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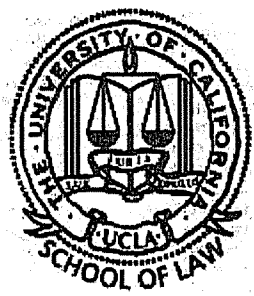
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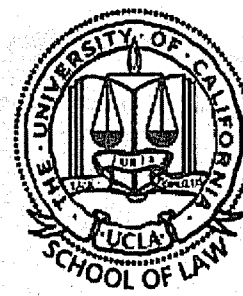
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Varat Resigns - Abrams Reigns

Michael Lee
Columnist

Faculty and students were surprised last May when Jonathan Varat announced that he would not seek reappointment as Dean of UCLA Law School, but would instead step down and return to a teaching position.

In a message to the faculty, Varat said that the recent review of his tenure included "gratifying praise by many and blunt reservations by some who appear to prefer a change in the course of my administration".

According to the Daily Bruin, Varat called his decision "sudden and unanticipated, though considered."

Other faculty members expressed surprise at the announcement.

"He has always been very committed," said Dean of Students Elizabeth Cheadle, "working on behalf of the law school twenty-four/seven".

Varat will serve as dean until the end of August, to be succeeded in the interim by Professor Abrams, the school's most senior faculty member. A nationwide search will have to be conducted to appoint a permanent successor.

Varat's five years in office were marked by enthusiastic recruitment of



Outgoing Dean Jonathan Varat

new faculty, at an average of three to four new recruits each year. This allowed for a concurrent increase in the variety offered by the curriculum, and the number of academic forums and events during the year.

"There were only a few when I got here," Varat said in an office interview, but now these include the Rosenfield Symposium, the Mellinkoff Lecture, the Corporate Governance Roundtable, the Frankel Symposium, the Williams Symposia, and the Mergers and Acquisitions Institutes.

Varat was committed to improving



Incoming Interim Dean Norm Abrams

both the law school's public profile, and its intellectual vitality for professors and students alike.

"I feel really good about the last five years," he said, "I worked to improve the law school's visibility and reputation... across the nation and the world, our law school is now held in increasingly high regard by everyone from Supreme Court justices down".

Asked to be more specific why he was resigning, Dean Varat simply said that while he had received "way more praise than criticism," he felt that "there was insufficient support in some quar-

ters to achieve all that I wanted".

Varat said his mantra was always: "limit the nonsense". Faculty members all praised his work ethic, and his skill at achieving consensus among a lot of different opinions and needs.

"He's extraordinarily fair and even-tempered, very open, and willing to hear the range of opinions on an issue," said Dean Cheadle, "very consultative, but [also] very willing to make a decision".

Prof. David Sklansky, who was associate dean last year, was effusive: "extraordinary integrity, a great deal of wisdom... an enormous amount of energy and commitment... [Varat] worked hard to ensure an atmosphere of congeniality".

Above all, Sklansky praised Varat's personal involvement to recruiting "a whole flock of prominent scholars and teachers, both as entry-level and advanced professors".

Where other law schools are content with recruiting faculty who are either effective classroom teachers or productive scholars, Sklansky said, UCLA is always "looking around for creative

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The Out of Towner

Kate Bushman¹
Columnist

Some would say it is challenging enough just to coordinate your socks or put on stockings for an interview, much less fly 3000 miles and navigate hotels rooms, transportation, and unfamiliar cities. But those brave and few out-of-town interviewees have to do it all, on top of landing a job for next summer. If you are considering joining the ranks of the out-of-towners, I've written this article to make your life a little easier when trying to deal with the extra stresses of travel and unfamiliar territory.

The first, and quite possibly most important move I made, was to buy a tri-fold FAA approved carry-on garment bag. I would NOT be caught in the lost baggage section of Newark International at midnight without my

suit, shoes, or lucky leather-bound notebook with a callback scheduled for the next morning. I carried all my luggage with me, at all times, to avoid this potential disaster. I also bought a travel steamer, since I am wretched with an iron. Much to my dismay, I used it all the time, so give that a thought.

Next, I planned my class schedule such that I had almost all my classes Monday through Wednesday. The latest East Coast flight is at around 3:30, and that puts you in late on the coast. Thus, if you are flying to the East Coast you really need two days to do a callback unless you want to take the red-eye (one day to travel, one day to actually interview). And no, you don't want to take the red-eye. After a full night's sleep you will still be

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EDITORIAL

It's My Editorial, I'll Do With It As I Please!
I was planning to use this space to talk about volunteering and how giving back to the community (this microcosm here at the law school, as well as the community at large) or about how in these tough economic times and with the fee increases we should all pull together, but then I realized that it is just too damn hot for me to sit here and think, much less write.

Additionally, I've spent the last few days sitting here on my couch (I stole *The Docket* computer so I didn't have to spend all day and night in Dodd Hall (especially since I don't have PARKING)) sweating and editing and doing layout, and selling advertising, and sweating, and YOU GET THE POINT.

So instead, I am going to complain. Even with my windows open, it is hot. It is also muggy. That's the same as humid. Isn't this SoCal? Isn't it supposed to be dry? I wish it would just rain.

Now I am at a loss of what to write because I can only complain for so long about the heat. Except it does make me feel bloated. Boy do I hate feeling bloated. My clothes cling to me and I just want to strip naked and run....nevermind.

I would complain about my hair being limp, but since it is straight and limp seems to be in right now, I can't. Not that I ever had big hair. Well, not that big. I did wear bows. I was a bow-head sorority girl in Georgia. I wore ray-bans, polo shirts, khaki shorts, a braided belt, with sockless penny loafers, pearls, and a big, damn, bow in my hair and let me tell you what, bucko, I was soooooo coooooo!!!! Dude. Rad. Awesome.

Now some people wouldn't admit to this because it would be dating them (JD really wasn't in Nam, no matter what he tells you) but I feel so damn old and tired and hot, I don't care if you can figure out that I am about 9 years older than most of you toddlers. Anyway, look at the ads and the make-up- and the clothes, and the 80's are coming back!

I have a few more inches of space to fill, so I figured I'd start writing. Isn't that what they tell writers to do is to just write and that if you sit and write and write each day that eventually you will get over your block and maybe write something worth reading. Not that this advice is working well for me today, but as you didn't just spend the last 3 days working on this paper while sitting on your couch sweating, who are you to talk.

Anyway - as I conclude this editorial, I'll try to tie it all together in a cohesive sentence.

In the spirit of working together, why don't you be a sport and volunteer to give me your damn parking spot.

A Perfect World

Elena Gerli
Alumna Class of 2003

This is a story about karma, and it's something that happened to me recently. In fact, this happened sometime near my final finals, i.e., at the end of my very last semester of law school. I want to share the story with you because when this happened, it felt like the world was perfect and kind, just for a few minutes, and we can all do with such moments, especially in law school.

There is a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf near where I live in Hollywood, on Sunset Boulevard at Argyle. It's a small Coffee Bean, and it's very much a neighborhood Coffee Bean. There are a couple more of them further west on Sunset, and they tend to be much more trendy, especially the one on the Sunset Strip, where you really go there to see and be seen, and if you're a woman, you better be hot and you better not wear too many clothes if you don't want to incite revulsion. But that's another article. This one is about what happened to me at my neighborhood Coffee Bean. There are always a few regulars there, no matter when you go, and you can buy one cup of coffee and hang out all day. The best thing about the place is that the Beaners know all the regulars, and they know what their drink of choice is, and more often than not, they also know the regulars' names. It's nice. So, naturally, I'm a regular, and most people there know me by name and they know what I normally drink. "The usual" for me is a small, flavored coffee, and it costs

\$1.40. If I have time, I like to get my drink and sit at one of the little tables outside to enjoy it before the insanity of the day begins.

One morning I was doing just that. I had bought my \$1.40 cup of coffee, and I was sitting outside enjoying the view - you can see the Hollywood sign if you sit on the Argyle side. As I sat there, a man approached me. He was clean-cut and tidy, probably in his 30's, and he was holding a small sign that indicated that he was asking for a dollar. Normally, I don't give money to panhandlers. Either I have no cash (I'm notorious for being cashless), or I'm afraid they will just buy alcohol or drugs with it, or they just scare me. I prefer to give money to an organization that provides for the homeless, rather than give to them directly. But to every rule there are exceptions.

In this particular instance, as I was about to shake my head no to the man asking for a dollar, I looked him in the face and I decided this would be one of those exceptions. His eyes were clear of drugs and madness, but full of sadness and dignity. So I reached into my purse for the dollar, all the while thinking that my coffee cost more than what I was giving to this person, this human being. The man smiled and approached me to get the dollar, and as he came up to me, I realized he couldn't speak. I don't know if he was deaf or mute, both or neither, but he gestured thank you and pointed to the words "God bless you" on his sign. And then he left.

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Heads Up 1ls

Shannon McMasters
Columnist

I'd like to kick off the year by welcoming all of the 1Ls and transfer students to UCLA School of Law. Specifically, I'd like to welcome all the single, funny, attractive, young men. I welcome you...with wide-open arms. Don't be shy.

I'm sure you've all prepared yourselves for the inevitably difficult first year of law school. All of the rumors you have heard are true. It's going to be an ass-kicker. Putting the whole academic thing aside, however, prepare yourselves for a good time as well. SBA puts a lot of effort into creating social settings for us all to get to know one another. This is also known as Bar Review.

SBA will find a new spot every Thursday night for us to all gather and mingle. It is your chance to meet

people outside of your section. It's also your chance to hit on that special someone. Yes, indeed. Much of the gossip that reverts the atmosphere of law school to that of junior high begins at Bar Review.

You really are back in high school here. You have all of your classes together. You study together. You all eat lunch at the same time in the same place. You have lockers. There are cliques. You are even going to have prom. Bar Review is equivalent to the forbidden high school party. Except this time you don't have to worry about whose parents are out of town, who has the fake ID to buy the beer, or how to sneak in past your curfew.

We all know that gossip was prevalent in high school, so don't think it has passed us by since we are now all mature adults. Be careful what you

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The SBA and You

JD Henderson
3L

Welcome 1Ls - congratulations on your acceptance to UCLAW! For 2Ls and 3Ls, welcome back. There have been many changes since May. A new Dean, shocking tuition increases, new email addresses, and two Arnolds running for Governor (The Terminator and Gary Coleman, who played Arnold on "Different Strokes"). More changes await us. The Student Bar Association ("SBA") is how the student body can help guide those changes here at UCLAW. We are your student government. This year's

officers are: President JD Henderson, Vice-President Rebecca Ettinger, Secretary Jonathan Delshad, Treasurer Sheetal Mehta, 3L President Jessica Thomas, 3L Representative Jamie Morikawa, 2L President Mike AKA "Chico" Brown, 2L Representatives Rachel Wilkes, Jeff Cohen, Amanda Carlyle, and John Alden, and Parliamentarian Erik North.

We promise to do our best. If you have great ideas, share them. If you have complaints, please share them along with some great ideas to correct the problem. Oh, yeah - we also

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Summer Splitsville

Kathy Farkas
3L

Like many *Docket* writers, I've chosen to write about why I think I made a good decision, and why I think you should be more like me. In the interests of economy, I'll confine my remarks to one particular good decision - splitting my summer between two law firm jobs. As far as I'm concerned the ideal law firm summer would include six different two-week jobs, but I don't think you'd find a firm that allows this, let alone six.

