

Hunt for Dean headed by Law School Committee

By Alexa Millinger

The Law School Dean Search Committee has begun looking for a suitable candidate to replace the former Dean Jeremy Paul, a process that will be largely confidential and expected to be finished by early 2013.

The Search Committee is headed by Robert McCarthy, Dean of UConn's School of Pharmacy and Vice Provost for Engagement. The Committee is made up of Law School professors and staff, alumni practicing in the legal field, and president of the Student Bar Association Franklin Perry. The faculty members of the Committee were elected by the Law School faculty, and the remaining members were chosen by UConn Interim Provost Mun Choi.

This year, the University is contracting with a higher education search firm to assist in the process. This is the first time a search for a Law School dean has used a search firm.

Dean Willajeanne McLean, Law School Interim Dean, said that the process of choosing a new dean will be "highly confidential" and

the student body likely will not "hear or see or know anything" until the Search Committee narrows the pool down to finalists. The confidentiality is largely to protect the candidates who may be applying, she said.

McLean said that the candidates span an array of figures from the legal profession nationally, but will likely consist mainly of deans from other law schools and law professors with administrative experience. Judges and partners at law firms may also be considered.

The faculty and staff are currently putting together candidate recommendations. Dean McCarthy said he urged the faculty to "think big" when brainstorming candidate recommendations and to "think about some of the best minds in the country." McCarthy said he believes top candidates will be drawn to the "terrific opportunity to lead a really exceptional law school."

The search firm will scout out additional candidates and pass their applications on to the Search Committee. The Search Committee will review the applications and conduct interviews with candidates. Once the Committee agrees upon

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US jury rules in Apple's favor

By Nick Stadnyk

As the new iPhone 5 rolls out, the recent battle between Apple and Samsung takes a back seat in the news. However, this case will affect the future of smart phones. The August 2012 verdict was all bad news for Samsung when the Korean electronics company was found to infringe Apple's utility and design patents and ordered to pay \$1.05 billion in damages to Apple.

If the verdict holds up on appeal, it will stand as the largest patent verdict of all time. Furthermore, and more importantly, it gives Apple a huge push in the corporate patent wars and in its position in the phone industry.

Samsung has been the number one smartphone provider in the US for the past few years, but this verdict could shift the balance of power in the smartphone industry. According to the late Steve Jobs' biography, Jobs thought Android was a rip-off of Apple products. As a result of the verdict, there is a very real danger that Samsung products could be kicked off the market, but that decision will have to wait as the hearing is now scheduled for December.

Courts in Germany and South Korea have ruled in favor of Samsung, potentially creating a paradoxical situation within the international market.

During the trial, Apple characterized Samsung as a willing copycat that took a shortcut to profits—piggybacking on years of work that Apple put into the iPhone. Samsung denied such accusations and claimed Apple was being a courtroom bully that refused to compete in the marketplace.

The patents that were found to be infringed cover features such as the "double-tap zoom" and "bounce back" technology that snaps images back into place. The court also found Apple's design patents covering

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Presidential Election Coverage

By Matt Szafranski

As the summer campaign season eases into fall, President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney enter the final campaign stretch toward November. Although the race remains close, recent polls have indicated a slight edge for President Obama both nationally and in key swing states.

Both campaigns had a lot to gain and a lot to lose heading into the conventions at the end of August and the beginning of September. Although the Republican convention was largely executed with few mishaps, it failed to either substantially improve Romney's polling or likeability.

More problematic, however, was the rambling speech from Hollywood icon Clint Eastwood. Eastwood's appearance, which included a seeming performance piece that included an empty chair that represented

President Obama, was said by many polled to be more memorable than Romney's acceptance speech.

Democrats, by contrast, rallied their base with a much more positive convention, which included powerful addresses from First Lady Michelle Obama and San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro. The highlight was Bill Clinton's engaging speech that sought to knock out virtually every talking point Republicans had used a week earlier. Obama himself gave a strong, if measured, speech that urged voters to stay the course and give him another term.

Obama emerged from the convention season with the advantage, but immediately segued into foreign affairs when attacks on an American consulate in Benghazi, Libya took the life of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens. Amidst a diplomatic crisis, Romney at-

tacked Obama's response. However, Romney was widely criticized for trying to make political hay out of four dead Americans.

