

# THE COMMENTARY

## Turns Out Law School Is Valuable After All

The Non-Monetary Value of a Legal Education

BY MARISA MANDOS  
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As many of us know, law schools around the country are being hit with class action suits over advertising allegedly deceptive employment data. This writer will leave it to the courts to decide whether or not that data was, in fact, misrepresented. The purpose of this article, however, is to suggest that high-paying jobs are not all we stand to gain from a legal education.

First, it should be noted that law school is an expensive investment. It is not a ticket to success, nor is it a guarantee of employment. Like all investments, attending law school carries a certain amount of risk. Prospective students should weigh the risks against the rewards a legal education provides.

The primary goal of a legal education is to prepare students to competently practice in the legal profession. However, a lot can happen from the time a student first steps foot on campus until that same student receives his diploma. The economy is uncertain, as is the legal employment market. Prospective students should be advised of this uncertainty. Moreover, if they are completely blind to these realities, I would recommend they start thinking like RPPs. Plain and simple: if you are not willing to accept the risk of being unemployed, you should probably be saving your money rather than taking out a substantial amount in loans.

There are only so many legal jobs out there; however, every leadership position - from parent to CEO - requires many of the skills a legal education provides. We come to law school with various tools in our proverbial toolbox, but we leave with a Home Depot warehouse full of them. To name a few:

**Creative Problem Solving.** Most lawyers generally delight in problem solving. Trial attorneys look at it as a game; mediators view it as a puzzle waiting to be put together. This is the perfect time for such an attitude; the world is in shambles. The global

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Hangin' with Chief Justice Roberts - No Biggie



A group of California Western students and faculty hobnob with the Chief Justice in Malta. Pictured (from left to right): Simona Danesh, Sarena Kustic, Carla Schaumann, Dean Niels Schaumann, Michael Federici, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Jared Schwass, Jane Sullivan Roberts, Ken Greenman, Professor Bob Bohrer, Nathan Bohrer, Dominique Moshier, Jeff Lewin, Professor Ruth Hargrove, Warren Robinson. **Story, page 6.**

## Changing of the Guard: California Western Gets a New Dean

Dean Niels Schaumann Takes Over as Dean and President of CWSL

BY LEAH REEVES  
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The process for obtaining a new Dean has taken almost a year and has finally been completed. California Western is saying farewell to one Dean while welcoming another to our law school community. Former Dean Steven Smith is not actually leaving California Western. He is instead going to branch out and pursue his research interests as a faculty member.

Dean Niels Schaumann took the helm on August 1st. Before attending law school, Dean Schaumann was a professional musician in New York City. In 1984, he graduated *cum laude* from Fordham Law School, after which he worked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit where he was a law clerk for Judge Lawrence W. Pierce. Dean Schaumann also worked for four years for New York law firm, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where he specialized in corporate matters including securities, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged leasing, and capital market.

Since 1989, Dean Schaumann was a professor at William Mitchell College of Law, and he has taught copyright law, computer law, comparative

and international intellectual property, agency, partnership, corporations, securities regulation, and corporate finance. In addition, he also served as William Mitchell's Dean for Faculty since 2007.

Dean Schaumann is an expert in copyright law and federal securities regulation, and has been a speaker on both topics, as well as serving as an expert witness in cases pertaining to the same subject matter.

Dean Schaumann has chaired many ABA section committees, including committees on broadcasting, recording, and performing artists, pictorial, graphic, sculptural and choreographic works. Dean Schaumann has authored many articles on the subject for which he is an expert, and his current scholarship focuses on the history of copyright law.

We welcome Dean Schaumann to our California Western law school community, and hope that his experiences here are positive and fulfilling as we navigate this journey together.



## Intellectual Property Renaissance at CWSL

California Western Accepted into Trademark Law School Clinic Certification Program

BY BEN PEZZNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Not since the invention of the computer has there been a more exciting time to study intellectual property (IP) at California Western. Some really exciting things are happening here. First off, California Western has been selected by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) to join the Trademark Law School Clinic Certification Pilot Program this fall. The program allows law students to practice trademark law before the USPTO under the guidance of a faculty clinic supervisor. The program promotes affordable IP legal services to individuals and small businesses, and law schools participating in the program provide IP legal services to clients on a pro bono basis.

California Western's new IP and Transactional Clinical Program has been busy. Over the past few months, a group of students gathered information about the major "pain points" local businesses face in their efforts to increase their exports and imports. The students found that many businesses do not understand the regulations they must adhere to, and the processes they must go through, in order to legally export and import products to and from foreign markets.

On September 20th at the Global Energy Network Institute, the Program will be hosting a free information workshop for individuals and local small businesses interested in growing their international export business. At the workshop, California Western students and faculty will present their findings and offer local businesses a guide containing the key steps they must take to legally export products to foreign markets. Following the student presentations, businesses will hear from representatives of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Commerce, as well as attorney Steve Zisser from the Zisser Group, about the resources available to and

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## LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR



**BEN PEZZNER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If there's one thing I care deeply about, it's a really good slice of French toast. Good thing there is more than one thing I care deeply about. As a human, I crave such things as food, water, shelter, and finding a mate. As a human residing in San Diego, I enjoy gaslamp-lit areas, bays with lots of boats, and parks with lots of old buildings and museums. As a human residing in San Diego attending a law school, I care about such things as employment prospects, time management, and IRAC. As a human residing in San Diego attending a law school that happens to be California Western, I care about my friends, colleagues, our amazing faculty and staff, our beautiful facility, and the Star Wars pinball machine.

Don't fret, folks, there is an overarching theme that ties together all of the seemingly random subjects above – they have all been the subject of *Commentary* articles! That's right. When I signed on to *The Commentary* staff two Aprils ago, the publication only came out twice a year. Since then, a small but rambunctious group of editors, led by the esteemed Brian Horan and Elena Shaygan, and Grace Garner, have turned *The Commentary* into a beast – a beast that awakens from its publishing slumber once a month to ravage the student body with its news, wit, entertainment, and editorials. While I am pleased to have been a part of this editing dream team as the Managing Editor, I am eager to step into the boots of Editor-In-Chief.

As Editor-In-Chief, I will work to continue our tradition of putting out issues that are relevant, useful, entertaining, distraction-filled, and monthly. I think having a student newspaper is a very powerful tool – a tool that when used creatively, can benefit the entire student body. Some specific

topics we addressed last year were STEPPS (and how it's mandatory), the grading system (and how it disadvantages CWSL students), and disabilities (and how they affect the curve). These topics are examples of how *The Commentary* has morphed into its role as not only a news periodical, but also as a forum for students to express their creativity and concerns. Some of last year's concerns were addressed, while others continue to be hot topics. In any case, *The Commentary* stands ready to continue being a resource for those wishing to add to the discussion.

Last year, the editors' claim to fame was converting the paper from a biannual to a monthly publication. This year, I want our claim to fame to be that we went from a small handful of editors to a much larger representation of the student body. In order to accomplish this goal, we will be having open lunch meetings on a weekly basis. Everyone who has any interest in contributing to the paper should attend. These meetings will be very informal, and you get to decide how much you contribute. We have many more ideas in the works for expanding the writer base, and I am excited to see our family grow.

One final note - a special thanks is in order. This issue would not have come together if it were not for the efforts of Grace Garner, this year's Managing Editor. Grace took over the reins while I was away this summer. She ran the meetings, got people to turn in their articles, and was instrumental in the layout and final editing process. Without her, you would not be holding this paper right now, and it would be a little bit awkward because it would look like you've just been staring at your hands this entire time. So when you see Grace in the halls, be sure to stop her and let her know how awesome you think she is.

Enjoy the issue!

*Benjamin Pezzner*



**GRACE GARNER**  
MANAGING EDITOR

You may have noticed that *The Commentary* looks a little different this year. We wanted to give the paper a fresh, new style. It is styled after my favorite paper, *The Washington Post*. I love the clean lines and emphasis on large, dramatic photos. The paper is elegant and bold. We certainly broke a few newspaper rules along the way. Hopefully not to the point of distraction. I send my apologies to Editor Maximus and newspaper layout guru, Elena Shaygan, I hope you like it anyway!

This year we hope to continue the tradition of providing you with quality articles and entertainment. Publishing *The Commentary* each month is no small feat. This paper is one hundred percent a product of California Western students. Sure, Ben and I may have spent seventy-two non-stop

hours on layout, but without your stories and photos, we would still be working. We think we are pretty interesting but as Ben said during our marathon layout session, "We are the same person." We count on you, as fascinating, motivated, and passionate students to provide us with the real content.

In this issue you'll see a two page spread of study abroad stories, an article on how to get started rock climbing, an introduction to new student organizations, and the boisterous return of *The Artichoke*. We hope you enjoy reading every page.

As always, send us an email with your feedback ([cwslcommentary@gmail.com](mailto:cwslcommentary@gmail.com)) or stop us in the hall, tell us what you think, what you like, what you don't like, and most importantly, what YOU want to see in the upcoming issues.

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. I anticipate it will be the best one yet!

*Grace Garner*

## WRITE FOR THE COMMENTARY!

If you are interested in writing for us email  
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**The *Commentary* holds open meetings every Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm on the 4th floor of the 350 Building. Join us for an hour of fun. Seriously. We are super cool.**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The *Commentary* published an article in the April 2012 issue which brought up a point that should raise concern to all full-time students, especially those in their first year. "Part-time Status: What it is, How to get it, & Why" discussed part-time status and defended the position that part-time students do not have an advantage over full-time students. Au contraire!

To support this position, the author explains that "most" part-time students have a job or have family commitments. First of all, I only know of very few part-time students that are as busy at work as they are with school. These students are driven and easily identifiable. Their practical experience provides interesting perspectives in class, and their presence is appreciated. These students are not the ones that throw off the curve.

Many part-time students (if not most) fall into a second category. First there are the part-time students that only study. A student that only has to prepare a little over half of the material as everyone else definitely has an advantage. Many of these (full-time) part-time students earn grades in the high eighties, and some even am-jur classes. This can be devastating to those first year full-time students that struggle to float above the 74 cut off. Every spot counts.

Many other part-time students have not so busy internships, or flexible jobs which allow them to study while working. Many full-time students manage to have a similar internship/job-workload as those part-time students. They succeed in full-time study at the same time. Furthermore, I know of at least two single mothers that are full-time students.

Are the part-time students in this second category lazier than other students? This is not a question that I am prepared to answer in this letter. They definitely have an easier workload and more time to devote to each class. Most would call this an advantage. Some call this unfair.

