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Steering Committee Chairperson

Writing for the Forum Graduation Special is a surreal experience. After devoting countless hours to studying, briefs, and extracurricular activities, it's hard to imagine the journey coming to an end. The whirlwind is finally over. It is a scary, but exciting feeling to be dropped back into the real world. A good friend once told me that everything comes full circle and ironically, we find ourselves right back in the same position that we were in when we entered the law school doors, not knowing what to expect from the real world, but happy to be making professional progress. We have all experienced positive growth professionally, intellectually, and socially. As I look around, it is clear that we are not the LL's who entered Valparaiso School of Law three years ago.

With law school advice coming from every direction, some of us had to find out for ourselves what fit our individual personalities. When we entered 1L orientation, we were hit with some bad news. According to previous law student experiences, our lives, as we knew them, were over. Our relationships could possibly end, and our families and friends would not understand the time commitment that law school required. While all of us have probably dealt with these issues on some level, we have all developed flourishing friendships and relationships, social and professional skills and our friends and families are proud of us despite the sacrifice. Besides, we all found time to enjoy the social atmosphere of Paparazzi, Pikk's, Passtimes, Martini's and last, but not least, the infamous Northside Tap. Numerous bonds have been formed and we all have met people who will be constant in our lives for the coming years. In reflection, the positives outweighed the negatives. Overall, law school was a positive experience. As much of an oxymoron as it is, the negatives were positives because every negative experience helped shaped our characters and further prepare us for the real world. Although I thought these cliches were corny before coming to law school, since I have been in law school I have had to whisper them to myself on occasion. "This too shall pass," "Don't sweat the small stuff," "Attitude determines aptitude," "Nobody owes you anything," and "Don't make people angry, because you never know when you will have to cross paths with that person again." I have learned valuable lessons such as "there is no right answer" and to "revel in the ambiguity." The law can sometimes be gray, instead of black and white. And sometimes you have to let go of the small stuff, "There is no right answer" and to "revel in the ambiguity." The law can sometimes be gray, instead of black and white. And sometimes you have to let go of the small stuff.

Don't know.

The 100 Day Rat Pack Party started our count down to the day we have all been patiently awaiting. . . . May 22, 2010. On Friday, April 16th, we went to the Cubs Game and enjoyed the great weather and fun times with each other. While taking pictures and socializing after the game, I realized that this was one of the last good times that we would have and nostalgia began set in. But we still have four more events to look forward to which include the Annual Cane Walk, the Black and White Ball, and the Champagne Toast, so savor the memories while you can. We are truly experiencing what some professors call the "home stretch."

The Steering Committee worked tirelessly to plan graduation composites, cap and gown fittings, 100 Day Party, the Cubs Game, the Cane Walk and the Black and White Ball. We hope that our classmates have enjoyed the events so far. Devoting time outside of studying, working, families, and extracurricular activities, the Steering Committee members all worked together to ensure that our graduation events were successful and enjoyable. I would like to give special thanks to: Andrea Beachkosky, Nicole Camier, Christen Commers Laura Harris, Amanda Hires, Joshua Hood, Erika Nelson, Samuel Richardson, Gary Rom, and Lisa Ross for making our graduation events phenomenal. I have enjoyed this law school journey and I will never forget the lessons it has taught me.

On behalf of the Class of 2010, I would like to thank the Faculty and Staff who have counseled us and invested their time and wisdom. To the Professors who were interested in us as individuals, offered up their offices as refuges, and wanted to see us progress socially and professionally - the Class of 2010 truly appreciates your encouragement, energy, and devotion.

Graduation is symbolic of growth and progress. So I wish the Class of 2010 the best in all of their future endeavors. Our ending is a new beginning. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Arriel Stevens
Chairperson, Steering Committee

VUSL Students at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis

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May 20, 2010 7pm - 12am
Black and White Ball (Formal Attire)
Blue Chip Casino/Hotel, Michigan City, IN
Tickets will be sold at the end of April. All 3Ls and guests are invited to enjoy a night of dinner and dancing.

Details:
Ticket Cost: $30.00
Hotel Room Discount Rate: $89.99

Agenda for the Evening:
*Cocktails
*Dinner
*Champagne Toast
*Music, Socializing, and Dancing until 12 am

Attire:
Do you have to wear black and white?.... Traditionally people have worn black or white or a combination of the two. What kind of attire to wear?.... The attire is formal but wide open. It's all about your personal preference.
Women's Suggested Attire: Ball gowns or cocktail dresses
Men's Suggested Attire: Tuxedos or suit & tie

May 21, 2010 5pm-7pm
Champagne Reception
Strongbow Inn, Valparaiso, IN
This event is open to graduates and their families. More information will be provided closer to the day.