Complicating matters further was a brutal piece in Politico on the internal operations of Romney's campaign, and then a video of Romney at a Florida fundraiser from May. The video, released by Mother Jones, a progressive magazine, showed Romney saying that 47% of the country's population saw themselves as "victims" and would not take responsibility for their own lives. It also unflatteringly portrayed Romney's views on the Middle East and the Hispanic vote.

That video came out just as another cascade of polls showed Romney narrowly behind Obama in key swing states like Florida, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Wisconsin numbers may be especially

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Sex reassignment surgery ordered for inmate

By Patty Martins

On September 4, 2012, a Massachusetts federal court ordered that a prison inmate receive sex reassignment surgery. The transsexual inmate had been requesting medical treatment for years, but her requests had been denied. The September 4th decision was the first of its kind to provide a transgender inmate a sex-change operation funded by taxpayer money.

Judge Wolf reached his decision through an Eighth Amendment analysis. While Judge Wolf acknowledged that US citizens generally lack a constitutional right to medical care, he wrote that prisoners were guaranteed medical care via the Eighth Amendment and the Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Plata. The inmate, Michelle (previously Robert) Kosilek, had already attempted to commit suicide and to castrate herself. Medical experts concluded that sex reassignment surgery was the most appropriate response to Kosilek's need.

Additionally, Judge Wolf openly identified that the Department of Correction's unwillingness to provide the sexual reassignment surgery was most likely due to fear from society's reaction. He further cited the 1994 case Farmer v. Brennan, a case about a male-to-female transsexual vulnerable to sexual violence in prison. The Supreme

Court held that the inmate's Eighth Amendment rights were violated when prison officials were "deliberately indifferent" to prisoners harming each other. Corrections officers will decide where Kosilek is housed after surgery.

Kosilek murdered her wife in 1990 and was convicted of murder in 1993. She has been incarcerated in an all male prison. She requested sex reassignment surgery in the early 1990s, offering to pay for it herself, but was denied. She did not receive any medical treatment from 1992-2002. As a result of her lawsuit against the Department of Corrections in 2000, she was allowed to receive hormone treatment. She sued the Department of Corrections again in 2005, requesting surgery. Upon hearing the ruling on her most recent lawsuit granting her surgery, Kosilek cried with relief.

The decision was met with a general outcry. Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown publicly spoke out against the ruling, and lawmakers are asking that the Department of Corrections appeal the decision. The surgery has been decried as an abuse of taxpayer money. Prison officials state that the surgery would make Kosilek more vulnerable to attacks—a stance Judge Wolf ruled was pretextual. The Department of Corrections has not stated whether or not it will bring an appeal.

UConn Law welcomes five new professors

By Sarah Ricciardi

When deciding what courses to take, arguably one of the most important factors is the professor's reputation. Many professors have spent enough time at UConn Law that they have achieved a certain level of notoriety. This year, however, there are five new professors on campus. So here is a quick round of "Get to Know the Newbies!"

Associate Professor Mathilde Cohen hails from France. After obtaining degrees in law and history from École Normale Supérieure and the Sorbonne, she went on to Columbia University, where she received her doctorate and L.L.M. She encourages her students to reach out to professionals in the field, maintaining that creating connections in the legal world is key to establishing a successful career. If the subject matter is not enough to persuade you to take her Constitutional Law course or Seminar on Courts and Judging, she also has an absolutely fantastic accent that will keep you riveted class after class.

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Dean's Corner with Interim Dean McLean

By Interim Dean Willajeanne McLean

President John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life." We are in a season of change. Summer has just given way to autumn. There are many new faces on campus- not just those of students, but also of faculty and staff. Some of you have returned to find scaffolding on buildings- as if Christo had come to Hartford over the summer. Some of you have joined journals or have embarked upon substantial writing projects. And all of you find a new, temporary occupant in the Dean's office.

All of us, in one way or another, are contemplating the new year. First year students may be thinking about the language of lawyers that they are learning, and new modes of writing, thinking and speaking. Upper-class students are honing those skills, be it in classrooms where they are embarking on a new area of study in one of the 164 classes offered this year or out in the world as they participate in clinics, externships, and pro bono opportunities. The LL. M students are expanding their knowledge of the law, by melding new information with that garnered from prior legal education and experience. Our international students and visitors are experiencing a new legal culture, and are finding ways of incorporating it into their own worldview. Staff members are engaging in the delivery of service, and trying to make it streamlined and more efficient, while keeping the human face of the Law School of which we are so proud.