The article's solution? "If this [part-time students throwing off the curve] is an issue for any full-time students, they do have the option of switching to part-time as well." As the author mentions, however, it is almost impossible to switch to part-time in your first year (when most students leave or are kicked out because of poor grades). First year full-time students are extremely disadvantaged to first year part-time students.

My solution? Take part-time students out of the general curve, at least for first year courses. I would like administration to share academic statistics on the grade variance between part-time and full-time students. The assumption is that there would be a noticeable disparity. Students and administration need to have a formal discussion about these issues, as they affect all students.

The author explains at the very end of the article that "taking only three classes has given me more time to devote to the studying of each individual class." That is exactly the problem. If part-time students are held to a different standard of workload, they should be held to a different standard of grading as well.

Yours,  
Flecko



# THIRD PAGERY

## Non-Monetary Value of a Legal Education

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economy is the Titanic and the iceberg is so close, it’s blinding. The good news is we are just the people to take the helm. We know how to assess situations objectively, brainstorm for solutions, and create buy-in. We know that integrative solutions are possible and effective. Any employer, organization, or academic community values these skills. Some will say they are skills that cannot be taught, but if they can be taught anywhere, law school is the place.

**Communication Skills.** Those of us who believed we were articulate laughed at the thought just weeks into 1L. For many students, this moment came when Professor Stiglitz (Captain of the Pronoun Police) asked, “Who is HE? Plaintiff? Defendant?” We also quickly learned about conjunction dysfunction. There is, in fact, a huge difference between “and” and “or.”

In order to be successful, one must be an effective communicator. You must know how to express yourself, follow directions, and understand the law. You must be able to let people know precisely (1) what you know, (2) what you want, and (3) what you can do. Law school graduates know there is no room for superfluousness when communicating with a higher authority. We know there is a time and a place for humor. We know that clarity and brevity are different concepts, but are of equal import.

More than ever, the world needs understanding, and understanding is only possible when those in charge can communicate effectively.

**The Power of Persuasion.** The Rolling Stones are of the opinion that “you can’t always get what you want,” but Juris Doctors seem to be convinced otherwise. Persuasion is communication’s counterpart. What good is eloquence without an important message to proclaim? Aristotle suggested that character is the most effective means of persuasion. Law school is a gymnasium for building strength of conviction. Most of us will not graduate at the top of our classes; we are not all on law review. But at a minimum, we will all graduate with more substance than we had three years prior. We have the moral character to do great things and, further, to get others to follow our lead.

So, what’s the moral of the story? Your law school tuition is not a Groupon for post-bar employment. Nor should it be. In this day and age, it is an investment in knowledge, leadership skills, and a robust professional network. It is a creative problem-solving mindset. It is well-roundedness. Isn’t that what law school ought to be?

## IP Renaissance

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the common problems facing companies interested in increasing their exports.

The group consists of students Eric Tu, Omar Damluji, Danielle Eisner, and Jacob Harding, and it is led by Professor Johnson. “The project gave us great insight into the depth of knowledge and contacts necessary to succeed in such murky regulatory waters,” said Eric Tu. “The chance to help companies who wish to expand but may not be able to afford the services to hire export specialists can only help our local companies gain stability in foreign markets and reduce strain on regulatory agencies.”

## Adventures at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Reflections from the First Day of My Internship at the Patent Office

BY BEN PEZZNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I wake up on my aerobed to the sound of a fan my friend Steve had turned on the night before. Although it’s the equivalent to 4:45am California time, the white noise from the fan has provided me with a good night’s rest and I am well awake. Or maybe I am well awake because today will be the day I finally get to visit the Patent Office?

After first deciding that I don’t need to dress up since I’m just getting my fingerprints taken, Steve convinces me that in DC, you dress up. And that’s just what you do. So I dress up. Throw on a collared shirt and some fancy pants.

A bowl of cereal and a quick walk later, I am now on the metro. On my way to the Patent Office. I can barely contain my excitement. L’Enfant Plaza, named after the architect who designed the city’s layout two centuries ago. Pentagon, underneath the headquarters of the most powerful military in the world. Crystal City, the famous underground city where residents can live, work, and shop without ever having to go outside. Ronald Reagan Airport, where I flew in not even a day ago. Braddock Road, almost there. And finally, King Street.

I anxiously peer out the windows before the doors open to see if I can get a glance of the buildings. Too far away. Need to take a walk first. As I meander around all the slow people on the platform so I can get on my way as quickly as possible, I begin to notice how beautiful the town of Alexandria is. The whole area looks brand new, with each

building’s shape, design, and color schemes matching its neighbor. Everything is made out of brick. The streets are clean. I have a feeling I may get attached to this place.

I leave the metro platform and begin my ten minute walk to the Patent Office. It begins by crossing under a street through a beautiful brick pedestrian tunnel. Even the tunnel is fancy. There are paintings and blueprints of the city hanging on the walls. I resist the urge to stop and look at each one by telling myself I will be passing through this tunnel many more times before the summer is over.

I emerge from the tunnel, walk a few more minutes, and then arrive at my destination. The Patent Office is actually a complex consisting of five office buildings and a very large courtyard. I’ve seen this complex many times before on google maps. But the size of it in person is truly astounding. Each building is ten stories high, and they form a U shape around the landscaped, two-acre courtyard. The approach to the main building begins by walking through the courtyard from one end to the other, passing each of the other four buildings on the way, as well as various fountains, benches, trees, tables, and patent examiners walking every which direction.

I feel like I can pick out the examiners. There are 6,000 of them, after all. And they all share some sort of science background. I feel like I don’t have to be bashful about my love for Star Trek, or my Mr. Potato Head tie here. I can where my glasses with pride and openly read my Patent Office history book. Patent nerds, unite.

The steps to the main building are in front of me now. I pause before taking the first step. This is one of those times I want to remember – my first step into the Patent



Office. The examiners and tourists must think I’m nuts. They’re right.

I walk into the building, and the first thing I notice is the sheer size of everything. The lobby is so big you can fit a building into it. It is like a gigantic atrium. The ceiling of this atrium is all glass, and it is at least 100 feet above my head. I notice a small box taped to a pole and filled with crumbs. Written on the box is a note asking people to leave it alone so the birds that get trapped in this atrium will have something to eat.

I pause for another several minutes to take it all in. There have been many Patent Offices over the last three centuries. The first one was Thomas Jefferson’s bedroom. The next one was a closet in the State Department. History has not been kind to the various Patent Offices – they were cramped, ill-equipped, and had a knack for burning down. It seems fitting that the present day Office, after many generations of struggles, has ended up in such a beautiful home.

## Tips for Obtaining the Elusive School/Life Balance

A Few Ideas to Help Focus Your Goals and Increase Your Happiness

BY GRACE GARNER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Each day we make decisions. Some easy, some difficult, and some that leave us stuck in the mud. As law students, we know what we should do and what others think we should do. We should study at least eight or more hours each day. We should set goals and schedules. We should take breaks, but not too many or for too long. We should get involved with extracurricular activities, but not too quickly.

Then there are the competing interests of our friends, family, current or potential boyfriends and girlfriends and, of course, the elusive “me” time.

We should be the ideal student, friend, lover, and family member. We should be the ideal person.

The good news is you *can* be the ideal person. You can be the ideal person because the ideal person is whoever *you* want to be. The bad news is there is no formula on how to do that. Balancing the competing interests in your life to obtain this status is subjective. No one can tell you how to balance law school, relationships, family, and fun.

What I can do is suggest some tools to help you figure out what you value in life. With these tools you can decide the best method and course for you.

1. Write down everything you love to do.
2. Write down everything you must do. These are your everyday responsibilities. The overarching list of things you need to do.
3. Write down your goals. This is easiest to do if you separate the goals into each aspect of your life. Life goals, school goals, relationship goals, work-out goals, etc.
4. Now look at your lists. Think about each thing and how it relates to the others on your list. How do the things you love affect the things you must do? And vice versa. How do your goals line up with the things you love and your responsibilities?
5. Then think about how these activities make you feel. Write it down if that helps.
6. Now prioritize your list and think carefully when you do. Maybe you always went out for happy hour on Thursdays before law school and rode your dirt bike for two hours each Sunday. However, you also have law review and moot court now. Plus, you want to hang out with your friends. Decide what is most valuable.

When you are done, you’ll have a list of goals, loves, and musts. But more importantly, you’ll understand how they work together and how they make you feel.

Now write down your bare bones schedule. Only include the things you must do, like classes and work. Then fill it in with your other responsibilities, like cleaning

your apartment, and then fill in your prioritized list of goals and loves. Everything might not fit right now, but you have a priority list. Take the top three or however many you can handle and incorporate them into your schedule.

What if you don’t like structure? That’s ok too. Instead of putting things in a calendar, make a new list. On one side list your responsibilities and goals, and on the other side list the things you want to do, in order of priority. Keep the list visible somewhere in your house or on your person, in your folder, etc. Use it to help you stay focused.

Remember, this is a living document. Each day you learn new things that affect your life. You may decide that you no longer enjoy happy hours or you simply like taking long walks more. When that happens update your document. Switch things around as you feel a need – just make sure those goals and responsibilities stay at the top.

Being a successful law student does not mean having to be at the top of the class; very few of us are. Being a successful law student means doing the best we can for ourselves. We are doing what makes us happy and keeps us centered and focused on our goals. And remember, before you add that extra activity to your schedule take a second to think, “Will this bring me happiness or add value to my life?” I think you know what to do if the answer is no.

If you want more help making decisions, check out this Buddhist meditation app on making decisions: <http://www.budsa.org/index.php?page=make-a-decision>



# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

## Monets, Judges, and Chicago

2012 American Bar Association  
Annual Conference Review

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Chicago hosted the 2012 American Bar Association (ABA) Annual Meeting. The Windy City was an apt choice for this year's conference. It is home to the ABA and has one of the most robust legal communities in the country. This year's meeting was attended by SBA President Eric Tu, SBA Vice President Kevin Kanooni, and ABA Representative Conor Flahive. It was an absolutely enjoyable time and highly educational.

The trio landed in Chicago late and attended their first meetings the following day. The first day's festivities included a luncheon with all of the law school students that were attending. They met individuals from across the country. Later in the afternoon, the students were required to attend a meeting with their respective Circuits. These Circuits are quite dissimilar to the ones you are familiar with. There are 15 Circuits within the Law Students Division and there is almost no sense to their districting. California Western School of Law falls within the Ninth Circuit which includes Southern California and Hawaii. The meeting consisted of an information gathering and networking opportunity with schools like Thomas Jefferson, University of San Diego, Southwestern, Western State, and a few others. It actually turned out to be quite informational as most of the schools expressed interest in building a closer rapport with each other, including an expressed interest by some to attend this year's Race Judicata.

