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MISHEV & PICHARDO WIN 23RD SWYGERT MOOT COURT COMPETITION

BY: MARK FOSCO • STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, November 2 the Luther M. Swygert Memorial Moot Court Competition held its final round of arguments in Duesenberg Recital Hall. More than 190 people packed the Hall to observe two teams debate a problem concerning the First Amendment Religion Clauses of the United States Constitution. Finalists were petitioners Charles Bush and Jordan Miller and respondents Yvette Mishev and Nelson Pichardo. Judge William J. Bauer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman of the Northern District of Illinois and Judge Jon E. DeGuilio of the Northern District of Indiana tried the oral arguments. Mishev impressed the judges and won “Best Oralist” for her lucid approach when arguing that a fictional state law violated the U.S. Constitution’s Establishment Clause. Michael Campbell was awarded “Best Brief.”

The Swygert Competition is one of the oldest and most prestigious competitions at Valparaiso Law,” said Dean Conison when he presented the debate. Commenced in 1989 in memory of Judge Luther M. Swygert, the Swygert family sponsors the inschool competition, which always concerns a First Amendment issue reflecting contemporary legal disputes. The problem debated is artificial and this year it involved the constitutionality of Proposition 11 from the 51st State of Wisota.

Proposition 11 is a fictional amendment to the Wisota Constitution that allegedly conflicts the majority Judeo-Christian culture found in Wisota’s laws with the minority Muslim culture. The proposition bars judicial authority from using the legal precepts of foreign nations or cultures, and requires that courts adjudicate by using only U.S. federal or state laws. Mila Mark is a JL and can be reached at vuslforum@valpo.edu

client Samir Saleem, a devout Muslim residing in Wisota. Saleem’s issue arises from his belief that his last will must be probated according to Sharia law, but would be prevented under Proposition 11. Since Proposition 11 would not recognize Sharia Law or Muslim custom, the respondents argued that it violated the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment.

The petitioners first argued on behalf of Wisota and advocated the proposition. Charles Bush initiated the argument and claimed the proposal does not violate the Establishment Clause because it does not accommodate the majority Judeo-Christian beliefs over Muslim faith. Bush applied the tripartite Lemon test to the situation alleging that the proposal obeys all three prongs. “The Lemon test is the actual benchmark analysis used when interpreting if an action concerning the Establishment Clause passes constitutional muster. Under its analysis, a governmental action must have a secular purpose, its fundamental effect cannot advance or inhibit religion, and it cannot allow an excessive governmental entanglement with religion. Lemon v. Kurtzman, 403 U.S. 602, 612-13 (1971). If the action fails one prong, it fails all three.”

Bush asserted that the proposition was completely neutral under the second prong, and its specific wording has “clear and secular purposes” that do not inhibit religion because the proposition never mentions religion, and it is intended to apply to all religious beliefs. Jordan Miller furthered the argument and stressed that Proposition 11 does not violate the Free Exercise of Religion Clause. Miller explained that the clause allows a citizen the right to protect his beliefs but does not protect whatever the citizen desires. He referenced Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah to clarify that if a law discriminates against certain beliefs then it’s not facially neutral. Miller argues that since Proposition 11 is a neutral doctrine, that any conflicts it has with religion is coincidental. Yvette Mishev opened for the respondents after Miller. She also applied the Lemon test and argued that the proposition violated the Establishment Clause. While only one prong of the test need fail, Mishev argued that the proposition violated all three prongs.

The language in Proposition 11 is “ geared towards the courts and says what they can and can’t do,” its language is “overbroad,” and it has “no secular legislative purpose,” said Mishev. While each judge attempted to perplex the oralsists during their arguments, their questions didn’t phase Mishev. Mishev’s answers enhanced her argument. “What’s the potential injury” on your client, and “how does it interfere with your client’s religion?” asked Judge Jon E. DeGuilio. “It prevents a defense in court” said Mishev. Nelson Pichardo argued next for Samir Saleem that the proposition violated the Free Exercise Clause. “In order to fully understand the language of Proposition 11, need to consider its purpose and its history need be examined,” said Pichardo. Pichardo promoted Mishev’s opinion of overbroad language and emphasized that courts are not allowed to consider or apply foreign law, including minority religions. Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman asked “by not allowing consideration of religion” what would be limited? “The law should be able to take into account as a whole the situation of the matter,” Pichardo said, and by not allowing Muslim consideration the proposition is predisposed towards the majority Judeo-Christian beliefs.