May 22, 2010 10am
Graduation
Takes place at the Chapel of the Resurrection across from the new Student Union. Line up will be at 9:00 am. Open seating, first come first serve. There will be a reception for graduates and their guests in the new Student Union with faculty and staff following the graduation ceremony. You will hand in your caps and gowns in exchange for your diploma.

If you have any questions about any events please contact vusteering.committee@gmail.com.

As selected by the 3L Steering Committee, the faculty hooders for the Valparaiso University School of Law Class of 2010 will be Professors Derrick Carter, Laura Dooley, and Susan Stuart.
Frequently Asked Questions About Graduation

1. How do I get tickets for the commencement ceremony and how many may I have?
   There are no tickets for the ceremony and you are not limited to the number of guests you invite. Seats are first come, first serve.

2. How long is the ceremony?
   About one and a half (1 1/2) hours. Following the ceremony there is a reception in the Harre Union (Ballroom B&C) across the street from the Chapel of the Resurrection for all law students and families.

3. What should I do with my cap, gown, and hood after the ceremony?
   Your cap, gown, and hood will be collected at Harre Union (Ballroom A) immediately following the ceremony. When you have returned your cap, gown and hood you will receive your diploma.

4. Can a relative hood me?
   Only if the relative is an alumnus of the Valparaiso University School of Law. If you would like a relative who is an alumnus to hood you, please contact Registrar Debbie Gleason.

5. Are there accommodations for the handicapped at commencement?
   Yes and no. You can contact Kathy Stalbaum in the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communications (219-464-6800) to reserve a spot at the end of a pew for any members of your family that are in a wheelchair. Also, an interpreter is provided for the deaf and an usher can lead them to the area where the interpreter will be located. The restrooms in the Chapel of the Resurrection are not accessible by wheelchair. People who cannot climb stairs must use the restrooms in the Christopher Center next door.

6. Can I wear my graduate (master’s degree) apparel to the Law Commencement?
   No. Protocol dictates that you wear the apparel of the highest degree received, which is LAW.

7. Can I buy my cap, gown and hood?
   Please check with Arriel Stevens. The cap, gown and hood that you will wear are rentals and not available for sale. The cap and gown companies will usually sell commemorative apparel and they are of better quality than the rental apparel.

8. If I am receiving my degree in August can I participate in the May 2010 Commencement Ceremony?
   Yes- and we hope that you will. You should notify Registrar Debbie Gleason if you are planning to do so.

9. If I received my degree in December 2009 can I participate in the May 2010 Commencement Ceremony?
   Yes- and by now you should have informed Registrar Debbie Gleason that you are doing so and requested a cap, gown and hood.

10. How soon can my guests arrive at the ceremony?
    The doors will open to guests at 9:00 a.m.

11. Is there a rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony?
    No, not that is arranged by the School. Linda Canada will produce a line up list for all graduates to proof. In good weather line up will take place outdoors at the south entrance to the Chapel. In inclement weather line up will take place up the staircase of the Chapel.

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Top Ten Gifts for VUSL from the 2010 Graduates

By: Mike Duffy

10: One new sofa for the atrium.

9: New art and a picture straightening kit for the classrooms.

8: Two crates of baby wipes for cleaning the communal keyboards.

7: Seventy-eight new dry erase markers to be distributed evenly among the classrooms.

6: One-year’s worth of free elevator service.

5: A $500 gift certificate for parking lot cold patching and a bucket of yellow paint.

4: A $500 gift certificate from the Geek Squad.

3: A $500 gift certificate for carpet cleaning.

2: A copy of the actual Constitution for each VUSL faculty member.

1: One new, corrugated metal gutter for the front entrance.
The proud parents, Willie and Diane, thank the Lord for sending our "Angel" (Ilisha Dowell). May God continue to bless you in your endeavors. We love you! Mom and Dad

Ilisha Dowell is moving on the road to success; the Supreme Court awaits you. You are the best!!!

Love,
The MacClains
(Marian, Jay, Brigette, Susan, Tanya, D'Reil, and Kyle)

Congratulations on your graduation Angel (Ilisha Dowell)!
Keep doing big things! We love you!
The Jacksons (Malissa, Tony, and Malia)

Angel (Ilisha Dowell),
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.
We wish you all the best in your career.

Love,
DeWayne, Lisa, Paris, and Tevin

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The Forum thanks you.

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TO THE CLASS OF 2010...

A FOND FAREWELL

Now ONWARD and UPWARD you go,
To great places from dear old Valpo.
But before you defect,
Take some time to reflect,
On the classes and people you know.

Think back to late August 0-7,
Excited and nervous—oh, heaven!
Soon work piled high,
Looked like up to sky,
Then you settled back into a rhythm.

The Brave New World of writing and IRAC,
And what elements make for a contract.
A student of Berner,
Must be a quick learner.
And think both in the concrete and abstract.

Critical thinking and briefing now rule:
Welcome to the rigors of law school.
The method Socratic,
Make lawyers ecstatic,
And gives you a valuable tool.

