

**Former Deputy Solicitor General to address Commencement**

By Matthew Szafranski

The Law School scored a coup last year when civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis addressed the 2012 Commencement. Continuing a string of high-profile speakers, Neal Katyal, who successfully defended the Voting Rights Act in 2009 will deliver the keynote address at this year's Commencement Ceremony on May 19.

Katyal served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States from 2009-2011. Before that he had built up an impressive history of major constitutional cases most notably arguing on behalf of Guantanamo detainees in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*.

Katyal's legal career included a number of prestigious stops while in law school (he attended Yale) including in the office of the Counsel to the Vice-President and in the Solicitor General's office. He held clerkships with both the Second Circuit and with Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

After law school, Katyal's credentials included working as co-counsel to Vice President Al Gore in *Bush v. Gore* during the dispute 2000 presidential election. He would go on to write an amicus brief on behalf of Law School Deans for the *Gutter v. Bollinger*, which tested the constitutionality of the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies. During this time, Katyal also worked under Chief Justice John Roberts at Hogan Hartson when the latter led the firm's appellate advocacy division.

However, it has been in the last six or seven years that Katyal has made a decisive impact on Supreme Court jurisprudence. The 2006 *Hamdan* case turned back an attempted by then-President George Bush to try Guantanamo detainees through military commissions set up exclusively by the President. The rationale behind the commission was that they were borne out of military necessity, but lacked any statutory or constitutional authority.

Katyal and his legal team prevailed on a 5-3 decision (John Roberts recused himself) noting that such commissions must abide by the terms of treaties the United States has signed in addition to the constitution of the United States.

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**Former AG Mukasey speaks on  
Terror Trials**

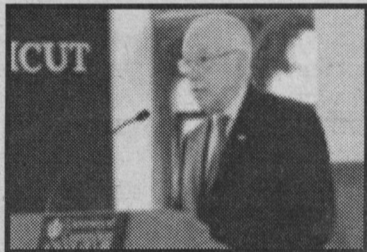
By Alexa Millinger

On Tuesday, April 16, the Law School hosted the 81st Attorney General of the United States Michael Mukasey as the 2013 Day Pitney Visiting Scholar. In a timely speech just one day after the Boston Marathon bombings, Mukasey focused on the legal issues behind finding and prosecuting terror suspects.

Mukasey, who served as Attorney General from November 2007 to January 2009 after serving nearly two decades as a federal district judge for the Southern District of New York, was brought to campus by the Connecticut Law Review and sponsored by the Day Pitney Foundation.

Mukasey began by summing up where the United States stands in the fight against Islamic terrorism with a quote from Winston Churchill saying, "It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

After recounting the history of Islamic terrorism from its inception to when the U.S. declared war on terror after the September 11 attacks, Mukasey spoke from his experience working on terror issues under the George W. Bush administration. Mukasey discussed the legal and political constraints in effectively trying and prosecuting terror suspects, the practical problems created by military commissions trying terror suspects, and inadequate detention policies. Mukasey



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Mukasey

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**Insurance Symposium discusses  
retirement planning**

By Nick Stadnyk

Recently, the Connecticut Insurance Law Center in conjunction with the Insurance Law Journal hosted a symposium on the challenges of saving for retirement in a world that is now dominated by defined contribution plans, such as 401(k) plans, rather than traditional defined benefit pension plans. Excellent speakers and panels that stimulated interesting academic discussion highlighted the daylong event.

"One of the dominant themes of the day was that many Americans have insufficient savings for retirement," said Professor James Kwak of the event. "Even people who are near retirement have retirement account balances that are less than \$100,000. For many Americans, the only source of significant income in retirement will be Social Security."

In her keynote address, Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, highlighted many of the challenges that American families face. Social Security is the largest source of retirement income for many people, but benefits are declining. According to Munnell, we need a new tier of retirement savings to fill the gap between what people can expect from current programs and what they will need in retirement.