Petitioner Charles Bush concluded the arguments. After court took recess the judges announced the winners and provided the participants with feedback. Judge William J Bauer said that he’s been on the bench for many years and he was “very pleased” with the competition, that the participants could “argue in my court anytime.”

All three judges praised the students’ preparation forthe competition and their thoroughunderstanding of the legal issue. Though the contestants were prepared, the process wasn’t easy. Despite the hard-work, Mishev strongly recommended other students try out for Moot Court. “Even though it was nerve-wracking and I genuinely thought on a daily basis this week that I may faint at some point during the Competition, it is truly one of the best experiences,” Mishev said after the event.

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BY: STEVEN PROBST • EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN

If you study on the second floor of the library, chances are you have already seen someone we would like you to get to know better. Jesse Bowman, our new Digital Services Librarian, started work at the Law School on October 17th, and we are excited to have him on board.

Professor Bowman comes to us from Dallas, Texas where he was working at the Southern Methodist University Underwood Law Library, but he probably knows more about the City of Valparaiso than you do. That is because he was born and raised here, having attended both Valparaiso High School and Valparaiso University. In fact, his ties to Valparaiso Law run even deeper. His father, Gerald Bowman is an alumnus of the School of Law, and his great-grandfather, Milo Bowman, was the second Dean of the Law School, and we are excited to have him on board.

What was the last movie you went to a theater to see?
"The last movie I saw was Drive."

What is the last book that you read?
"The last book I read was The Great Gatsby."

Favorite class in law school?
"My favorite class was Conflict of Laws. It was a tough subject, but I found it interesting and really enjoyed the professor."

Colts or Bears?
"Bears"

We hope this will help you get to know Professor Bowman better, but please don’t hesitate to stop by and visit with him yourself — even if it is just to get some assistance with your next legal research assignment. You can find him on the second floor of the library in room 262. His email address is Jesse.Bowman@valpo.edu, and his office phone number is 465-7911.

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NEW SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

WILNEEDA EMMANUEL ELECTED TO BE NEW SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

BY: DAN D. HALLBERG • EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Friday, October 29, 2011, Wilneeda Emmanuel was elected to be the new SBA Special Events Coordinator. Wilneeda has been a valuable member of The Forum staff during her time here at Valparaiso University School of Law and the editors here all wish her good luck at her new post. The Special Events Coordinator position was left open following Jessica Whittamore’s resignation a few weeks ago.

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Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.

Mark Twain

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad provides students with the opportunity to develop their global awareness, enhance their academic learning, experience personal growth, advance their careers, gain an appreciation for and understanding of other cultures, and improve communication skills and the ability to live and work effectively in another culture.

Valparaiso law students can enhance their worldview of the law by spending a summer semester studying in either the International Human Rights Program in Chile and Argentina, or the Cambridge Program in London and Cambridge.

Students in the International Human Rights Program in Chile and Argentina examine legal, historical, and cultural approaches to human rights, focusing on Chile and Argentina. Both nations have recently emerged from periods of significant human rights abuse, and both continue to grapple with the need to protect human rights while addressing significant social issues. This unique program offers students immersion in a foreign legal system and a comparative perspective on pressing questions of human rights. In addition, students will have the opportunity to interact with law students in both countries. In summer 2012, Professor White will teach International Human Rights: Latin America. This course examines issues in international human rights law and policy and focuses on the law, history, and cultures of Chile and Argentina in relationship to these issues. During lectures by distinguished professors, judges, and human rights advocates, students are introduced to comparative constitutionalism, the transition to democracy and reconciliation, rights of indigenous peoples, and the judicial systems of each country. In addition to classroom lectures, students will visit Constitutional, Supreme, and criminal courts; meet with human rights organizations; and visit government institutions such as the Chilean Congress. In addition, Professor Moskowitz will teach Comparative Family Law.