Fast forward to May 20 – 10,
The march to graduation—and then,
Exam jitters behind you,
And so much to remind you,
Please pause and remember back when:

You mastered the Rule vs. Perpetuities,
And its many confusing incongruities.
Now, smarter by far,
Go tackle that bar!
Exam. Not the one with the susdy gratuities.

Dr. Seuss has said it just so:
Just imagine the places Hu-go!
For the brothers Vining,
And boy Sam and girl Sam, also.

A class with Pope, Bishop and Preest,
And wise Moses— an aptly named feast,
Of feats mega-logical,
Perhaps e’en theological,
Now, get out there, and ‘tackle the beast’!

To you, led by class chair, Arriel,
We now bid a fond fare-thee-well!

And to all the stout-hearted,
Who’ll be soon departed:
To the Stars! May God Bless You, as well.

- Professor Clare K. Ruechterlein

FEATURED SPEAKER: JOHN HOEHNER
FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY, BUSINESS LEADER
TO SPEAK AT LAW COMMENCEMENT

The director of global litigation for one of the world’s largest engineering and construction companies and a former United States Attorney for northern Indiana, John F. Hoehner, will speak to graduates of the Valparaiso University School of Law during May 22 commencement ceremonies.

Hoehner, whose distinguished legal career has spanned more than 30 years, will speak to approximately 170 graduates of the University’s School of Law in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. and will be webcast live at http://www.valpo.edu/commencement.

Hoehner, who earned his law degree at Valparaiso in 1974 and his bachelor’s degree from the University in 1968, is Vice President and Director of Global Litigation for Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. He manages all litigation and claims for the $12 billion engineering, construction, and service company that is one of the world’s largest and most diverse providers of professional technical services. Hoehner has contributed significantly to risk management strategic thinking and policy making as a member of the senior legal and management team for Jacobs Engineering Group and its predecessor, Sverdrup Group, since 1994.

He previously served the U.S. government for more than a decade as a federal prosecutor and was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana by President George H.W. Bush. While holding that position from 1991 to 1993, Hoehner created a diversity program that significantly increased the number of minority federal prosecutors and led the office to the highest national ranking for organization and leadership. Before being named U.S. Attorney, he distinguished himself during nine years as a federal prosecutor for the Northern District, advancing to positions of steadily increasing responsibility and directing the most comprehensive and successful federal investigation of political corruption in district history. Before becoming a federal prosecutor, he spent eight years in private practice while also working for the Porter County Public Defender’s Office.

Service to his community and country extends beyond Hoehner’s legal career. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant. Hoehner has served on the Board of Directors for Family Services of Porter County and in 1994 chaired the Valparaiso mayor’s Special Committee on Ethics.

In 2008, Hoehner received the Valparaiso University Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award, one of the highest honors conferred by the University, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the legal profession. He is an emeritus member of the Valparaiso University School of Law National Council, and he and his family have created the William E. and Jane E. Hoehner Endowment to provide scholarships for students at the School of Law.

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Class of 2010 Superlatives

Most likely to run for office? Jon Morris

Most likely to have a trophy wife? Todd Schafer

Most likely to have a trophy husband? Laura Harris

Most likely to be on the Supreme Court? Brandon Hall

Most likely to come back and teach at Valpo Law? Steve Olson

Most likely to be on a reality based TV show? Evan Wheeler

Most likely to stop court to answer their cell phone? Nikki Knowlton

Most likely to have a billboard sign? Steve Gage

Most likely to head a congressional committee? Jon Morris

Most likely to go bankrupt fighting for the cause? Emily Calwell

Most likely to make partner first? Emily Calwell

Most likely to be the next governor? Jon Morris

Most likely to get every question on the bar exam correct? Abby Rom

Most likely to write a best-selling autobiography? Mollie Ralph

Most likely to be best dressed in the courtroom? Dustin Smith

Most likely to be the best dancer at the firm’s holiday party? Josh Hood

Most likely to open their own firm? Justin & Nate Vining

Most likely to win their first million dollar case? Todd Schafer

Most likely to work on their first death penalty case? Terri Mayweather-Jones

Most likely to give up law for the family? Kim Wooten

Most likely to become the first judge? Illisha Dowell

Most likely to be a stay-at-home dad? Jon Fay
J.D. Recipients

Eve Hatton
Hayley Ross
Lindy Hedges
Lisa Ross
Joshua Hermes
Uzma Satti
Amanda Hires
Robert Schroeder
Daniel Hodgkinson
Gregg Scott
Joshua Hood
Vanessa Shankman
Kyle Hoogevan
Korrie Shivers
Lauren Hysom
Sameer Siddiqui
Brian Johnson
Emily Sixt
Nicole Johnson
Bradley Smith
Nicole Keith
James Smith
Uzma Satti
Robert Woodward
Evan Hermes
Adam Speraw
Amanda Hires
Serhiy Stavnyksyy
Robert Schroeder
Bridgitt Anderson
Emily Steele
Daniel Hodgkinson
Catherine Stephen
Eric Scott
Uzma Satti
Bradley Smith

