beginning on Tuesday. The arrival of daylight savings time and the operation of the rules limiting the number of teams for which players are eligible has created scheduling difficulties for captains, who struggle to find times when their teams can play. However, so far teams have gotten their games in and the bracketed play is proceeding smoothly.

In the Co-Rec division, after one round of play, seven first-year section teams have been eliminated from further contention. Other teams eliminated include the enthusiastic but winless Junta, the LLM's Jedi Softball Team, and the costume-wearing Baby Carrot squad. Hopefully these teams will be back next season.

Men's Division

In the Men's Division, controversy surrounds Ten's first round victory against Mosvick. Close throughout, with Mosvick leading much of the game, the home team Ten was facing at 8-5 deficit in the bottom of the final inning.

After a single and a walk put runners on first and second with one out, the next Ten player up to bat hit a grounder towards the shortstop. While the pitcher blocked the view of umpire Suzanne Bradley, it was apparent to her from the ball's trajectory that it hit either the runner or the shortstop. Bradley explained to the players that if the ball hit the runner, the runner would be called out, and looked for the

players to be honest in their behavior.

While Mosvick's players in the field and shortstop Andrew Johnson all stated that the ball hit the runner, the runner did not call himself out. However, others at the game stated that they overheard the runner after the game saying that he refrained from calling himself out because he did not want to sell out his team.

While we cannot know for sure if the batter was indeed safe, it is certainly unfortunate that the contested play decided the outcome of the game. The next batter hit a triple, scoring three runs. Ten went on to win 9-8.

1L Tournament

On Saturday, with the sun shining (more or less) and much of the third-year class cooped in WB 152 for the Negotiation Institute, the first-years had the run of Copeley Field and The Park for the 2009-2010 1L Tournament, sponsored by Patton Boggs LLP. For those hoping for good games, this year's tournament did not disappoint.

After many close games throughout the morning, the semi-final match-ups pitted 8th seed Tenacious D against 5th seed El Facial Challenge, and 2nd seed Hoo-Tang Clan against 3rd seed Force Majeure. Seeding for the tournament was based on regular season performance with "I" of the Tiger automatically securing the number one seed based on its victory in Dandelion.

Force Majeure advanced to the semi-finals after a victory over the Comrades in a game that resulted in a season-ending injury to Section C's first baseman Katie Morris. The Hoo-Tang Clan earned a semi-final spot by eeking out an

11-10 victory over the Big Boppers, who were seeded 10th. The game marked the first meeting of the two teams and developed into a defensive battle, with Hoo-Tang outscoring their opponent 5-1.

El Facial Challenge earned a spot in the semis by beating L Diablo 10-9 in the first round of the tournament and besting Kamikaze 9-7 in the quarter-finals. Ranked 8th at the start of the day, Tenacious D made it to the semi-final round with wins over The A Team and I of the Tiger. In the semi-final round, Tenacious D unleashed its offense and was able to beat EFC 30-5.

In the final round, the Hoo-Tang Clan was the clear favorite over Tenacious D. However, after their stunning victory over EFC in the previous game, it was apparent that Tenacious D came to play. The game was close throughout, with the Hoo-Tang Clan coming up with some huge defensive plays, including a spectacular catch from the left-center trees which stopped a potential grand slam. However, the real story of this game, and of the tournament, was Tenacious D. While no one's pick at the beginning of the day, Section D came away Tournament Champions, winning the final game 6-4.

Tenacious D's victory will be commemorated on the new NSGL 1L plaque which will hang in the law school. They also received championship tee-shirts, which many section D'ers could be found wearing Monday.

The operation of the tournament itself was also a success, thanks to third-year tournament directors Christy Weisner and Nathan Wacker. Refreshments at the event included barbecue pork and beer, perfect accompaniments to a day of softball.



Peer Advisor Announcements

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We hope you all enjoyed the football game and the Halloween party last weekend. Our feet are still twitching from the amount of candy we consumed to console us from the loss to Duke. We think there is hope for this football team yet, really, we do.

We also want to thank all of the sections for filling out the Peer Advisor evaluations. Your input is instrumental in improving the program. Our door and email inboxes are also always open to any comments or criticisms you may have for the rest of the year. We also invite you to look at your Peer Advisors and see if it is a job you might be interested in for the coming year. The application process will be here before you know it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPRE - Not many 1Ls take the exam this early, but if you are, bravo! You will see most of the 3L class taking the exam at various testing facilities across the state. Everyone make sure to attach a passport-size photo to your admission ticket and bring your moral compass . . . or just study the Barbri manual, whatever.

PILA Auction - Get ready to get down on November 14 at the Doubletree hotel on Route 29. So put on your dancing

shoes and bring your wallets as this night promises to be one of the best nights of the fall.

PEER ADVISORS OF THE MONTH (OCTOBER)

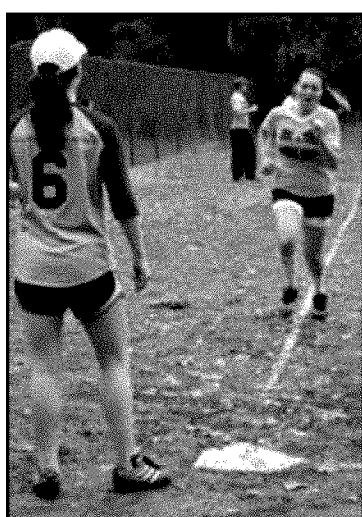
Mike Wakefield - Mike takes being a great PA to a whole new level. In his section's search for softball glory, Mike not only played with his section, but actually dislocated his shoulder for the good of the team. Now the Peer Advisor program does not require you to compromise your bodily integrity, but when you do it makes us feel all warm and fuzzy. Thanks, Mike!