The Cambridge Program begins with the course Legal London taught by Professor Gaffney. This course provides a basic introduction to the process of lawmaking in Parliamentary government and the adjudication of civil and criminal cases in England, both at the trial and appellate levels. The course includes guest lectures and visits to important legal and government institutions. After exploring the legal and cultural offerings of London for a week, students then spend four weeks in Cambridge. In summer 2012, Professor Trujillo will teach Comparative Immigration Law, and Professor Morris will teach International Consumer Protection. Scheduling and financial constraints permitting, the program will also involve a field trip to The Hague to visit the International Criminal Court and/or the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia.

If you are interested in either program, please attend an upcoming information session or contact Dean Adams with your questions.

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LEGAL REBELS MONTH

Be sure to take advantage of these informative events and networking opportunities during the month of November:

LEGAL REBEL PANEL DISCUSSION AND NETWORKING RECEPTION
Wednesday, November 2, 6:00pm—Harre Union Ballroom B

Topics that will be covered during the discussion include career opportunities for legal professionals and the versatility of a juris doctor degree. The panelists include:

- Matt Boyer '10, Assistant Director of Compliance and Administration—The Summit League
- Beth Krepepin '01, FBI Gang Task Force-Crisis Negotiation Co-Coordinator
- Bethany Lesniewski, Director of Academic Support Program
- Bill Trowbridge '99, Chief Executive Officer, Opportunity Enterprises

CPC INFORMATION SESSION
Thursday, November 10, 11am-Benson

Job Search Resources for Opportunities beyond Traditional Practice

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS LUNCH
Wednesday, November 16, 11:45am-Brassfield Conference Room

Cynthia Horvath Garbutt '83, Executive Director for Global Initiative at Chicago Lakeshore Medical Associates

PRESENTATION: MAXIMIZING THE MARKETABILITY OF YOUR J.D.
Wednesday, November 16, 3:40pm-Pelzer Classroom

Amy Klugherz, Forward Consulting

This presentation will discuss ways to maximize your J.D. in various fields, market your transferable skill set, and overcome career roadblocks. A networking reception will follow her presentation.

Please RSVP for these informative events through Strategy. If you have any questions, please contact kim.kass@valpo.edu.

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ommissioner David Stern of the National Basketball Association likes to claim that a new collective bargaining agreement featuring a 50-50 split of revenues between the owners and the players is essential for the long-term viability of the league. According to Stern, player salaries are ballooning and threaten to bring down the league. By reducing player salaries from 57% of Basketball-Related Income (BRI) to 50%, the players' salaries will come more in line with where they need to be. And to most people observing the recent lockout, 50-50 just sounds like a pretty fair deal. What can be more fair than an even split?

But it isn't fair. The players are justified in pursuing a lockout because they aren't the problem, the owners are. Over the past 10 years, player salaries have grown at a near identical rate to overall league revenue, at approximately 24%. On the other hand, the average NBA team has become 79% more valuable to the owners over the same time period. So while the owner's assets have been growing at a much faster rate than the overall league revenue, the players' salaries have remained the same. If players' salaries haven't become a bigger slice of the overall pie, then is this the players' fault again?

Commissioner Stern is covering for owners who simply can't manage their own businesses. The worst part is that he is now demanding that the players, who have kept their end of the bargain, now bail out the owners who mismanaged the teams in the first place. The players have already agreed to reduce their share of revenue by 4.5%, which amounts to $2.2 billion over the 10-year life of the proposed collective bargaining agreement. But that isn't enough for the owners. The owners won't budge until the players reduce their own salaries by at least another 1.5%, or $702 million over 10 years. What have the owners offered? Nothing.

It is certainly understandable to criticize the NBA lockout and just ask for everybody to get along. The NBA lockout does hurt thousands of merchants and businesses. It also harms the fans. But it is simply unreasonable to expect the players to back down and hand over nearly $3 billion out of their pockets to a bunch of owners who couldn't even manage their own teams when their value was rising. And all without a single concession by the owners. That's not negotiation. That's a shakedown.

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y: Jon Kohl Scheen ♦ Staff Writer

ut games have been cancelled through November 30th. So echoes the official NBA statement made by Commissioner David Stern just days ago, quashing whatever lingering hope fans and players had to see a full 82-game schedule this season. While lockouts are certainly not new to the world of professional sports, this seems particularly ominous given the fact that the NBA already struggles to maintain a consistent fan base. With failing negotiation talks and now all 30 games in November cancelled, what will become of the NBA? Things look grim for an organization that brought us stars like Bill Russell, Larry Bird, Jerry West, and Michael Jordan. Those players brought the NBA to the height of popularity and now, a lockout threatens to shake the confidence of national sponsors, television programmers, and most importantly, the fans.