The second day of meetings consisted of an SBA President's Roundtable and an ABA Representative Training seminar. The ABA Representative Training seminar included a lecture on how to table and incentives on joining. Conor and other ABA Representatives discussed the best ways to expand student membership within the ABA and the most cost effective strategies on doing so.

The second day of meetings also included a Scribes Legal Writers luncheon. Former Dean Steven Smith is the president of Scribes and invited the trio to meet with him at the luncheon. The luncheon took place at the Union League Club of Chicago where Justice John Paul Stevens was presented with a Scribes Lifetime Achievement award for his accomplishments. There was also a keynote address given by Judge Diane Wood of the Seventh Circuit. For those of you unaware, the Seventh Circuit is home to famous Jurists Richard Posner and Frank Easterbrook. Additionally, Judge Diane Wood is on the rumored short list of potential Supreme Court Justices for President Barack Obama.

The third and final day of meetings for the law students began with the Assembly Resolutions and Reports venue for the Law Students Division. During this meeting, voting members of the Law Students Division were asked to vote on three new delegates as well as two resolutions: one to change the districting of Circuits within the Law Student Division and another that requires law schools and their respective career service offices to better report the numbers of students who are employed and unemployed following law school graduation. This resolution was of particular interest to the trio as our school is currently involved in a suit for not being truth-



Kevin Kanooni, Eric Tu, and Conor Flahive at the Bean in Millenium Park, Chicago.

ful about employment numbers along with several other schools. Both resolutions were passed.

Lunch was provided by the Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago. ROLI is a nonprofit organization within the auspices of the ABA that works around the globe and helps promote the very basic and fundamental idea that the rule of law not only helps protect the state but also helps promote the well being of the general public. The group has offices and members around the world who help promote the rule of law. It was insightful to see all of the work that ROLI has done in the parts of the world that lack true justice.

Following the luncheon was the opening assembly and president's reception at the Chicago Opera House and The Art Institute of Chicago. The outgoing President of the ABA, Mr. Bill Robinson and Senator Lindsey Graham (R- South Carolina) both gave passionate speeches on the single greatest threat to the profession and democracy as a whole; the threat of closing courtrooms and limited courtroom services across the country. Senator Graham analogized and called courts the "emergency rooms of democracy that are necessary to help protect the little man from the big man, law abiding citizens from crime, and all threats to our democratic way of life." The reception at the Art Institute consisted of a battle of the bands and an exhibition of modern and classical art. The trio commented to a trial court judge from Nevada that they had never seen so many Monets under a single roof.

The last event for the trio was hosted by the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities; the Thurgood Marshall Award Dinner. Established by the American Bar Association and the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, the Thurgood Marshall Award honors U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who epitomized individual commitment, in word and action, to the cause of civil rights in this country. The award honors individuals within the legal world who have similar long-term contributions to the advancement of civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights in the United States and is given during the annual ABA meeting. This year's winner was Lawrence R. Baca, a Pawnee Indian and the first American Indian lawyer hired by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Mr. Baca gave an emotional and powerful speech on the continued need to improve and protect the rights of American Indians and other suspect classes.

Eric, Conor, and Kevin all agreed that it was an opportunity of a lifetime and highly educational and fun as well.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings from your 2012-2013 SBA President, Eric Tu. For those of you that have been here, welcome back! For those that will be taking unfamiliar steps down our halls, I commend you for accepting the challenge that lies ahead.

As the Student Bar Association (SBA) President, I am given the tasks of working to address the social and academic needs of the student body, and serving as a bridge between the students and the faculty and staff.

As a person who approaches most things with intensity, I invite you all to take this year to a new level and share in all the experiences that the SBA has to offer you. In the first few weeks of school, look forward to our student organization fair, our welcome week events culminating in our back to school party, and some of our most high profile philanthropic events of the year, like our annual Race Judicata 5k Run/Walk and our October charity auction.

Come join us on our soon-to-be updated website at [www.cwslsba.com](http://www.cwslsba.com), our Facebook page, twitter, or just "add" any one of our esteemed SBA officers or representatives. Also, if you ever see me around town or on campus and have a question, feel free to stop me and say "hi!"



ERIC TU  
SBA PRESIDENT



Enthusiastic CWSL students enjoying a day at the Del Mar horse races, sponsored in part by SBA. From left to right: a slow horse, two more horses, another group of horses, a really fast horse, a really big screen TV. Not pictured: enthusiastic CWSL students (but trust us, they were there).

## Floppy Hats and Fried Butter

Summertime Activities Hosted by  
the Student Bar Association

BY KEVIN KANOONI  
SBA VICE PRESIDENT

The incoming SBA had a busy summer 2012 trimester. Our incoming SBA took over after a very successful 2011-2012 school year with the previous SBA. We wanted to make sure to capitalize on those successes and continue them into the new trimester and school year. As soon as the transition began, the SBA hosted two food trucks for the Spring Finals takers. San Diego's Curiosity and Delicioso food trucks were kind enough to come to the 350 building and serve hungry students delicious burgers, risotto, tacos, and burritos, to name a few. The food truck tradition began the previous fall under Kevin Magennis and Weston Penfield and was a smash. SBA hopes to continue this tradition throughout the year.

Following the food trucks there was a bit of a lull as SBA and students left for their week long break before the summer trimester began. Following the beginning of the trimester a few meetings were held and no events were planned. SBA's first event wasn't held until the end of June and that was the first annual San Diego County Fair Grand Tour. Andrea Pella, Director of Activities, came up with the idea during a general SBA meeting. It was greeted warmly by all of the SBA and given the green light by SBA President Eric Tu. It was the first time SBA had ever organized a trip to

the fair and ticket sales were high. SBA offered discounted entry tickets and a cheap fare on the Surfliner Commuter Train. The ride there went off without any hitches and 2Ls, 3Ls, and even a summer enrichment student went and all had a gas. Unfortunately, the Surfliner buses decided to hire rookies that day and most of the students were stranded in Del Mar along with a host of other individuals.

While the Surfliner stranded students, all of them made it back in one piece. Several SBA members felt it best to write sternly worded letters to the Surfliner authority. Following the trip to the San Diego County Fair, Andrea Pella and the SBA decided to do another event at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, this time it was the horse races. Wanting to avoid what happened at the fair, we asked students who were interested to arrange their own transportation. Students and faculty were highly interested in the races and nearly 40 people purchased tickets, including several summer enrichment students. The races went off without a hitch and everyone said they had fun.

Summer trimester was just a preview. The SBA is planning a slew of activities for the fall. First up on the list of activities is welcome back week where student organizations and the SBA will host a weeklong event culminating with the welcome back party. This has never been done before by the SBA but everyone is excited about the potential for student organizations to expand membership and law students to join organizations that closely align with their own interests.

It's going to be an amazing year for California Western School of Law.



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Read This Article, Work on Your Handshake, Get a Job!

### Networking Tips: How to Initiate the Conversation

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Welcome new students and welcome back to our continuing students! The Career Services Office is excited about the career development programs and opportunities that we have prepared for this fall term. September presents many opportunities for you to develop your networking skills. Networking is probably the most important non-legal skill you will develop during law school. For law students and lawyers alike, networking is and will continue to be a crucial aspect of your career development. It is a method through which we make new friends and establish valuable contacts, learn about different practice areas and career paths, promote ourselves and our employer, cultivate new clients; increase our self-confidence, and believe it or not, have some fun.

The idea of networking evokes many emotions and almost none of them are good. Networking can be intimidating and somewhat awkward. Most of us have stood at the edge of a room at a “networking” event, wanting to speak with someone, but felt awkward or apprehensive about how to initiate the conversation. Such feelings are normal. After all, you are striking

up a conversation with a total stranger. The good news is that networking gets easier with practice. It is one of those instances where you get points merely for showing up; because the more events you attend, the more familiar faces you will see, and the more comfortable you will become. Here are a few tips to help get you started:

General tips: Wear conservative, professional attire; know your personal “elevator speech” introduction; keep your right hand free for handshaking and hold your drink in your left hand to avoid the dreaded “clammy hand”; and employ a firm, but not overpowering, handshake. Limit alcohol consumption to a single drink, if any, and avoid any messy food. To help with recollection, repeat the name of any person to whom you are introduced, i.e., “Nice to meet you, John.”

At a panel (such as our Exploring Career Options in the Law Series this fall): Often, several students crowd around a popular panelist, making it tough for you to wedge your way in. Rather than competing for time, try approaching the person and introducing yourself briefly. Compliment the presentation and ask for a business card. Try this: “Hi, my name is Sara; I really enjoyed your insights today. Do you have a business card? Would it be alright if I con-

tact you in the near future with a few follow up questions?” Do not worry about imposing – if the panelist is too busy to take your email or call, he or she will say so and you can then ask when it would be more convenient.

At a career fair: People are very receptive at career fairs. All you have to do is wait your turn, step up with a nice, open smile and a firm handshake, and introduce yourself briefly: “Hello, my name is Sara. I’m a student at California Western School of Law and I’m very interested in your organization. I’ve done some research on your work and I’m impressed, but I’d like to ask you a few questions about your own experience if that is alright.”

At a reception: Receptions can be intimidating because there are often groups of people standing in a circle and it can be difficult to break into the huddle. One tactic is to look for other solos who are standing around the edge looking as uncomfortable as you are, and introduce yourself. As your conversation progresses, guide your new friend to a group and gently break in, saying, “Hi, my name is Sara, and this is Carlos. We are law students and overheard your conversation about securities litigation. We are interested in this practice area. Would you mind if we join you?” It’s usually easier to

advocate for someone else when breaking the ice. Another method of inserting yourself into a conversation huddle is to stand just at the elbow of someone in the group, slightly behind but inside their peripheral vision. They will likely step aside to allow you into the circle, at which point you can say, “Don’t let me interrupt – you were saying?” to the person who was speaking last. The conversation should then resume unabated and you can join in as appropriate.

Flying solo: Perhaps you are at the event on your own and there are no other solos in the room. In that case, the area around the food or drinks table can be a good place to find someone who is not currently in a group. A casual comment such as, “Wow, great crowd here tonight!” can bring a smile and an opening to introduce yourself.

In all of these scenarios, most people are feeling just as awkward as you are and yet are there to meet and greet people. The entire point of such events is for everyone to widen their circle of acquaintances. Press on your name tag, bring out your best smile, and enjoy the chance to speak with some experienced attorneys who are waiting to get to know you. Remember to attend the Law Student Welcome Reception at the SDCBA on September 27, between 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. as well as our Exploring Career Options in the Law Series here at CWSL beginning on September 20th in the Moot Court Room at 12:15 p.m. Practice, practice, practice!