First, some background. After my 1L year, I worked the entire summer at Bet Tzedek Legal Services helping low-income seniors who had been victims of consumer fraud or predatory lending practices. It was a great job. By working with the same attorneys for ten weeks, I was able to make a substantial contribution to several major projects. It would have been a shame for me to split my 1L summer, because I wouldn't have been able to make the same contribution to the agency and would have lost much depth of experience.

Big law firm summer jobs, however, are not about depth. They are about two hour lunches, trips to the theatre, baseball games, parties, paintball, and horseback riding. (Don't ask me why, but there's often horseback riding.) Oh, and there's also some work. If you're lucky (and I think I was), the work can actually be quite interesting and useful to the firm, but it will never take ten weeks. You will be assigned small discrete assignments, often answering a single research question. My average assignment should probably have taken me a day or two, but instead generally took me a week, because (i) I'm still learning to do good legal research, (ii) as a summer associate angling for an offer, I spent a

disproportionate amount of time on the form of my work-product compared to the substance, and (iii) no one expected the work to interfere with the two hour lunches, parties, and paintball.

Many firms will tell you that every summer associate comes to the firm with an offer, and you'll need to really mess up to lose your offer.¹ When you hear this you may feel happy about your hypothetical offer of post-law employment, but soon you'll soon start to obsess about messing up. After two weeks of working/partying with the lawyers in your firm, you will know whether you want to work with these lawyers in the future and they will know if they ever want to see your face again. After those two weeks, all you can do is mess it up.

Though you'll hear about summers who got offers despite truly appalling behavior, there's always the risk that, in your last week at work, you'll puke on the wrong senior partner or accidentally send a snotty e-mail to the entire firm. Even if you are a generally inoffensive person (in which case, it's unlikely that you're reading *The Docket*), you'll still be worried that you're going to do something horrifying. *Ed. Note: Just because our writer's are offensive, does not mean our readers are.*

Everything that happens after the first two weeks is needless surplus for you and the firm. They make you work more than two weeks because, for some crazy reason, they believe in you. They think you're going to make a good lawyer for them one day, and they want you to come to their firm instead of someone else's. To that end, they limit your exposure to other firms by making you stay with them. You should not resent the firm for doing this, since they are paying you gazillions of dollars just to hang around for the summer. They have their reason for keeping you there, but

you have every reason to split.

When I decided to split the summer, it was because I thought I might hate one or both of my jobs, and I figured anything was tolerable for six or seven weeks. It turned out that I really liked both of my jobs, but splitting was still a good choice. Law firms aren't identical, and splitting allows you to try to figure out where you fit. You can tell a lot from working in a place that you can't tell from interviewing. You may decide you don't belong at a firm at all, and you'll take comfort in knowing your decision isn't based on a single bad experience.

Finally, splitting gives you two chances to win. If you end up at a firm that has accidentally hired sixty summers when they only wanted thirty-five, you'll be happy you split. Even if you end up among the twenty-five that don't get offers of employment, you still have another chance to win at the other firm down the street. Somebody might tell you that each firm has less reason to give you an offer if you're splitting, so you actually dilute your chances at each firm. But, in the end, I think you definitely increase your odds. Even if the firms are less likely to give offers to splitters (which is not clear), it's like drawing to an outside straight vs. drawing to an inside straight with four to a flush.² If you're serious about working at a big firm, I think this alone is reason enough to split.

You can find out whether a firm allows split summers by looking at the firm's listing on nalpdirectory.com. There's lots of other useful information there as well. Good luck.

¹ It may or may not be true that the firm hopes to give offers to every summer associate. If you end up at a firm that figures out it has more

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Putting The "O" in OCIP

Kate Bushman
Columnist

The On Campus Interviewing Season is nearly upon us. For most 2Ls, the pressure is on to get that high-paying summer job to counter-act the incredible debt you are accumulating. Before you undertake this sycophantic expedition through NALP, read on for a few tips from a 3L who will tell it to you like it is, was, and really shouldn't be.

Interview Do: Make Friends with OCS

Beth Moeller is my career counselor, and since she did not have a mental breakdown last year, it is confirmed: the woman has infinite patience. What's weird is all the career counselors are all very patient, and they're all really happy (must be the absence of the 100 hour work week most lawyers are facing). Ron Grim and Jennifer Perez are also amazing. Hands down the best people to freak out on (you know, when you don't want your career counselor thinking you are a total nut-job).

Interview Don't: Forget that You and OCS are "Just Friends"

You do not need to sleep under your Career Counselor's desk in a fetal position on a pillow of Martindale Hubbells and summer feedback forms in order to prepare for OCIP (Beth—I am sorry about that and I hope you aren't still wierded out; by the way, have you stopped carrying mace?). Nor do you need to pitch a tent or mark your territory in the OCS office when you are doing research for interviews/resume drops (again, Beth & the rest of OCS, I am REALLY sorry, and I hope the custodial staff was able to remove those stains). Give OCS and other students the space they need and give yourself some time away from the job hunt.

Interview Do: Let Yourself Shine Through

This is actually key. If you act like an anal-retentive asshole in your interview, you will be expected to be an anal-retentive asshole all summer, and all of your co-workers will probably be anal-retentive assholes as well. One sure way not to get an offer is to put on a façade that you can't deliver the next summer. Just be yourself. The interviewers see a parade of blow-hards and pseudo-intellectuals. They really appreciate someone who just wants to

chat for 20 minutes about Big Ten football or backpacking Europe.
Interview Don't: Do Not Let Yourself After 3 Jack and Cokes Shine Through

I shudder just thinking about this one. Okay, it should speak for itself. Anyone will tell you alcohol and interviewing don't mix. I have heard such horror stories about this particular item, but none, of course, that should be published. If you see me at bar review and want to buy me 3 Jack and cokes, maybe we can talk about it then.

Interview Do: Research

Dude, it takes 30 minutes to read the firm website, their Vault.com info, and check their NALP form. The time will be worth the \$2400/week salary next summer.

Interview Don't: Wing it

After 5 screening interviews every firm starts to sound alike. The screening interviewers will blend into one faceless aging white male with argyle socks and coffee breath. However, you will regret skipping that 10 minutes of research when you expound on your tremendous interest in securities litigation, only to realize you are talking to a labor law firm. More

importantly, check the name of the firm on the interview schedule on the door before walking in. There is nothing worse than asking the hiring partner at Sullivan and Cromwell how much Morning and Lewis is paying their associates. That is a sure-fire way to make it a very uncomfortable 5-minute screening interview.

Interview Do: Get on a Schedule

Get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast, give yourself plenty of time to get to the interview, yadda yadda yadda. If you need more explanation on this part, call your mom. Or better yet, call my mom. She's got enough nagging to go around.

Interview Don't: Bad Influences

Stay away from the following bad influences for at least 24 hours before you have interviews/callbacks: booze, homemade haircuts, Westwood bars, courtyard socials, 3Ls with offers, illicit drugs, Las Vegas, tattoo parlors, and me. These things guaranteed will fuck you up. I know it may seem unfair, but you will get your fill of most of these things during your firm summer anyway (except for me, of course).



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Gentle Reader's Guide To Etiquette For The Mannered, Well-Groomed Barrister*

Aimee Van duh Built
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Welcome back to our illustrious second and third year students. As the first year students will not be participating in the On Campus Interview Program, this article may seem superfluous; however, gentle readers, take note as Spring Semester is open to first year law students.

I am Aimee Van duh Built, your guide to proper 1950's etiquette as you tackle law school and life. In this edition, our article will provide tried and true tips drawn from years of research and decades of personal experience. We do hope that our readers will embrace the following and represent the school as mannered and well-groomed future barristers.

For the Gentleman: The appropriate work suit to be worn daily for business should avoid distinctive patterning, fabrics, cuts and colors, unless you have an extensive wardrobe of which it is but one, otherwise, you will appear "sharp." His suit ought to be gray, black, or any toasty brown. Expect to spend a decent penny to ensure the suit will either last four to five years or at least appear as though it could. While double-breasted suits are considerably more comfortable, on those of less than average height (and those of generous girth) it can be most unbecoming.

The trousers of the suit may be cuffed or pressed down, as you prefer. To be fashionable, permanent cuffs should hang straight and not break along the instep and the width should be medium to allow enough room for comfort without bagginess.

The carefully groomed man limits the content of his trouser pockets to loose change and keys, carried in a flat case so as to not jingle or poke about.

For ties, please gentlemen, beware, of recent years there has been an alarming trend among men to purchase gaudy hand-painted and explosively geometric patterns. Keep to the stripe, paisley, polka dot or small square, and if you must deviate, only do so if the tie is of exceptional quality and style – cost being an indicator of neither. Remember, there is nothing shameful in being color blind (or color unsure). Stick with a white shirt and striped tie with a black or gray suit and you will be hard pressed to go amiss.

Grooming: A well-groomed man looks clean, his clothes fit well and comfortably, his shoes are shined and the heels are in good order. A fastidious man is never without a clean handkerchief and keeps his nails clean and short with the cuticles pushed back. Should the gentleman be unduly

hirsute, he should have his barber clip hairs in the ears and nostrils but never tweeze them (for safety's sake). For a blue jowl, there is no answer but to shave twice daily.

Some men look but once daily in the mirror, when they shave, and thereby fail to notice certain obvious defects (or consider paying them attention effeminate). Among these are chapped lips, pimples, stained teeth, scaly scalp, and torn ragged fingernails. A word to the wise, proper cleaning and care is in no way effeminate. Washing daily with soap and hot water should clear up many skin problems. Should they persist, seek the advice of a dermatologist. A proper dental cleaning every three months may be necessary for the smoker or heavy coffee drinker. Do not underestimate the impact of a dinghy smile. Applying a thin layer of Vaseline at night provides moisture for the lips, making them smooth and pleasant to look upon.

The gentlewoman: The best-dressed women are those who have a sound understanding of style, not fashion. Rather than change the length of their skirts or fill their closets with this season's colors, such women maintain their hair in a becoming manner for them, choose colors that complement their eyes and skin, purchase classic suits and clothing of quality, accessories that flatter and then select one or two fashionable items each season to update or round out their wardrobe. Unless you can truly afford to fill your closet with items only to be worn once or twice, it is best to avoid the expensive aspects of radically new fashion ideas until they have been sifted enough for the sound ones to emerge.

Without a basic color scheme to a wardrobe, costs are much higher than is necessary, as many more accessories will be needed than for the sensible woman who plans each season's clothes around that which is still good and usable within her existing wardrobe.

Basic colors are black, blue, brown, and gray. You may also count a deep burgundy or green, as with certain hair and skin coloring these hues are most becoming. However, with such colors, after one to two seasons the suit will be readily recognizable and may easily become a signature, whether that is the intention or not. Additionally, the shoes, purse, hat and gloves bought to accessorize will not be easily worn with other colors.

The interchangeability of accessories makes for variety in a wardrobe,

Stu's Views

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"Frank, we're in polite company. Promise me you won't tell people their worth in a wrongful death case."

Dining Guide LA

Eugene Volokh
Professor

Based on 26 years of living – and eating – in Los Angeles, including 3 years as a UCLA law student and 9 years as a UCLA law Prof.