Steve Crenshaw - You may be the most annoying cheerleader we have ever seen, but we are very excited at your ability to pump your section up all the way through the 1L tournament. Section D is lucky to have you as a PA!

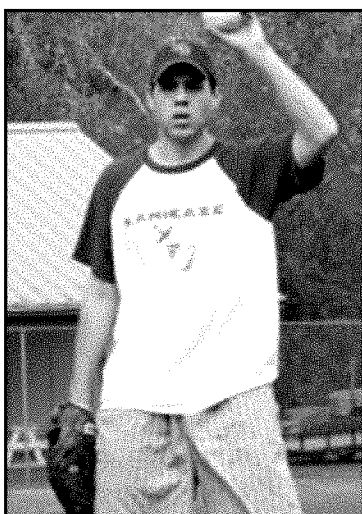
Ellen Miles - You can cook for us anytime! Those chocolate bats and softballs made out of cheerios were sinfully delicious. Thank you for taking the time to bake and make sure your section stays on a sugar high!

That is it from us for this week. Please remember if you have a PA of the Month nomination or just want to chat, our emails are cc9qu@virginia.edu and jl5wq@virginia.edu.

Highlights From the 1L Tournament



Above: Hoo-Tang Clan brings in a run in the final. Below: Kamikaze game face.



photos by April Reeves '12

Tenacious D and "I" of the Tiger slap hands after their quarterfinal.



Above: A lively crowd. Below: Hoo-Tang Clan ain't nothin' to mess with.



Goldman Exec Stresses Client Relations

Allen Abrams '10
Editor-in-Chief

Short-course professor and Goldman Sachs Managing Director Jim Donovan delivered his second talk of the semester last Friday, emphasizing both why and how practitioners in professional services should build strong relationships with their clients.

Following an introduction from the unrelated Dean of Career Services, Kevin Donovan, whose office organized the talk and who identified from his own law firm experience the importance of strong client services in achieving success, Professor Donovan first explained that the ability to cultivate clients, though a "critical skill," is "not an innate skill." Rather, it is a talent that practitioners control and should develop, especially if they are to avoid the criticisms normally leveled by clients.

The professor identified two of those criticisms. The first is a failure to think strategically. Donovan stressed the imperative to not "confine analysis to the four corners of the legal problem," thereby enabling a dialogue with the client that demonstrates intelligence, interest, and an understanding of the client's ultimate objectives, the market, and competition.

The second criticism is that "my lawyer is like Dr. No." Because he holds both a J.D. and MBA, Donovan understands

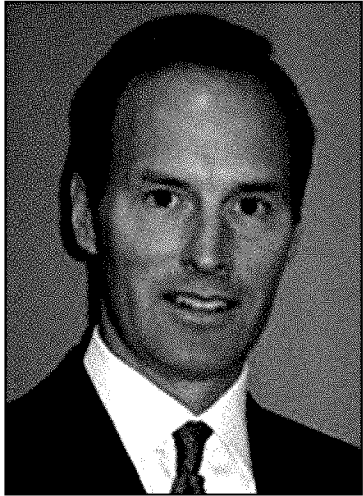


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Donovan: Don't be intimidated.

that lawyers often say no to clients because they are looking to protect the client's interests, but he advised that lawyers should "always come up with alternatives" and explain how those options might be accomplished.

The remainder of Professor Donovan's nearly 30-minute talk built upon his presentation last month at an Outside the Box Lunch, at which he encouraged students to familiarize themselves with business terminology and advocated providing a full range of services to clients. With regards to the latter, Donovan acknowledged that law firms often encourage specialization, but encouraged students to be generalists. He elaborated during a question-

and-answer session after the talk, "[T]he more you specialize, the more doors you close," whereas, relative to the client's knowledge, a generalist will still add value for which a client is willing to pay. Though he admitted that offering a broad range of services is "hard, because you get comfortable in your area," Donovan suggested that one way to build this skill set is to find a handful of mentors from different practice areas and seek work from each of them.

After briefly stressing the importance of humility when working with clients, Professor Donovan's focus was on language. He considers it imperative to "speak in plain English." When lawyers use jargon, clients will usually be unfamiliar with the meaning and also be afraid to ask, in order to avoid appearing clueless in front of their colleagues. Unless intending to define a term of art every time it is used, Donovan commanded, "[D]on't use jargon. Ever, ever, ever."

On the flip side, Donovan advised, "Don't be intimidated by jargon." Business concepts are simple to understand, and one should not be afraid to ask questions. As he did at the Outside the Box Lunch, Donovan also praised the Law School's unique offering of courses related to business, which Donovan explained "will help you learn business concepts" and "learn the language."

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When I Win the Cornhole Tournament

When I win the Cornhole Tournament, I'm going to jump up in the air with joy. I will high-five

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my teammate, and he will high-five me back. We'll then share a hug, and he will pat me on the back in a firm and masculine way, congratulating me for a job well done. I will congratulate him, too. He will insist that I am the one deserving of the praise, and he will be right, because it was my toss that won the championship. I will blush.

I will then approach my opponents, who will be crying a little. They will quickly brush away their tears and accept a handshake from my outstretched arm. Their grips will be strong when we shake hands, and I will know at that moment just how formidable an opponent I have conquered.