Matthew Lab - he's got the networking skills.

## New Student Organizations and How to Create Your Own

### Social Media Advocacy Think Tank and Law Students for Disability Rights

**BY LU LOBELLO**  
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We have all heard the horror stories of students suffering through three years of law school and months of bar prep only to finally pass and still be unemployed. What resources does California Western offer other than the fabulous career services office? Networking opportunities. It has long been said that it is not what you know but who you know. Our legal industry is no different. California Western has a broad range of SBA approved organizations that help students build community ties at the local and national level.

Student organizations are run through Student & Diversity Services and the SBA. They allow students to gather around a common interest and network with fellow students and community partners. Typically, student organizations will host one or two monthly meetings where students can familiarize themselves with the organizations’ goals and mission. The meetings allow students to intellectually debate topics of interest pertaining to the club as well as plan events to give back to certain sections of the community. Joining and holding positions in clubs allow students to beef up their resumes as well.

Some student organizations are local chapters of nationally recognized organizations. Since they all fall under the umbrella

of California Western, they are technically non-profit subsidiaries that are allowed to fundraise.

It is not only the spirit of helping the community that makes club participation valuable but the sense of togetherness and teamwork that is developed via working with your fellow classmates towards a common goal. It is also a great way for 1L and 2L students to get to know the 3L students and vice versa. As stated earlier, it is sometimes who you know that can get you ahead, and we are one another’s greatest asset.

There are over 35 clubs at California Western, so diversity of interest is not a problem. Students can work with fraternal groups, cultural groups, special interest groups, etc. You can log onto our school’s website and click on Student & Diversity Services to find out more about our school’s organizations. In addition, you can visit the SBA’s website at [cwslsba.com](http://cwslsba.com).

So what if after browsing the list of orgs you still don’t find what you’re looking for? Look harder. Just joking. Don’t be afraid to make your mark here at California Western.

The process of starting your own organization is not as hard as you may think. First, you need a novel idea and student support. Second, contact the office of Student & Diversity Services. If you get past those two roadblocks, then you will need to write a letter of intent and submit it to Dean Seibel. You will then need to submit a constitution to the SBA for approval. The school encourages students to apply for a new club if there is a need.

### New Student Organizations

SMATT, a new student organization, is California Western’s first think tank. Its official title is the Social Media Advocacy Think Tank. It came to be through the efforts of Lu Lobello, Adam Freeman, Corey Garrard and Daniel Halimi. After their first year of school they perceived a disconnect between the amount of social media that students consume, and the amount of legal knowledge the school offers about social media. They seek to educate students on social media legal issues such as Facebook and discovery, Youtube and jurisdiction, defamation and blogs, ethically advertising via social media for firms, etc. Most importantly though, the SMATT team wants to introduce students to the physical community through partnership in the area that would allow students to put their passion to work. By creating more ties to the community and by offering the expertise and commitment of law students, members of SMATT increase their chances of employment by adding to their resumes the very salient topic in firms across the country – social media law.

The second club is Law Students for Disability Rights (LSDR). LSDR is committed to promoting the full and equal inclusion of people with disabilities into everyday society. Brittney Dobbins and Christian Barton have joined forces to establish this student organization. It is a unique organization in that it is a support group for students with disabilities, and it seeks to introduce all students at California Western to the area of Disabilities rights law.

### CWSL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
- Amnesty International
- Asian Pacific American Law Students
- Black Law Student Assn.
- Business Law Society
- Child, Family, Elder Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Education Law Society
- Employment & Labor Law Society
- Entertainment and Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Estate Planning Society
- Exonerate
- Federalist Society
- Hawaii Law Student Assn.
- Health Law Society
- Immigration Law Society
- International Law Society
- J. Ruben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Student Union
- La Raza Law Student Assn.
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Lawyers Club
- Middle Eastern Law Student Assn.
- Moot Court Honors Board
- Muslim Law Society
- National Lawyer’s Guild
- Native American Law Society
- Older, Wiser Law Students
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Pride Law
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- South Asian Law Student Assn.
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Intellectual Property Law Assn.
- Women’s Law Caucus

**Editor’s Note:** If you hold a leadership position in a student organization and would like to use this section of the paper to publicize your events, email us at [cwslcommentary@gmail.com](mailto:cwslcommentary@gmail.com) so we can accommodate you.



# STORIES FROM ABROAD

## A Marathon Summer in Chile

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“It’s a marathon.” Those are the words that Professor Cooper used to describe the Chile Summer Program to the 18 of us that were just beginning an experience of a lifetime. And a marathon it was.

The two-month long program was an incredibly intense period of continuous life changing events that not only shaped our stay in South America but also added a remarkable chapter to each and every one of our lives. These “life changing events” were as trivial as learning how to work the coffee machines in Castaño, while some were as emotional as listening to a former torture victim share his story at the very place where it happened.

Professionally, the program gave me more than I could have expected. Not only did we learn about human rights, international law, and Chilean legal culture, we also had the unique opportunity of seeing it all play itself out right before our eyes. One such opportunity was the day that my roommate Adriana and I were invited to attend a Senate committee hearing with Chile’s Attorney General. At the hearing, we saw the heads of several government agencies present their views and recommendations on the five-year-old Chilean juvenile penal system. Included in this hearing was a representative from the United Nations that was there to assess whether Chile was living up to its responsibilities under the Convention on the Rights of Child. To top it all off, after the hearing, the Attorney General himself gave Adriana and me a ride to Café Turri, a local restaurant that overlooks the colorful hills of Valparaíso and the Pacific. The squid in its ink and the seafood ravioli were delicious.

Educationally, the program allowed us to study under world-class professors that challenged us in their very own particular ways. Professor Cooper completely immersed us into a completely different legal culture; Professor Bahla expected us to rise up to the extremely difficult level of trade law (even if we had had a few too many Escudos the night before); Professor Williams instigated some heavy, yet interesting, debates; Professor Lopez equipped us with the necessary vocabulary to be able to function at our respective internships; and Professor Brooks had his students chuckling while they read his creatively thoughtful fact patterns that were based on them.

And now the good part – some good ol’ South American fun. The program took 18 law students from across the United States and dropped them into the huge Chilean metropolis that is Santiago. Bellavista, Michele, Riggo Bar, Harvard, Karaoke Pio Nonno, Escudo, Pisco Sour, and Terremotos are all terms that bring a flood of countless memories to each of us in the program. All of us were very different and many times had conflicting views and ideas. Yet somehow, the 18 of us created a huge group of inseparable law students that grew to become our very own Chilean family. We struggled to learn the Chilean vocabulary together, we ate endless amounts of ham sandwiches together, we studied together, we debated together, we traveled to Caribbean resorts together, we trekked through the Peruvian jungle together, we navigated the streets of Buenos Aires together, we dealt with life issues together and, most importantly, we laughed together.

All 18 of us crossed the program’s finish line having learned something new about ourselves as law students, professionals, roommates, travelers, revelers, Americans and as people. We made life-long friends and lived through an unforgettable adventure that I already miss. As my good friend Adriana said, “Do you think other groups have had as much fun as us?” I strongly doubt it.



Left to Right: Adriana Quintero, Chile’s Attorney General Sabas Chahuan, and Rafael Hurtado.



A night out at Riggo Bar in the Bellavista neighborhood of Santiago, Chile. Pictured (left to right): Jay Maloney, James Fletcher, Angela Porter, Shakti Jay Vadgama, Adriana Quintero, Juanito the Chilean bartender, Ross Mitchell, and Rafael Hurtado.



Sarena Kustic and Dominique Moshier on the wall of the fortress in Mdina, Malta.

## Magic in the Mediterranean

BY SARENA KUSTIC  
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After four straight semesters, I decided I needed a break. Rather than taking the summer off entirely, I chose to study abroad with a lighter course load and some new surroundings. I picked Malta for several reasons, the main ones being entirely unrelated to academics, of course. After checking out all the available study abroad locations, my good friend and fellow Cal-Westerner, Dominique Moshier, informed me that she was applying to study in Malta and I should as well so we could share the experience together. Since my biggest fear about studying abroad was being on the other side of the world and not knowing a single soul, Dom helped me make my decision. So Malta –wherever that was – would be my destination for the summer.

At that point, all I knew about Malta was that it was a small island in the Mediterranean. I pictured spending most days studying on the beach after class and little else. Aside from beautiful scenery, what more could Malta have? Most people I know have never heard anything about it. It took less than 24 hours on the island for me to realize this would be the experience of a lifetime.

While I did spend many days beachside, it wasn’t for lack of alternatives. The beach was my preferred study spot because it seemed a tragic waste to stay indoors and miss a single moment of Malta’s beauty. Although my course load was seven instead of seventeen units, the pace of the courses required me to dedicate at least some days to schoolwork. But aside from class time and study days, I packed my schedule with every opportunity to explore Malta. And, since the biggest Maltese island is less than 17 miles across, walking or traveling by bus was easy.

Most of my experiences involved sightseeing and historical tours. Malta’s history is eventful, to say the least, and the people are proud to share it. It’s also home to some of the world’s oldest freestanding megalithic structures. The Mnajdra and Ggantija Temples pre-date both the Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge. The gorgeous and numerous fortresses, palaces, cathedrals, ancient temples, sunsets, rock formations, limestone beaches, and the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean made the Maltese islands seem magical. Thanks to Malta, I’m fully aware of the literal meaning of the word *breathtaking*.

As if the sights weren’t enough, Malta has a surprisingly active nightlife. Between the village festas, carnivals, nightclubs, bars, and Paceville (picture Gaslamp without a last call) my sleep was limited on several occasions. Just as I didn’t want to be indoors during the day, I often found it difficult to call it an early night as there was too much fun to be had.

The music scene was also impressive, considering how tiny Malta is. Each year Malta holds “Isle of MTV.” The concert is free for everyone and this year featured Nelly Furtado, Flo Rida and Will.I.Am. It seemed like the entire island attended and it was a night to remember. Adding to that, the island of Gozo is home to one of Europe’s top-rated nightclubs – La Grotta. Since it’s a smaller venue, my group and I watched from the front of the stage while Kaskade performed for his “Freaks of Nature” tour.

The hardest thing to adjust to was the pace of life in Malta. The country runs on what my classmates and I referred to as “Malta Time.” Nothing is fast and nobody’s in a hurry. Meals took at least two hours and the buses, although they have a posted time schedule, arrived whenever they arrived. It took a little while to slow the Californian in me. However, once I was acclimated, it was a welcomed and much needed change of pace.