Several new entries added since 2000. **Eating Cheap** (about \$15 or less, less if you economize)

Argentinian: *Empanada's Place*, 3811 Sawtelle Bl., pretty much on the corner of Sawtelle & Venice, (310) 391-0888, open until 9 pm every night, but only until 8 pm Mon; also 1040 Holloway, just a bit north of Santa Monica on La Cienega, (310) 358-0588, open until 9 pm every night. This is a hole-in-the-wall that specializes in the stuffed Argentinian pastries called empanadas. I love both the chewy dough and the yummy fillings, of which they have about a dozen varieties; I also recommend the Argentinian tamale, which is more like a corn pudding than like the Mexican version. They have little else – just sandwiches and a not very interesting salad – but the empanadas are well worth the trip. No liquor license, so bring your own beer or wine.

Brazilian: *Cafe Brasil*, 10831 Venice Bl., Culver City, (310) 837-8957, open until 10 pm daily, 10 or so minutes from campus if there's no traffic. Very good stuff, cheap, and mildly exotic; again, bring your own alcohol.

Cambodian: *Battambang*, 648 New

High St., Chinatown, (213) 620-9015. Cambodian is, unsurprisingly, like Thai and Vietnamese, but there are quite a few differences. Try pretty much any of the dishes that aren't the normal Chinese ones. The sour fish soup and the sour beef soup are particularly good, as is the "curry fish" entrée (which I believe is actually made with fish and pork).

Chinese: *JR Seafood*, 11901 Santa Monica Bl., a bit east of Bundy, (310) 268-2463, open Sun-Thu until 10 pm, Fri-Sat -11 pm. Seafood and a lot more. Particularly good: Their special pork spareribs (under specials, not appetizers) and the orange beef. Call ahead for reservations, since it's usually jammed.

Chinese Islamic: *Chinese Islamic Restaurant*, 7727 E. Garvey Ave., Rosemead, (626) 288-4246, open daily except Wed until 9:30 pm. This is probably my favorite of the regional Chinese cuisines. There is no pork or alcohol, because of Islamic dietary laws, but there are excellent lamb, bread, and lots of other goodies. Especially noteworthy: Lamb with green onions, sesame bread (add some hot chili oil or soy sauce to liven it up), any noodle dish with "dough slice noodles," chicken curry, and sliced ox tongue (get over your inhibitions). Go about 15 minutes east past Downtown on the 10, take the Del Mar exit south to Garvey, take Garvey west a few blocks. It ends up being about 30 minutes from

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BarBri in Perspective

Elena Gerli
Alumna Class of 2003

Nothing of consequence — i.e., worth writing about — happened to me this summer, at least nothing I can discuss in mixed company, because I mostly just studied for the bar and then took the bar. So along with a life, I also lost my sense of humor, and my ability to put a sentence together. But before it all caught up with me, I jotted down some of the funnier stuff from BarBri lectures, and I hope you'll find them as silly as I did. 3L's, you still have a ways to go before you worry about this, but I hope this article gives you a glimmer of hope that you might yet have some fun. The following are excerpts from my BarBri journal (which I email to friends and family, hence the conversational tone).

June 7, 2003

Ok, as it turns out this whole studying for the bar thing is sufficiently painful to warrant sharing. Misery, after all, loves company. Today, Saturday June 7th, is the last day of the second week of classes. So far we have covered all of Torts, all of Real Property, and today we'll finish all of Con Law. We have lecture 5 days a week, and the lectures are approximately 4 hours

each. Mercifully, it's just lecture. I don't think I could stand it if I had to put up with people's idiotic questions.

Studying is relentless. Right now I'm trying to keep it down to 4-6 hours a day, outside of lecture of course. That includes the days I don't have lecture, which allows me a little time to rest and eat meals. I'm also running 4 times a week, and my plan is to keep doing it all the way through. My friend Jen has advised me to avoid 8 hours+ of studying per day until after July 4. Gulp.

I found out that imputing unchastity to a woman is slander per se. Slander being spoken defamation. I don't know why, but I find that very funny. Yes, yes, double standard, sexist society, yadda yadda yadda. Whatever. It's just damn funny. Of course, my favorite part is that truth is a defense. Hee, hee. There goes my claim.

I have also discovered that Real Property is a huge subject, and a major one, that I don't get it or remember it, and that (worse!) I just don't give a crap. That, in turn, means that it could be my downfall on the bar, so I'm working on an attitude

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Total Eclipse of the Heart

Justin Radell
Columnist

Have you ever been mistakenly serenaded through your locked front door by a guitar-toting girl? I have. I shall recount the story for you...

There was a frantic knock on my door at 2:30 in the morning. Knock-knock-knock! Some chick screamed "Jason!" outside my door. I was taken off-guard because my name is Justin not Jason but, to be fair, I have always been confused for a Jason. I should also note that it is a somewhat common occurrence in my nutty, student-filled apartment complex to have students yelling in the middle of the night. I obviously ignored it.

"Jason! I want you back". This proclamation was accompanied by another knock-knock-knock on my door. Whoever this crazy chick was, she was right outside my door looking for someone named Jason.

"There is no 'Jason' here," I replied (yes, I used air quotes). "I think you have the wrong apartment". I continued, "Are you sure you are looking for 6D?"

I heard some guitar chords strummed softly, but I couldn't place the song. I heard a "G" then a "D" then a "C#". It sounded familiar. It wasn't "Every Rose Has Its Thorn". What was it? It was killing me. And then she started singing softly.

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming around

"Is that what I think it is?" I pondered.

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit tired of listening to the sound of my tears

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit nervous that the best of all the years have gone by

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit terrified and then I see the look in your eyes

It was. It was "Total Eclipse of the Heart". I was pleased to have recognized the song only a few lines into it.

Turn around bright eyes/Every now and then I fall apart

The real question was why there was some crazy chick standing outside my door singing this song to a guy named Jason at 2:30 AM. The first thing that crept into my mind was, "Should I stop her?" I kind of liked the song and she was doing a pretty good job with it. I mean, she was no Bonnie Tyler, but she had a good voice. I decided to hear her out.

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit restless and I dream of something

wild

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit helpless and I'm lying like a child in your arms

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit angry and I know I've got to get out and cry

Turn around/Every now and then I get a little bit terrified but then I see the look in your eyes

Even though I knew that my name was not Jason, I was kind of flattered by the gesture. I mean, maybe she was not crazy. Maybe she was scared about being alone. I used to get scared sometimes too. Plus, this was a fairly romantic thing to do — a last-ditch effort to get back a guy she had lost. It was commendable. I glanced through the peephole and saw that she was going nuts. I wasn't sure if the strings on her acoustic guitar could handle the chorus. She was a little manic and I wasn't sure if she was what I was looking for in a relationship. She had balls though (hopefully not literally) and excellent taste in music. That had to count for something.

Turn around bright eyes/Every now and then I fall apart

Turn around bright eyes/Every now and then I fall apart

Ring. Ring. The phone rang at my place and it was my neighbor. I guess he was studying for the bar and needed to get to sleep. Click. I put him on hold to answer the other line. It was another neighbor threatening to call the police. I told her to wait a few minutes and that I would try to get her to stop. Click. I clicked over to the other line and told my neighbor that I would take care of it.

And I need you now tonight

And I need you more than ever

And if you'll only hold me tight

We'll be holding on forever

And we'll only be making it right

Because we'll never be wrong together

We can take it to the end of the line

Your love is like a shadow on me all of the time

I pleaded with her through the door to stop playing, but she ignored me. I would have ignored me too. The best part of the song was coming up. I would have gone out in the hall and ripped the guitar out of her hands, but I was still unclear as to what her reaction would be if she saw me. Would she start crying? Would she want to hurt me? Due to this ambiguity, I chose to remain safely behind my double-bolted door until I could be sure that she was not a risk to my safety.

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Open Letter of Thanks?

Jim Kawahito
3L

Thanks for the Advice – You Saved My Life Summer

I want to begin by thanking Mr. J.D. Henderson for his brilliant, insightful piece on how to achieve that ever-elusive, full-time offer after your 2L summer. I can't tell you how much your article has meant to me and I'm sure to plenty of other 1 and 2Ls who sit around each day wondering how in the world the firm that has hired us for the summer would ever even consider extending us an offer for full-time employment. Advice like "be yourself" and "be someone others want to be around" clearly demonstrates your metaphysical awareness of the inner trappings of social interaction. I think it is selfish of you to limit yourself to pontificating solely on matters concerning summer employment.

Perhaps you should consider offering advice beyond the realm of law-school

and summer employment. Maybe you could even exchange your starched button-down shirts for robes and sandals, and walk the earth dispensing your existential wisdom upon all who are fortunate enough to hear. In time you would become Maharishi Henderson complete with instructional videos, seminars, and late night TV ads.

To illustrate how completely lost I was until Guru Henderson's cutting edge article, I am going to expound on several points that I found particularly helpful.

His advice on being enthusiastic was utterly genius. Originally my plan was to mope around the office all day grunting about how I hated law school, the legal profession, the attorneys in the office, and myself.

I was guilty of being a "school snob" before reading his piece. I would routinely ignore people who

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Journals and Organizations

Your Officially Unofficial Guide to UCLA Orgs & Journals

The Docket, a student run and wholly independent organization, has taken the time to (cut and paste) the following information (from last year) in order to provide you with this indefinite (as opposed to definitive) guide to things that take a lot of time but are so much more rewarding than any class you'll ever take. Note: *The Docket* asked the various organizations to provide an updated blurb. Only about 4 did. So if the information is erroneous, blame someone else. (Disclaimer: the following information was provided by the individual orgs and journals last year for the most part. *The Docket* is not responsible for the gross misrepresentations and embellishments within.)

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Phi Delta Phi

Phi Delta Phi (PDP) is an international legal fraternity dedicated to furthering legal ethics. PDP has chapters all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Poland. UCLAW PDP provides members with social opportu-

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El Centro - Getting Involved

Kate Bushman
Columnist

Also by Ric Jackson, Tom Elke, Jennifer Soule, Orly Zelta, Andrea Hunter, and Silas Shawver, Clinic Chairs

Are you looking for something more than a case summary or a hornbook to expose you to the law? Are you finding it difficult to believe that mens rea or strict liability are worth the high-brow classroom debate? Would you like exposure to clients now, rather than in three, or even six years?

El Centro Legal is UCLAW's network of volunteer legal aid clinics. We provide services to the greater Los Angeles area in many different contexts. The time commitment is minimal, with volunteers averaging 3-5 sessions a semester, but the benefits are innumerable. The professional skills you will develop include interviewing, advising, and relating to actual clients, analyzing real legal problems, and interacting with attorneys. The personal rewards are great as well. El Centro provides a place to meet other law students, a way to give back to the community, and a chance to understand where your personal strengths and weaknesses lie.

The following are descriptions of El Centro's clinics. Each clinic has its own volunteers, leadership, practice area and client base. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these clinics, please come to one of our

informational meetings during the first 2 weeks of school. Details on these will be coming soon. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kate Bushman (bushman@2004.law.ucla.edu), Lisa Raffetto (raffetto@2004.law.ucla.edu), or Jennie Kaplan (kaplan2005@student.law.ucla.edu) for more information.

LANDLORD-TENANT CLINIC

Sick and tired of your landlord? Try advocating for the other guy. Participants in the Landlord-Tenant Clinic help individuals who have disputes with their landlords. The rent control situation in Santa Monica makes it very tempting for landlords to evict existing tenants in order to bring in new tenants that pay market price. While all kinds of disputes and many communities are handled at the clinic, the rent control situation often drives many of our disputes.