I believe that this year has the potential to be transformative for the law school. Members of the faculty are considering ways to improve and enrich the curriculum. The Dean's Search Committee, in consultation with the community writ large, are discussing the attributes that they hope to find in the next leader of this great institution. We are embarking upon a major expansion of the Faculty in the areas of Financial Services, Public Policy, and Human Rights Law.

Change brings with it challenges, such as those faced in adjusting to the different rigors of law school life, whether one is coming from undergraduate school, a different country or from another professional discipline. However, change also brings rewards. How else would we have the opportunity to hit the reset button, and have a second chance, were it not for change? It allows new perspectives to take root and flourish. Change permits personal and professional growth in ways not previously imagined.

Let me (re)assure you that what will not change is our commitment to fostering ubuntu in our community as we engage in our intellectual enterprise. What will not change is our dedication to the mission of providing a first-rate legal education to you, our students. What will not change is our determination to excel in every respect as a law school.

I am humbled and honored to lead this institution during this transitional period. I count on your willingness to move forward, together, as we encounter this season of change. As the year proceeds, I would have you think on the entirety of the quote with which I began: "Change is the law of life. And those who only look to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

Updates on

campus construction

By Nick Stadnyk

Students returning to the Law School this fall were greeted with the sights and sounds of construction. While this may be a temporary inconvenience, the repair work being done to the exteriors of the buildings will hopefully be an improvement to our already beautiful campus.

A few years ago, an engineering study undertaken by the school identified a significant amount of repair work that needed to be done. This included repairs to windows, exterior walls, and roofs. Currently, the work taking place is addressing the most pressing 10 percent of the identified needs. The construction work, which began right after Commencement last spring, includes: replacing the flat roofs on the towers of Starr, Chase, and Hosmer, replacing deteriorated areas in the precast stone, replacing mortar where it has deteriorated, re-fixing stone in some places, replacing gutters, and adding snow guards to some of the sloped roofs. The current work is expected to be completed late this fall.

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troubling, as Romney had hoped inclusion of Congressman Paul Ryan as his running mate could put the state in play.

Romney needs to win a big state like Florida, Ohio, or Virginia and a few smaller states like Iowa, Nevada, and Colorado. Obama, by contrast, has several paths to victory and could conceivably win if he wins states like Nevada and Colorado and keeps the rest of the Midwest, but loses Florida, Ohio, and Virginia.

A Note from the Student Bar Association

Dear UConn Law Community:

Welcome Back!

As fall descends on our campus and a chill returns to the air, I'd like to talk with you a bit about how UConn Law is also in a season of change – and how everyone, including you, has a role to play. I anticipate many good changes will take place this year borne from our collective strength as a community. I am also very optimistic that we will again show the legal community the dynamism and uniqueness of our school, our city, and our state, and that our national reputation will continue to strengthen. This is not blind faith in impossible dreams. Our intelligence, talent, and ingenuity demand that we reach our highest potential in 2012-2013.

To that end, I'd like to introduce you to a new mantra for the school year – one that, I think, represents the core mission of institution. The acronym is UCL and it stands for **Unity, Community, Loyalty**. But UCL is much more than an acronym. It is a concept that every single person on this campus can embrace. Three words, simple, but powerful. Although our community comprises a spectrum of perspectives, we are all linked by the common ambition of bettering this institution and ourselves through collaboration. I implore everyone to embrace this mantra. If we do, by the end of this school year, everyone will know about UConn Law's big strengths and bigger potential, and you will want to say that you played a part in that change. Just like our unique fall season, UConn can stand out as one of the best educational institutions in the region and the nation.

On a side note, I would like to take a moment to thank a few important individuals. Under the direction of Vice President, Brian Gore, Social Committee Chairwoman, Hailey Fitzgerald, Chief Financial Officer, Matt Loftus, and Chief Administrative Officer, Jessica Signor, the SBA held a fantastic Orientation program to welcome our new students, and also co-sponsored a community-wide Welcome Back Barbeque hosting more than 200 students, faculty, and staff. Our own SBA Class Representatives and other Upperclass students were also integral to the success of both events, including Sean LaPorta, Shannon Daley, Jay Klein, Kaelah Smith, Alexander Cogbill, Danielle Van Katwyk, Janine Beauregard, and Brenda Benitez. Make sure you thank them if you happen to see them around campus. Lastly, I would like to extend a special thank you to Claudia Norsworthy. None of these events would have been possible without her leadership and guidance.