At the awards ceremony, I will stand tall above the crowd. The runners-up will stand above the crowd as well, but not as tall as I. I will be on the tallest pedestal, and this will remind me of the Olympics. This will remind them about the time when they lost to me in Cornhole, not thirty minutes earlier. The Cornhole officials will

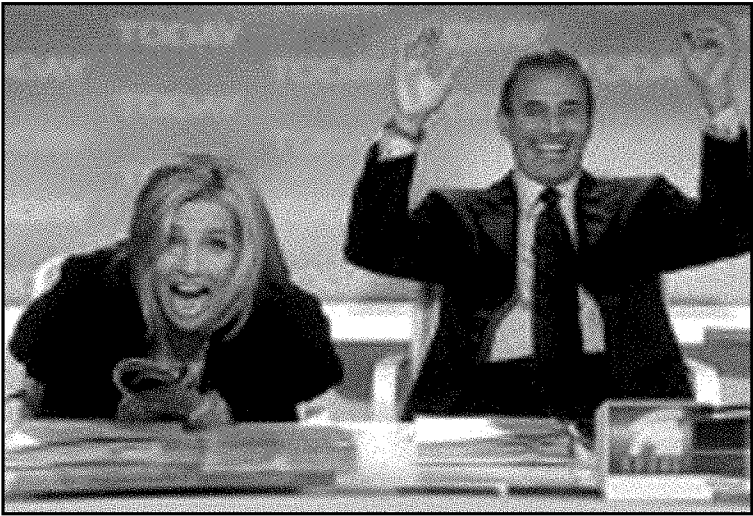


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Cornhole gets me so excited!

present me with a sparkling trophy, which will have my name engraved on it next to all the past champions. I will bow, modestly, and they will place a golden medal around my neck. The applauding crowd will rise to its feet all at once, and a beautiful woman will bring me flowers at this time. The runners-up will get medals, too, but no flowers and no trophy.

A reception will follow. There, waiters and waitresses dressed in black and white will bring around miniature quiches and asparagus wrapped in cured meats on silver platters for my friends, family,

and fans to enjoy. I will be sipping a fancy drink, one that contains Patr3n or Herradura or something, and my fans will gather around me and be entertained by stories of the struggles and hardships I endured on my quest for greatness. They will ask, "When did you realize you were going to be a Cornhole champion?" and I will tell them the truth. "I knew it all along," I will say.

I will be featured in the local news. "Jaded Law Student Triumphs Over Courseload, Competitors to Capture Cornhole Crown" will be the headline in

the paper. On television, I will appear triumphant but cool, and breathlessly confident.

I will offer my story to the national media when requested, but I will also be careful to keep the most thrilling aspects of my ascent to greatness to myself, so as not to deflate the value of my looming book deal. I will appear on the *Today* show, and my fans will travel to Rockefeller Center, showing their support for me with homemade posters visible through the NBC studio windows. When Meredith Vieira challenges me to a Cornhole match, I will politely decline so as not to embarrass her on her own show. Afterwards, off-camera, she will thank me.

Bloggers will pick up on the buzz surrounding my story and post paparazzi photos of me on their websites. My publicist will let me know about this, but I will not mind because no one reads blogs anyway. When David Lat calls me and asks me to answer questions about my talents, I will say, "Get a life, David," and hang up the phone.

I will fly, upon request, to U.S. military stations in the Middle East to tell my story of inspiration to the troops. I will teach them the fundamentals of Cornhole, as well as valuable lessons of teamwork and unity to be learned both

on and off the Cornhole court. When my visit is nearly over, they will award me with an honorary rank of some sort, to show their appreciation for all that I have taught them. I will claim that I am not worthy of the award, but they will insist that I accept it, and I will.

Through time, of course, I will become tired of all of the accolades and attention I will have received from my Cornhole victory. I will vanish from the spotlight just like one of those bands that used to be featured on one episode of *The O.C.* I will confine myself to my basement, where I will make pottery and psychedelic candles. I will emerge from my lair only to attend class and shop for groceries. One day when I am out in the daylight, I will notice some athletes playing softball on Copeley Field. I will become fascinated with this sport. I will spend months studying the game and the people who play it. Through time, I will rediscover my thirst for competition.

And, whether by inexplicable dumb luck or by some consequence of fate, one of these athletes will appear in the law school and offer me a spot on a team.

I have to imagine that I'll take it.

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Recession Hits Half-Pakistanis the Hardest

On the heels of the Dow dropping 2.5 percent, economists have discovered another disturbing

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economic trend. Analysts are reporting a certain portion of the population has been excessively burdened but the economic downturn. While nationwide unemployment rates have risen to 9.5 percent, some estimates insist that the rate for this segment of America is nearing 100 percent.

The demographic in question can best be described as being half-Pakistani law students. Researchers say they tend to be between 24 and 24-and-a-half years of age. In the past two years, Charlottesville, Virginia has turned into a high concentration area. Though there have been remarkably few studies conducted, sociologists have argued that it is not uncommon for this population to be high on potential, but low on real achievement. Societal factors have often been blamed, though studies have proven inconclusive.

Experts are noting parents of half-Pakistanis, in response to this crisis, have begun to extend credit at alarming rates. Drawing a parallel to the sub-prime lending crisis, economists have argued that pumping money into the system will simply worsen the crisis. When the lender has no means of repaying the loan, low interest rates are mostly meaningless. Early polling numbers show the half-Pakistanis to also view the loans as irresponsible; they have described the idea that the money be paid back at all as the very definition of predatory.

With voters demanding answers, several law firms have released the following statement.

Dear Kevan,
Thank you for interviewing with us on August 21, 2009.

We have seen a large number of highly qualified individuals at The University of Virginia School of Law. As a result, it is inevitable that we turn some outstanding candidates away. I regret to inform you that, after careful consideration, we are unable to continue the interviewing process with you. It has been extremely difficult to select from such an impressive group.

It was our pleasure meeting with you and discussing your interests. I appreciate your having taken the time to interview with us and wish you much success in your career.

Though seemingly intended to prevent a crisis of confidence, the press release has offered more questions than answers. President Obama has declined to comment.

As Christmas season has been able to provide a boost to the economy in the past, analysts are particularly hopeful that this coming December will be a boon

to half-Pakistanis. Though there is no evidence to suggest the half-Pakistani demographic will be doing enough Christmas shopping to pump a significant amount of money into the economy, there is hope that the population segment will receive enough in the way of gifts to keep them from pawning their laptops.