Participants in the clinic assist the staff attorneys at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles ("LAFLA") located in Santa Monica, with intake and counseling. Volunteers typically assist clients with paperwork, listen to his/her problems, discuss problems with an attorney, and then counsel the client on the best course of action. Participants have found the clinic very rewarding, as they are able to help less fortunate individuals solve real-world legal problems.

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Dear Facebook

Phil Lerch
2L

Dear Facebook Production Staff:

I have no idea who you are; the facebook doesn't give any sort of indication as to who created it, and I haven't bothered to research its origins beyond that. Thus, at this point, I can only presume that the facebook is created by some secret sect, working feverishly through the night to align almost a thousand peoples' passport photos with their undergraduate institutions and recreational interests. Such a daunting task could only be undertaken by a large group of people, and for it to work all of them would have to possess wily cunning and slavish devotion, which is why I suspect that you are a group of Freemasons or Ninjas – possibly both. But whoever you are, facebook people, your anonymity is sad on several levels.

First, it is sad because people should take pride in the work that they've done. Everybody knows that. That's why Mr. Ford puts that little blue oval with his name in it on the grille of all the cars he turns out, and the same goes for Mr. Excedrin and his famous headache medicine.

Second, and more importantly, it is sad because I desperately need to get in touch with you. You see, facebook people, you have ruined my life, just as surely as if you'd given me a massive case of genital herpes. The comparison does not work completely: whereas genital herpes strikes only now and

again, my shame is constant and unrelenting. Perhaps I should explain. Like many others' facebook entries, my entry gives my actual name, and then gives my preferred name in parentheses. The facebook says that my full first name is Phillip, which it is; however, the facebook goes on to say that my preferred name is Phill, which is a bald-faced lie. Never in my life have I preferred to be called Phill, nor will I ever prefer to be called Phill.

I do prefer to be called Phil. A few people might think that complaining about that one little additional letter isn't worth the time it takes, but those people are idiots. Throwing in that one measly additional letter is analogous to throwing in that one measly additional chromosome: it explains the distinction between not-retarded and retarded.

Again, facebook people, I have no idea who you are, but I am going to assume that you either work for or go to the law school. Because of this close affiliation with the practices and customs of our great American legal tradition, you will probably expect me to provide some sort of evidence to back up my claims. While being so unwilling to trust people is an obnoxious personality trait, I will indulge you. To wit, I used google.com to study the differences between people named Phil and people named Phill. When I entered Phil into the search field, I found over a million references to upstanding individuals in the United States and worldwide. Among the

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struggling to understand a partner's explanation of his weather derivatives practice; after a red-eye, you are a goner.

I also recommend signing up for every frequent flyer program you can. Most firm's travel services will offer you a choice of airports and airlines, so don't feel shy about asking for your preferred airline. Trips to the East Coast, which are around 3000 miles one-way, can really get your account climbing. This is a great way to rack up the mileage for that post-bar trip.

In addition to difficulties imposed by travel, researching out of town firms can be tough as well. The Career Services Office just doesn't have as much information about them because they are focused on California. In addition, it may be difficult to locate alumni in the offices you are seeking. I recommend using the Internet and the firm's recruiting offices to answer your questions when you run into these sorts of problems.

Besides researching carefully, I recommend thinking very carefully about the reasons why I wanted to go to those places.² Trust me, you will be asked "So why do you want to come to [insert random city here]?" by almost every person you meet. This question will be second only to "So why do you want to come to [insert random firm name here]?" Chances are, if you are interviewing out of town it is for a good reason, like getting closer to family, practicing in the best geographic area for what you want to do, or hating the *\$@! 405, smog, the \$%#@ PCH, and oh yes, the traffic. If you don't know where you want to end up, you need to play that carefully.³ Firms spend a lot of money on you during your summer; they don't want to see it go out the window because you decide you really can't leave the Southern California

weather.

My one last piece of advice is - don't be afraid to send your resume to firms who are not interviewing on campus. If you're really interested, then it will be worth your time to explore a potential match. I ended up deciding between my summer employer and a firm in Chicago, are firm I had only sent my resume. If you give them a good impression of UCLA, they may be likely to start interviewing on-campus. It is a situation where everyone wins.

I hope my little article has given you some direction in your out-of-town pursuits. If you have specific questions about cities or firms, OCS will be able to point you in the right direction. So, in conclusion, bon voyage and happy job-hunting.

¹ Okay, before you read any further, I am NOT an expert on interviewing. I was just the lame-o on The Docket staff who agreed to write a couple articles on the whole process.

² I did this after I did some screening interviews in Chicago. When they asked me why I wanted to come to Chicago, I told them I was from Iowa, and I wanted to get closer to my family. They responded to this with blank stares (perhaps because they didn't know where Iowa was located). I reinforced my answer with "Chicago is a great city" and this seemed to satisfy them, since this is never a bad answer.

³ In no way am I telling you to be dishonest with your interviewers. That is definitely a bad habit to get into. Think about it—the people are lawyers, their job is to see through bullshit. I am only saying that you should have a list of reasons ready for that particular firm and location besides the "I need a job and it is a bad job market" answer.

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summers than spots, there is not much you can do differently, except work until 2 a.m. every night and/or sabotage your colleagues. I don't recommend you do either of these things, and I doubt they'll win you the job.

² You get either a better chance at the straight, or else a chance at the straight, a chance at the flush, and a chance at the straight flush (which, in this over-extended metaphor would mean an offer from each firm). If you're sitting there thinking that it's not a perfect metaphor because four to a flush is actually a better hand than an outside straight, then you're a big dork.

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say and do, because it could come back to haunt you. I should know. Or sometimes I don't know...but that's because I was under the influence and don't remember. But people sure do love to talk. Whatever you say or do will be held against you in the courtyard of law school.

I'm going to give you one of my more memorable Bar Review stories. The second or third Bar Review of last year was held at Q's. Q's is large for a bar with an upstairs, two balconies, pool tables, and let's not forget, Ms. Pac Man. The ratio of guys to girls is around 3 to 1, so it's a personal favorite.

Towards the beginning of the evening, I was standing around talking to five or six people in my section. This hot blonde girl walks up to our circle and stands in between two of the guys. She was hammered. I'm thinking, "Okay, any minute, she is going to make her move on one of the guys." She just stood there as we all kept talking, but not really looking at anyone. Suddenly she makes a beeline for me. Now I start thinking, "Oh, she wants to know if I am with either of the guys before she makes her move.

That's sweet." When I'm wrong, I say I'm wrong.

The girl comes in really close and says hello. She introduces herself, so I introduce myself. She leans into my ear to say something and as she is doing this, I notice the guys are snickering. What are they laughing at? They knew she was hitting on me before I did. She said, "I've been in this bar all night and you're the first girl I've seen that I would go down on". Jigga what???

I thanked the girl for her generous offer and told her I was flattered, but no thank you. You've got to love that a woman can get away with saying things a guy would be slapped in the face for. So then she asked if she could buy me a drink. I pointed out the full glass of wine in my hand. She seemed kind of embarrassed and quickly excused herself.

See, Bar Review can be fun. It might have been more fun if I'd taken the girl up on her offer. Do yourselves a favor and explore the wonders of Bar Review. If nothing else, you'll have something to talk about the next day, even if it's something as minor as a new pick-up line.

Advice to 1ls

Jared Gordon
Alumna, Class of 2003

1. I would never have attempted to outline anything (not that I ever actually fully outlined a class). And I would never brief a case. I might have taken Lawyering Skills a bit more seriously, and I would have given in to the evil that is their writing style. Lawyering Skills can make some people better writers, and some people worse writers. For the people in the latter category, suck it up, and write their way. If you want the grade, you have no choice, and you don't get anything out of doing it your way, except a crappy paper

with a bad grade. Also, I would have started writing for The Docket when I was a 1L. We all have our own ideas and opinions about things, and The Docket is probably the best place to express them. If more 1Ls wrote for The Docket, fewer 1Ls would have to listen to polemic rants about the injustice of some random case in their 1L sections. So write for The Docket! Do it for yourself, do it for your section, do it for America!

2. Without question, I think everyone who plans to practice law should take a clinical class. UCLAW has the best clinicals in the country,

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I continued enjoying my coffee. A few minutes later, the man returned. He came up to my table, almost bowing, and silently put a piece of paper on it, smoothing it out with his hands. He gestured that it was for me. I thanked him and looked down at the slightly grubby piece of paper. It was a \$2 Coffee Bean gift certificate. And just at that moment, the world was perfect and kind.

I kept the gift certificate, of course, and this summer every time I seriously thought my life was awful because I had to study for the bar, I took it out of my wallet to regain perspective. The moral of the story is this: no matter if you're a 1L and you feel like you're drowning in it all and you won't make it, or a 2L who has more work than you thought imaginable, or a 3L who just can't wait to get the hell out of Dodge, please remember how good you have it and don't be afraid to show a little kindness.

[Feel free to email me with comments or feedback: supergerli2003@yahoo.com]

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not the number of suits, dresses or matching tops and skirts.

Every woman's wardrobe needs at least one good wool tailored suit. The lines should be classic to allow for its use for five to seven years without falling victim to the vagaries of fashion. A minor alteration that can update a simple suit is the replacement of the buttons. This is considerably more reasonable than purchasing a cheaply made dressmaker suit of the latest fashion and color only to replace it by the next season.

High heels are inappropriate. Pumps in a dark shade furnish a base for the soundness of the suit and the shoes ought to be sturdy to last. A simple, non-sheer tailored blouse with a turnover collar is always appropriate.

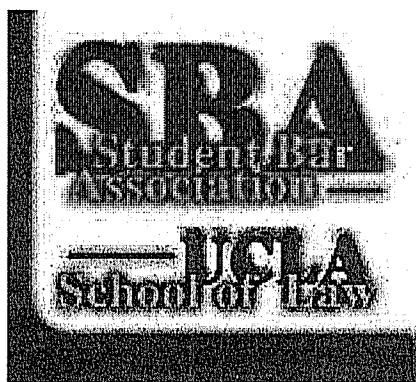
Grooming: A well-groomed woman looks neat, clean, fresh, and well-pressed. This may require a twice-daily shower, fresh underwear and stockings, manicured hands, and shined shoes.

Beauty care ought to become a regular routine, not just for social activities. Excess hair should be covered or removed, feet pedicured and kept soft, knees and elbows lotioned and eyebrows neatly kept, though not obviously plucked. Additionally, a good deodorant is preferable to waves of scent, no matter the expense of the perfume.

Hair must be brushed with a firm, clean brush morning and night. If hair is fine and hard to manage, it may need arranging many times a day to pre-

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provide beer; however we are not just about beer. We also run the SBA book and outline sales, bar review, Barrister's Ball, and the end-of-the-year party. We also staff various committees, which you will hear about shortly.

1L elections will be held soon and decisions on committee appointments will be decided too. We can't do it all ourselves. We need your help. Please volunteer.

Finally, considering the recent tuition increase, a few points about our law school you should know:

1) We are the nation's youngest

top-twenty law school. There are members of our first-ever graduating class still practicing law.

2) Last year UCLA had the highest bar passage rate of any school in the state, at 93%. This was up from 92% the year before. Most schools saw an alarming drop. We did not. We don't expect the results of July's bar exam to be any different.

3) The UCLA Law endowment is 5 times smaller than Boalt's. Michigan has nearly 7 times our endowment. This corresponds directly to our school's youth.