Again, welcome back and remember, UCL!

I look forward to serving you and working with you to make our hopes a reality.

Thank you,
Franklin E. Perry II
SBA President

Bring Husky Pride to the Law School

By Sid Sinha

Tailgates, barbecues, and fight songs. These traditional means of showing school pride at sporting events seem to be something from which the University of Connecticut's School of Law is detached. Most students, even at the "professional level" of education enjoy being able to embrace school sports, especially when your school is consistently one of the best basketball programs in the country.

There are likely two ways you can view the detachment from the main campus. First, you might use the time that you would otherwise spend cheering and stressing over close games to crack open a hornbook and outline for an exam 3 months before your finals. Second, you could make the most of what

is around the area. Hartford itself is home to a number of UConn basketball games and there are several ways to get tickets without paying full-price using student services. Furthermore, those that have an interest in sports can take part in one of the softball or soccer games that take place on campus or nearby at Elizabeth Park. A good rule of thumb is that people that play sports, know sports. Participating in these casual games allows you to meet people that have a common interest and likely open up doors for future activities. Distance should be no excuse for feeling left out of the joy of a Final Four birth or a college football bowl win. No victory is too small and every step taken by any Husky can be used to strengthen the already reputable network. Moreover, the pressure to network and

stay connected with those who are recommended to you in the legal field is a great strategy, but it is still important to remember the University of Connecticut as a whole is a network that can aide you when in search of employment or simply looking for an internship. In other words, even those that don't follow sports intensely can gain something from getting to know Husky sports.

The absence of a main campus can be noticed but should do little to stop anyone from showing their blue and silver. There are opportunities and advantages in keeping up with the touchdowns and buzzer-beaters. With the word out that you can have a sports life despite the separation from Storrs, all that is left to be said is "Go Huskies!"

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the shape of the iPhone were infringed. Samsung alleged the patents were invalid or alternatively that Apple stole from them, but the jury disagreed and found that Apple's patents were valid, Samsung's patents were not infringed, and Samsung would not receive any of the \$422 million it claimed in damages.

The jury's Apple-friendly decision could have an even larger effect on the smartphone industry—and on smartphone users. Samsung, in responding to the verdict, commented that "[the] verdict should not be viewed as a win for Apple, but as a loss for the American consumer...it will lead to fewer choices, less innovation, and potentially higher prices."

Since the jury decided that the design patents and user interface patents infringed across so many products, other manufacturers may also find themselves in Apple's sights. A reasonable result most likely will be an increase in costs to Android users due to licensing fees that will now have to be paid over to Apple. The bottom line is that Android phones will cost more.

The battle is far from over. This litigation will move slowly and Samsung will most likely keep pouring money into their attorney's pockets rather than roll over, write a billion dollar check, and accept defeat.

Unfortunately consumers will start footing the bill at some point. In a recent Wired magazine article, Indiana University law professor Lea Shaver commented, "when companies turn to litigation rather than innovation, consumers lose."

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finalists, the candidates will be invited to the Law School for "on-campus interviews." At that point, the student body will be notified who the finalists are and will have the opportunity to meet them on campus and provide feedback.

Professor Bethany Berger, Faculty Advisor to the Committee, said the Search Committee has had discussions about qualities they would like to see in a candidate. "The consensus is that we want a leader, who can develop a vision of the law school and effectively mobilize us to achieve it," she said. Berger also said the Committee is looking for someone who can help the Law School "engage more with the bar and legal community nationally and in Connecticut," as well as someone "who can help raise the reputation of the Law School – not just in U.S. News."

Berger said the Search Committee plans to liaise with the students to find out what students are looking

for in a dean. Student Bar Association President and Search Committee member Franklin Perry said he believes student input and participation in the search process is "invaluable and necessary."

Perry said students are looking for a dean with whom they can feel connected and who will work collaboratively with them. "There is no better way to foster confidence and public trust in such a critical administrative search than to allow for direct interaction between the candidates and the students, and creating that venue would certainly be my priority," Perry said.

"UConn Law has the potential to be one of the best public legal institutions in the country," Perry said. "The selection of the next dean is the final piece of our puzzle, and the goal of the Search Committee is to select the most appropriate candidate possible in order to make our hopes a reality."