The political consequences may be dramatic. Already eager to blame the white man for all their problems, half-Pakistanis may be more willing than ever to play the race card. Future strategy is being discussed at daily caucus meetings in a 116 Ivy living room.

Though Washington has yet to take notice of the problem, some have argued this crisis may spark a potentially devastating political fight. Although half-Pakistanis have traditionally voted Democratic, the Obama administration's handling of the economy may have created some degree of distrust in this key voting bloc. Though massive bailouts were given to Wall Street, half-Pakistanis were shocked to find

that they were not given similar treatment. This was a particular betrayal in light of the community's assumption that President Obama is a secret Muslim and would therefore pay them special attention.

Still, there is some reason for optimism. With the success of "Cash for Clunkers," half-Pakistanis have suggested a similar remedy of "Cash for 2005 Subaru Foresters." Under this program, citizens would be encouraged to turn in their 2005 Subaru For-

esters in exchange for \$189,000. The money would be paid in annual payments of \$63,000 over the course of three years. Presumably referring to Washington's negligence in regulating Wall Street greed, lobbyists have suggested to legislators that this money would help to undo a monumental, life changing mistake.

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Finding a Friend at the Charlottesville SPCA

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Whether you are looking for a permanent companion or just need to pass some time, the Charlottesville Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may be your answer. Open from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. every day and located on the northern end of town, west of 29N and north of Rio Road, this local branch of the SPCA is currently overflowing with animals. With so many has-been and would-be pets, the dogs and cats are almost sleeping together. While this puts serious stress on the time and resources of the SPCA and its volunteers, the SPCA's trouble can be your opportunity.

If you are in the mood for adding a permanent member to your home, the SPCA has you covered. For those of you cat lovers out there, the situation is ideal, as C'ville is flooded with felines. Senior cats or kittens, domesticated or feral, two eyes or just one; you can find them all at the SPCA any given week. The kitten population is especially bursting at the seams at the moment, and thus the SPCA has even been offering a two-for-one special for them. You can probably even select kittens out of the same litter and bottle-feed them if you desire. There is no need to feel shy about getting a hands-on experience, either; taking a cat out of the cage and trying it out for size is standard

procedure.

For those who are of the canine persuasion, there is no lack of dogs either. Two particular breeds provide especially large selections: pit-bull varieties and hounds. Pit bull-types receive a bad rap, but many you would meet at the SPCA seem as docile and shy as any other breed around. As for the hounds, they are often cast aside by the many sportsmen in the area after particular hunting seasons are concluded. Beagle-types and more are generally available, providing a great range in terms of size, temperament, and noisiness. Test walks can determine if you and the canine are a fit. If you particularly want a puppy, there are usually at least a couple on obvious display, and these are of course the hottest commodities in the whole joint.

There is also an intermediate option for those who want to bring a pet home with them, but not on a permanent basis. The foster program provides the chance to bring home cats or dogs for weeks or even a couple months, providing them a chance to move about with freedom and socialize before they find themselves a permanent home. Besides bringing the animal back every week or two for whatever medicine he or she may require, having a foster charge can be the best of both worlds. After your time with the foster has ended, you can return the animal and take a break, go

all-in and decide to adopt it yourself, or do the foster process all over again with another animal hoping to breathe freer air.

Taking in an animal from the SPCA can not only add a companion to your life, but drastically improve your new pet's. To add a personal note, my girlfriend and I recently fostered a kitten, Layne, who made an instant impact even on a canine lover like me. Unfortunately, the Fates did not spin much yarn for this poor kitten. Layne passed following surgery for severe constipation performed by the SPCA. We didn't find out she died by the courtesy of a phone call; instead, we went to check on the kitten, only to be told by the volunteer that she had died the night before. The post-surgery care was to put Layne in a tiny kennel the entire time, which the SPCA justified by saying they wanted to keep an eye on her. Given that the SPCA had stated that they could do nothing more for Layne if she took a turn for the worse, her passing is all the more frustrating because she should have been with us at home in comfort for whatever time she had left.

All in all, the SPCA does noble work. Any faults of theirs are likely attributable to their massive workload. These failings make it only more imperative that those who are able should think about fostering or adopting the disposed animals of our community.

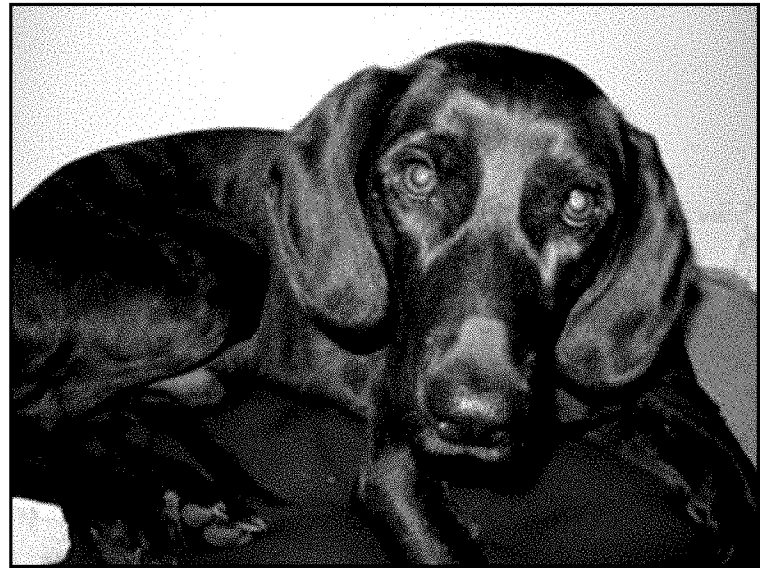


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Zev, a Plott Hound, was 30 pounds underweight before third-year Lauren Marziani adopted him from the SPCA last October.