Particularly at times of budgetary crises, older top-twenty schools attempt to lure away UCLAW's top professors. To preserve the value and prestige of a UCLA law degree we need to do what we can to keep them here while at the same time attracting top students from around the nation and encouraging them to come here. Sometimes that involves increasing

tuition. It definitely will involve alumni giving - and all of us will shortly be alumni. It can also involve helping the admissions office give applicant tours, volunteering with the Outreach program, or simply keeping your gum off of the floor so that our building stays nice. Most importantly, and something we seem to be very good at, it includes making people feel welcome and a part of our community, having respect for others and for those with differing opinions. It involves friendship and civility and a sense of civic purpose. So volunteer! This will be an exciting and rewarding year here at UCLA School of Law.

Ed. note: Having served both as my section representative my first year and also as co-chair of the social committee, I'd have to say that outside of writing for The Docket, getting involved with the SBA is an excellent way to give back to the law school community, and also a way to wield extraordinary amounts of power.

If your success is not on your own terms, if it looks good to the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all.

Anna Quindlen

serve the required neat look. The style should be one that stays looking neat and attractive longest, as hair should never be combed in public.

Lipstick should follow the natural contours of the lips and mascara lightly applied only to the upper lashes. For light eyebrows, a pencil rubbed along the reverse of the hair growth is appropriate but brows should not be drawn. Eye shadow, if too dark, may make you appear tired rather than enhancing your looks. Consider going without and relying only upon a bit of mascara and powder.

Unwanted hair should be carefully removed or bleached, if fine and downy. Unattractive hairlines or too heavy eyebrows can be permanently corrected through electrolysis. Always use a professional to avoid the risk of infection or scarring. Electrolysis may also be used for legs and thighs; however, this can be quite expensive and take a great deal of time. Never tweeze the hair, especially about the nose and mouth, as tweezing may make permanent removal impossible through injuring the roots.

And so, gentle readers, it is my fervent hope that the above recommendations and suggestions will guide you through not only the upcoming interviews but serve you well through your years to come as successful barristers.

All comments are welcome at docket@orgs.law.ucla.edu.

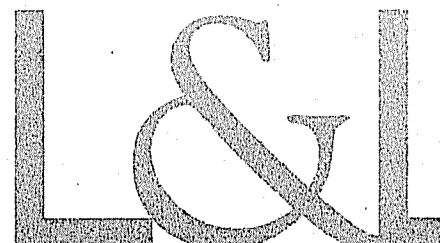
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change, fast. And I will not panic (yet). [Author's note: I did have a major attitude change on Property, as well as Contracts, my nemesis (see below), which was a good thing because the Performance Test on day 3 was a combined Property/Contracts task.]

Speaking of panic, I had my first panic attack last Wednesday, which in fact was the second day of class. I didn't need to have one, but I thought I'd just do a practice one. If you don't use it, you lose it.

Lastly, I would like to point out the cruelty of it all: from the first day of bar review to the last day of the bar exam is nine and a half weeks. And the shorthand for how long the exam lasts is 666 (for three days, each one 6 hours of testing).

June 15, 2003

My friend Anne and I carpool to bar review together, and we have the beginning of a parking song. It's sung to the tune of "Come On Eileen", but because the small parking lot that we hope to find a space in is located on a street called Irene, well, I think you know where this is going. Neither one of us appears to be in the least bit musically inclined, so thus far we start singing, Come on Irene, and then the rest is just da-da-da-da. It's possible that Anne might be able to come up with parking lyrics (I certainly won't), but mornings are not our most creative time.

Recently we did some practice Performance Tests. You wanna talk performance anxiety! The prof. who teaches the workshop is either German

or Swedish, and is unfailingly positive. He stands up there and shouts, "Look at this person, they got the law wrong in the first sentence! They're wrong but they're FABULOUS!!!! PASS!!!! They didn't write any facts in this section. PASS!!!!"

He also told us that he got an email after one bar exam where the person asked him if he thought it would matter that she had accidentally written a closing argument for the other side. Not a good thing, by the way. When something is not a good thing to do, he shouts "Good idea? Good idea? They're looking for loiyers!!" Moral of the story: it's ok to get the law wrong, but don't advocate for the other side! So when I'm feelin' blue, I just yell to myself, they got the law wrong, PASS!!!! [Author's note: this actually saved me from freaking out on the first morning of the test, when my computer crashed as I hit the "begin" button on ExamSoft, and had to handwrite that whole first session.]

We also had to do a practice performance test at home, on the afternoon of the first workshop session. It was a Contracts problem, and you may remember that contracts is my nemesis, ever since first year [author's note: I got a C- in Contracts, which was the first grade I ever got in law school]. It was the most painful thing in the world, and if I ever have to look at another UCC provision after this exam,

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many esteemed Phils out there were doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, bank presidents, tenured professors, and other pillars of their respective communities. On the other hand, when I entered Phill into the search field, the results I got showed a community of hemp salesmen, graphic designers, saxophonists, and other weird flakes and ne'er-do-wells. Moreover, after I entered Phill, google.com went out of its way to ask me — in bright red text, no less — if I meant to search for Phil. Clearly, the computer knows what's up.

In closing, I would like to make sure that the good people of the facebook production staff know that I forgive them for the damage their slipshod editing has done to my

reputation, academic performance, and self-esteem. At the same time, facebook people, surely you see that it is incumbent upon you to do what you can to prevent this travesty from having even further-reaching implications: please fix my name before you issue the 2003-2004 facebook. Also, as long as we're talking about the upcoming facebook, please try to have it ready before December this time.

Thanks,
Phil

Ed note: At least it is only your name that is horrendous. Imagine having the entire law school agree that they have never seen a worse photo than the one of you. Imagine having to be Editor-in-Chief solely to be certain that your facebook photo never makes the front page of The Docket.

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nities, academic support, alumni mentoring, and community service opportunities. We have social lunches, margarita nights, outline exchanges, canned immunity, etc. PDP is about having fun, making connections, and having an interesting activity on our resume. PDP can take as much or as little time as you wish. Participation in the planning of activities is immediate for 1Ls, if interested. For info, email Danielle at katzir@2004.law.ucla.edu.
Disability Law Society

DLS is dedicated to promoting the civil rights of people with disabilities. DLS provides a forum for discussing pressing issues, works with the Admissions Committee to increase diversity at UCLAW, and offers support for students with and without disabilities. DLS activities include: (1) *Organizing speaker events.* Past speakers and panels have addressed a variety of issues, including the American with Disabilities Act and Juvenile Mental Health Court. (2) *Reviewing applications from prospective students with disabilities.* DLS reads applications from students

who identify themselves as having a disability. (3) *Providing advice and support.* DLS offers informal support to new admits and to new and returning students, including advice on obtaining the assistance and/or technology they need to succeed in law school. DLS strives to raise awareness of the issues faced every day by people with physical, mental and learning disabilities. For information, e-mail Vivian Haun at haun@2004.law.ucla.edu.
Women's Law Union

The WLU was established as a forum for coordinating and promoting programs and projects in which issues pertinent to current and future women lawyers are the focus. WLU has opportunities for any and all interested law students! Whether you simply want to attend our programs, be a general member, or gain invaluable social and networking experience as a program coordinator, WLU has a spot for you! WLU coordinates an ongoing series of dinner salons that bring together lawyers, judges, businesswomen and law students to discuss

issues pertinent to women in the law. WLU's other activities include brown-bag lunch programs on campus; an alumna/student mentoring program; pro bono opportunities; and bringing prominent women speakers to UCLAW. Find out more- look for signs advertising our first general meeting, or email wlu@orgs.law.ucla.edu, or check out our web site at www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/wlu. We look forward to meeting you soon!
Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay & Transgender Alliance

The goal of LBGTA is to introduce each student to the differences which make us unique. If we have done our job well, students will leave UCLAW with an appreciation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community - a community which encompasses potential clients as well as potential team members. Through a mixture of guest speakers, social outings, and inter-school activities, we aim to bring together students of all orientations to create a group which not only respects diversity, but learns

from it as well. Membership is open to any law student and requires only as much time as you are willing to give. For more information, contact lbgt@orgs.law.ucla.edu.
Near Eastern Legal Society

The Near Eastern Legal Society is an organization aiming to provide cultural and legal education of the Near East. N.E.L.S sponsors and organizes speakers, symposiums, study halls, workshops, and a food drive in order to educate and develop the student communities with an interest in the Near East. The estimated participation is 2 hours a month. Benefits include: academic support, mentorship, community service opportunities, a social network for students, cultural and legal education about the Near East. For more information, please contact Atisha@2004.law.ucla.edu.
Sunday Free Legal Clinic

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VARAT

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people [who are both]". Varat, he said, embraced this philosophy.

A partial list of faculty added during Varat's tenure includes Professors Bank, Stout, Banner, Korobkin, Giale, Fleisher, Maxmel, Dolovich, Rowe, and Rosteola.

Varat himself is looking forward to returning to the classroom – teaching is one thing he's missed a lot in the last five years. "It's virtually impossible to do both," he said, and knowing what he's talking about because he tried it for one semester.

While he called being dean "a fascinating job in terms of variety," it was also exhausting at times. Unlike many other university leaders who are titled "dean," UCLA Law School's dean is not just the administrative head of the school, but also the department chair (usually a separate job in other programs).

Among other legacies to the law school, Varat's tenure saw the institution of the Williams Project on Sexual Orientation Law, the Environmental Law Center, and the nation's first Criti-

cal Race Studies concentration, all of which he is very proud.

Although reluctant to comment, Professor William Rubinstein, when pressed about Varat's role in making the Williams Center a reality, agreed that Varat had done an extraordinary job.

"It's a tricky set of factors," Rubinstein said, having to raise substantial funds from outside the Law School, recruit faculty to sponsor and administer the program, and ensure that the finished institution satisfies the academic needs and concerns of those interested – especially with such contested issues.

"It's a credit to his deanship – we're now the leading school in the U.S. with a center on sexual orientation".

During the budget crises, Varat played a leading role on behalf of all the professional schools on campus, not just the law school. Dean Cheadle said he understood the arguments for preserving academic programs and resources among all the schools, which he often drafted into correspondence to the President of the University of California.

Varat also worked to systematize and institutionalize the law school's fiscal affairs, creating an infrastructure that ensures the survival of the projects, and to which he credited the law school's ability to weather the budget crises.

Varat, 58, was born in Hartford, Conn., and completed his undergraduate studies and his J.D. both at the University of Pennsylvania. He clerked for Judge Walter Mansfield of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and for Supreme Court Justice Byron White. Prior to joining the law school faculty in 1976, he also practiced litigation for two years with O'Melveny & Myers. He was appointed dean in 1998, when the incumbent, now-retired Professor Susan Prager, left for a position as a provost at Dartmouth.

According to the Daily Journal, some faculty members acknowledged that Prager, who held the deanship for fifteen years and was immensely popular, was a hard act to follow.

In the coming years, Sklansky said, students will mostly feel the effects of

Varat's deanship in their classes, taught by the faculty he helped recruit.

But students like me, who were here last year, also remember that the Dean was a good sport. Anybody who attended last year's Public Interest charity auction is not likely to forget Varat, egged on by student pledges and backed up by Cheap Jane Professor Jody Freeman, stripping to the waist to the accompaniment of cheers from the audience and the band in the background. It was, after all, for a good cause.

"Character and commitment and integrity, are important to me," he said in his interview, confident that he is leaving the law school a better place, which will continue to get better.