Race for the Senate in Connecticut

By Matt Szafranski

The race to fill the seat of retiring senator Joseph Lieberman has prompted great interest from politicians of all ages and backgrounds. Congressman Chris Murphy of the Fifth Congressional District, a Democrat, and Linda McMahon, a Republican and the former head of World Wrestling Entertainment, each won their respective primaries and once seemed poised for an epic battle. Unfortunately, the contest has thus far been bogged down in banality and negativity.

Even before McMahon defeated her Republican opponent Chris Shays, she began attacking Murphy, who was widely seen as the likely Democratic nominee and won the Democratic nomination the same day McMahon won hers. At first, it looked like a series of debates, starting on jobs, would immediately emerge. However, McMahon began to deflect. She demanded Murphy offer a jobs plan to match hers.

That plan, however, consists of numerous contradictions and one proposal that could increase deficits at both the federal level and in the Connecticut budget. McMahon proposes a series of tax cuts, ostensibly aimed at the Middle Class. For example, she proposes reducing the rates on incomes currently in the 25% bracket to 15%. However, she would also preserve capital gains taxes at their current rates, which allow many wealthy investors, such as Republican Presidential Mitt Romney, to pay lower effective tax rates than most Americans. Left unexplained is how McMahon proposes to pay for any losses in revenue from tax cuts.

McMahon does offer a 1% cut in the budget every year until the budget is balanced, but if unadjusted for inflation this would take decades to balance the budget. Furthermore, those savings could be lost if the Affordable Care Act is repealed as McMahon proposes. The law saves the federal budget billions and funds Connecticut's extension of health care to all of its residents. If repealed, the state could lose billions over time and might go into a nearly half billion dollar deficit. McMahon calls for a "return" to market solutions, even though health care reform uses the private insurance market to achieve many of its goals.

However, these details are seldom discussed in either the media or in dueling press releases. McMahon has bombarded Murphy with commercials about alleged financial mistakes in his past. Among the accusations were charges of late tax payments and a late mortgage payment. The last error occurred in 2007 and Murphy became current within a couple of months. McMahon accused Murphy of getting a sweetheart deal from a bank, though he actually received a mortgage rate higher than the bank's advertised rate.

Murphy and Democrats have returned fire, charging McMahon with failing to pay off debts following a bankruptcy thirty years ago. Among the unpaid debtors was an elderly individual, who remains unpaid despite McMahon now being a millionaire. McMahon claimed that she paid back some of these individuals, but has presented no proof of that.

McMahon's attacks may have taken on a hypocritical tone when it was revealed by New London's *The Day* that McMahon was a month late on her property taxes this year. *The Day* also reported that McMahon only paid the bill once confronted with the records of non-payment.

McMahon distanced herself from Romney's recent remarks caught on video that disparaged broad segments of the country. However, she used nearly identical language when she endorsed Romney last year, referring to "47%" of the country that she said does not pay taxes. Much of that group is either in school, retired, or not paying income tax because of policies, supported by both parties, that reduce the need for welfare benefits. Millions more pay federal payroll taxes, but not income taxes.

There appears to be little end in sight for the back and forth. The first debate is scheduled for October 7th. Murphy accepted nine debates with a tenth as a possibility. McMahon agreed to only four debates.

Interesting decisions from the Court

By Alex Anastasio

1. *Nix v. Hedden*, 149 U.S. 304

This 1893 case was entirely devoted to a simple query: Is a tomato a fruit, or is it a vegetable? No mere dicta here; the Court holds on this question.

2. *Bradshaw v. Unity Marine Corp.*, 147 F.Supp.2d 668

Former District Court Judge Samuel B. Kent was less than entirely pleased with the quality of the pleadings in this case.

"Both attorneys have obviously entered into a secret pact-complete with hats, handshakes and cryptic words-to draft their pleadings entirely in crayon on the back sides of gravy-stained paper place mats, in the hope that the Court would be so charmed by their child-like efforts that their utter dearth of legal authorities in their briefing would go unnoticed."

3. *U.S. ex rel. Mayo v. Satan and his Staff*, 54 F.R.D. 282

Pop Quiz: How does one obtain personal jurisdiction over the Prince of Darkness?

4. *Schmuck v. United States*, 489 U.S. 705

Not only did poor plaintiff Schmuck lose at the Supreme Court, but he worked as a used car dealer.