L.L.M. Recipients

Abdulrahman Alamir
Nasser Almowaili
Guoxing Hu
Dawei Ren
Jalal Sablool
Qu Wang
Hao Wu
GRADUATION

Class of 2010 Profiles

Bridgitt Anderson

Undergraduate School: University of Miami
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY / Miami, FL
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely!
Favorite memory of Valpo? It has all been very memorable.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Legal Research
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Being a mom, wife, and running a non-profit org.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? My first child, Bianca Jasmine Jones is due June 16, 2010!

Kelly Bailey

Undergraduate School: Illinois State University
Hometown: Villa Park, IL
Which state's bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Ask me again after I take a few years off to travel the world.
Favorite memory at Valpo? I've met some incredible and lifelong friends here at Valpo, but I like to think that my favorite memory will be walking through the doors of the Chapel with a diploma in my hand.
Which class do you think has been most valuable? Education Law with Professor Stuart
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Living in Chicago, practicing law, and thinking to myself"it was all worth it."
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Some of my ancestors include Robert E. Lee and Charlotte and Emily Bronte.

Uzoama Anyanetu

Undergraduate School: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Hometown: Taylor, Michigan
Which state's bar are you taking? Michigan
If you could do this all over again, would you? Sure
Favorite memory of Valpo? Attending the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program with Moses, Hugo, & Jessica.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Advanced Legal Research
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working as a patent attorney for a pharmaceutical company.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I collect coins.

Jessica Arnold

Undergraduate School: Indiana University Kokomo
Hometown: Kokomo, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? I would choose to go to law school again.
Favorite Memory of Valpo? Graduation
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Juvenile Clinic
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working at a small firm or in criminal law.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I always cut grilled cheese sandwiches into triangles before eating them.

Andrea Beachkofsky

Undergraduate School: Arizona State University
Hometown: Brazil, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Without a doubt.
Favorite memory of Valpo? By far, working in the Law Clinic in the double-wides on the back 40 of campus.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Tax Clinic
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Practicing law and raising a family hopefully in Arizona.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I love stale circus peanuts.

Naomi Berman-Potash

Undergraduate School: Washington University St. Louis
Hometown: Grand Rapids, Michigan
Which state's bar are you taking? Florida
If you could do this all over again, would you? Definitely...30 years earlier.
Favorite memory of Valpo? My husband coming to see me on weekends.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Business Associations – Telman; Legal Writing – Dean Adams
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Practicing law anywhere there are palm trees.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? My husband, son and I all ride unicycles. Joining the circus is my back-up plan.

Jennifer Breems

Undergraduate School: Trinity Christian College
Hometown: Palos Heights, IL
Which state's bar are you taking? IL
If you could do this all over again, would you? Probably. I think I'd become a CPA first, and then I would go to law school.

Favorite Memory of Valpo? There's no way I can pick one favorite memory, but one of my funniest in class memories is when Justin Vining told Prof. Telman he was "shooting blanks" after being called on in Contracts class.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Prof. Nuechterlein's IL writing class was probably the most valuable class. Estate planning and business drafting have also been very helpful.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Living and working in Chicago.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I'm actually kind of sad law school is ending.

Tom Bricker

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University
Hometown: Plainwell, Michigan
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Definitely...
Favorite Memory of Valpo? Seeing the world.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Individual Income Tax; it taught me ways to "get creative" with the IRS.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Being a mom, wife, and running a non-profit org.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Absolutely!

Jeremy Britton

Undergraduate School: University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Hometown: Syracuse, Nebraska
Which state's bar are you taking? Colorado
If you could do this all over again, would you? Sure, why not? As long as Duffy's is still open!
Favorite Memory of Valpo? This time that Evan rode his bicycle around town one night, one long night...he knows what I'm talking about.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Advanced Legal Research
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Not too sure, it's doubtful that I will be retired yet.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I'm moving to Colorado and I have a Master of Professional Accounting.
KRISTINE BURGGAF
Undergraduate School: Indiana University-South Bend
Hometown: Granger, IN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but at a less expensive school.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Late night walks in downtown Valpo with my husband.
What class do you think has been the most valuable? All the practical classes, including externships and internships.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Either practicing law or working at Disney World.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Tap and Middle Eastern dance are my hobbies.

MARY ELEANOR BURNETT
Undergraduate School: University of Louisville
Hometown: Battletown, Kentucky
Which state’s bar are you taking? Kentucky
If you could do this all over again, would you? Sure.
Favorite memory of Valpo? All the wonderful moments with my “family”.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Crim Pro Investigations. We will all get pulled over or have police knock on our door and its important to know what our rights are. Plus, we probably all know a criminal or two who will be begging for our help.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? I can say where I won’t be: Sitting in jail, sitting at home with rug rats, or in a windowless cubicle. I may be on a boat.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Nothing I care to put in print.