David Laibson, a Harvard professor and a pioneering researcher in behavioral economics and savings behavior, used a simulation to illustrate why so many people will not be able to retire on their 401(k) accounts. He focused on the problem of leakage—money that is withdrawn from those accounts prior to retirement—and proposed that we let people experiment with retirement savings accounts that make it harder for them to take out their money.

"Another important theme was the problems that people face in finding good investment options in their defined contribu-



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Insurance Symposium

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**SALDF event preview**

By Elizabeth O'Donnell

Members of the legal, animal, and social work professional communities will visit UConn Law on May 3, to attend a conference entitled "Animal Cruelty: Legal Challenges and Potential Solutions."

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) and the Animal Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association will host the conference, which is open to students at the law school.

"This conference will be a conversation about what animal cruelty is, why it's important, and how we in the legal community can do a better job of handling and prosecuting animal cruelty cases," said Professor Jessica Rubin.

Rubin said animal cruelty cases are important both in order to provide justice for the animal victims as well as because there are many

statistics linking cruelty to animals to violence against other humans.

The conference will feature two cross-disciplinary panels consisting of professionals across a wide range of fields including lawyers, animal control officers, veterinarians, and social workers.

The first panel will discuss violence against animals and its link with violence against humans. It will feature State Rep. Diana Urban, Jonathan Balcombe, PhD of the Humane Society of the U.S., and Kate Nicoll, LCSW, Animal Assisted Therapist.

The panel will also discuss how laws can be used to prevent both forms of violence.

"Given the increasing acts of violence against humans in the community, people are drawing the connection in some cases with a person's previous violence against animals," said Rubin.

The second panel will discuss the investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty cases. It

will feature The Hon. Raymond Noriko, Senior Assistant State's Attorney Joseph LaMotta and Raymond Connors of the State Department of Agriculture.

Rubin said that while there are strong laws in Connecticut about animal cruelty, cases still need more attention to help the animals.

"In Connecticut we have some fairly good animal cruelty statutes, however, because of problems in the investigation, prosecution of cases sometimes aren't treated to the fullest extent of the statute," said Rubin.

Out of this conference, she said she hopes ideas will emerge about finding a more coordinated treatment of animal cruelty cases, where social workers would work together with animal control officers.

"One possibility would be to require cross-reporting between DCF and the department of agriculture," said Rubin.

## Dean's Corner with Interim Dean McLean

By Interim Dean  
Willajeanne McLean

It seems impossible to me that a full academic year is ending, and with it my tenure as interim Dean. Yet the appearance of the forsythia and the glorious blossoms of the magnolia tree indicate that exams and graduation are almost upon us, and summer waits in the wings before we begin the academic year cycle, again.

As foreshadowed in my initial Pro Se column, the faculty voted to include a "live-lawyering" experience as a graduation requirement for all students, beginning with those who matriculate next academic year. In addition, we have expanded our curricular offerings- over 160 courses are taught yearly. We will continue to offer a rich array of academic programming with the assistance of newly hired faculty, who will teach in the areas of Public Policy, Health Care Financing, Human Rights and Pensions. With these new hires, there are possibilities for greater collaboration across the University and opportunities for deepening our engagement with the bench, bar and legislature-for students and faculty members alike. Last, but certainly not least, the Dean's Search committee brought to campus four talented people; and we, as a community writ large, have chosen Mr. Timothy Fisher to be our "Dean Next".

This past year, as your interim Dean or most recently, as the cheerleader-in-chief has been a most rewarding one for me, both professionally and personally. Please know that I am immensely grateful to you all for your cooperation, your infectious enthusiasm for your various projects and goals, your willingness to collaborate with each other, and your hard work this past year. I am extraordinarily proud of what this community of teacher-scholars, students, and staff accomplished during this season of change.

It has given me great pleasure to represent the law school, and to tell the story, widely and often, of our many successes- of which there are simply too many to enumerate here. The future of this great institution is bright. In the words of T.S. Eliot, "For last year's words belong to last year's language, And next year's words await another voice... And to make an end is to make a beginning."