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Layne passed away at the SPCA following a risky surgery.

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Reduce Your Taxes with a Roth IRA or Roth Conversion

Did you earn any money this year? If so, you may benefit from establishing or contributing to a Roth

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Columnist



IRA.

Do you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement account from a previous job? If so, you may want to think about whether it makes sense to convert your old retirement account into a Roth IRA. I saved thousands of dollars in taxes last year by converting my 401(k) to a Roth IRA.

In this column I will offer an overview of Roth IRAs and Roth Conversions so that you may identify whether you have an opportunity to take advantage of these great tax incentives.

(Even if neither of these applies to

you this year, there's a great chance that this information could be beneficial to you in future years.)

Roth IRA

The key difference between a Roth IRA and other retirement accounts is that a Roth IRA is a post-tax account. The money that you put into it (contributions) comes from post-tax dollars. As a result, you do not have to pay taxes when you take money out via qualified withdrawals. The beauty is that not only will your contributions come out tax free, but so will all of the investment growth that occurs in the account from interest, dividends, appreciation, etc. For law students (and other students), who are typically decades away from retirement, there is a substantial period for your money to grow tax free in a Roth IRA.

Roth IRA Eligibility

To be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, you must have earned money and paid taxes on those earnings. You can't contribute more than you earned during the year. You also can't have made too much money. If you made less than \$105,000, you are eligible to make a full contribution of up to \$5,000 for 2009. If you're married and filing jointly then you can make a full contribution even if you earned up to \$166,000. If you earn more, you may still be eligible to make a partial Roth contribution. (Note: These income thresholds refer to modified adjusted gross income (AGI).)

Roth Conversions

A Roth conversion is when someone transfers and converts an existing pre-tax retirement account into a Roth IRA. When someone does a Roth conversion, they are required to pay taxes on the value of the account when it is converted. If you imagine the metaphor of a tax tollbooth, choosing to do a Roth conversion is like choosing to drive your retirement savings account through the tollbooth at the time you convert. You pay income taxes when you convert. To be eligible, your income for 2009 must be less than \$100,000. Starting in 2010, the income limits will go away and everyone will be eligible to convert a retirement account into a Roth IRA.

Advantages of a Roth IRA

The major advantage of contributing to a Roth IRA or converting your existing retirement account to

a Roth IRA is tax-related. By contributing money on which you have already paid income taxes to your retirement account, you can avoid having to pay taxes on all the money you take out of your retirement account in the future. All qualified distributions from the Roth IRA are tax free - even the investment growth. If you invest \$5,000 into a Roth per year for 10 years starting at age 25, you will have invested \$50,000 total. Assuming a 7% rate of return (less than stocks have historically averaged), then at age 65 you will have more than \$550,000 in your account. The beauty of the Roth is that with a qualified distribution you never have to pay taxes on that \$500,000 of growth!

Another reason why Roth IRA contributions or conversions might be advantageous is if you expect to be in a higher tax bracket in the future. Without new legislation, tax brackets are scheduled to increase when the Bush tax cuts expire in a couple of years. You may also think about whether Congress will raise future tax rates because of the significant budget deficits. As a law student, you may expect to be earning much more money in a few years and will be in a higher tax bracket, regardless of whether overall tax rates go up or not. This last point may be especially salient for 2Ls or 3Ls who earned money working this past summer, or for 1Ls who have a retirement account from a job they had before law school.

Disadvantages

One significant reason not to take advantage of a Roth IRA is that you don't have the money to contribute

or to pay the taxes for a conversion. There are great reasons to start saving for retirement as early as possible (i.e. the miracle of compounding), but it would not make sense to rack up credit card debt to fund your retirement account. However, you really may want to think twice about consuming all your earnings if you might be able to use part of them to strategically save for retirement.

Practical Advice

A Roth IRA or a Roth Conversion could save you significant tax dollars. Because I opened a Roth IRA years ago, I have not and will not have to pay taxes on the growth in my retirement account. I also saved thousands of dollars in taxes by timing the strategic conversion of my 401(k) to a Roth IRA. I encourage you to consider whether these great tools fit your financial situation. I suspect that they do for at least some of you. This article can only provide an introduction to Roth IRAs, so you probably need to learn more. You can find more information about Roth IRAs (and IRAs generally) in IRS Publication 590 or by consulting with a professional.

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Reaching the Summit of Winter Beers

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Reviewer

It's getting colder, and it's about time for winter beers to be in season again. Winter and holiday beers span a wide spectrum, but tend to generally be heavy, full flavored, and have a high alcohol content—often double that of an average beer. Four different styles of winter beers include Russian Imperial Stout, Old Ale, Barleywine, and Scotch Ale. All of the beers I have reviewed are available locally at Wine Warehouse at the corner of Hydraulic and 29.

Russian Imperial Stouts (or RIS) are characterized by dark flavors—bitter chocolate and smoke, moderate amounts of carbonation, and high alcohol by volume. An excellent example of an RIS is the Stone Imperial Russian Stout. Because the release date for this beer is actually in the spring, it's been aged a few months, something that Stone suggests trying. This one is excellent. It's smoky, heavy, and earthy both in smell and taste, with hints of roast coffee beans, dark fruits, molasses, and brown sugar. The ABV on this beer is

10.5%, but you can barely tell, which makes it very drinkable.

Old Ales are another style of winter beer, characterized by dark, fruity malts, slight acidity, and a high alcohol content that usually comes through in the taste. Bell's Third Coast Old Ale has a sweet smell with hints of raisins, caramel, butterscotch and vanilla. The taste is fairly complex. It starts out sweet, with deep fruity notes, hints of cherries, raisins, and apricots, as well as the caramel and butterscotch present in the smell. By the end, there is a strong bitter, smoky element to the taste, and you can definitely taste the alcohol.