EMILY CALWELL
Undergraduate School: Brown University
Hometown: Charleston, West Virginia
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but only if Megan Hannah agrees to come back, too.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Knowing what post hoc ergo propter hoc meant when I was on call and standing up in Professor Blomquist’s class.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Professor Blomquist’s Torts class.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Still looking for bluebook errors, misplaced commas, and incorrect usage of the en-dash.
What is one thing your classmates do not know about you? That I used to be an artiste, complete with a love of Bob Marley, wanderlust, and existential angst. I moved to California to write screen-plays; I worked on a dude ranch in Wyoming; and I wrote a novel in Portland, Maine. And I still hope to land on a bookshelf in your local Barnes and Noble.

NICOLE CAMIER
Undergraduate School: Barry University
Hometown: Wakefield, MA
Which state’s bar are you taking? That’s a loaded question...still undecided.
If you could do this all over again, would you? I would to meet the people I have met, but other than that it would be a hard decision.
Favorite memory of Valpo? I have many, but probably AFC weekend my MBA year or my birthday during my MBA year.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Civil Rights or UCC with Professor White.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully working for the federal government or teaching.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I went skydiving in Miami.

JOSHUA COLEMAN
Undergraduate School: Towson University
Hometown: Stevensville, MD
Which state’s bar are you taking? Maryland
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but I would definitely make some changes.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Anything that involved glowsticks.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Contracts.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Living in Baltimore and working as an associate in the area of Real Estate Law.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I can make a pretty awesome Chicken Pad Thai.

CHRISTEN COMMERS
Undergraduate School: Indiana University-Bloomington
Hometown: Laporte, IN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, it’s been a great experience, even with all the ups and downs that occurred.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Great times with my great friends.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Tie between Trial Practice and Tax Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Practicing Elder Law somewhere in Indiana while hopefully being a good wife and mother.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? My favorite TV show is “Emergenc-y” which was done in the 1970s.

MICAH COX
Undergraduate School: University of Tennessee
Hometown: Kingston, TN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? No, why the hell would someone want to do this more than once?
Favorite memory of Valpo? The pagan celebration of the popcon god Orville Redenbacher, also known as Popcornfest.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Criminal Defense Clinic - it enabled me to meet my new best friend in the Stark County jail.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hiding from creditors.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I can’t stand the vast majority of them.

ILISHA DOWELL
Undergraduate School: Butler University
Hometown: Gary, IN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? ABSOLUTELY!!!!
Favorite memory of Valpo? Table reads of Shakespeare’s plays in Prof. Nuechterlein’s seminar class - Hilarious!!
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Advanced Legal Research.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Dominating the courtroom and knocking down advocates one by one.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I cry everytime I watch “Rent” and any other movie/musical that has a love story in it. I’m such a hopeless romantic.

EDWARD FARMER
Undergraduate School: Illinois State University
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? If I knew I was going to be unemployed 6 weeks before graduation: NO
Favorite memory of Valpo? Partyin’ at the Franklin House!
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully getting paid for my $100,000 law degree!
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I am a test tube baby.

MARTIN IVAN
Undergraduate School: Purdue Calumet
Hometown: Dyer, IN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but I’d do some things differently.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Justice Scalia visiting.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Jurisprudence.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Retiring after winning a multi-million dollar case.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I’ve never gone fishing.
GRADUATION SPECIAL 2010

JOSHUA FAUCETTE
Undergraduate School: High Point University
Hometown: Burlington, NC
Which state's bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yup.
Favorite memory of Valpo? As寝室mates.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Externships
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Suing my soul to the highest bidder.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I secretly do not like Rob Woodward, Ed Devries, and Todd Schafer.

JOEL FUNK
Undergraduate School: Attended both Valparaiso University and Loyola University Chicago, but graduated from Valparaiso.
Hometown: Downers Grove, IL
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Definitely!
Favorite memory of Valpo? The Bowling Teams. That was so much fun!
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? The Clinic because I learned so much about the ins and outs of representing clients on a day-to-day basis.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully working in a Family Law firm.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I was home-schooled up until 10th grade.

STEVEN GAGE
Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University
Hometown: Franklin, WI
Which state's bar are you taking? Nevada
If you could do this all over again, would you? I view being a law student like I view pledging a fraternity: It was one of the best things I've ever done that I'm happy as hell I never have to do it again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? The Trial Ad trip I took to Cleveland as a 2L.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Criminal Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working for a top medical malpractice firm in the Chicagoland area. As well as developing a small business around property on the side.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

NICOLE GOHEEN
Undergraduate School: Indiana University-Bloomington
Hometown: Elkhart, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? I would probably change some things, but yes I would do it all over again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? All of my amazing friends! And when all law events were allowed to have alcohol.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Evidence and Contracts.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Traveling around the world.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Philadelphia was the first movie I cried over.