Here's to new beginnings!

## Connecticut residency process

By Sarah Ricciardi

With finals fast approaching and the pressure of the write-on competition looming, many 1Ls may forget that there is something far more important to deal with in the near future - the Connecticut Residency Application. Why is this so important? Because good grades mean very little if you're paying full price for them. If you haven't started the process yet, the application is due June 1st.

The majority of 1Ls will apply to establish residency as emancipated students. Here are a couple things you can do now before filling out the application: Get a signed copy of your lease. Register to vote. Get your hands on those utility or cable bills that you've been avoiding. Make a copy of your federal and Connecticut state tax returns. Print out your financial aid award from Peoplesoft. Now that you've procrastinated all

year, it's time you head over to the DMV to get that shiny new Connecticut license and car registration. Yes, it may take several hours. No, there's no way out of it. If you're really an over-achiever, lug your casebooks with you. Nothing makes five hours at the DMV go faster than 100 pages of Property homework.

Other ways of establishing residency include applying as an un-emancipated student by using parental/guardian information; applying as a Connecticut resident who attended a Connecticut high school; or applying as an emancipated student with spouse's information.

However you choose to establish residency, remember to be accurate and honest. While the process may seem overwhelming, it is well worth it. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Student Services. Good luck - and welcome to Connecticut!

## A Note from the Student Bar Association

Students, Faculty, and Administration,

It is with the utmost humility and profound adulation that I address our law school community one last time. The goal of the Student Bar Association this 2012-13 academic year began with a simple theme; U.C.L. (UConn Law = Unity, Commitment, and Loyalty). Unbeknownst to all of us, this year has become about much more; it has evolved into a year about positivity, collaboration, inspiration, and familial collegiality. In just the past nine months alone, not only have numerous community members been recognized for individual accolades (too many to name in this small editorial piece), but collectively our law school has been recognized for our its unique and progressive approach towards attacking the challenges that face the field of legal education. This uniqueness is no better reflected than in our nationally recognized selection of a new Dean, Tim Fisher (a non-traditional Dean candidate), as well as in our ascension in the U.S. News & World Report ranking system for the first time in five years; a trend that I predict will continue.

UConn Law is not only a place where there is an opportunity for people to become their best selves, it is also a place where we have come to expect the best of others. As I am sure many of you will agree, UConn Law is a place that has transformed you. It is a place where you experienced highs and lows, but knowing that you were not alone and that you would triumph as long as you continue to put in your best efforts. Not only are we all surrounded by the brilliance of each individual talent around campus (this includes everybody, including staff), but we are also surrounded by a greater Hartford community and Connecticut State that bolsters our profile through the unyielding pride and support, which they give us here in the capital city.

As you can see, this final message is not about you, the reader, or me, your departing President, but it is about the "WE". Though we must all run our own race, never forget all ships rise together.. Law school only lasts for a few years, but we are all HUSKIES for life! And as Huskies, we should all aspire to make our community a place where people look forward to tomorrow. You accomplish this through small acts that more often than not receive little to no public notice, and I thank you for that. You will leave UConn Law educated, and your validation will be your degree. But rather than seeing your degree as a ticket towards a good life, consider the different outlook: think of your degree as validation that you can be the difference that you want to see in the world.

As this year's SBA President, I, like all past presidents, have come to appreciate that this office is bigger than me. I am deeply grateful for having had the opportunity to lead, and I will always be indebted to each of you. I would also like to take a moment to thank all the members of the 2012-13 SBA, particularly the Executive Board comprised of Brian Gore (V.P.); Matt Loftus (Chief Financial Officer); and Jessica Signor (Chief Administrative Officer). Though our members represent the body of our SBA, the E-Board has functioned as its heart, and a body cannot function without a heart. I am extremely thankful for each of your efforts!