"We had a momentum going, and I'm glad to see that it's not been lost".

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I don't know what to do and I'm always in the dark

We're living in a powder keg and giving off sparks

I really need you tonight

Forever's gonna start tonight

Forever's gonna start tonight

Unbeknownst to me, a different neighbor had called the cops and, due to the "convenient" location of the local police station (next door), they were over to the apartment rather quickly. They yelled to her from the end of a long corridor and told her to stop playing. She just sang louder and strummed harder. They told her that if she didn't stop, they would have to take her into custody for disturbing the peace. She kept playing. I respected this girl. To feel that way about another person was foreign to me. I don't think I would ever serenade someone outside of their place and defy orders from police officers. She was clearly special and I found myself falling for this girl.

Once upon a time I was falling in love.

Now I'm only falling apart

There's nothing I can do

A total eclipse of the heart

Once upon a time there was light in my life

But now there's only love in the dark

Nothing I can say

A total eclipse of the heart...

The cops took the guitar out of her hands, restrained her and walked her down the hall. She was still singing the fucking song. It was incredible. She sang it with conviction as though she meant every word. I opened my door and screamed down the hall, "I'll

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the interchange of the 10 and the 405, but very much worth the drive. As with most food in the New Chinatown area of Monterey Park/San Gabriel/environs, the prices are very low.

Cuban: *Versailles*, 10319 Venice Blvd. (near Motor), Palms, (310) 558-3168, open daily until 10 pm. Versailles, it turns out, is the name of a town in Cuba, not just a palace in France. Cheap, tasty, quick (but not fast) food. Check out especially the garlic roast chicken and garlic roast pork.

Dim Sum: There are no great dim sum restaurants on the Westside, so one still has to go to the old Chinatown in Downtown or the new one in Monterey Park. Try *Empress Pavilion*, 988 N. Hill St., (213) 617-9898, in Chinatown (open until 10 pm), or *Ocean Star*, 145 N. Atlantic Bl., (626) 308-2128, in Monterey Park (only about 10 minutes further than downtown). The time to go on a weekend is 10:30 am – any later, and you can get lines that are 30 minutes to an hour long. For Ocean Star, take the 10 east to Atlantic, Atlantic south a few blocks; after dim sum, stop by *Shun Fat*, a Chinese supermarket that's just a block north.

Italian: *Cafe Angelino*, 8735 W. 3rd St., in Beverly Hills a few buildings east of Robertson, (310) 246-1177, open daily until 10 pm. Tasty and inexpensive California Italian food. I particularly recommend the Antipasti Assortiti (a plate of roasted and

marinated vegetables), the roast chicken with potatoes (I believe a leg and thigh with potatoes is still only about \$4), and the spinach and ricotta ravioli with alfredo sauce (on the menu it's with tomato sauce, but it's best with the alfredo).

Indonesian: *Indo Café*, in a little strip mall at 10428 National Bl. (between Motor and Overland), (310) 815-1290, open Tue-Thu until 9:30 pm, Fri-Sun until 10 pm, closed Mon. As you might guess, Indonesian food is akin to Thai and other southeast Asian cuisines, but a bit different. Indo Cafe is a good specimen of it – interesting, tasty, and cheap.

Japanese (Noodles): *Yashima*, 11301 Olympic Bl., on the corner of Olympic and Sawtelle, just a titch west of the 405, (310) 473-5297, open daily until 10 pm. No sushi, but excellent noodles, rice dishes, and tempura.

Mexican: *La Serenata*, 10924 W. Pico Bl., (310) 441-9667, a couple of blocks west of Westwood Bl., about ten minutes from campus, open until 10 pm during the week and 10:30 pm on the weekend. A bit more expensive than most Mexican holes-in-the-wall, but worth it. Make reservations.

Middle Eastern dive: *Falafel King*, 1059 Broxton Ave., a block west of Westwood and a few blocks north of Wilshire, (310) 208-4444, open daily until midnight and Fridays and Saturdays until 1 am. Very cheap and very good, even if you (like me) aren't wild about middle Eastern food. I go

for the various salads, mostly with eggplant, zucchini, and the like, and for the best potato chips (batter-fried!) I've ever had; but the meat is very good, too.

Middle Eastern dive: *Sunnin*, 1779 Westwood Blvd., a block north of Westwood, (310) 477-2358, open Monday-Saturday until 9:30 pm, Sundays until 9. Also very good; I like Falafel King a bit better, but other friends of mine disagree. Note: No liquor license, and they don't let you bring your own. Drat.

Middle Eastern: *Gaby's Mediterranean*, 10445 Venice Blvd., (310) 559-1808, open Sunday-Thursday until 11, Fridays and Saturday until midnight. A bit less downscale than Falafel King and Sunnin, but still inexpensive and good.

Sushi: *Hide Sushi*, 2040 Sawtelle (a few blocks north of Olympic and West of the 405), (310) 477-7242, until 9 pm weekdays, 8 pm Sun, closed Mon. Cheap, tasty, and usually crowded, unless you get there early.

Thai: *Sanamluang*, 5176 Hollywood Bl., a few blocks east of Western (and the 101) in Hollywood, (323) 660-8006, open until 4 am. Much better and much cheaper than most Thai places in West L.A., and I imagine more authentic, too. Try especially the roasted duck noodle soup, the Indian curry soup, and the Pad See Ew; but it's all great.

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I'll be ready to die. I had no clue what they wanted, although I sort of had a sense of what the issues were. So I made it up, just like they told us, and just repeated the facts *ad nauseum*. Wouldn't you know it, I got almost all of it. So bullshitting is back with a vengeance!

We just whipped through Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (2 semesters' worth of material) in two, three-hour lectures. In the course of my studies, I came across a fun common law crime. I discovered that the oral stimulation of the sexual organs of another, blowjobs for the lay people (bad pun intended), is a crime against nature. I can hear the paddy wagon now... I think what cracks me up the most about that is the conversation with the judge. As you may know, ignorance of the law is not a defense, but reasonable mistake of fact can be. "Well, your Honor, I really didn't know what that was! It was just there and it looked yummy, so putting it in my mouth seemed the only logical thing to do." Crime sprees come to mind... You can fill in the rest.

Prof. Whitebread (his real name), from USC, was our Crim. lecturer. He's a lively Southern gentleman who wears a bowtie, who could just as easily have been a preacher man. Here are some of the highlights.

He was reading out loud a question about two teenagers who think it's a good idea to play Russian Roulette. Whitebread's comment was that if you think that a gun with only one bullet in the chamber is NOT a deadly weapon,

you're going to have trouble with the bar exam. You're probably going to have trouble in life. And you will never own your own home.

Every time he repeated something, he prefaced it with, "Review now, Californians." And in fact, he addressed us as "Californians" the entire time.

He pointed out that "wired" does NOT mean an extra cup of coffee, but would you speak a little more clearly into the bowtie, please.

He also shared some stories, like the time his mother sent him a newspaper clipping about the death of Mr. Miranda (the bad man whose case resulted in *Miranda* warnings), and wrote on it "Isn't it a shame, after all he did for all of us." He also told us stories from his brief stint as a criminal defense lawyer. One of his clients saw a couple of officers walk up his driveway and he went out to meet them, saying, "You must be here about that Buick I stole." Turns out they were collecting funds for a charity. Or the time one of his clients had a rather impressive amount of pot stacked up in his living room, and a fugitive with police in hot pursuit (which means they can bust in without a warrant) ran into the open front door and out the back, closely followed by several officers. Needless to say the officers, upon seeing the large amount of illegal drugs, skidded to a halt and arrested Whitebread's client, seizing all the pot. The other guy got away.

And last but not least, my personal favorite. According to Prof.

Whitebread, jurors are exactly like prunes: it takes a certain number of them to work.

July 4, 2003

Last Friday we had a practice Multistate Bar Exam (200 multiple choice questions). I felt like my head was swimming for about half of it, and forgot EVERYTHING. At one point I asked myself if murder requires that someone dies. I kid you not.

Bar study continues, but since my very first panic attack, I'm quite calm. I feel like I should be a little more anxious, especially because I can't remember anything that I learn. Although I am happy to tell you that I reviewed Criminal Law and Procedure yesterday, and I could remember a lot of it. Only 12 more subjects, and I'm golden!

Here are some good picks from the past few lectures. As Prof. Whitebread would say, "Now, Californians, circle this in your outline, or write it in your secret notes!"

Contracts

We had a lecturer from Texas, and he did indeed use the expression "There's no there, there." Still working it out.

He also told us the rational-ee underlying some of the rules of law, irregardless of whether they made logical sense. But the important thing was for us to learn the legal vocabulary, and learn the difference between unilateral and bah-lateral contracts. Just know that if you done

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wait for you" and then she was gone. Just like that.

I went down to the station and found out that she was staying overnight in a cell and that she would likely be released the next morning at 9. I returned home, went on the internet, downloaded the music for Van Morrison's "Crazy Love" - one of my favorites. I learned the song and went back to the station the next morning. I stood in the parking lot outside the holding cells a little before her release time and busted out a rendition of "Crazy Love" for her. When she got out, we grabbed some coffee. One thing led to another and we have been together for almost two months now. Things are going well and we have even started investing in music together. Bonnie Tyler and Van Morrison figure prominently in our joint collection. I know that it is a big step, but it feels right. I guess you can't predict when you are going to fall for someone. But, when you find yourself moved by the actions of another, you have to pursue and follow through. *Pursue and follow through* - I like that. It is simple and elegant. In retrospect, I felt emotions that day that had never before surfaced. It is tough to adequately describe the way I felt, but I think I can do it in five words: total eclipse of the heart.

Complaints
Please write
legibly

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to help clients solve their own problems by helping them write a letter, explaining the small claims court, or by referring them to government agencies where they can get help. The clinic runs every other Sunday (except holiday weekends) from 10 am - 1 pm. Law students interview clients, gain an understanding of the legal problem with a supervising attorney and decide on what advice or referral to give. The law students then return and relay the advice or referral to the client. Don't worry: for the first interview or two, we'll pair you up with an experienced interviewer. We hope our volunteers will come at least once every semester, but you're welcome to come as often as you'd like. Our next clinic is August 24, 2003. For more information, contact Professor Asimow at Asimow@law.ucla.edu

Moot Court

One of the largest and most popular organizations on campus. A great opportunity to gain amazing

courtroom experience and helpful feedback from top notch judges and attorneys. The time commitment is minimal (you NEVER have to DO ANYTHING around FINALS), but the potential for improving your growth as an attorney is unmatched. Plus, this is one of the only opportunities to WIN MONEY, build up your RESUME, and gain extensive exposure to HIRING FIRMS all at the same time. Come to the Moot Court meetings and events during the first 2 weeks of school to learn more.

Christian Legal Society

There are Christians at UCLA... who love Jesus! Check out CLS to meet some of them. We're here to help each other's faith grow while we tackle law school. Our social events take place monthly, our meetings bi-weekly. Info: email uclacls@yahoo.com.