All this turmoil has affected the morale of the players, with many resorting to social media networks to air their frustration. After another round of failed negotiation talks, San Antonio's Manu Ginobili tweeted, "No deal. I miss the game." Still others have started looking across the pond at European options to play ball while waiting for a resolution. It may be too early to tell, but an extended off-season could harm the players' overall fitness, conditioning, and practice routines. These guys run like finely tuned machines during the season and it takes a lot of preparation and training to reach that point. With things at a stalemate, players stop working on the most valuable aspect of this whole dispute: their game.

With no NBA season, marketing agencies and national sponsors like Nike, Coca-Cola, and Adidas stand to lose over $500 million in ad campaigns and endorsements focused entirely on NBA athletes and teams. With a lockout, the effect of seeing LeBron sporting the newest Nikes or watching Blake Griffin slam dunk over a Kia becomes largely diminished. No one wants to see ads reminding them of the game they can't watch with players who aren't, well, playing. Even the television giant TNT has a rocky path ahead. TNT had $2 regular season games scheduled to air, plus the All-Star game and the Western Conference finals. Without these games it now has to scramble to fill the massive airtime void.

The effects of the lockout extend far beyond just the players, owners, and national sponsors. What about the thousands of people hired each season to work the concessions and ticket booths, or the custodians who stay late to clean up for the next game? Even the restaurants and bars situated near NBA arenas have diminishing revenues based on the lack of business and traffic flow associated with regular season games. These people, unaffiliated with the NBA, depend on the game for a paycheck that is, quite frankly, infinitesimal compared to the hundreds of millions of dollars in dispute at the moment.

And the most perplexing part? Players and owners refuse to budge over a two percent difference in profit sharing. With the recent rise of the "99%" at Occupy protests, a number as small as two percent makes the NBA look exactly like the groups these protestors (and potential fans) abhor. That type of negative publicity makes a strong NBA comeback less likely for every day the fans don't see some basketball.

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FORUM STAFF EDITORIAL

An Uncovered Section of Professionalism

By: Dan D. Hallberg ♦ Editor-in-Chief

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ike many of you, am currently preparing to take the MPRE. The American Bar Association mandates that we take this exam, as well as a course in legal professionalism and ethics in an attempt to make sure that we understand the many rules we must follow and the responsibilities we must rise to meet throughout our legal career.

This is a noble endeavor by the ABA and should be commended. Even as I spend the night toiling over my preparation book for the exam, I find myself thinking, "Well, at least it's useful information," more so than any other standardized test I've ever taken in my life. Yet, there is something missing here.

Throughout my Legal Profession class and various other aspects of my legal education, I've found myself asking, "Why don't we talk about how to treat our staff?"

Sure, we've had the occasional tidbit of information from our writing professors about how a good paralegal will make putting your briefs together a lot simpler, and I recall receiving a much deserved lecture on treating the university administrative staff with respect after giving them a hard time before a civil procedure practice exam IL year, but other than that, there has been little discussion about them.

In practical classes we talk about overhead and firm expenses, but that doesn't quite get to the point either. In those situations, we look at our staff as just a number in a column; an expense, something cutting into our bottom line. I fear that because of this, my colleagues and I will leave this school without a complete understanding about what it means to have people working for you.

For full disclosure's sake, I will say I'm coming to this from a biased posture. I'm marrying a woman who spent several years working for a number of different attorneys. I'd often quip that through her...continued on Page 9
RED'S RESTATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIPS

MORE FACEBOOK THAN FACE-TIME

BY: ASHLEY MURRAY • STAFF WRITER

"I had this guy leave a voicemail at work, and so I called him at home, and he emailed me to my Blackberry, and so I texted to his cell, and now you just have to go around checking all these different portals just to get rejected by seven different technologies. It's exhausting."