Best of luck to everyone on exams. Have a wonderful summer break. Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2013! We made it!

Best,  
Franklin E. Perry II  
SBA President

## Library Corner

We're Only a Chat Away  
by Patrick Butler  
Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian

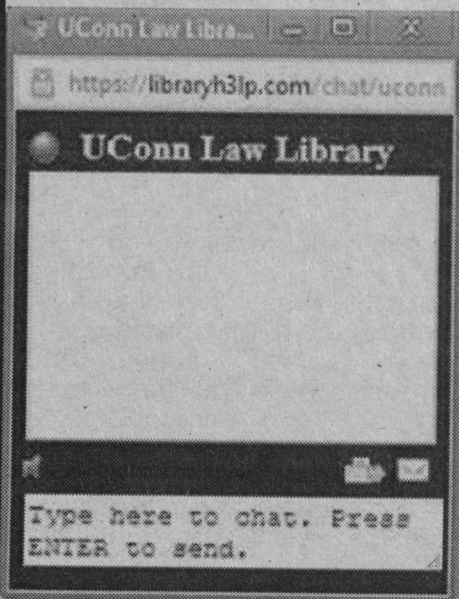
This summer, you may be handed an assignment as a summer associate or intern and not know where to begin. As you stare blankly at it, remember that we're only a chat away.

The reference librarians will be staffing the reference desk and chat all summer. Our chat service, if you haven't used it before, is available directly from the law library home page. We are happy to get you started in the right direction, help brainstorm ways to dig you out of a hole when you are stuck, or suggest a research method for you to use in your research.

For the first time ever, students will continue to have access to Lexis and Westlaw over the summer months. Please note, however, that our academic subscriptions do not provide access to all of the content available on these platforms, including some of the practitioner-focused resources that may be helpful to you in your research this summer.

Also, keep in mind that comprehensive research often requires looking beyond these popular databases, and you may be asked to conduct non-legal research. We have a large collection of resources for legal and non-legal research that will be available to you all summer either by coming into the library or logging in remotely with your Net ID and password.

If you know ahead of time what area of law and jurisdiction you'll be working in, stop by the reference desk before you leave. The reference librarians will be able to provide you with recommendations of useful resources. Are you working with Tax Law? Get to Publications. Whichever area of law you will be working in, we have a number of resources to help you conduct thorough search and impress your boss. Most importantly, reaching out to us may save you valuable time. We hope to hear from you this summer!



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While serving as Deputy Solicitor General, Katyal became acting Solicitor General upon Elena Kagan's elevation to the Supreme Court. Early in his tenure, he successfully defended the Civil Rights Act from a challenge in 2009 in an 8-1 decision, *Northwest Austin Municipal v. Holder*. Later, Katyal sought and obtained a reversal of a lower court finding that former Attorney General John Ashcroft did not have qualified immunity for misusing a material witness statute.

After defending President Barack Obama's health care law in the Circuit Courts, Katyal left the Justice Department for position at Hogan Lovells, where he now leads their appellate division. Katyal also teaches at the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.

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## From politics to public policy and back again

By Jason Paul

### OPINION

So I will admit to being both outraged and not at all surprised by the recent vote of the United States Senate not to allow the passage of a law to increase background check for gun buyers. Leaving aside temporarily how ridiculous it is that it takes 60 votes to pass anything in the United States Senate, with the gun issue we can see the fundamental questions powering the outcome.

In the most recent Washington Post Poll, 51% of the country believed that a home was safer with a gun, versus 29% who said it was safer without one. The facts are very different. If you measure safety as likelihood of being killed with a gun either through accident, homicide or suicide, not having a gun dramatically reduces these risks. Moreover, were it the case that guns succeed in warding off crime, high gun ownership states would have less crime than high gun ownership states. That is not the case. As it happens, a gun in the home does not make it or its occupants any less prone to

danger. Interestingly back in 2000, the data were reversed. Then 51% believed a gun in the home made it more dangerous and only 35% believed it made the home safer.