Since I did complete four classes in Malta, I should probably share a little about them. They were cool and I learned a lot about various aspects of international law. The most notable though was a course called “The United States Supreme Court in Historical Perspective.” Sounds thrilling, I know, but it really was. It would be difficult not to be excited for class each day when Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. is your professor, although it did bring on a whole new level of fear to the dreaded cold-call.

Overall, Malta has given me tons of memories to cherish and it would be too difficult to pick my favorite. However, the friends I made in the study abroad program are what I will treasure and miss the most. I’m thankful to know some very amazing people all over the U.S. Who knew law students could be so much fun once removed from the traditional school environment?

For anyone considering Malta or studying abroad, I highly recommend it. I consider myself fortunate to have experienced living in a world so different from my own. I now have an even greater desire to travel, as well as a new appreciation for home. Malta and the courses I took there have taught me about the world and the law, beyond the U.S., more than any textbook could. Studying abroad is an opportunity that nobody should let pass.



# STORIES FROM ABROAD

## Fighting Words, New Jersey's Second District, and Strip Clubs

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Well... here goes an attempt to sum up an American's first time abroad.

The adventure was six weeks long. It wasn't too far from what you'd expect in Cancun or Miami Beach. To wit, I found myself on my third or fourth night with an Englishman named Simon who took me to a strip club. How was I to know that an establishment called "Club Paradiso" located beneath a hotel and behind two doors with a giant bouncer at each end was a strip club? Word to the wise: stay out of Maltese strip clubs. Shoot me an email or stop me on the street and I'll *gladly* elaborate. Someone kept calling them "Maltesian". I think he was French. Hard to put it all together at this point.

It's difficult to condense a history that spans roughly 9000 years into a 100 word paragraph. The Maltese take great pride in their prehistoric temples. They predate even the pyramids at Giza. Seeing them, provided you're sufficiently interested in human history to give a [First Amendment Free Speech Zone], you can't help but be awestruck. Humans have been around this long? And they've been doing stuff all along? And now I'm here doing essentially the same stuff? Weird. Confoundingly weird. Oh, also the island has been conquered and dominated on and off by about nine separate and distinct civilizations. Then the Knights of Saint John came and built all the cool stuff some of you may have seen on postcards you got. Then the French for about three years, then the English for about 200. So they all speak English fluently. *All of them*. For further longwinded conversations about Maltese language, history, and culture, shoot me an email or stop me on the street and I'll *gladly* elaborate.

July the first. That's a birthday I won't forget without intense psychotherapy (read: drugs). Why is that, you might ask? Because I met Chief Justice John Roberts, of course! As it turns out, he's so down-to-earth and normal that it's surreal. He took about 10 minutes of class time to bust my chops for wearing a Cole Hamels jersey. (That's a baseball reference – if you see a guy wearing Phillies gear, then smile! That's me.) He's a great teacher and I get the impression that he's an excellent Chief Justice.

The classes were what you'd expect. I learned a lot in all of them. There really isn't a whole lot to say on this point unless you'd like to hear what I think about Eighth Amendment jurisprudence vis-à-vis juveniles, bioethics, or the Convention on the International Sales of Goods. Probably not, right? Well, I'm nothing if not a good host.

I wish I could say that the group of Americans I was with was full of good people too. I *want* to because I'm as patriotic as the next guy. Most of them were just finishing up first year (read: partying and drinking on the beach). That's fine. But they cultivated a bad attitude. Not fine. When I caught wind of the petty high school antics spreading like a virus, I spent the rest of my time hanging out with locals and other foreigners. Disheartening. A few quick examples can help illustrate this point, I guess.

July 4th, someone sets up an event where everyone hangs out on a sandy beach and we all act like unabashed obnoxious Americans. Keep in mind there aren't many Americans on the island, so we wanted to make a particularly ridiculous spectacle of ourselves. "Nobody brought a ball? Let's go steal one. But it has to be from a native." At one point we noticed an eight year old kid playing with his friend behind us, just skirting our periphery. Someone heard him say, "America never surrenders! America never retreats!" in an American accent. Well would you look at that? We got an American kid here. Naturally, I strike up a conversation with the little scamp and eventually he introduces me to his mother (see picture).



Mike Federici enjoying his time in Malta. And look! There's Warren Robinson in the background!

teachers, including some deans. What could go wrong? Well, I don't want to disappoint you, dear reader, but we all pretty much kept our cool. At one point, Ms. Simona Danesh of CWSL got everyone to sing happy birthday to me. It was really sweet and it meant a lot to me. People cried out for a speech. Under good advisement, I respectfully declined. Free sangria and deans, after all.

Here's the turn: after everyone got done singing, a different non-CWSL student yelled loudly enough for the whole boat to hear: "Yeah, speech! We got a future Congressman here. Second District of New Jersey!" then sauntered off to the back of the boat with his entourage. Now, I'm from the great Northeast. Over there, we regularly bust each other's



Make friends with mom and kid, get sparklers.

fight.

Hm. That ended on a bummer. Well, anyway. I highly recommend that you do some kind of study abroad. I strongly encourage you to take it seriously. You're a diplomat – not only for our school, but for your respective home states and your country as well. Hell, you're a diplomat for yourself and your family. If you invite people to a July 4th bash on the beach, talk to them. Take the time to get to know them a bit. Laugh. Bust chops. Or be nice. Do whatever it is you do to get closer to those around you. If you sense high school drama and cliquish behavior, try to break it down. If it doesn't work, hang out with some locals. Learn all you can, do all you can, and enjoy it.

If all else fails, find an Englishman and do something foolish. Either way you'll be fine.



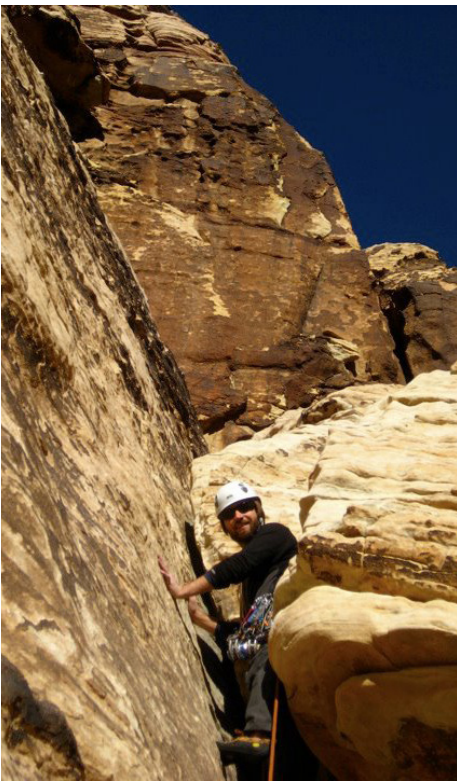
Valetta, the capital of Malta, where students attended classes at the University of Malta, Valetta Campus.



The Azure Window, Gozo Island, Malta.



# SPORTS AND LEISURE



Cathedral Peak, Yosemite National Park (top); Mission Gorge, San Diego County (middle left); Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas, NV (middle right); Corte Madera, San Diego County (bottom); and Joshua Tree National Park (lower right).

## Rock Climbing in a Nutshell

Get it? Nutshell? Law School?

BY DAN WADE  
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**What is rock climbing?** It is, quite simply, the act of climbing rocks and rock faces, large and small. (for fun?!?!?) Born from the rich European tradition of big-range mountaineering, rock climbing is a more specific discipline, largely created in the United States, on the large walls in Yosemite Valley, Tahquitz, and Stoney Point, Los Angeles. As a sport, rock climbing has become quite popular in the past few decades. Many of you might know, by name or reputation, Alex Honnold, the infamous free-soloist (rock climbing with no rope at all). Honnold had a spot on 60 Minutes and graced the cover of National Geographic for his ropeless two-and-a-half hour ascent of Yosemite’s fabled Half Dome. This article is intended to explain basic rock climbing concepts, how you can get started, and where you can go in the San Diego area.

**Why climb?** The motivation for rock climbing is varied; some people climb for the gymnastic aspect, while some people like to sit on top of big mountains. Most, if not all, climbers can appreciate the physical challenge as well as the mental challenge. Don’t worry, climbing is not all about upper-body strength. It is also about balance, control, breathing, and cardio. Men and women of all body types can be strong climbers. I come from a mountaineering background. I learned to rock climb as a skill to climb big technical mountains in the Sierra Nevada, such as Mount Whitney. However, I have learned to love, even become addicted to, climbing in all its forms.

**Indoor v. outdoor?** Rock climbing was invented and intended to be an outside activity. I am mainly an outdoor climber. For me, it’s about being in nature and enjoying what the natural world has to offer. However, rainy climates and flat geography have given rise to indoor gym climbing. These days, most climbers are introduced to the sport in the gym. You can go to the gym as a beginning climber and learn basic skills and meet partners. It’s an intimidating sport to get into, no doubt. I do climb in the gym. Maybe once a week. If you’re interested in starting in the gym, do a quick Google search for Mesa Rim, Vertical Hold, or Solid Rock.

**Types of climbing?** Many climbers top-rope when they are starting out. This means that you hike to the top of a rock face, set up an anchor, and lower the rope. Each climber ascends the face with the security of the rope, belayed (kept safe by means of the rope) by another climber. More advanced climbers lead climb. This means you start from the bottom, placing protection as you climb up, to protect against falls, until you get to the top. The climber who has belayed (feeds rope out as you climb) follows the lead climber to the top, taking out the

protection. Other types of climbing include bouldering on small rocks 10-20 feet tall without a rope, ice climbing on frozen waterfalls, and mountain-climbing.

**Rating System?** The rating system for climbing, called the Yosemite Decimal System or YDS for short is the most commonly used system in the United States. It was actually developed at Tahquitz Rock, near Idyllwild, by climbers such as Royal Robbins and Yvon Chouinard, of Patagonia fame. The system classifies all technical rock-climbing (requiring a rope) on a 5.x scale, with 5.1 being the easiest, and 5.15b the hardest. Bouldering is based on a V-scale with VO being equivalent to 5.9 on the YDS. For perspective, I have been climbing for 5 years fairly regularly. With this experience, I am able to climb up to easy 5.11 on a top-rope and lead climb up to about 5.9. I mainly climb in traditional style.