Barleywines tend to be sweet, thick bodied, and have a heavy alcohol flavor. Other than that, they can represent a wide range of flavors and aromas. Victory Old Horizontal is subtly fruity, but by no means is the beer overwhelmed by the fruit. It smells tangy, with hints of tropical fruits, orange and coconut. The taste is more complex, with raisins, vanilla, dark chocolate, banana, oranges, grapefruit, and a slight smoky taste—in

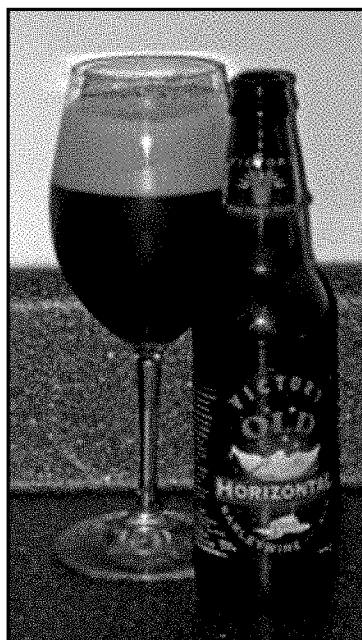


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fact, there's a bit of an aftertaste.

Scotch Ales, also known as "Wee Heavy," are a good example of a strong ale. They are generally somewhat sweet, full-bodied, and have a malt flavor. Again, the ABV is typically high. Founder's Dirty Bastard is a good example of a Scotch Ale. One of the things

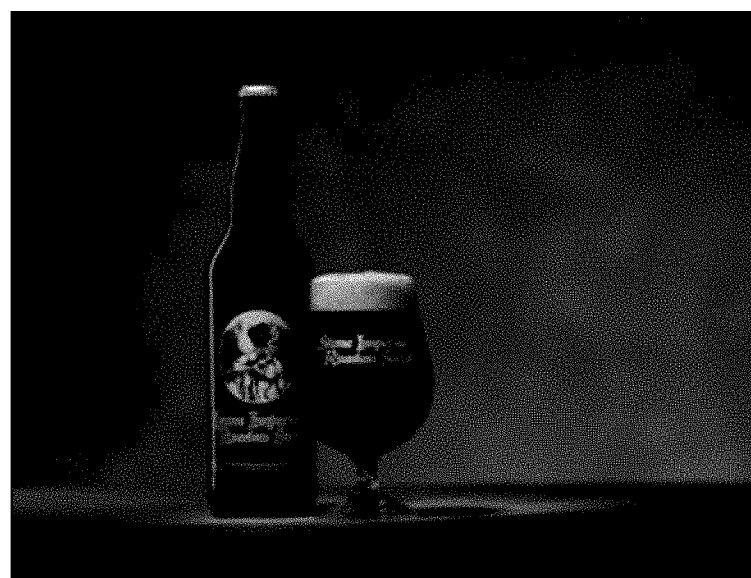


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Victory Old Horizontal (left) and Stone Imperial Russian Stout (above) are two top-notch winter beers.

that surprised me about this beer was how different the smell was from the taste. It smells like sweet candy, caramel, and fruit, with a slight hint of bourbon. The taste is totally different. It's a little sweet, but has a mostly tart and bitter flavor (think sour candy). It's a little smoky, earthy, and metallic. Overall, it's a very interesting tast-

ing beer, smooth and thick with minimal carbonation to the point of almost being creamy.

I would definitely encourage you to try these beers—they are fairly exemplary of their styles, in my opinion, and may open your mind a bit beyond the typical selection of Miller/Bud/PBR.

The League: Less Entertaining than Negotiation Institute

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Reviewer

For those of you who watched FX's new sitcom, *The League*, last Thursday and didn't find it funny, there's a good reason for that. And it's not because you have to play fantasy football to get most of the jokes. It's because the show is not funny. At all. Not even a little bit.

The League seemed to have all the right ingredients: two indie stars, two accomplished comedians, and an Internet comedic superstar, all under the direction of a former *Seinfeld* writer, Jeff Schaffer. Though never a giant fan of *Seinfeld*, I'd rather watch Michael Richards stand-up than see an-

other episode of *The League*. It was that bad.

The League is about five Chicago friends and their fantasy football league. The show claims to be about friendship, marriage, parenting, and growing up, all set against the backdrop of a fantasy football league. As soon as it begins, the show fails twice by not entertaining two distinct groups of viewers. First, those who do not play fantasy football will be immediately turned off, and second, those who do play will be frustrated with the lack of authenticity of the show. For example, the guys on the show play in an eight-man league and expect me to take them seriously. Pffff.

The League is a show which takes *The Hangover* approach: Lace a thinly veiled plot with lots of punchy one-liners and maybe people will forget to ask how four drunken men got a tiger across town in a car and then up into a hotel room. Unfortunately, *The League* misplaced the punchy one-liners with references to Facebook and testicles—an unsuccessful substitution.

The main cast consists of five male yuppie friends who are in the midst of competition for an annual fantasy league trophy. There is Pete, the smooth talker who is anally penetrated by his girlfriend on the very first episode; Ruxin, the arrogant attor-

ney who mentions he's Jewish every third line; Andre, the nerdy plastic surgeon who looks like he's just stepped off the set of *To Catch a Predator*; Kevin, another attorney, who is a porn addict, but nonetheless the mature one of the bunch; and Taco, the pothead. With such a diverse group of guys you would think something substantive would come up. But, you're stupid, because this never ever happens.

The show never even gives the slightest insight into why any of these guys care so much about fantasy football, or even have any interest in football at all. Shockingly, the significant others of these guys are even more one-

dimensional than they are. You have the crazy ex-wife; the wife who is withholding sex for reasons unclear; and, of course, the "good wife" who occasionally gets drunk and brags about her vagina. Not weird at all.