What happened between the year 2000 and today? I believe it is primarily a case of Democrats and particularly Democratic Presidential candidates not talking about gun control anymore. There is a belief, and one that in retrospect looks incorrect, that Al Gore lost the 2000 Presidential election because in the 2000 primary he maintained a too hard-line stance in favor of gun control. As a result of this belief, Democratic Presidential Candidates stopped talking about gun control out of fear of the electoral consequences.

As one side left the field almost completely, the issue lost attention and/or momentum. Meanwhile, the side which was still arguing gained the upper hand. That moved public opinion on the issue, which made a law change even harder. If the issue is re-engaged, overtime the 2000 numbers might return making passage a new law much, much easier.

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repeatedly emphasized that the current measures are inadequate and the United States is in need of a system for trying terrorists in a suitable tribunal.

Mukasey criticized the Obama administration for lowering the available limits on terrorist suspect interrogation measures on his second day in office, and his administration's subsequent default to the use of drones in fighting terror.

In perhaps the most impassioned part of his presentation, Mukasey vehemently argued that he did not agree with the premise that waterboarding was torture. In response to an audience question about why he chose not to prosecute the Bush administration for waterboarding terrorist suspects, Mukasey countered that waterboarding is not torture because "it does not involve pain or long-term effects." In his response, Mukasey discussed in-depth the brutal torture techniques once used in Japan and by Pol Pot in Cambodia, and distinguished waterboarding from those clear methods of torture.

Mukasey, who had worked as a media lawyer before being appointed to the bench, where he came to know Dean Leslie Levin, closed by addressing how the role of the media has changed. Mukasey argued that the press's view of their own role is what has changed, and cited how the media's disclosure of what was recovered from Osama Bin Laden's home "didn't help the situation."

## Supreme Court rules on warrantless checks of DUI

By Alex Anastasio

April 17 - The Supreme Court issued a ruling which may limit the ability of police to conduct warrantless checks of DUI suspects' blood alcohol levels.

The case arose from a fairly routine DUI incident which occurred in Missouri. Defendant Tyler McNeely was pulled over by police after they spotted his vehicle traveling erratically. McNeely failed a sobriety test, refused a field B.A.C. test, and was then arrested. The arresting officer then transported McNeely to a hospital for blood testing. The officer did not seek a warrant, but simply directed a lab technician to take McNeely's blood, which registered a B.A.C. well in excess of the legal limit.

McNeely moved to exclude the fruits of the blood test, arguing that it was obtained in violation of the 4th Amendment. Missouri argued that the warrantless search was permissible under precedent, which allows for some warrantless blood tests if exigent circumstances exist.

The majority opinion was written by Justice Sotomayor, and was joined by Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Ginsburg, and Kagan. Justice Sotomayor's opinion rejected Missouri's arguments, which she deemed to be an argument for a per se rule allowing warrantless blood testing. Instead, the majority opinion con-

tinues the use of the totality of the circumstances approach, and ruled that the natural dissipation of alcohol cannot be treated a per se justification of warrantless blood tests. Furthermore, her opinion emphasized that the slow and predictable nature of alcohol dissipation could not justify an emergency circumstances exception to the general 4th Amendment requirement for warrants. Additionally, her opinion noted that advances in communications technology make it easier for police officers to obtain warrants at high speed, thus limiting the argument that police need to be able to carry out warrantless blood tests because they couldn't get warrants before B.A.C. dropped too much.

Additional sections of Justice Sotomayor's opinion were not supported by a majority, because Justice Kennedy used a brief concurrence to join only some sections of her opinion.

Chief Justice Roberts, joined by Justices Breyer and Alito, concurred and dissented. In his view, the totality of the circumstances approach was correct, but the natural dissipation of alcohol should be considered a very compelling justification for a warrantless blood test.