**Basic equipment?** For top-roping and lead climbing you will need sticky rubber slipper shoes, athletic chalk in a chalk bag to be worn around your waist, a waist harness, a belay/braking device, carabiners (a stronger version of the clippy things for your water bottle) a specialized climbing helmet, a 9-10mm thick 60-70 meter long dynamic rope (stretchy to absorb the shock of falls), and protection, which differs based on location. Sport protection includes quick-draws (two carabiners connected by a nylon sling). Quick-draws are clipped to pre-placed bolts on blank rock faces. Traditional protection includes spring-loaded camming devices and stoppers (steel wedges) that are placed in natural cracks and fissures in the rock. For bouldering you will want to consider a crash pad as falls from above five feet can be painful and dangerous. I would also recommend picking up a copy of “Freedom of the Hills” by Don Graydon and Kurt Hansen. Visit your local outdoor shop, Adventure 16 or REI, to see all the previously described gear. If I sound like a gear geek, it’s because I used to work in a shop! You will also find information at the shop about local guide services and introductory classes.

**Where to go?** San Diego is host to many climbing areas, satisfying the needs of all types of climbers. My favorite areas include Mission Gorge, Corte Madera, El Cajon Mountain, Mount Woodson, and Stonewall Peak, where you can top-rope and lead climb in both sport and traditional style. Santee Boulders and Singing Hills, in addition to Mount Woodson, are good places for the bouldering type. If you’re willing to drive a few hours, you have access to Joshua Tree National Park, Tahquitz Rock, and the mountains of the Sierra Nevada, including Yosemite National Park. I would recommend visiting Mountain Project, Summit Post, or Super Topo. These are helpful websites for beta (climbing information) on these and other areas.



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# SPORTS AND LEISURE

## NCAA Hypocrisy

Is Money or Morals Driving the Penn State Football Sanctions?

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According to a panel of Harvard economists, the number one operating monopoly in America is not Microsoft, Wal-Mart, or even OPEC. It is the NCAA.

Perhaps the most acute atrocity in college sports is that the NCAA's idealized purpose and vision of intercollegiate athletics stands in stark contrast to the commercial market realities that dictate the culture of college sports. The NCAA's recent decision to sanction, rather than suspend, football at Penn State University in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky scandal is a harrowing, yet telling example of this notion.

According to the NCAA's President, the decision was a result of the university's disregard for the fundamental principles of the NCAA's stated purpose, to preserve educational objectives and protect the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. However, the decision really shows that the NCAA's purposes are merely cynical hoaxes propagated by the NCAA in order to cash in on the exploding values of sports broadcast and cable rights.

Never mind the fact that the NCAA is punishing a group of players for a criminal act that had nothing to do with them. The decision not to give Penn State the death penalty was, at least in part, a business decision. In addition to the NCAA's assertion that Penn State's \$60 million fine is the equivalent to one year's gross revenue by its football team, the NCAA needed to ensure that Penn State football games continue to be aired on TV.

The Big 10 Conference earns billions of dollars each year from TV rights fees, including a ten-year deal with ESPN worth \$1 billion and a six-year deal with CBS worth \$72 million. Members of the Big 10 Conference, including Penn State, pocket a \$20.7 million share of those proceeds.

Kristi Dosh, an attorney and reporter for ESPN, told me that after the NCAA handed down the death penalty to Southern Methodist University in 1987, a substantial amount of research speaks "to the harm to other schools in the conference." Had the NCAA suspended Penn State's football program, not only would Penn State have been unable to collect its share of the Big 10 Conference's proceeds from television rights, but the conference's other member institutions would have been financially burdened as well.

Although the NCAA's statements on the Penn State decision echo words like values and morals over and over again, the NCAA serves mainly as an advocate for its members' financial interests.

With so much public scrutiny of how intercollegiate sports operates, the time is right for major overhaul. The million dollar question is how will it come about?



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## What's Next for the Lakers and California Western?

A Reflection on the Changes within California Western and the Lakers

**BY WALTER LAU**  
STAFF WRITER

From law schools to basketball teams, what makes an organization truly great is their history and the foundations upon which they were built. Being a brand new 1L, I know very little about the history of this school and about its early beginnings. What I do know, however, is that it is the oldest school in San Diego and was founded in 1924. What I also know is that whenever I am in some of the lecture halls or the Moot Court room, I always find myself looking up at the ornate ceilings and old-styled architecture that remains a big part of our school's character. Anything that has been standing so strong for so long is something worth investing my time, money and energy in.

When looking at professional basketball teams, I often find myself also reminiscing about the foundations of the legend-

ary teams and thinking about what caused them to be so great and successful for so long.

No team fills the criteria of these shoes better than the Los Angeles Lakers. Founded in 1947 and relocating to Los Angeles in 1960, this organization is the patriarch and embodiment of longevity. Their success began with their powerful center, George Mikan in the 1950s; followed by Hall of Famers Elgin Baylor and Jerry West in the 1960s; with their domination upheld by legendary four-time MVP Wilt Chamberlain in the 1970s; then, "Showtime" led by Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and James Worthy in the 1980s; and finally with Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal in the 90s; topped off with Kobe, Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum in its current dynasty. The Los Angeles franchise has always had strong leaders to guide them on all their championship runs.

Now, both California Western School of Law as well as the Los Angeles Lakers organizations are at a fork in the road. The law school's leadership is transitioning, as Dean Smith has just stepped down. Simi-

larly, the Los Angeles Lakers just lost one of their captains (and the Player's Union President) when Derek Fisher was traded away alongside Luke Walton, Jason Kapono, and a 1st round draft pick right before the trade deadline elapsed. Not only was Derek Fisher a co-captain of the Lakers, but also as their starting Point Guard, he was their director and facilitator.

Dean Smith first stepped in as the Dean of California Western School of Law in 1996, the same year that Derek Fisher first joined the Los Angeles Lakers. In a way, it is a bit mystical how intertwined these organizations are.

Now that both the Dean and the starting Point Guard have left their posts of leadership, many questions lie in the wake. After being so successful for so long, can each organization's new successor upkeep its reputation? Will each organization's new leader fill the voids that have been created? Most importantly, will they direct their respective organizations in a manner that will foster continued success? We have yet to even tickle the surface of responding to these questions. Only time can tell.

## Life Lessons and Judges on the Pacific Coastliner

**BY MITCH MILLER**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

You can tell a lot about people by the type of shoes they wear. Germans wear well-built leather shoes. People who don't normally dress up wear tennis shoes and business suits (which one should avoid doing at all costs), and those who don't dress down enough wear Sperry Top-Siders and shorts. Proud bicycle commuters flaunt their clip-in shoes to show the world they ride their bike to work, even though they may only have a short mile and a half ride to go. If you want to get to know more about those around you, start with what is on their feet.

As a part of my daily commute from North County, I take the Coaster commuter train. There are all kinds of people to observe. The occasional vagabond passes with a shockwave of alcohol stench. A Cuban guy speaks in his fluffy accent in Spanish to the relative he is meeting in Oceanside, recounting his journey from Tijuana. "Me

quieres?" he asks. Businessmen, wearing well-polished leather shoes, trade glances with me as I reread a dull paragraph or two.

As I sit on the train, I observe others while appearing to mind my own business. I love to scrutinize other people's conversations, habits, and appearance. It is called eavesdropping, and for some reason I am compelled to do it. Riding daily, I have become familiar with the regulars through idle conversations. The problem with talking on the Coaster is that it invites others to listen in on *your* conversations. And the eavesdroppers become the eavesdropped.

One evening, I find myself talking about future vacation plans with one of the regulars, a Hispanic navy officer with whom I speak Spanish in order to keep others from eavesdropping. On occasion, she and I talk openly about the people around us. An old man with a long scruffy beard, grubby jeans, and dirty, ripped up, old flattened running shoes interrupts our Spanish flow.

"Civil procedure is all you need to know

to be a successful lawyer," he says, while pointing to the book in my lap. Who is this guy?

"Yup," I reply. I can't help sounding a little conceited with my short one-word response.

The navy officer and I return to our conversation, focusing our attention on our new eavesdropping neighbor. "Do you think he could be a lawyer?" She asks in Spanish.

"No, he does not have the face of a lawyer," I reply brazenly.

To that, the old man speaks up in a deep proud voice, "Yo no soy abogado, yo soy juez!" (I'm not a lawyer, I'm a judge). I try not to blush in my humility. How arrogant I had acted!

Shoes can tell a lot about a person, but life is not that simple. Sometimes there can be more than what meets the eye. In this case, I judged too quickly, and the old man with the scruffy beard and the ripped up shoes ended up being a judge himself.

## Satisfy Your Champagne Taste on Your Beer Budget

Lunch Specials and Happy Hours at Six Local Restaurants

**BY ELENA SHAYGAN**  
EDITOR MAXIMUS

When it comes to food it's hard not to have Dom Perignon taste, but unfortunately our Natural Ice budget can frequently get in the way considering the student loan payments, smart phone bills, and newly acquired business casual wardrobe. Despite the financial downside of being a student, we have one amazing perk: Odd Hours. Sometimes we start at 8am, and sometimes we start at 2pm. Sometimes we're out at 6pm, and sometimes we're out at 3pm. As long as you shift your regular eating schedule out of the line of fire that is "normal dining hours," you can get that glass of Dom for the price of Natty-Ice.

Here is a little compilation of foods that would usually cost you an arm, a leg, and a left kidney.

**LUNCH SPECIALS**  
**Sushi Deli (1st and Broadway)**

Teriyaki chicken, four pieces of shrimp and veggie tempura and California roll for \$5.75 or for a few cents more change out the tempura for gyoza. For only a dollar more (we're still under 7 bucks here), get all the above (chicken, tempura, gyoza, roll) and chicken tempura.

**Lotus Thai (6th and Evans)**  
Yellow curry, massaman curry, pad thai and drunken noodle are all options. It comes with soup, salad, and an egg roll. You get to add your own protein so if you get tofu its only \$4.95. To get chicken, beef, pork or mock meat it's still only \$6.95.

**Pizzicato (5th and Kalmia)**  
Two slice and a drink or a slice, a salad, and a drink for about \$7. The pizza slice changes daily but this is not your average pizza.

We're talking apple, sausage, artichoke hearts, olives, wild mushrooms, gruyere, etc. Although they do offer the classic favorites. They also have a happy hour special - a slice and pint for \$6.

**HAPPY HOURS**  
**La Puerta (4th and I) 3-7pm**

Half off all appetizers and drinks. The appetizers all end up being \$5 at most (many

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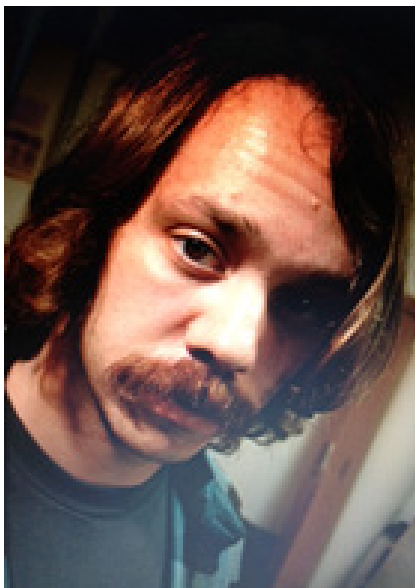
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## THE ARTICHOKE PERSONALS



### Ricardo S. Leche

Ladies of California Western, allow us to introduce the newest addition to The Artichoke personals – a technical 2L who has recently returned from a stint at another school, only to be sent back to California Western for being too much of a distraction to the student body.