You may be wondering at this point that if you don't learn anything about the characters of the show or fantasy football, what exactly does happen on *The League*? Well, guys talk about how much they love football. Guys sit on the toilet and drink beer. Guys talk about how awesome porn is. And most importantly, guys make reference to their genitalia. Repeatedly. I like a crude joke as much as the next guy, but there are only so many times I can hear a man refer to his testicles in 30 minutes before even I begin to feel uncomfortable.

Another problem with *The League* is that it is sort of like the life of my friends, but much less funny. I don't need to watch FX to laugh about people making dumb decisions in fantasy football. I'm already in a fantasy league with someone who brilliantly made Brian Westbrook a first-round choice. And, I certainly don't need to turn on the TV to hear guys talk about their balls, but that's another article.

Aside from all of the other shortcomings of the show, I simply do not see how the fantasy football gag can continue for more than one or two episodes. The show is already shockingly unfunny. Where can it go from here? The only answer I can come up with is off the air.

In sum, I watch a lot of bad television. Seriously. I watch *Nip/Tuck* every week. But this show isn't even entertaining. I'd rather sit in Negotiation Institute for eight hours before watching another 30 minutes of *The League*. At least in Negotiation Institute I would get to learn in what circumstances it is appropriate to make jokes at the expense of other cultures.

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Not Another Foxfield Column: How UVA Law Forced Me into a Brothel

Word has reached me in Australia that there has been some whining about columns. While it's hard

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Columnist



to say whether anonymous comments on UVA Law Blog are made by the same lonely 1L, I take any criticism seriously. There were two main complaints—the subject matter was repetitive and unrelated to serious legal issues. As I was crying myself to sleep for the fifth night in a row, I thought of a way to address both these concerns: visit a brothel.

Because Australia is generally known as a lawless country, it may come as no surprise that prostitution is decriminalized. But don't start picturing *Sin City* with boomerangs quite yet. Parliaments in some states have passed laws regulating it, and there are numerous organizations dedicated to assisting sex workers (a term I learned from a publication printed by one such group). So besides being a novel topic, the legalization of prostitution is fraught with complexities. Such a fertile topic clearly constitutes a major legal issue for any diligent law student.

Finding a brothel was very easy. Some Good Samaritan had taken it upon themselves to create a website which rated and Google-mapped every brothel within a 10 mile radius of Melbourne. One was a mere five blocks from where I live.

I was relieved when Rita, another UVA Law student genius enough to study here, agreed to come along. Although we'd lived together for roughly a semester, there had still been a chance she'd react to my idea with the same disgust she showed when she discovered I've seen *Lord of the Rings* more than 25 times. She suggested we dress conservatively to avoid any kind of confusion amongst the clientele as to our role there. I even took a shower, figuring the floral scent of Herbal Essences might make me seem more trustworthy.

The place was not hidden—a neon sign outside clearly displayed the name: "At the Top of the Town." We walked into an empty foyer with another door, and next to it a sign which looked like a li-

quor license. Closer inspection revealed it was a list of laws regarding condom use.

I hesitated then, as it first hit me that I was not just going to learn about brothels, but in fact going into one. What would we find on the other side of the door? Skeletal women in high heels collapsed in various corners, shooting drugs? Or would we be bum rushed by Pamela Anderson look-a-likes, grabbing for our money? Why hadn't I brought a rape whistle?! But it was too late to turn back now. I opened the door.

It was just a reception area, only the window had bars and Plexiglass across it. I had to either stand on tiptoe or bend down to look at the person on the other side. I explained my mission to the receptionist using my best professional voice (one of the key skills I'd learned as a summer associate). While she went to go get someone, we glimpsed our first prostitute behind the bars. She was wearing what appeared to be a white dress from the racy section of Charlotte Russe. An older woman, who had the jovial look of the proprietor of a gourmet cheese shop, or a cake baker, came out and said she'd meet us in back.

Finally, we were getting somewhere. We went through yet another door, which we discovered too late locked from the outside. This doubled my fears of being roofed by some worldly madam, and waking up without my kidneys on a barge headed to Thailand. But as a 3L, I have learned by now how to control any feelings of deliberating panic about my future, and disguised my sob of terror as a cough.

We were in a seemingly typical bar, except that by law no alcohol is served. The carpet, walls, booths and velvet curtains were dark red. Next to the bar were a few La-Z-Boys for the more intoxicated clients (rudeness is the only reason clients are denied entry). The music was, and there really is no other word for it, bangin'. It was a combination of 80s and early 90s classics, with a strong Madonna emphasis. TV screens displayed the accompanying music videos. To complete the look, a disco ball threw diamond patterns around the room.



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Brothels aren't just legal in Australia, they're looking for business.

The lady was the receptionist, and had been a prostitute for 10 years. She never introduced herself formally, but in the course of the conversation told us her real name, and her working name, Tess. She said that prostitutes generally use aliases. The continued secrecy of the industry, despite its legality, was what surprised me most. Cell phones were not allowed, to prevent pictures being taken of the girls. Although most of the girls were in relationships, or married, Tess estimated that only 40 percent had told their significant other about their profession. I instantly pictured a kind of *True Lies* scenario, where the wife mysteriously disappears for hours at a time (shifts go 8 hours) and returns with a large quantity of cash (anywhere from \$500-\$1,500) several times a week. Of course, in that situation you probably could just say you're a government spy—I feel like guys would buy that.

Herbal Essences worked even better than I'd hoped—it was practically a truth serum. After two hours of answering all of our questions, Tess also gave us a full tour. There were two other mingling rooms on the first floor, and three upstairs floors with a total of 11 rooms. The girls' private area was hidden behind a giant mirror. It was kind of like a Nancy Drew book, if there had been one called, *Nancy Drew and the Secret in the Red Light*. The rooms resembled hotel rooms, with a few slight variations. There was a "menu" in which the

items offered were various illustrated positions, and you could "fancy your own homemade sauce prepared while you watch."