— Mary (Drew Barrymore) in He's Just Not That Into You

Let's be honest, whether you're in a relationship or "single and ready to mingle" there is absolutely no denying that your relationship (or dating life) is directly affected by the ever increasing prevalence of technology as a controlling factor, and even a sort of "measuring gauge," for how well your relationship is progressing. There was a time that I can still remember, when, if a guy wanted to ask you out he had to walk right up to you and ask you himself. You would then give him a land-line (for those of you who may not remember: these are those phones that were plugged into a wall — usually in your family's kitchen but if you were REALLY lucky you had one in your room — through a weird skinny cord and everyone in your house shared the one phone line). This potential suitor would then have to call said "land-line" and endure the almost certain awkwardness and embarrassment of asking your parents or older siblings (who always took this opportunity to embarrass you or eavesdrop on your conversation) to speak to you. While the whole thing was a pretty big process it certainly served as a nice "weeding-out" of the less serious or determined suitors from wasting your time.

Comparatively now getting asked out is a lot more like this: guy and girl meet at bar, one of the two "friends" the other on Facebook and at one point or another a Facebook "chat session" occurs whereby guy gets girl's number, girl then receives a text asking her if she wants to "hang out." Can I just say: YUCK. What has happened to dating? Real live dates between two people who go out to dinner and talk about what they may or may not have in common?

The biggest culprit when it comes to the complication of relationships by technology is by a landslide win, Facebook. Life with Facebook is a lot like the Matrix: If it didn't happen on Facebook it didn't really happen at all. Facebook has changed relationships from being a private thing that two people share just between themselves to a "status symbol" that everyone gets to witness and be a part of. In order for a relationship to be considered "legitimate" by Facebook profile standards two people have to be in a "relationship" on Facebook. To have a very successful relationship by Facebook standards a couple must also have one another included in their Facebook pictures, must write on one other's walls regularly, must post pictures monthly of what they've been doing together, and must regularly have statuses praising how much they love one another. A relationship that has all of these qualifications is, so far as I can tell, a success story. Missing one of these elements? Then I hate to be the one to tell you but you've more than likely got problems. Complaints can be addressed to Mr. Mark Zuckerberg — afterall, he's the one who started this whole mess, right?

In all seriousness, I like to think of myself as a relatively sane person when it comes to all of this. I have done the "Facebook break-up" once and it was awful enough that I did the unthinkable — deleted my Facebook (gasp) until it all died down.

When a "Facebook official" relationship comes to an end there is always that one person that has to ask, "what happened?" publicly on your wall, as if you want to lay the whole mess out there for the world to read... but then again, you put the rest of the relationship on Facebook so why not? So logic would seem to follow that the simple solution would be to not put a relationship status up on Facebook at all. Keep your private life to yourself, right? As I was recently informed: Wrong. As a guy friend of mine put it quite succinctly, "I think that as stupid as it seems, there's a certain importance in having that status for everyone to see. If you won't put it up there, what are you trying to hide? Or who are you hiding it from?" I can't say I disagree entirely. For the last year or so I've been fake "engaged" to my best friend on Facebook, this way if I start dating someone, I can simply say, "I don't really do the whole Facebook thing." Or "Oh well, I wouldn't want to hurt Steve's feelings." While those sound logical and I almost believe them myself, the truth is: I don’t really see things lasting long enough to warrant people knowing what’s going on in my life. So for the right guy, would I? Yes. And so we've come full circle...Facebook matters. How scary is that?

I wish that I could say that this all ends at Facebook and just not having a Facebook at all could be the simple solution but Facebook is just the tip of the iceberg. Alongside Facebook we have the advent of texting being the primary mode of communication via phone, plus Twitter, online dating websites, Skype, Email, Voicemail, Facebook Chat, Words with Friends, need I go on? There is no argument, technology is great when it comes to the way that Skype allows men and women who are overseas fighting for our country to see their spouses and children and couples who are separated because of job transfers and hard facts of life to see one another but the question seems to be: How do we use technology to facilitate a relationship and not control it?