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

The SALDF, an affiliate of the national Animal Legal Defense Fund, is committed to protecting the lives and

advancing the interests of animals through education and the law. If you have a pet, or care about animals on any level, please come meet at any informational to see how you can help. We sponsor a lecture series, analyze proposed bills in the California legislature, and even provide you with a list of vegetarian and vegan restaurants. Our common goal is to ensure all animals fair treatment under the law. www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/saldf. The UCLA Veterans Society

The UCLA Veterans Society is a nearly new org. dedicated to serving the needs of veterans at UCLA. We welcome any student veteran/reservist/active-duty member of any branch of the US military, as well as any student interested in serving in the US armed forces. We intend to have frequent social activities, as well as arrange speakers on issues of interest to the law school. We will also actively provide support to our members to aid in their transition into the law school

environment. We extend a warm welcome to all the new veterans beginning their first year, and encourage you to contact us at your earliest opportunity. Visit www.law.ucla.edu/~veterans/default.htm.

El Centro Legal

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Federalist Society

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is an organization of students and lawyers interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that: the state exists to preserve freedom, the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution; and that the province and duty of the Judiciary is to say what the law is, not what it should be.

Black Law Students Association

BLSA is a component of a nationally incorporated organization. The recruitment and admission of

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If the Thai dessert place, *Kamonthai Ramsong*, 5185 Hollywood Bl., (323) 667-2055, across Hollywood is open — it closes at 10 — go there and try the little corn-and-coconut pancakes, about the size of an old Eisenhower dollar, but thicker. They're very good, and virtually never seen at Thai restaurants.

Vietnamese: *Pho Bac Huynh*, 11819 Wilshire Bl. 106B, (310) 477-9379, 1 block west of Barrington and several blocks west of the 405; open daily 11 am to 10 pm. This is an offshoot of another restaurant with the same name in Little Saigon, so it's really quite authentic, cheap, and very tasty; it has both the big bowls of *pho* itself (usually beef and noodle soup, a Vietnamese classic), and a wide variety of other dishes. I've long been upset that there isn't much Vietnamese on the Westside, and I'm delighted that I can finally satisfy my craving. **Eating Much Less Expensively Than You'd Think** (about \$20-\$30 a head, but for fabulous food)

French: *Soleil*, 1386 Westwood, 310-441-5384, open Mon-Sat until 10 pm, closed Sun. Very good food and a great deal at those prices.

More French: *Cafe Bizou*, 14016 Ventura Bl. (east of Hazeltine), Sherman Oaks, (818) 788-3536, about fifteen minutes from Westwood north on the 405 and the east on the 101. The last reservation during the week is 9 pm, Fri-Sat 9:30 pm. Deservedly popular; make reservations a few days in advance.

Still More French: *Le Petit Bistro*, 631 N. La Cienega Bl. (a bit north of Melrose), West Hollywood, (310) 289-9797, open daily until 11 pm and Fri-Sat until midnight or so. Excellent food, fun and bustling atmosphere. Whatever meat dish you order — and there are lots of great ones, from the lamb chops to the veal short ribs to the duck — make sure you have some of the french fries (*pommes frites*). Half a block south of the *real* Melrose Place, a little one-block street occupied largely by very ritzy furniture galleries, with no apartment houses filled with sex-crazed young adults to be seen.

Southwestern: *Authentic Cafe*, 7605 Beverly Blvd., between Fairfax & La Brea, about 20 minutes east of UCLA, (323) 939-4626, open Sun-Thu until 10 pm, Fri-Sat until 11 pm. Great food, and a pleasant, busy ambiance.

Bakeries

Good cakes are the key to a fulfilling, meaningful existence, just as supermarket pastries are a sure ticket to Hell. They liven up big parties, are a must for dinners, and let you have cute little sit-down teas for eight to twelve of your friends, where you just have tea or coffee with two or three desserts — no cooking, little expense, and you can feel like you're entertaining. Be sure to invite me. My mother discovered the

first two bakeries listed below within about a year of our family's arrival here from Russia, and we've been living off them ever since.

Central European: *B & L Gourmet Pastries*, 8556 W. 3rd St. in West Hollywood (between Robertson and La Cienega, a block or so from the Beverly Center), (310) 271-8333. Closes at 6 pm weekdays, 5 pm Saturdays, closed Sundays. Fabulous pastries, great prices — you can get wonderful cakes ranging from \$7 to \$15 or so.

Try the Chocolate Truffle Cake, the Vienna Cheesecake, the Vienna Apricot Cake, the Nusse Torte (hazelnut mousse), the almond cookies, and anything else. The fresh plum tart is amazing, but it's only available from mid-August to mid-October (if for that long). If you need bread for canapes, buy a sliced French baguette; French bread usually bores me, but this one is excellent.

Oh, and the owners' daughter-in-law is a UCLA Law School graduate, and was in one of my classes. Small world; this was many years after I'd started shopping there.

French: *Michel Richard*, 310 S. Robertson Blvd. in West Hollywood (between 3rd St. and Burton Way), (310) 275-5707, open Mon-Sat until 10 pm, Sun until 4 pm. Besides Central European, the other great dessert cuisine is French, and Michel Richard is a wonderful specimen. It's more expensive than B & L, though no more expensive than most good French bakeries. The best things here are the coffee eclairs, but everything else is good, too. Try the chocolate eclairs, the mado, and the tarts.

Russian: *Gastronom*, 7859 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood, on the northeast corner of Santa Monica and Fairfax, (323) 654-9456, 9 am to 9 pm daily. Russian cuisine is not one of the world's finest, but it has its high points. To begin with, my mother did write an excellent Russian cookbook called *The Art of Russian Cuisine* (MacMillan), which you must go buy right now. And on top of that, the *Gastronom* Russian Deli has an excellent cake called a *Smetannik* — a sort of honey cake with a tasty icing that my American-born friends rave about. Try also the *Napoleon*, a custard layer cake that's in my view much better than the small French pastry of that name.

Food Stores

East Asian Supermarket: See *Shun Fat*, mentioned above under "Dim Sum"; the supermarket in the San Gabriel Square shopping mall, mentioned below under "Fun Food etc. Shopping"; and *99 Market*, mentioned

above under "Vietnamese." If you don't want to go to Monterey Park or the Valley, try *Bangkok Supermarket*, 4757 Melrose Ave., 2 blocks east of Western, in Hollywood, (323) 662-9705, open 9 am to 9 pm.

Good Cheap Yuppie Food: *Trader Joe's*, which you must have heard about. It has many locations, but the one closest to UCLA is at 10850 National, on the corner of National and Westwood, just south of the 10. Anything TJ's has is probably cheaper than at the supermarkets, as well as generally more interesting and often tastier. Especially good for cheeses and similar snacks, beer, and wine. (310) 470-1917, open 9 am to 9 pm.

Russian Market: See *Gastronom*, mentioned above under "Bakeries — Russian." If you like pickled herring, the Latvian pickled herring is fabulous.

Wine: *The Wine House*, 2311 Cotner (between Olympic & Pico, immediately to the east of the 405), (310) 479-3731. Not as cheap as *Trader Joe's*, but not very expensive, a vast selection, and reliable advice. Open Mon-Thu 10-7, Fri 10-9, Sat 10-7, Sun 11-6.

Between Meals**Bookstores, specialty:**

Cooking: *Cook's Library*, 8373 W. 3rd St., a couple blocks west of La Cienega in West Hollywood, (323) 655-3141. Mon 1-5, Tue-Sat 11-6, closed Sun.

Movies: *Samuel French*, 7623 Sunset Bl., a couple blocks east of Fairfax in West Hollywood, (323) 876-0570. Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, closed Sun.

Cleaners: *Hollyway Cleaners* on 8359

Santa Monica Bl., a few blocks east of La Cienega in West Hollywood, is a good cleaner that keeps amazingly good hours: It's open every day, Mon-Fri until midnight, Sat-Sun until 9 pm.

Fun Food etc. Shopping: The San Gabriel Square shopping mall, a giant East Asian complex with restaurants, a great supermarket, a Japanese-accented department store, and lots more. Valley Bl. & Del Mar in San Gabriel, a few blocks north of the 10 Freeway (Del Mar exit), about 15 minutes east of Downtown.

Target Shooting (Pistols and Rifles): *LAX Firing Range*, 927 W. Manchester, a few blocks west of the 405 on Manchester, about 20 minutes from campus. An indoor range, mostly for pistols though you can also shoot rifles. You can rent a gun for \$5 and buy ammunition at competitive rates (some ranges charge big markups on ammunition, but this one doesn't). Between range fees, gun rentals, and ammunition, about \$20 a person. (310) 568-1515, weekdays 12-10, Sat 11-10, Sun 12-6.

Target Shooting (Trap and Skeet): *Triple B*, 831 N. Rosemead Bl. (immediately off the 60 Freeway), South El Monte, (626) 579-5201. Tue-Thu 10-9, Fri 11-5, Sat-Sun 8-5. An outdoor range for shooting at moving clay targets with shotguns. Between range fees and ammunition, \$13 per round of 25 targets. If you need to rent a shotgun, you can do so for \$10 per day.

Please e-mail me with any feedback you may have, and especially with good restaurant tips of your own; I'm at volokh@law.ucla.edu

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sold your 1973 Cadillac to X, you can't then sell it to Sharon Stone, even though you might have done told her that you would. I think that just makes good sense, don't you?

When we got to page 5 (out of 79) of the lecture handout, he said the people who are good at math can figure out how far we got, and "hell, if you're not good at math, we're about half way done!"

Community Property

Our CP lecturer was a dignified older gentleman, who was quite nice and pleasant to listen to. But my favorite was when he said, in reference to a wrinkle in a rule that we all had to learn in law school, that we needn't ask him about it during the break. Specifically, his answer to the inevitable question, "But professor, what about the different rule between 1984 and 1987?" was "Listen up, you suckbutt, you don't need to know that for the bar". I about fell off my chair laughing. I was really hoping he'd use the word again during the lecture, but sadly it was a one time thing.

Trusts

The Wills & Trusts lectures were painfully boring. You'd think that with the topic of what to do with your money when you kick it, we were bound to have colorful hypos of gruesome or absurd deaths, or at least juicy tales of families tearing each other's hair out to get to grandmaw's brooch, or something. Sadly, they were the driest couple of lectures ever. There were, however, a couple of little tidbits worth retelling.

There is a Latin phrase meaning that no one is the heir of the living (in other words, you don't have heirs until you actually die). I don't know what the phrase is, mercifully at UCLA they are practical enough not to teach us a lot of silly Latin phrases that no one uses anymore. However, in some schools they do teach the phrase. Once, our lecturer was grading an exam and the student used a Latin

phrase, which from the context, was supposed to mean that no one is the heir of the living. Not only was the phrase incorrectly cited, but apparently, after much effort, the professor was able to approximate its meaning to "I'll be a dirty bird." Some people know way too much Latin.

We also learned that research into whether or not souls exist is a legitimate charitable purpose. However, the NY Institute for Psychic Research, after blowing a trust in the amount of \$250,000, could not find any evidence of the existence of the soul. They did find that for some, death is a release. Duh. He told us not to bother memorizing the list of recognized charitable purpuri (purposes).

Professional Responsibility

Don't steal from your client, don't rape your client, don't kill your client. Yep. They actually tell us that.

Mnemonic devise for PR duties: Clients Like Feisty Counsel; Courts Feel Differently. Another way to remember this is, Clinton and Lewinsky Fondle Covertly; Congress Feigns Disgust. I have to admit, I remember the latter much more easily.

Lawyers have a duty of loyalty to their clients (the L from Lewinsky). Think of a loyal lawyer being a lot like a dog. Those of us who have cats will just have to learn the rule.

Also, it seems that California overall lets lawyers do pretty much whatever they heck they want (except steal from, rape, and kill the clients) as long as it's in writing. The American Bar Association says that attorney fees should be "reasonable" under the totality of the circumstances. California says fees simply should not be "unconscionably high".