5. *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388

Just read the case name. You'll see it.

6. *U.S. v. Murphy*, 406 F.3d 857

Footnote 1 of this otherwise unremarkable opinion:

1. The trial transcript quotes Ms. Hayden as saying Murphy called her a snitch bitch "hoe." A "hoe," of course, is a tool used for weeding and gardening. We think the court reporter, unfamiliar with rap music (perhaps thankfully so), misunderstood Hayden's response. We have taken the liberty of changing "hoe" to "ho," a staple of rap music vernacular as, for example, when Ludacris raps "You doin' ho activities with ho tendencies."

7. *Marles v. State*, 919 S.W.2d 669

Here, a Texas court found itself obligated to determine, well, "...whether the act of defecating in one's pants upon being informed of a pending criminal charge is a relevant fact for the jury."

8. *Noble v. Bradford Marine, Inc.*, 789 F. Supp. 395

In this brief opinion, Federal Judge Paine makes extensive Wayne's World references, finally concluding with the declaration that "... Prime Time's most bogus attempt at removal is 'not worthy' and the Defendants must 'party on' in state court."

Thoughts on Mitt Romney

OPINION

By Jason Paul

In law school, you learn that words matter. Apparently, Mitt Romney didn't.

One of the most important things you learn in law school is that one word or concept can change the outcome of a law or a case – requiring negligence is different from requiring recklessness. The standard is different if there is a duty of care than if there isn't. Mixing them up isn't trivial. This is apparently something Mitt Romney either didn't learn or forgot.

Here's another example from our law school experience: we have a B median at UConn Law. It is a source of some degree of gamesmanship and griping. What it is not, is a B average. A B average would mean, if your classmate did better, it came, in some sense, at your expense. While a B median rule may not be ideal, it is far superior to a B average rule. To conflate the two shows a lack of understanding.

It is much the same with Mitt Romney's most recent comments about 47% of people seeing themselves as victims. Part of what Mitt Romney said is true. Since 1988, each party has received around 47% of the two-party vote for President. (Dole got 45% in 1996, which I believe is the low.) So in talking to donors, Romney was correct to say that something like 47% of the people are going to vote for President Obama no matter what (I am one of them). That may be a cynical comment but it is true one.

Romney also mentioned a 47% who do not pay federal incomes

taxes. This is also true, as long as you're careful to specify federal income taxes. But then he took things too far. First, he combined the 47% who were locked in for Obama with the 47% who pay no federal income taxes. (Thereby shocking Jay-Z and Warren Buffett.) This is, of course, nonsense. Not needing to pay federal income taxes correlates with having a somewhat lower income and therefore a slightly great propensity to vote for Democrats; still, this is one of the weaker correlations in American politics.

Millions of Romney supporters fall into the 47% who don't pay income taxes, and are not the same 47% who will definitely vote for Obama (I predict it will be more). That mistake was bad enough. Romney then went on to commit one of the worst sins for a lawyer or a politician – to presume motive without evidence. Romney ascribed two motives to the Obama supporters: laziness and victimhood. Americans work harder than the people of any other rich country.

We never had an entitlement mentality, which is part of the reason we put up with staggering levels of inequality. We are also a proud people and, as we have shown in our darkest hours, no one can make us victims.

Romney's problem was that he sounded like he didn't really like Americans. An additional problem for him is that we got a rare look into his work product, how he thinks, not just the fancy closing argument. Romney showed us both an obvious lack of character and the kind of sloppy logic that wouldn't fly from a IL.

The Back Page

Diary of a 1L

By Sarah Ricciardi

Like most of my fellow 1Ls, I spent the summer ignoring the fact that I would soon be starting law school. Specifically, I was on the beach, slinging back rum punches and reading Game of Thrones. But now that I'm finally here, I'm getting quite the education.

Like how to deal with the 85 email addresses UConn so lovingly provided us. After a few "frustration beers," I came up with this: TWEN is sent to UConn Law mail, which is forwarded to Huskymail, which is sent to Gmail, where I've flagged the emails with my Peoplesoft number and Westlaw log-in information. Bam! Take that!

I've also learned that a picture and an affidavit signed by your mom do not qualify as sufficient evidence that you have indeed had chicken pox. Word to the wise: if you have had chicken pox, but decide to get the vaccine anyway to appease your school's registrar, you may end up

contracting shingles.