I can't say I have any earth-shattering suggestions for how to keep your relationship as something you share with another person who makes your days better just by being in your life and not something that you're doing for other people's benefit. But here's what I do know: the best relationships are not the ones with the most pictures or public professions of love. The best relationships that I've ever experienced or witnessed are the ones where the conversations between two people, public or private, are filled with laughter. There's something to be said for getting "back to the basics" and for setting aside all of the technology for a few hours to just get to know someone, just you, another human being, and your thoughts. If you find you like someone based on just the conversation, with no Facebook "friends" there to "like" your comments and no pictures to show the world just how hard you laughed when he or she told you that joke last week...then there's good cause to believe that you're ruling the technology and not letting it rule you. And that, in today's messy Facebook-centric world, is quite an accomplishment.

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY IS BACK!

Phi Alpha Delta and the Latino Law Student Association are pleased to announce the annual Adopt-A-Family (AAF) service project. The Salvation Army's AAF program matches local impoverished families with sponsors to provide for their tangible needs at Christmas. Without the benefit of an adoption, these families would be looking forward to a very grim holiday. Being adopted is designed to be a once or, very rarely, twice in a lifetime event for recipient families. The families compile a wish list for toys, clothing, household items, and assistance with utilities. Each member of the household will receive gifts that they requested, and the family will receive food for four to seven days.

This year, we are adopting three families. As you walk around the law school from November 7 to November 18, you will see decorated ornaments around the atrium and library. Each ornament contains information about a family member and one gift that he or she has requested. You can help by picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed. Please return your unwrapped gift to the AAF table in the Atrium from November 8 to December 1 during chapel break.

You are also invited to our Donation Collection Party on Thursday, December 1. There will be free food, pictures with Santa, and a raffle for great prizes such as a $500 bar review gift certificate, Valpo Law apparel, study aid stockings, and movie packages. Come help us celebrate this wonderful opportunity to make three local families' Christmas much brighter.

For more information, contact Taryn Baker (taryn.baker@valpo.edu) or Chelsey Newcomb (chesley.newcomb@valpo.edu).
When I first saw Susan Casey’s *The Wave* at the local bookstore, I was amused but not willing to part with the money the hardcover. I tempted when flipping through the pages finding photos of Mike Parsons riding down a seventy-five foot face at Cortes Banks and Laird Hamilton dropping in on Pe‘ahi. There is something awe inspiring to the exploits of the big wave surfers roving the globe from Teahupoo’o to Mavericks to Pe‘ahi. Awe inspiring to watch, and watch alone for me; I know my limits and it was an overhead wave that thrashed me about for foolishly trying to carve into its face with my log.

I can’t say that I have any greater experience with the ocean compared to some people, but after mucking about surfing and having spent some time on the high seas staring out the bridge of a few warships, I’m not completely inexperienced with the tempest of the ocean. From the vantage point I had clinging to the pelorus, large seas are seldom fun the first time around. Especially on a frigate that tends to move in the x, y, and z axis in rough seas. There is a slight unnerving twitch the first time in big seas when the ship gets caught in the trough; the ship seems to plummet down into a dark blue valley, and shudders violently hitting the bottom of the crest. Rough seas at night are less fun; you point the bow into the winds and hope that some rouge wave doesn’t clobber you out of the darkness.

All of those dramamine, sea-sickness, walking on the bulkheads memories rose up while reading *The Wave*. Apart from the stories of the big wave surfers dropping in on massive sixty foot waves, the big take away was the concerns that the oceans in the future will become much more violent in the coming years. The most striking fear is that the melting glaciers, which dilute the salinity of the ocean and change its temperature, may also have adverse seismic implications for humans. While most persons think a rise of a few inches of the ocean is just another meaningless statistic, it is that increase of a couple of inches of water over thousands of square miles of ocean resting on the plates of drifting on the planet’s mantle that is important. With a greater mass resting on these plates, it may lead to greater and unanticipated movement; movement of these plates generally means seismic activity. Seismic activity generally entails earthquakes, tsunamis, and increased volcanism.

Those are just a sampling of the concerns involving the changing nature of the planet’s oceans. Coastline cities, oil rigs, low lying islands, the vast amount of commerce traveling on the sea lanes of the world (90% of all non-bulk cargo; e.g. iPhones and Toyotas) are at risk with oceans that could be roiling violently at a greater rate. The connection between global warming and the increasing tempest of the oceans is a relevant issue that needs greater consideration.