Oh, and one more thing! No chicanery (my favorite word ever!), which means trickery, especially by lawyers and politicians. ;o)

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blacks into the law school are two of the foremost concerns of BLSA. BLSA is interested in the admission of persons who demonstrate an active desire to contribute to the Black Community. Each year, BLSA works to create a supportive environment for our members, to encourage academic success, and to serve as an intermediary to the Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association

APILSA was formed in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement and in response to the need for greater Asian and Pacific Islander representation in the legal profession. APILSA has grown to be the largest and one of the most active student-run organizations in the law school. APILSA fosters the importance of the study of law and the responsibility of Asian Pacific Islanders to pursue its practice in order to address the legal and political needs of Asian Pacific Islander Communities. Members enjoy many benefits, including: academic support, meaningful opportunities to serve the API community at school and beyond, social interaction, and moral support. Interested students should e-mail Jenny Ahn at ahnje@2004.law.ucla.edu. Our committees include academics, alumni, admissions, community outreach, faculty diversity, social/programming, and fundraising.

JOURNALS**Pacific Basin Law Journal**

PBLJ, published twice per year, focuses on the legal implications of developments in trade, investment, and intergovernmental relations among countries bordering the Pacific Ocean. Our latest volume included articles concerning Japan, Taiwan, Korea, and China. Participation in the PBLJ is excellent preparation for writing on to Law Review or simply to hone editing and writing skills. We are a small group with plenty of opportunity for responsibility and advancement, have

regular social activities, and offer great opportunities to meet other students outside of your section. We may also be able to arrange summer internships for interested members at a prestigious domestic Chinese law firm in Beijing. No special knowledge is required, but foreign language skills are very useful. The amount of time required to participate varies, but should be no more than a few hours per week. For more information e-mail us at pblj@orgs.law.ucla.edu.

Journal of Law & Technology (JOLT)

Like all journals at UCLA, JOLT is run by students. Students solicit articles, select which articles to publish, edit the articles, work with the authors, and publish the final product on the Internet. Each of these stages of the publication process requires the involvement of UCLA students. Students need not have a technical background in order to contribute to JOLT. Many students join in order to learn about technology as well as basic legal research skills, which come in handy for the Law Review Competition in the spring. Articles we publish include traditional scholarly articles, student notes, practical advice, "heads-ups" from attorneys riding the cutting edge, and links to other sites on the World Wide Web that are tackling similar issues. In fact all students who join JOLT get a chance to have a short note published on the site in the spring (looks great on resumes). JOLT knows how busy the first year is, and times assignments to keep from interfering with class work. JOLT is also generally active in the UCLA community. This year we will be running our first symposium on law and technology issues. We also run a large job fair in the spring to help find jobs for students interested in working in law and technology. For more information go to: www.lawtechjournal.com

Asian Pacific American Law Journal

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so take advantage of them. The clinicals are a great antidote to 3L burnout. I strongly recommend the trial advocacy clinicals for anyone who wants to be a litigator. My experience with real clients in the year-long Trial Ad clinical reaffirmed for me why I wanted to be an attorney. Clinicals help you remember that laws and cases are just tools, and your job is ultimately about helping your client. *Ed Note: Jared complained that he lacked time for school with a real client; however, I found "faux" clients more exhausting and frustrating.*

LETTER

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attended lower ranked schools; people I considered the filthy proletariat of legal education. Any interaction I had with them was followed with a contemptuous sigh and gratuitous use of the word "peasant." On the other hand, anyone who attended Yale or Harvard was like a solar eclipse to me. I carried a mirror in my pocket so that my eyes would not gaze directly upon them.

The whole thing about being on time was completely foreign to me. Normally when something is due at a

certain time, I always assume that the deadline is flexible and thus take the liberty of turning it in several years later.

Finally, I have taken the liberty of extracting several principles from the article that I feel Guru J.D. would probably agree with. I will no longer use the partner's desk as my own personal urinal. I will no longer make lewd gestures toward the significant others of employees at the firm when I am drunk out of my tits at the summer functions. I will no longer press my

bare ass cheeks against the window of the office while yelling "who wants to see Smiley."

Thank you for your wisdom Guru. Without your guidance many summer associates may have found themselves in that UNTHINKABLE, HORRIBLE place of not having a job lined up for after graduation. J.D. Henderson, you truly are a beacon of light in this cruel, dark world.

Ed. Note: Gazillions of dollars are spent on "how to" books that are really just common sense..

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CLINIC

The Homelessness Prevention Clinic ("HPC") organizes UCLAW students to volunteer at various homeless shelters throughout Los Angeles and Santa Monica. Volunteers, under the supervision of the Public Counsel Law Center, help clients with such wide-ranging issues as dealing with outstanding warrants, receiving government benefits, and handling probation and parole issues.

HPC gives students the opportunity not only to volunteer in their community but also gain exposure to the practical problems of homelessness and the legal questions associated with it. Not only will volunteers provide valuable legal advice to clients, but they will also gain invaluable experience with aspects of the law often overlooked in an academic environment.

HALSA

The HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance ("HALSA") is a non-profit organization providing high-quality legal services to individuals living with HIV and AIDS in the greater Los Angeles area. The clinic offers legal assistance in areas such as public benefits, immigration, civil rights, employment law, tax law, healthcare, insurance, housing, and finances.

Volunteers meet directly with clients seeking legal help. We will train you on the interviewing process and how to identify areas where a client may need legal assistance. Volunteers will also learn how to assist clients as well as develop relationships with the various attorneys at HALSA.

HALSA is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to consult with clients in a compassionate, efficient, culturally-sensitive environment and serves to remind volunteers how rewarding the law may be. HALSA will begin offering its services at the start of the Spring semester, so please contact us if you are interested or have questions.

WORKER JUSTICE PROJECT

The Worker Justice Project (WJP) is dedicated to helping law students become integrated in organizations that serve under-represented workers in the most difficult jobs in our city including garment workers, domestic workers, day laborers, construction workers, and others. We partner with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) and Bet Tzedek Legal Services in order to do case work and intake at their free worker rights clinics. We have worked on a variety of problems including minimum wage violations, over-time violations,

discrimination, workers' comp, unemployment insurance, and harassment and firing of workers involved in organizing unions.

The clinics take place in a variety of locations throughout Los Angeles, so it's always fun to get away from the campus with other students to use our energy and legal skills in a productive way. And if you speak Spanish, you will get plenty of practice. Besides, the clinical work, the WJP is a great organization to join in order to support worker justice issues in general, including solidarity work with striking and organizing workers in Southern California, joining forces with workers on campus, and organizing events that will bring attention to worker justice issues at the law school.

BANKRUPTCY

Anyone who has had financial difficulties can understand how important advice and support are in dealing with money issues. The Bankruptcy clinic works to provide solid legal advice for those confronting the realities of financial insolvency. This clinic exposes volunteers to a variety of counseling skills dealing with financial problems. Not only do volunteers explain the rights held by the clients, but also the consequences of such a large financial decision.

Volunteers at all times are supervised by attorneys as well as accompanied by more experienced supervising volunteers. You do not need any prior experience with bankruptcy counseling in order to volunteer with this clinic. No matter what legal ambitions you may have, the clinic provides a practical introduction to the ins and outs of Chapter 11.

JUVENILE HALL

Are you seeking legal counseling experience? Looking to enhance your interviewing skills? Want exposure to the criminal justice system? Feel like you can relate to youth having difficulty with the law? This clinic is the place for you. Your clients are youth dealing head on with the complex machinery of the criminal justice system. This clinic allows for extensive direct work with your clients, providing the opportunity to assist in current problems as well as advise clients on how to prevent future issues.

Public Counsel provides extensive training to all those who volunteer. The clinic takes place at Juvenile Hall, exposing budding lawyers to the end product of the criminal justice system. Volunteers with a background in youth and law issues are encouraged to apply, although no experience is required.

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student-run publications in the country devoted to the study of complex legal and societal issues facing South Asian, Southeast Asian, East Asian, and Pacific Islander communities within the United States. Since its first publication in 1994, APALJ has contributed significantly to the growing discourse in Asian Pacific American jurisprudence. We invite all UCLA law students - 1Ls through 3Ls - to participate in this year's production. In addition to gaining valuable experience in legal research and writing, APALJ members will have the opportunity to contribute substantively to the editorial process

Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs

JILFA is the largest journal at the UCLAW. We focus on contemporary international legal issues, publishing a journal with contributions from legal scholars, practitioners, political leaders, and many others. Moreover, JILFA brings an interdisciplinary perspective to the international legal agenda. In addition to publishing two issues a year, we host an annual symposium at the law school. The JILFA Symposium for 2003 was on the International Criminal Court and drew

leading academics, leaders, and practitioners from around the country. JILFA offers unparalleled opportunities to get involved in activities that will truly supplement your UCLAW experience with "outside the classroom" interaction. We offer workshops leading up to our production test to properly prepare applicants. Second and third-year members may apply for positions on our board and will be responsible for selecting articles, preparing the journal for publication, organizing events, and more! Keep a look out for our first meeting. E-mail: jilfa@orgs.law.ucla.edu.

Women's Law Journal

The UCLA Women's Law Journal was one of the first journals in the country to address issues of gender, race and sexual orientation, and remains one of the top journals in the field. This past year, the WLJ sponsored a symposium on the effects of Title IX on college athletics. There are numerous opportunities for student involvement with the journal. Watch for announcements of our upcoming organizational meeting.

Journal of Islamic & Near Eastern Law

JINEL is the first law journal of its kind in the United States. Therefore,

JINEL enjoys a great deal of attention from professors and scholars nationwide and is one of the fastest growing journals at UCLAW. Although JINEL's geographical focus is on the Muslim and non-Muslim societies of the Near East, the journal is perfect for anyone with a scientific or critical eye to the law. By discussing various theoretical and practical difficulties with Islamic law in comparative perspective, JINEL addresses basic questions about the origins and legitimacy of law as an organizing force in society. We are currently seeking 1Ls or advanced students who are interested participating in the editorial process. New recruits will have the opportunity to take on more responsibilities in future terms, as well as the opportunity to work with an ethnically diverse and culturally diverse staff. Positions normally fill quickly. Please apply to jinel@orgs.law.ucla.edu.

Journal of Environmental Law and Policy

JELP is UCLA's premier (and only) environmental law journal. Publishing once each semester, recent articles ranged from conservation to the Constitution (and anything in

between). Since the journal is entirely student run, there are numerous opportunities for 1Ls-3Ls ranging from cite-checking (good experience for lawyering skills and the real world) to board editorial positions. In addition to learning a little about both environmental law and how a law journal runs, students participating in JELP will have plenty of opportunities to get to know fellow students from all years. As an environmental journal, JELP has a unique "responsibility" to enjoy the world outside of UCLAW: hiking in nearby mountains, backyard barbecues, or dining at local restaurants... And the best part: all this could be yours for a mere 15-20 hours of work per semester and a brief production test. Hope you'll join us!

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Counselor! Kindly refer to it as "murder," not "thinning out the herd."

Classifieds

Notices

Missing: Sense of Humor and Personality. When I came to law school, I swear I had one with me, but sometime over the past two years, it's gone completely AWOL. I think I may have left it in my law skills class. It is bubbly, bright, dry, sharp, and terribly missed. If seen, contact 3l@law.sucks,edP.U.

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