Justice Clarence Thomas dissented, accepting the state's argument that there is a per se exception which allows warrantless blood testing if there is probable cause to believe that the suspect has been drinking.

## Free speech in today's world

By Jaime Welsh

On April 3, 2013, the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Connecticut hosted their annual Milton and Ethel Sorokin Symposium at the University of Connecticut School of Law. This year's forum was titled "The Global Consequences of Free Speech," and featured a debate between Gabe Rottman, legislative counsel and policy advisor in the ACLU's Washington Legislative Office, and Alexander Tsesis, professor of law at Loyola University's Chicago School of Law. Susan Campbell, former Harford Courant columnist and author of *Dating Jesus*, moderated the discussion.

The forum discussed the Innocence of Muslims video that caused protests to break out in Muslim nations in September 2012, and contributed to the death of United States Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three of his staff at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. Rottman and Tsesis debated whether a "foreign policy exception" to the right of free expression would be compatible with the First Amendment.

Tsesis commented on how the Internet and social media have made it easier for hate groups to intimidate, and that several countries (Germany, Canada, France, the UK) protect free speech but prohibit hate speech. Tsesis defined hate speech as a "form of expression that seeks to incite."

Rottman countered with the fact that restrictions on speech have been used to target progressive speech, such as civil rights activists. Rottman said "to protect the speech that you like, you have to protect the speech that you hate." However, Rottman admits that the Innocence of Muslims video can be seen as so inflammatory that it will inevitably result in violence overseas.

On September 25, 2012, President Barak Obama gave a speech to the United Nations General Assembly discussing the video and consequent protests. President Obama said: "Americans have fought and died around the globe to protect the right of all people to express their views, even views that we profoundly disagree with. We do not do so because we support hateful speech, but because our founders understood that without such protections, the capacity of each individual to express their own views and practice their own faith may be threatened."

Tsesis and Rottman both conclude that the video is protected First Amendment speech. Decide for yourself: The Innocence of Muslims is currently available on YouTube.

## Update on gun reform

By Matthew Szafranski

Even as Connecticut took significant and fairly bipartisan steps to reform gun laws after the shooting massacre in Newtown, progress in Washington has ground to a halt. The centerpiece of gun safety legislation, increasing the number of firearm transactions subject to background checks, failed in the US Senate defeated by a failure to break a filibuster with sixty votes.

A deal between two senators with A ratings from the National Rifle Association, Democrat Joseph Manchin and Republican Pat Toomey, had fashioned the compromise, but could only secure 55 votes. Four senators from each party crossed party lines on the vote, which was overwhelmingly Democratic.

The vote prompted a visibly perturbed President Barack Obama to chastise the Senate for its cowardice. Family of Newtown shooting victims and former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, herself shot in the head while greeting constituents, stood with the president during the impromptu Rose Garden address.

Despite, the setback, however, supporters of stronger gun safety laws do not sound deterred. Senator Chris Murphy, who represented Newtown in the US House, said that he and others see this as only the first round in the fight. He said that not only he, but the Newtown families are not giving up this fight.

As the vote illustrated, however, part of the problem remains the filibuster. Murphy says, "we had 47 votes to reform the filibuster," which under the most advertised of changes would have required senators to actually continue speaking on the floor in order to delay a vote.

The Connecticut General Assembly uses a similar rule. A vote on an item cannot be taken while a member continues to speak. This is a powerful tool for the minority to take up legislating time. Technically in the General Assembly, the majority party has a weapon to fire back, a motion to "call the question" that is stop all debate and vote immediately. However, it is rarely if ever used.

Filibuster reform failed at the beginning of

this session as several senior senator warned newer members like Murphy that they would live to regret the consequences. Murphy dismissed that concern as reality of majority rule. The filibuster is undemocratic and makes the Senate, which gives disproportionate power to sparsely populated states, "even less democratic," he said.