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**Valpo By the Slice**

**Shoe's Pizzeria**

**By: Dan D. Hallberg, Editor-in-Chief**

When I first decided to do this column it was mostly just an excuse to eat at a different pizza place every month. The thing is, that doesn't really work since most of the time I get pizza, I end up going to Shoe's.

Shoe's is relatively new to the Valpo pizza scene. Owner and founder Chris Shoemaker started this fine pizzeria on May 27, 2010 and has been dishing out delicious pies, sandwiches, and wings ever since. Shoemaker cut his teeth in the pizza business managing a place in New York. That pizzeria allowed him to bring their 70 year old recipes here to Indiana, allowing us Hoosiers to enjoy a taste of the Big Apple.

This of course begs the question, has any of the Chicago/New York pizza rivalry spilled over to his business? "Not really, as long as people were open to trying it, they like it," Shoemaker said, but did add "There is a woman who comes in every week for lunch to have an Italian beef sub who said she'd never try my pizza because of the way I cut it."

Chris slices his pizza in the standard pie cut that pretty much all pizza places everywhere use. That is of course, except for the Chicago metro area that decided that it was going to do the square "party cut." The Shoe's owner was as much a stranger to this phenomenon as many of you probably have been, "It's funny, it wasn't until I got here that I had a pizza that was cut into squares."

Some of you new to the area may have ordered a pizza, only to find that it has been cut into squares instead of wedges. This is known as the Chicago-style "party cut." For some reason, someone in Chicago a long time ago hated triangles, and we here in this area have been paying for it ever since.

Supporters of the "party cut" say that it makes the pizza easier to share, and that more people can have a piece. Supporters of the pie cut prefer pizza that isn't a total mess and is easy to hold without getting crud all over you. I've lived in this area all my life, and I have never, ever, understood why the "party cut" is used. Whoever invented it apparently had some super lame parties where people spent all night washing pizza off their hands.

But I digress. Shoe's offers pretty much all of your standard pizza options as far as toppings go, but they do have some interesting sauce options. You can get the standard red pizza sauce, white garlic and olive oil kind of sauce, or the two mixed together. This can bring a new dynamic to certain pizzas that you may not have tried before.

They also have the best pizza lunch special in town. From 11-2, you can get two slices of pizza (like those pictured) and a soft drink for $6. They have other specials that involve salad, but who wants that? MORE PIZZA! They also have some specials for their subs and wings. It's kind of a stretch getting to Shoe's at 3300 Calumet Ave., for lunch from the school, but if you have some spare time, it's definitely worth it.

Also, of all the pizza places in town, this place has the best atmosphere. It looks like a pizzeria should look. And like any good pizzeria, it has a pinball machine, which I appreciate, and take full advantage of.

So if you want the best standard overall pie in town, check out Shoe's Pizzeria on Calumet, or visit their website at shoespizzeria.com. It's a great pizza and a great deal. What more could you ask for.

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PEARS AND POLITICS

Rule: Identify what comes your way and respect it.

First impressions are a big deal, we all know this. Within the first week of being in a new office, a summer associate position, internship, or any other practical law experience you are offered is highly valued. Do not forget how lucky you are that you beat out a good share of other law students who wanted that position, possibly even more than you did. This is something even I struggle with. Within the internships, some overly confident interns made it clear how much they “knew” the law... that was until they were given an actual research request by an attorney that left them struggling. Legal research and writing classes, although we dread the work, ARE incredibly helpful! Especially when you compare your knowledge and practical experience researching IN BOOKS as opposed to other students at possibly higher ranked schools who never even learn to open a book for research purposes. In the end, it is all about what has been offered to you. It never struck me how important my internship this past summer was until after it was over.

Besides having some real law experience to put on my resume, I can more confidently go into another office with knowledge on how to dress, act, and value what work I am given. Employers are not required to give out internships. If you receive one, be thankful for the opportunity that has been granted to you. Respect it for its real weight.

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HEAD-SCRATCHING LAWS

BY: SARAH PETERLIN • MANAGING EDITOR

We couldn’t make up some of these weird laws that are/were actually on the books. OK, so maybe Hollywood can. In the “Footloose” remake starring Julianne Hough, which opened in theaters last week, dancing and loud music are banned in the fictional town of Bomont, Ga. Reality isn’t so far off.