There were other, less obvious differences. Every room had a huge shower, which clients were required to use before and after sessions. There were at least two mirrors in every room: in one the entire ceiling was mirrored. The beds ranged from queen-size to large enough to comfortably fit five people, which they sometimes did. Friends occasionally shared rooms, and according to Tess, once even a father and son. Though one room did feature the classic red light, most were more understated. One had funky purple lamps, while another was Betty Boop themed. The bed sheets were black, red, or a Kmartesque cheap floral print. Tess told us the proprietor was in the process of renovating the rooms, to get rid of such tackier elements. Although I agreed with her about the sheets, I wasn't sure it was worth the effort. Men never appreciate quality interior decorating.

So there you have it: the results of legalizing prostitution. I spent hours in a "den of sin," risking life and major internal organs, because you were bored. Although my self-esteem is still too fragile to risk coming back to America where I might hear more negativity, I hope from now on you will confine your criticism to other, less interesting columnists.

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faculty quotes

K. Kordana: The "kill all the babies" culture tends not to do very well over time versus the "teach the babies to read and write" culture.

J. Harrison: Cows aren't arsonists, unlike me. They don't like to watch Chicago burn down.

F. Schauer: If you were asked on the witness stand what I was wearing today—put aside 'poorly.'"

M. Gilbert: My Constitutional Law professor always used to annoy me. He'd be up there citing all these clauses, and I would have no idea what he was talking about—I'd never even read the Constitution. In fact, I still haven't read the Constitution all the way through.

K. Rooney: Did you all know there is someone named SLUTSKY running for supervisor?

C. Cory: If you understand what I'm talking about, you are overqualified to be a *Wall Street Journal* reporter.

F. Schauer: Everything is fine and the person can testify [as an expert in phrenology], except for one minor detail—phrenology is crap.

J. Harrison: My knowledge of criminal procedure comes from *Law and Order*. Well, actually it comes from the *Dirty Harry* movies.

D. Brown: You might think of this case as the nose in the camel's tent.

F. Schauer: Second lesson: Perhaps it's not a bad idea to know how to pronounce your client's name.

J. Hylton: The most remarkable thing about this case is the dissenting justice's use of the word "fiddlesticks," a word that most people perhaps assumed disappeared from the English language some time around 1840. Justice Kennard brings it back.

J. Harrison: Does this light make me look fat?

F. Schauer: Anybody want to tell us about peer review [in scientific journals]? No one who is on one of the journals here can answer this question, since they don't do it.

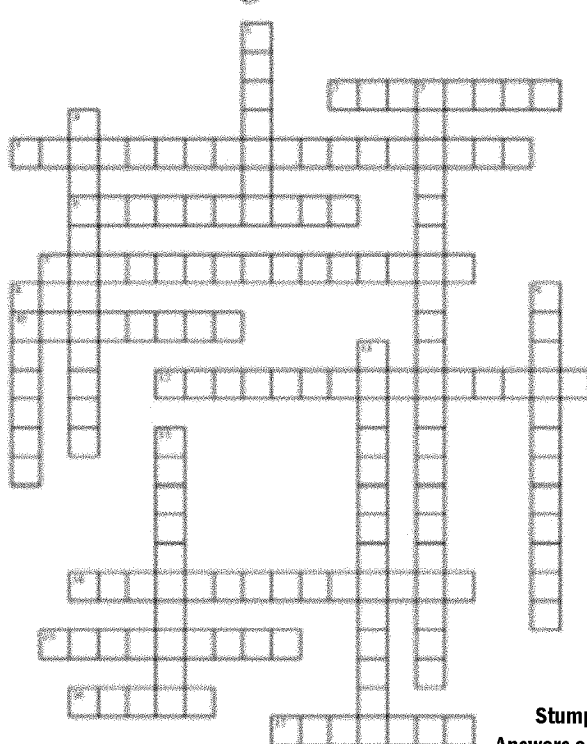
J. Jeffries: Should the really good cook use the butterfly knife or the deboning knife for this? That's probably not a very good example, but I just saw the Julia Child movie.

M. Collins: [This is] not a defense of Louisiana's lawlessness—they've been lawless for 200 years.

F. Schauer: I'm going to say that most of us are familiar with the smell of marijuana. I believe that's a pretty safe judgment.

J. Harrison: I've had a background check done on me, and obviously they missed something because now I have a security clearance.

Endangered Animals



ACROSS

- 2 Soviet-era Chinese Buffet
- 5 Found only in the Atlantic coast forests of southeastern Brazil at altitudes ranging from sea level to 1,500 m, and on north addicts' skin
- 6 Jaundiced-looking bird variety that the ship rats and weasels of the 1900s almost did in; rhymes with "jellified"
- 7 Toothless-domed swimmers that can allegedly tan in shallow water and asexually reproduce
- 10 Non-Pacific and pedestrian variety of salmon
- 12 Rubber with huge digits
- 14 World's largest carnivorous marsupial and popular theme for middle school-aged boys' boxer shorts
- 15 Jamaican good luck symbol you might see on the way to Maudslayi
- 16 Hates cinnamon, loves pepper
- 17 A wolf that is red

DOWN

- 1 Largest and heaviest living bird
- 3 A rosy-gullied grouse—also, my epitaph
- 4 Used to be erect, but is now functionally extinct
- 8 Can survive 12 days in captivity and 120-degree heat; rhymes with "hand tie"
- 9 A named laboratory, but with C-caps
- 11 The tanning of Teri Hatcher
- 13 Fierce's Mathews Red-crushing cousin

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