Several other gun measures were considered along with background checks, including one that would require states to accept concealed weapon laws of other states, even if those states have lax requirements. That measure in particular also achieved a majority of support. Murphy, who voted against it, said that "you have to take the good with the bad" adding that the will of the majority must be respected.

Meanwhile in Connecticut, many of the new state laws, like bans on weapons redefined to be assault weapons, took effect upon passage of the bills. Several gun manufacturers have threatened to leave the state, although none have announced plans yet. The law is also being challenged in court.

# The Back Page

## Diary of a 1L

By Sarah Ricciardi

A long string of expletives could be heard across the UConn Law campus on April 11th as students rushed to register for next semester's classes. Why such foul language? Could it be because the notoriously temperamental student admin site, PeopleSoft, always logs you out at the exact moment you're supposed to register? Or perhaps because the one class you absolutely MUST take at a particular time is inevitably the same class that everyone else wants to take too? Or maybe because you were so knee deep in moot court preparation and con law homework that you forgot to log in the second that registration opened? Whatever the reason, if you're like the rest of us, you've waitlisted more classes than actually enrolled in. To say that figuring out how to fill in my schedule for the fall has been challenging would be a gross understatement. Amidst a barrage of conflicting advice, I find myself longing for the days of a required curriculum. Given limited administrative guidance, students grasp at random, not entirely unhelpful suggestions from upperclassman. Clinics

are awesome, but you'll never get in. Avoid lectures as much as possible so you aren't at the mercy of "the Curve." In fact, only take seminars - anything else is GPA suicide. This professor is a great teacher, but you'll never get an A. This professor is really difficult, but his final is a take home. This class doesn't require a casebook, but you'll need about four hornbooks to actually grasp the material. If you only take four classes every semester, you won't graduate on time. But five classes can be too much to handle.

So what's my plan? Cross my fingers that my waitlisted classes are just space-fillers for other peoples' waitlisted classes? If you buy into the law school hype, course selection for 2L fall semester is one of the most important things that you'll ever decide. It's right up there with buying a home and naming your first-born. In all seriousness, don't worry about next semester. Over the next couple years, you'll have plenty of opportunities to give UConn Law large amounts of money in exchange for a vast array of impressive cocktail party material. Enjoy your summer. And try not to act like a law student the whole time.

## Bar Review

By Mark Randall and Alex Kovtunen

Finals are over, or at least you are already looking beyond that pending "Gentleman's B" that your fellow classmates claim they will also be receiving, and that means it is time to drink a beer. Sure, you can go to that local bar that knows your name and has that crazy local you always manage to sit next to—but this summer branch out, be an adult, go directly to the source.

For those of you in Connecticut this summer, either by choice or force, let the following serve as the starting point for your foray into local craft breweries.

Thomas Hooker Brewing Company, located just ten minutes from campus in Bloomfield, is the perfect place to drink on the first and third Friday of every month from 5 to 8pm, during their "Open House." The place gets packed, people get buzzed off samplings, and you won't even notice that the beer is only a step up from your own attempt at homebrewing. Ten minutes up the road from Hooker is Back East Brewing Company, another Bloomfield brewery, open Wednesday to Saturday. The newly released Imperial IPA is their best offering to date, but definitely taste through each of them.

For those of you not adverse to a bit of travel, Two Roads Brewing Company, located a little over an hour away in Stratford, gives you that "now this is a brewery" feeling the moment you take exit 31 off I-95. Set in a converted red brick manufacturing building, the brewery offers a large open tasting room overlooking the brewery floor. The beers are killer, so be sure to do a full tasting flight, but if you only want one, there are beers by the glass available. Please have a 'Road 2 Ruin,' a nice double IPA hop bomb. There is also a revolving food truck parked right out front on Saturday and Sunday, providing much needed post beer sustenance.

A couple of other breweries to visit are Beer'd Brewing and Relic Brewing Company. These microbreweries are located in Stonington and Plainville, respectively, and are a perfect place to solo mission if you cannot convince anyone to join you on your quest for Connecticut beer.