Megan Hannah
Undergraduate School: The University of Tennessee at Martin
Hometown: Memphis, TN
Which state's bar are you taking? Tennessee
If you could do this all over again, would you? HAHA only if my wingman, Emily Calwell, promises she will...everybody has to have a good war buddy!
Favorite memory of Valpo? There are so many...But one of my favorite moments was when Emily and I, in our exhausted state during final exams, decided to have a "Slinky" race down the faculty staircase. There were faculty witnesses...and they were kind enough not to interrupt our display of healthy, child-like competition!
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? TORTS!!! You never know what you are capable of until you are wrapped up in the heat of the moment! Thanks Prof. Blomquist!
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working!! No question! I will be back in Memphis exercising my legal mind and playing some wicked disc golf in my free time with my wonderful husband!

KEVIN HARRINGTON II
Undergraduate School: University of Michigan
Hometown: Muskegon, MI
Which state's bar are you taking? Michigan
If you could do this all over again, would you? Maybe, but only if it was free.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Winning WLSA's trivia night as true 1Ls.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Federal Income Tax-Individual; now I know sweet tax write-offs for when I have money.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? I'll be happy so long as I have found gainful employment as a Litigator.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Where I live or what the inside of my apartment looks like.

LAURA HARRIS
Undergraduate School: University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Hometown: Newburgh, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? You bet.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Probably 1L Halloween when my friend from home accidentally threw up on Josh Faucette's back. But, there is the time Ian was found sleep walking at 4am during our ski trip following our first 1L finals. Zack also broke his leg during the same trip on his way to get Ian. So, I suppose it's a toss-up.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Criminal Law.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Prosecuting somewhere in the Midwest or representing low-income individuals.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I used to teach a class in a maximum security prison for juvenile males.

EVE HATTON
Undergraduate School: George Wythe College (now George Wythe University)
Hometown: Kanosh, UT
Which state's bar are you taking? Utah
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.
Favorite memory of Valpo: My first big thunderstorm here was awesome. I'd never heard anything like it before.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Mediation Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Doing mediation either as part of my practice or doing mediation volunteer work.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.
AMANDA HINES
Undergraduate School: Purdue University-Calumet
Hometown: Schererville, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee
If you could do this all over again, would you? Without a doubt.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Moving here before my 3L year and having just about the entire class over for a BBQ.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Criminal Procedure, without a doubt.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully practicing!

Heather Looby
Undergraduate School: Georgia State University
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Which state's bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but like most people have said in past issues, I would have done some things differently.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Surprisingly, I can think of quite a few! The opportunity to be a TA for Professor Nuechterlein...working at the Law Clinic...Wednesday wine nights at Paparazzi. I also met this great guy named Chris at Northside Tap :)
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Practice!
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? I'm not even sure where I will be in a week, let alone 5 years from now! However, all joking aside, I hope to be a successful and somewhat accomplished trial attorney.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I have been skydiving 4 times!

KATHLEEN (KATIE) KUROWSKI
Undergraduate School: University of Notre Dame
Hometown: Crown Point, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, with a few exceptions.
Favorite memory of Valpo? 1L Dinner, Me, Laura Harris, Rob Woodward, Rob Goodwin, Matt Wlodarczyk, Steve Alvarez, Todd Shaffer, Zack Richards, car ride to the Registry.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Practice!
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully still practicing law and having a family.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I was born a blonde.

Nicole Knowlton
Undergraduate School: Arizona State University
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but only if I had to.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Tony Credit's man's dramatic final performance in Med Mal with Professor Gioia was great too!!!
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Civil Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working in a general practice firm.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I lived in Germany for 7 years.

Allison Martinez
Undergraduate School: University of Kentucky
Hometown: Elizabethtown, KY
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.
Favorite memory of Valpo? There were far too many memories to choose one favorite.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Civil Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working in a general practice firm.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I lived in Germany for 7 years.

Kevin McDaniel
Undergraduate School: Purdue University
Hometown: Evansville, IN
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.
Favorite memory of Valpo? The feeling of relief each time I walked out the front door after taking my last final of the semester.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Practice with Judge Cherry.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working as a Deputy Prosecutor in a county in Indiana.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I can dance.

Kathryn McHenry
Undergraduate School: Grinnell College
Hometown: Oak Park, IL & Kalispell, MT
Which state's bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Professor Coleman's dramatic final performance in legal writing class our 1L year!
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Immigration, Trademarks
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Still on 10 different things.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Too many things to choose just one.

Allison McKinley
Undergraduate School: University of Wisconsin Madison - Having More Fun Than You Since 1848
Hometown: Dodgeville, WI
Which state's bar are you taking? Michigan
If you could do this all over again, would you? For sure, just not here.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Watching the professors light students up in class.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Clinic.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Helping Michigan make a come back.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I always wanted to be a whale trainer but I guess after that little incident at Sea World this year I picked the right profession after all.