I now know where to find exactly one restroom in every building. The one on the first floor of Chase is by far the best. I do not recommend the one in the basement of Knight. It's like a sauna. However, if you don't heed my advice and you're in the lobby of Knight at about 1:45, you're guaranteed cold pizza and a liter of Sprite.

Also, do not sit in front of a window on your first day of class because that seat's yours for the next three months, and the professor can totally see your GChat in the reflection. Similarly, if you notice someone with the annoying habit of participating in class, sit next to him. According to a recent study (my unproven theory with no factual basis), professors tend to call on students who are sitting in different areas of the classroom in order to "spread the wealth."

And finally, when you read a "You know you're a law student when..." post on Facebook or watch law review videos and you find them hilarious, you're officially a law student.

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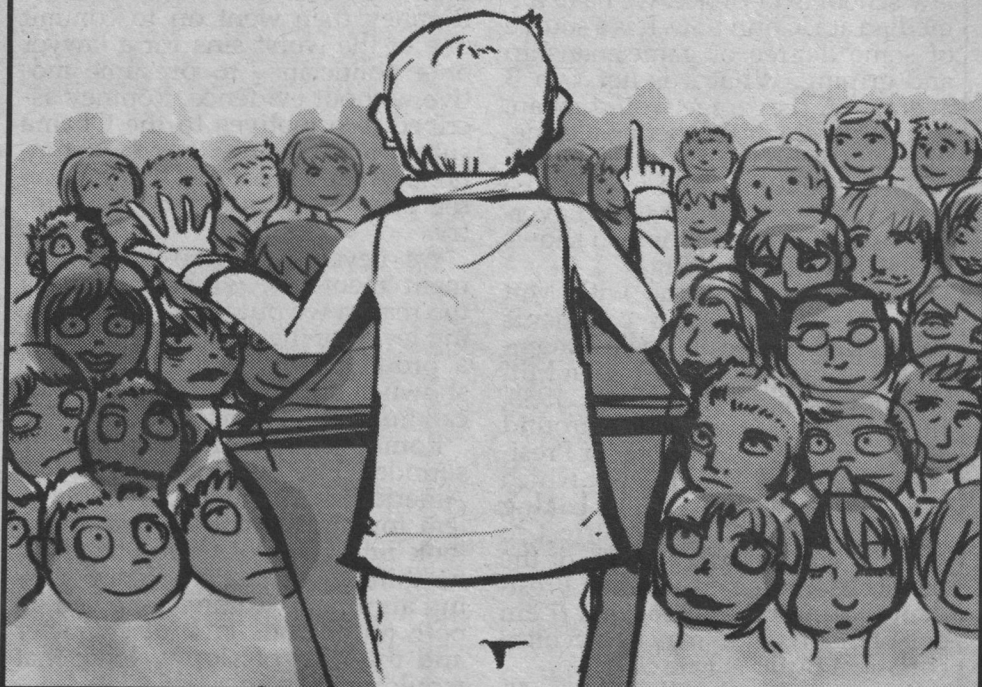
Visiting Assistant Professor David Thaw has an "obnoxiously long tie with UConn." A second generation visiting assistant professor, Thaw claims that UConn's own Jonathon the 12th once visited his childhood home. Impressed? You should be. With degrees in government and computer science from the University of Maryland and a JD, PhD, and MA from Berkley, it would be extremely difficult to find a more qualified professor of Cyber Security and Privacy Regulations. A bit of advice: as finals get closer, you would do well to perhaps bring your golden retriever along with you to Thaw's office hours - he claims to be "absolutely in love with dogs" and may or may not be easily won over.

Associate Professor Dalie Jimenez is originally from Cuba. She studied electrical engineering, computer science, and political science at MIT before receiving her JD from Harvard. After spending some time in the world of debt collection, Jimenez decided begin her teaching career here at UConn. Though she is now teaching Contracts and Bankruptcy courses, Jimenez looks forward to her retirement plan of photographing babies and weddings.

Associate Professor James Kwak earned his PhD in history from Berkley and his JD from Yale. When Kwak is not teaching Business Organization, Corporate Finance, and Regulation of National Institutions, he is writing articles for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among others. He has co-authored three books and is a regular contributor to *The Atlantic* and *The Baseline Scenario*. Incidentally, if intelligence truly is genetic his six-month-old will rule the world one day.