His name is Ricardo, and he once spooned with a koala (he has the scars to prove it). When Ricardo is not studying, he enjoys riding his bike, ordering tuna melts in the deli, and practicing his erasing skills.

But don't get us wrong – Ricardo has a wild side too. If you're lucky, he may let you eat sushi off his abs, that is, if he is not busy pretending he's a cowboy while wearing nothing but a cowboy hat and an American flag thong.

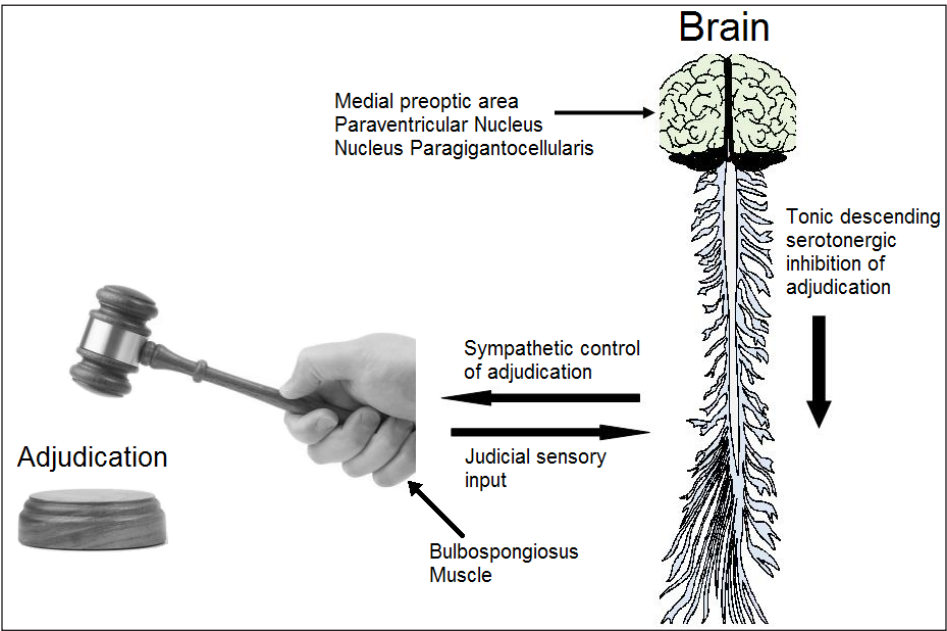
But rest assured, Ricardo is really quite harmless. You won't find him within one mile of any elementary schools (he doesn't live by any). If you would like a date with Ricardo, contact us at [cwslartichoke@gmail.com](mailto:cwslartichoke@gmail.com) and put "koala" in the subject line.

## TOP 10: PLACES TO FIND NARNIA IN THE 350 BUILDING

- 10) Basement library storage closet
- 9) Secret file cabinet in CIP office
- 8) Midget study room in the mezz
- 7) Moot court balcony
- 6) Behind MMR magic white board
- 5) Professor Jones' office
- 4) Family law office on 4th floor
- 3) Area behind moot court bench
- 2) Hidden stairway next to kitchen
- 1) Bum alley behind building



## RIPENESS PILL PREVENTS PREMATURE ADJUDICATION



BY BEN PEZZNER

JUDICIAL ETHICS CORRESPONDENT

Jurists across the nation are celebrating the release of a new drug which is intended to curb the growing trend of disputes that are decided prematurely. Premature adjudication is a condition in which judges adjudicate earlier than they or their clerks would like them to. The Center for Judicial Ethics of the American Judicature Society defines premature adjudication as the condition in which a judge adjudicates before the pertinent facts in his or her case have all played out. While there is no agreed upon criteria, the most common definition is that premature adjudication occurs if the judge adjudicates within two minutes of opening arguments.

With an increasing number of disputes being settled outside the courtroom these days, judges have been overcompensating by adjudicating early and adjudicating often. "Alternative methods of dispute resolution could mean the end of our jobs," said Federal Circuit Judge Bender at a recent judicial health event. "If we don't start deciding cases more quickly, we may eventually forget how to use our gavels."

Judge Bender is not alone. According to researchers, the prevalence rate could be as high as 30%. That means nearly one in three judges adjudicate claims that rest upon contingent future events that may not occur as anticipated. The implications are

huge, and that is why scientists have been working diligently on a medical treatment.

The new ripeness pill treats the sympathetic motor neurons that control the gavel phase of adjudication reflex. These motor neurons are located in the thoracolumbar and lumbosacral spinal cord and are activated in a coordinated manner when sufficient sensory input to reach the adjudicatory threshold has entered the central nervous system. The pill acts as a short-acting selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, increasing serotonin levels in the brain every time the judge evaluates both the fitness of the issues and the hardship to the parties if court consideration is withheld.

Thanks to the ripeness pill, judges eventually learn how to extend the adjudicative process. On average, disputes that used to be decided in a matter of minutes can now take hours, sometimes even days to adjudicate. Longer performance in the courtroom allows the rest of the facts in a dispute to play out before a judge finishes, and parties don't go home feeling like they've just been screwed out of their day in court.

Thanks to the ripeness pill, the detrimental side effects of premature adjudication can now be a thing of the past. Scientists have been quick to point out, however, that this is just the beginning. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding treatments for multiple objections, ejectile dysfunction, and judicial warts.

## STEPS TO DEFEND CWSL LAWSUIT

BY GRACE GARNER  
SARTORIAL COUNSEL

Last year California Western found itself as a defendant in a string of controversies over law schools allegedly inflating their post-graduate employment statistics. Understandably, the law schools involved in these suits are defending their records with teams of top-notch attorneys. But no defense has come close to the sheer passion and enthusiasm that embodies the California Western legal team.

In an effort to gather the greatest legal minds in the area while continuing to bolster its celebrated practical skills programs, California Western has turned to its STEPPS students for help. The fourth floor STEPPS rooms have been remodeled into *real* pretend law clinics, the paid client actors have been replaced with actual California Western board members, and students have the option of dressing down on Fridays. What's more, California Western now has an arsenal of student reflections that can be used for discovery delay tactics.

With hundreds of students filtering through the program each year, the legal team will successfully anticipate every possible hypothetical. Students are thrilled at the chance to bolster their resumes and show off their new legal skills. After a year of law school, 2Ls are in a prime position to execute their knowledge of FRCP 26(b) and the law of perpetuities. Their infectious excitement creates a positive work environment.

"The program has exceeded our expectations. The students are pushing us to give them more responsibilities. Sure, there is a high turnover rate. But think of all the experience they are gaining! Isn't that the point?" said STEPPS professor Martin J. Dunnit.

The students are equally excited. One recent STEPPS graduate boasted, "I can now confidently say that I understand all two 233 possible outcomes for the case!" When asked if the student would continue working on the lawsuit he said "Nope. I already amjured the class. It's time to let a new student figure out the 233 possible outcomes."

The clients, mostly consisting of California Western administration and faculty, are quite impressed with the student attorneys. "I get a little nervous at first because the interviews are all videotaped, but I always walk out of that room feeling confident about our case," said board member Don White. "And have you noticed how they all have excellent posture?"

Other law schools are impressed. A representative from Thomas Jefferson has reported a similar program is "in the works." Not to be outdone, USD is adding 1Ls to its legal team since their minds are even more open to the infinite possibilities of the legal world.

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Email [cwslcommentary@gmail.com](mailto:cwslcommentary@gmail.com) and tell us you'd like to write humorous satire for The Artichoke section. Do it. It'll change your life. You don't even have to come up with your own topics. We can help you brainstorm.



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## NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

### ZEN WARRIOR LAW

BY MITCH MILLER  
ZEN WARRIOR

Have you ever wondered how to kick the crap out of somebody without getting in trouble with the law? Do you ever have the urge to chop through your textbook with your bare hand? Zen Warrior Law is a new course offered at California Western this year. It is a two credit class without a final exam, and will fulfill a practical course requirement. Classroom LL31 will be turned into a mat room where Professor Campbell will teach takedowns, strikes, defense, and the use of various weapons. Professor Campbell says that he hopes to teach students the balance of how far you can take physical force without ending up in court.

The course employs physical and mental training to enlighten students to the art and skill of martial arts law. Learn how to become an enforcer of fourth amendment rights against law enforcement officials, how to use legalese to confuse your opponent before physical engagement, and how to control the trier of fact through subtle intimidation. Another skill taught in the course is to absorb lengthy outlines through meditation. Concepts like mens rea, actus reus, ouster, survivorship, privilege, mayhem, and Whar-ton’s rule take on whole new meanings and application.

This class is a recommended co-requisite with the Innocence Project. Furthermore, former inmates that were exonerated by the Innocence Project are eager to contribute their expertise in prison fighting to teach students who want a more well-rounded background in the art of public defending.

Interested students should contact and apply directly to the Dean of Personal and Academic Liability by submitting an application signed by Professor Campbell.



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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BY LEAH REEVES  
PARKOUR CHAMPION

There has been a major addition to the Student Policy Handbook here at California Western (Section 1332.888(b)). Starting with all incoming law students, as of Fall 2012, there is now a physical education (PE) requirement that they must fulfill in order to graduate with their JD and to be qualified to take the Bar exam. This course is in addition to the other 89 units required for graduation. All of the current, soon-to-be-offered PE classes will be worth 3 units each, and thus there is now a 92-unit requirement for graduation here at Cal Western.