JANE' MITCHELL
Undergraduate School: University of Illinois at Springfield; Prairie State College
Hometown: Ford Heights, IL
Which state's bar are you taking? Indiana and Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but only if I had to.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Tony Credit's speech at orientation.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, if I could choose more I'd also say Civ Pro and Crim Law.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Starting a firm or sitting on the bench.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I prefer to just keep the secret.

Joanna Marie Lekkas
Undergraduate School: Indiana University
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Which state's bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Wow, way too many to mention. I've met the most amazing individuals here, so I hope remembering each of them when we're not in the same area will be a lasting memory.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Legal Writing and Research from a practical standpoint.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully practicing!
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I speak Greek and Spanish, proficiently.
GRADUATION

If you could do this all over again, would you?

Hometown: Chicago Heights, IL

Which class do you think has been the most valuable?

Favorite memory of Valpo? When I graduate!

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? My wedding anniversary is Halloween, and yes we got married in costume as a zombie bride and groom!

Steven Olsen

Undergraduate School: University of Central Missouri
Hometown: Blue Springs, MO
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana & Michigan
If you could do this all over again, would you?

Favorite memory of Valpo? Developing long lasting friendships.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Mediation Clinic.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Practicing criminal law in Vermont.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I was taught how to play basketball by the Phoenix Suns and I am still not very good.

Adam Pope

Undergraduate School: Wabash College
Hometown: Avon, IN
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you?

Favorite memory of Valpo? The entire MBA year. Hanging out with friends at the house. Boat Cruise 1 LYear.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Advanced Legal Research and Criminal Procedure.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working on my PhD in Philosophy.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? How much I really care.

Noel Rascon

Undergraduate School: University of Arizona
Hometown: Casa Grande, AZ
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois and Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? Ask me in 5 years.


Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Comparative Family with Sy in Chile & Argentina.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working on my PhD in Philosophy.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? How much I really care.

Congrats
"Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss

CONGRATULATIONS...you did it Superman!
We are proud of you!

Love, Cassie, Mom & Dad
GRADUATION

Undergraduate School: DePauw University
Hometown: Rochester, IN

If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely.

Favorite memory of Valpo? I have overly fond memories of studying for 1L finals with my fabulously studious group: Vanessa, J.J., Matt, Lucy, Ryan, Reid, Gary.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? For me, Civil Rights.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Having exhausted my 4 years of federal clerking eligibility, perhaps I’ll be working at a firm or hanging out a shingle as Rom & Rom.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Wait, is my husband going to read this?

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Undergraduate School: Purdue Calumet University
Hometown: Hobart, IN

If you could do this all over again, would you? No.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Barristers Ball during 1L and 2L years I was fortunate enough to join Professor Carter and other faculty members on the Spring Break trip to New Orleans to volunteer for the public defenders office. The experience and group of students was unforgettable, being able to observe murder trials; work bond hearings; and be so hands on involved was amazing.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? I would have to say my experience in the clinic was amazing and definitely comes with a lasting impression. Being able to litigate matters from its filing to the final hearing will remain with me throughout practice.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? If all things go accordingly, practicing family and criminal law in the State of Indiana.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Impromptu bar crawl that ended in break dancing at Inman’s, or the time Nate Vining tried to slide his body under a book rack at the CCL during finals.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Advocacy (program)- I learned how to apply Evidence, Crim Pro, Civ Pro and advocate for my client.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Litigating, in a courtroom.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I rode my bike across the state of Iowa and I plan to do so again!

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Undergraduate School: DePauw University
Hometown: Merrillville, IN

If you could do this all over again, would you? Sure.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Barristers Ball each year, from what I remember.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Evidence.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully a job I enjoy and making a dent in my student loans.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Wait, is my wife going to read this?

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Undergraduate School: Western Kentucky University
Hometown: Pearl City, O’ahu, Hawai’i

If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely not.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Meeting all of the wonderful friends I have made.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Estate Planning with Professor Sunkle.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Too much,

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I say, “Oh poor child, I don’t know if I should hold you or…” “Well Ms. Shivers, we haven’t gone over that and won’t until the last couple weeks of class.” I say, “Oh for real, cause I thought we did that already.” Thanks!! Hahahaha! I ended up doing alright.

Common Nucleus of Operative Fact! Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Advanced Legal Research, I suppose.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? At this rate, holding it down at Starbucks!

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? At this rate, holding it down at Starbucks!

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Undergraduate School: Wright State University
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, but I probably would have done a couple of things differently.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Meeting all of the wonderful friends I have made.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Litigating, in a courtroom.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Too much.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? My toothbrush always faces south.