No matter where you choose to drink this summer, remember that you do not want to explain that DUI on your future bar applications, so always be safe.

## Interviews and first impressions

By Geoffrey Miller

A successful job interview and a successful initial client interview both depend on your ability to connect with the other person and make a powerful first impression. This article focuses on how to make a great first impression during a legal job interview. Next month's article will focus on how to answer common interview questions and demonstrate that you are the best candidate for the job.

The first step to a good impression is research. When you are offered an interview, ask questions about who will be interviewing you. What do they do exactly? How long have they been there? Look them up on Google and LinkedIn (log out of LinkedIn, so they do not see that you are looking them up). Then, look up the company website and take notes on what is important to it. You will need this information for every part of the interview since you need to highlight both your connections with the interviewer and how your skills mesh with the company's goals.

Call them by name; this shows you are genuinely interested in the interviewer and the position. According to Dale Carnegie: "There is no sweeter sound to any person's ear than the sound of his own name." Hot Tip: If a potential interviewer has an unusual name, call his voicemail after hours and listen to his

outgoing voicemail message. If you greet him with the proper pronunciation, you will stand out.

Look the part: Wear your best suit. That goes for men as well as women. Interviewers will assume that you are wearing your best outfit.

Be nice to the assistant: she may seem innocuous, but most lawyers take their assistant's opinions seriously. If she doesn't like you, you will probably lose the job.

Turn the interview into a conversation: Ask the interviewer about herself and her firm. Listen, connect and make them feel important. If, in your research, you have discovered that you share an interest with the interviewer, work it into the conversation (without telling her that you have stalked her online). Dale Carnegie put it best: "Talk to someone about themselves and they'll listen for hours."

Show genuine interest: For one interview, I read press releases for several interesting cases that the attorney had argued. More by accident than by plan, I spent much of the interview asking him details about one case or another and how he argued certain points of the cases - I got the job.

Follow up with a hand written thank you note to the interviewer and include something personal, so they know that you do not write the same note to everyone.

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tion plans," Kwak continued. Finance professor Zvi Bodie from Boston University argued that much of the asset management industry is not based on true finance science, leading people to take too much risk with their savings.

Kevin Lembo, the comptroller of the State of Connecticut, discussed the funding of public pension systems, particularly in Connecticut.

Megan Thibos from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau discussed a recent CFPB report on reverse mortgages. She showed how, although these products may be appropriate for some elderly people, recent changes in the market have created new risks for people who take out reverse mortgages.

The event was a big success for both the Connecticut Insurance Law Center and the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal.

## WLSA and SALSA hold Violence Against Women Panel

By Patty Martins

In response to the brutal 2012 rape of a young girl in New Delhi, India, WLSA and SALSA held a panel discussion on Violence Against Women on Tuesday, April 2. The panel's participants were: The Honorable Anne Dranginis, Attorney Anne Mahoney, Professor Michelle Cruz, Anna Doroghazi, the ConnSacs Director of Public Policy & Communication and Liza Andrews, the Communications and Policy Specialist at CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The panel was moderated by Roopa Modha.

India has gender specific laws and does not include a woman violated by her husband in the definition of rape. Cruz discussed how laws set the tone as to what is acceptable behavior, allowing actions not covered by the law. The law's parameters also allow perpetrators to victimize an undefined group, according to Doroghazi. Having gender specific laws does not encompass all of the acts of rape, as the crime shouldn't change depending on the victim's identity. By making rape about sex, Mahoney expressed concern that the laws ignored the fact the primary motivator for many rapists is anger.

The panel discussed public education's important role in the issue. Rape victims often face criticism and much of the focus is on what a rape victim could have done to prevent rape, rather than the perpetrator's actions. Many of the struggles rape victims and victims' rights advocates have to overcome are similar to obstacles they faced 20 years ago. The panel emphasized that rape and domestic violence is a multi-layered issue and that current lawyers can help the law in this area to progress.



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