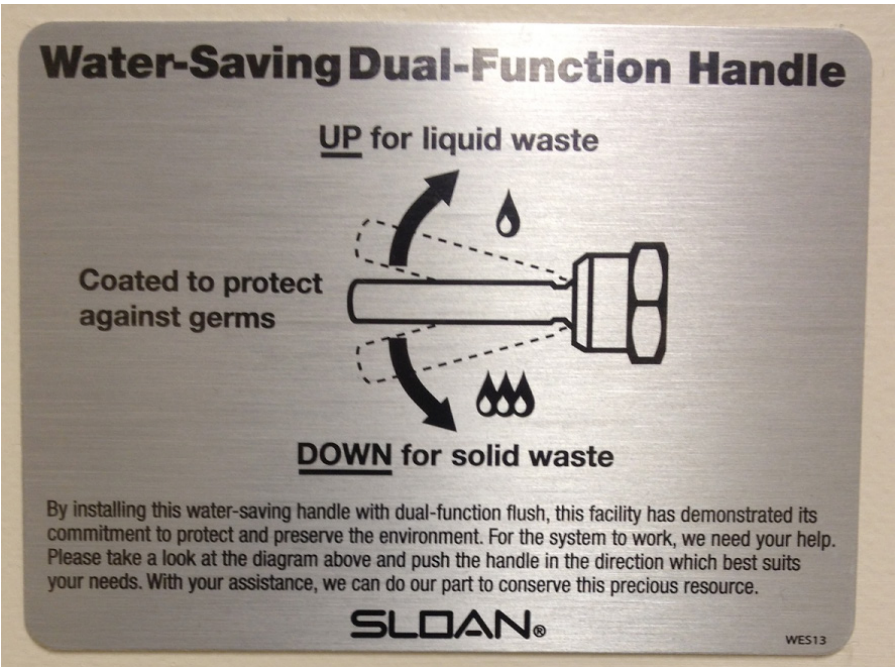
Over the last 47 years, California Western’s Chief Health Advisor, Dr. NoSlim, conducted extensive research on the health benefits of physical activity. After reading the results of this study, California Western decided that a PE requirement is a pertinent addition to the student graduation requirements. Dr. NoSlim was adamant in making sure his opinions were not shared in vain. Dr. NoSlim loudly advised The Artichoke, while smoking a pack of Marlborough Reds, that “Our students need to be the healthiest in the nation if we want this here school to move up in the rankings.”

An insider source, who works at California Western and who has requested to remain anonymous, has advised The Artichoke that the following classes are rumored to be offered this Fall:

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| • Ambulance chasing             | • Casebook catapult  |
| • Linguistic gymnastics         | • Fencing            |
| • Dancing around the truth      | • Croquet            |
| • Tort-ure                      | • Juggling           |
| • “You have been served” tennis | • Boomerang throwing |
| • Parkour                       | • Rope climbing      |
| • Lawn bowling                  | • Dumpster diving    |
| • Tow wrestling                 | • Curling            |
| • Underwater hockey             | • Cell phone tossing |
| • Turing the tables tennis      | • Cardio calligraphy |
| • Extreme ironing               |                      |



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BEN PEZZNER

## NEW TOILETS DO MORE THAN JUST FLUSH

BY BEN PEZZNER  
SANITATION HARDWARE ENGINEER

You may have noticed the new environmentally friendly toilet flushers installed on select toilets around school. These new water-saving dual-function handles are outfitted with the latest in flush technology, demonstrating California Western’s commitment to protect and preserve the environment. By paying careful attention to the diagram, reproduced below, you can easily figure out what to do when you need to get rid of your liquid waste. That’s right – whenever you’re at school and you find yourself with a surplus of chemical runoff, impure gasoline, or expired syrup, just lift the handle UP. And in those rare cases when you find yourself with extra solid waste, the toilets are now equipped to dispose of that too. So now you can get rid of your used up highlighters, cupcake wrappers, and nuclear fuel rods by pushing the handling DOWN. In addition to handling liquid and solid waste, the toilets will still flush urine and fecal matter. Just hold down the flusher repeatedly until it has all gone down, as one flush is now no longer sufficient to do the trick – especially if you are a heavy wiper.

But just when you think you’ve seen it all, The Artichoke has discovered that this new functionality is only the tip of the flushing iceberg. An undercover agent working for The Artichoke has recently smuggled the plans for the new flusher out of Sloan Laboratories, and we were quite surprised by what we found. Below is a more comprehensive list of what these new flushers are capable of. Many of these moves are still in beta, however, so consider yourself warned – flush at your own risk!

- |                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| liquid waste    | UP                          |
| solid waste     | DOWN                        |
| urine           | DOWN DOWN                   |
| poop            | DOWN DOWN DOWN              |
| poop + extra TP | DOWN DOWN DOWN UP UP        |
| green flame     | UP DOWN LEFT                |
| split punch     | LEFT UP RIGHT               |
| shadow kick     | DOWN DOWN RIGHT             |
| harpoon         | UP DOWN UP                  |
| ring toss       | LEFT RIGHT                  |
| lightning throw | RIGHT UP DOWN UP LEFT RIGHT |
| cannonball      | UP UP UP UP DOWN            |
| torpedo         | DOWN RIGHT RIGHT RIGHT      |
| teleport        | DOWN [fart] UP              |

## TOP 10: PIECES OF ADVICE FOR 1LS

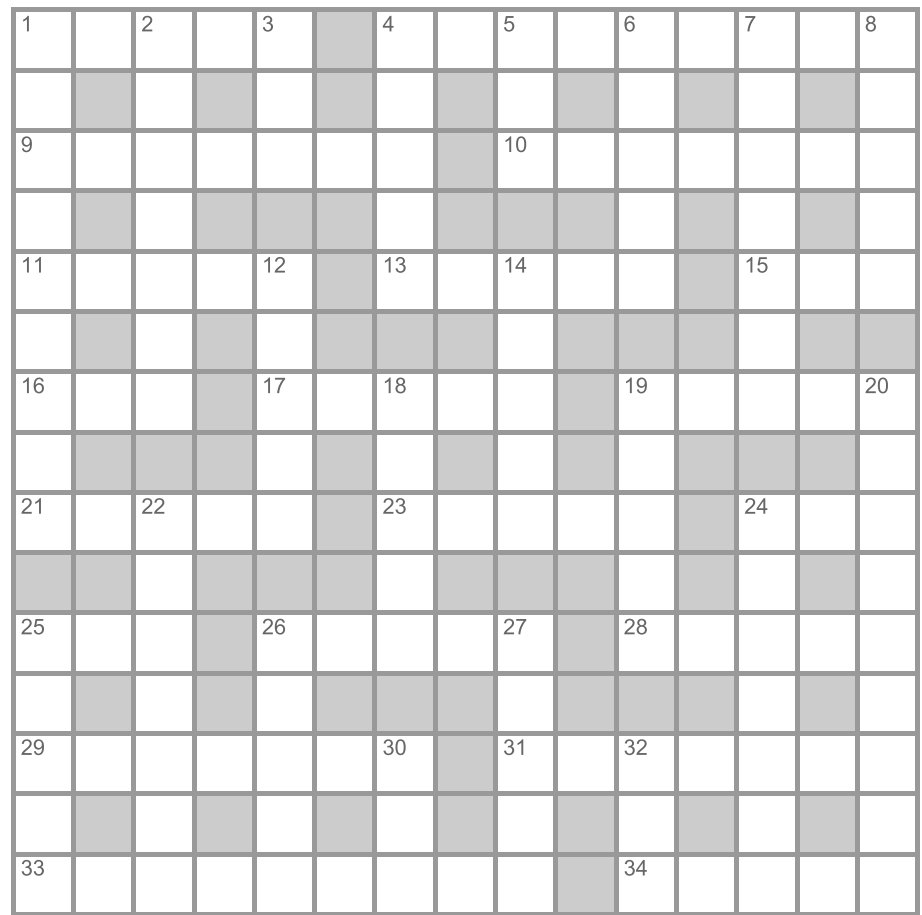
- 10) Start outlining at least one trimester early.
- 9) Don’t use commercial outlines. Make your own and sell them.
- 8) Gossip is the spice of life at law school. Never be afraid to spill.
- 7) Be sure to freak out your friends by showing them how ahead you are.
- 6) Don’t help anyone unless they can give you something in return.
- 5) Compare grades with your classmates as often as you can.
- 4) Break up a boring lecture by visiting the restroom multiple times.
- 3) Down two cups of coffee right before class starts to help with (4) above.
- 2) Ask as many questions as you need during class.
- 1) Always get special accommodations for your finals.



# ENTERTAINMENT

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A Legal Puzzle



- ACROSS

1. A legal case (Latin)

4. Not micro

9. The life of Steve Zissou, e.g.

10. Search paper

11. Ha-ha

13. Like some questions

15. \_\_\_\_ and tuck

16. Zip

17. “Good job!”

19. In \_\_\_\_

21. Make law

23. The best

24. Take to court

25. Went with feathers, in old days

26. Samuel \_\_\_\_

28. Goes bad

29. Rough reading

31. Fiasco

33. Sonia \_\_\_\_

34. Throng
- DOWN

1. Go against

2. Cruel and \_\_\_\_

3. Bit of legislation

4. They speak for themselves, in a cliché

5. Order often follows it

6. Type of poker

7. Opposed

8. Bar, legally

12. Hard to break

14. Came to

18. Cover story

19. Mr. Bates, e.g.

20. Ignore the alarm

22. Series of ‘70s disaster movies

24. Warm wind from Africa

25. Justices have them for life

26. Many a robber’s undoing

27. Judge’s yell, on TV

30. Hear a case

32. Tom Hanks movie

*A person walks into a hardware store looking for a certain item. He asks the cashier how much the item is and the clerk says 25 cents each.*

*The customer says, “Good, I will take 100.”*

*To which the cashier says, “Your total is 75 cents.”*

*How is this possible? No packages of multiple items were purchased, and there were no discounts or coupons involved in the transaction.*

## Budget Meals

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options even cheaper than that). Options include carne asada fries, cochinita quesadillas, flautitas, and tostaditas. The carne asada fries and quesadillas are massive and easily enough for two to share.

**Flemings (3rd and K) open-7pm**

Vodka martinis, pomtinis, clear cosmos, hefewizen, and an array of red and white wines for \$6 each. Food options include roasted mushroom ravioli, seared ahi tuna, and one of the best bacon swiss cheese burgers you’ll find, all for \$6 each.

**Las Hadas (4th and I) 4-7pm**

Drink specials include \$2 Tecate, and \$3 Coronas. Happy hour dinner options include chipotle bbq ribs, chile verde cheeseburger, or pulled pork sandwich for \$7 each.



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| ACEVES    | CONTE    | JOHNSON     | SMITH     |
| AUSTIN    | COOPER   | KIM         | STIGLITZ  |
| BARTON    | DYSART   | KOVACIC     | THYFAULT  |
| BENNER    | EAGLIN   | LOPEZ       | VELASQUEZ |
| BOHRER    | FINK     | LYNCH       | WELINDER  |
| BROOKS    | GIBSON   | RELYEA      | WILEY     |
| CAMPBELL  | GUDEL    | SHARP       | YEAGER    |
| CHANNICK  | HARGROVE | SIMPSON     |           |
| CLEVENGER | JEFFRIES | SCHEININGER |           |

Draw a picture of a giraffe here. Remember to stay in the lines!