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Undergraduate School: University of Iowa
Hometown: Oak Lawn, IL

If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Trial Advocacy (program) - I learned how to apply Evidence, Crim Pro, Civ Pro and advocate for my client.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Running my own Family Law practice.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I am a musician. I play piano, violin, and guitar. I also write and compose music.

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Undergraduate School: University of Iowa
Hometown: Hobart, Indiana

If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Moot Court Banquet.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Practice.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Running my own Family Law practice.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Running my own Family Law practice.

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Undergraduate School: Purdue University
Hometown: East Palestine, OH

If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Pittsburgh Steelers winning Super Bowl XLI over the Arizona Cardinals 27-23.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Wills, Trust, & Estates.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Working.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I'm really shy and afraid of the dark. I also wanted to be a Judd or in the Miami Sound Machines when I was little.

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Undergraduate School: University of Iowa
Hometown: Bloomington, IN

If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely.

Favorite memory of Valpo? Moot Court Banquet.

Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Trial Practice.

What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Running my own Family Law practice.

What one thing do your classmates not know about you? Running my own Family Law practice.
James D. Smith

Undergraduate School: University of Southern Indiana
Hometown: Zionsville, Indiana
Which state’s bar are you taking? Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you? No, I have met and learned so much during the years.
Favorite memory of Valpo? The friends I made in law school.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Mediation Clinic.
Favorite memory of Valpo? The people that I have met during law school.
Favorite memory of Valpo? The day I found out about the Indiana Court of Appeals ruling in favor of my boss’s client based on a brief I wrote.
Favorite memory of Valpo? I’d have to say all the friends I made in law school and all the fun we had together is a great memory. But one memory that will always stick is “my reputation...my reputation” those who were there know what I’m talking about....
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Although it’s not technically a “class”, being part of Jessup Moot Court has been the most valuable to me. It was very challenging and time consuming at moments but it showed me what law school is all about.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Still living the dream, but with lots more money.
What’s one thing your classmates don’t know about you? I have a secret brother named Ray...I know, weird.

Katie Stephen

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University
Hometown: Schaumburg, IL
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? No, I would have stuck to being a teacher but then again, maybe I would do it all over again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Doing late-night beach fires instead of studying for finals.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Winning the inaugural JB Cup and celebrating atop victory rock in John B’s parking lot.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Hopefully living life and working in great city, getting rid of bad guys.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I’m the mother of two grown children, Mike and Kyle.

Moses Suarez

Undergraduate School: The University of Texas - San Antonio
Hometown: San Juan, Texas
Which state’s bar are you taking? Texas
If you could do this all over again, would you? Probably not. I would have stuck to being a teacher but then again, maybe I would do it all over again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? “Whew! The cops are HOT tonight!”
Favorite memory of Valpo? Probably not. I would have stuck to being a teacher but then again, maybe I would do it all over again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? I’d have to say all the friends I made in law school, raising two children.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Getting rid of bad guys.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? I will be a criminal defense attorney for men & women in the Air Force.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I have a butterfly tattoo.

Jessica Warren

Undergraduate School: Texas Lutheran University (Seguin, TX)
Hometown: Arlington, TX
Which state’s bar are you taking? Texas
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes, I would have stuck to being a teacher but then again, maybe I would do it all over again.
Favorite memory of Valpo? * Which class do you think has been the most valuable? I’d have to say the skill classes (pre-trial, trial practice & trial) together with both other legal research procedures. Those classes have really helped me perform on a higher level at work.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? I hope to get into the Air Force JAG program and help those who were there know what I’m talking about.
What’s one thing your classmates don’t know about you? I have a secret brother named Ray...I know, weird.

Marta A. Wasilewski

Undergraduate School: University of Wroclaw - School of Law
Hometown: Zakopowice Słaskie, Poland
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Absolutely.
Favorite memory of Valpo? Winning the inaugural JB Cup and celebrating atop victory rock in John B’s parking lot.
Which class do you think has been the most valuable? Clinic...it’s been Practically Practical.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years? Paying down my law school debt.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you? I’ve been a dream of mine since I was very little to be a Jeopardy champ, but I would settle to win $1000 bucks on Cash Cab.

Brandie Thomas

Undergraduate School: University of Iowa
Hometown: Lansing, IL
Which state’s bar are you taking? Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you? Yes. Well can I do it over with a Civ Pro and Appellate Brief free pass? Because then its Hell Yes!
Favorite memory of Valpo? I’d have to say all the friends I made in law school and all the fun we had together is a great memory. But one memory that
Congratulations Katie!
A great achievement!

We are all very proud of you! You've accomplished so much. Your dedication to your goals, your passion to push yourself to be the best you can be and your profound desire to learn all you can learn present themselves every day of your life. You inspire all who meet you. Your sense of humor makes us laugh out loud!! You are the best parts of all of us and have done your namesakes proud (NO not the dog !!) You've come a long from what started out as a "bunch of cwap"!

Love you more than words can say ~
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