Finally, Associate Professor Julia Simon-Kerr received her BA in English from Wesleyan University and her JD from Yale. She teaches Civil Procedure and Evidence. Fun fact: When she took the New Jersey Bar Exam, the vendor sent blue books with only six pages in them. Consequently, the panicked examinees had to raise their hands periodically so that the proctors could come around and attach extra pages to their books, which annoyingly caused them to fall further apart with every staple. According to Simon-Kerr, it was absolute and utter chaos, yet she insists she holds no ill will against New Jersey.

"As a result of the 2012 employment statistics, our law school is extremely excited to offer a new course in the fall: Self Esteem 101."



by Apurva Reddy and Ryan Downing

Law School Horoscopes

Libra: (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) The reason for your precise knowledge of the criminal legal system is revealed during class when the US case against you regarding the five jogggers is read in criminal law.

Scorpio: (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Your impulsive decision to attend law school after watching an episode of Law and Order: SVU was a good one. Congratulations on being the top of your class!

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) The good news is you won't go broke partying. The bad news is you'll become bankrupt paying for books.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Until your time machine arrives, you're going to have to take it one day at a time.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Hushed silences follow your arrival in any room. Purchasing that shark head space suit was worth every dollar you spent on it.

Pisces: (Feb. 19 - March 20) While law school's ability to help you qualify for the Olympics is dubious at best, it will help you physically prepare for the winter Olympics. Heat bills are expensive.

Ares: (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) After countless dating sites and years of searching, you have met your perfect match. Unfortunately, further investigation reveals that that match is a computer.

Taurus: (Apr. 20 - May 20) It's not paranoia. Your house plants are plotting their revenge for that time you forgot to water them.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Forget about scholastic achievements. You have finally achieved wardrobe perfection. Never before have your clothes fit so perfectly.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) You have decided to single-handedly fight the pirates of the coast of Somalia. You will petition Congress for a Letter of Marque.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug. 22) Your housemate had been telling the truth. You have been impersonating a ballerina in your sleep.

Virgo: (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) After watching your heroic struggle to remove gum from your shoe, Clint Eastwood has requested that you become the action star in his next movie.

Wendy's Wise Words of Wisdom

Dear Wendy,

I am a first year law student and I'm struggling with keeping a good schedule this year, what with all the classes and organizations and volunteer work. Unfortunately, this has resulted in the 1L fifteen (make that twenty-five) and the muscle consistency of overcooked soba noodles. What can I do to keep in shape without going to the gym?

-Stringy in Starr

Dear Stringy in Starr-

We all know how hard it is to find time to work out on a busy law school schedule but those of us in our upper years have found ways to double, triple, even quadruple task. Here's how you can lose the weight and gain back the muscle without a lot of time to do it:

Arms: Put your new Con Law book in one hand and your Torts book in the other. Lift! Lift! Lift! Five reps with these babies and your arms will bulge like AHHHHHHHHH-rnold's.

Back: Carry all your textbooks with you everywhere. Done and done. That's got to be at least eighty pounds in your backpack.

Abs: While in class, "accidentally" drop your pen thirty or forty times and pick it up. One crunch, two crunch, three crunch, four. Big crunch, fast crunch, last crunch, sore.

Cardio: Cardio is actually the easiest workout to fit in as a law student. Here are several activities you can do to keep that heart rate up:

1. Play Red Light, Green Light. I know it may sound childish but this game is not for the faint of heart. Your playground is not the soccer field or Elizabeth Park, but Farmington Avenue. Duck and dodge those speeding cars for not only a great cardiovascular workout but also an increase in flexibility, agility, and reflexes. Bring a friend to call out the lights or play solo, using the traffic lights for some real-life application.

2. Run. Not all of us were built to run marathons or even sprints. Therefore, in order to up the stakes and motivate even those lackadaisical about the art of running, here's a helpful suggestion. When it's time for class, pack your backpack and put on a pair of running shoes. Wait exactly five minutes AFTER you should have left to get to class on time. Now run! Goal: Get to class on time without smelling like a sweaty baboon.

3. Go to the library. Unexpected advice, I'm sure, but think about it. The library has five floors. Take the elevator to the bottom and stretch it out. Taking five flights of stairs will have your heart pumping, your lungs bellowing and your knees burning in no time.

Enjoy your workout and remember to treat yourself afterwards with some pork rinds or otherwise disgustingly unhealthy food. Good luck!

Yours, Wendy