1. GET RID OF THOSE OLD CITY STICKERS.

Citizens can be hit with a $120 ticket for having an improperly displayed and outdated city sticker on their car.

2. NO PIGEONS.

It is illegal to import, sell, own or keep live pigeons in residential areas, as well as build or maintain any coop for the pigeons. Fines range from $100 to $1,000. Violators could be incarcerated for up to six months.

3. DON’T DYED THE CHICKIES.

Nobody is allowed to sell or display chicks, ducklings, goslings or other fowl or rabbit that have been dyed an artificial color. Lawbreakers face a fine ranging from $50 to $200.

4. CLEAN YOUR HORSE.

Horses used in horse-drawn carriages must be groomed daily, be given water and rest for at least a 15-minute period during each work hour; they also must wear a waste-catching device while on the public way. Fines range from $100 to $500.

5. HANDS OFF THE STREETCAR.

Anyone younger than 18 can’t climb, jump upon, cling to or attach himself to any “streetcar, railroad locomotive” or car in motion. Offenders face a fine of $2 to $10, even though streetcars no longer exist.

6. IT’S GETTING HOT IN HERE.

A law forbids eating in a place that is on fire.

7. GO FLY A KITE.

Kites may not be flown in city limits.

8. GONE FISHING?

Fishing while riding on a giraffe’s neck is illegal.

9. ZZZZZZZ....

Fishing in your pajamas is illegal.

10. NUDITY.

You can only protest naked in front of city hall if you are under the age of seventeen and have the proper permits.

11. DRUNK AS A .... DOG?

It is illegal to give a dog whiskey.

12. KEEP IT IN THE PORTA-POTTY

It is illegal to urinate or defecate on any public way, on any outdoor public property or outdoor private property unless it’s a temporary or permanent structure erected outdoors for use as a toilet. Violators can face $100 to $500 in fines or five to 10 days in jail, or both.

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ENTERTAINMENT BLENDER

THE WALKING DEAD

BY: John Sturgeon • Staff Writer

It is rather surprising that another network didn’t attempt to bring a series of uber-successful graphic novels to life in the television format sooner but give credit to AMC. They looked around and saw the success shows like True Blood were bringing to HBO and decided to dive-in with Robert Kirkman’s The Walking Dead. In its first season last year, the network only ordered six episodes, barely enough time to establish characters or plot out an epic arc. The network was cautious due to the high production expense and wanted to see if fans would seek out something they had read or if people would sample zombie-fare in a weekly format. The experiment paid off as an average of six million people watched each episode last season, making the show one of the most successful scripted shows on basic cable and the network gave it a thirteen episode pickup for this season. Starring Andrew Lincoln as Officer Rick, The Walking Dead is about a zombie epidemic overrunning the world destroying the economy and security that people feel in their lives. The only thing that matters is survival.

Season 1 had him find his family and the group of survivors that they had come to live with as one big, irregular family. Little known to Rick, however, was the fact that his wife and Shane engaged in a brief affair after believing he was dead. Other characters of note are Glenn, a tech-wiz young-man that has no fear of going into battle or on missions with Rick, Darryl, a sarcastic smartass who wields a crossbow with the constant goal of hopefully finding his missing brother Meryl after the group of survivors left the racist pig for dead last season, Andrea, a woman who has lost her will to live after witnessing the brutal murder of her sister by the zombies, and Dale, the calm, wise, older force that travels with the survivors and who has a particular interest in Andrea. The series looks beautiful, as the group moves across the vast, empty, horrifying world with no end to their terror in sight along with showcasing plenty of blood when the zombies are around. Zombie makeup looks incredible and they can truly be horrifying when there are fifty of them together. Tension lurks around every corner and you never know where the next scare will come from. The premiere this season ended with the shooting of young Carl by an unknown entity.

This season will showcase the group entering Herschel’s Farm, a familiar locale from the graphic novels. Ratings were up 30% for the premiere over last season, meaning the show will be around for years to come. That there is plenty of source material in the comics means there will be plenty of unique story material so that the constant zombie/human chase will never get boring. Kirkman has already deviated from the comics a bit by creating the character of Darryl, so who is to say there won’t be other surprise entrances down the line to keep people guessing about what is coming next.

One wonders when the Rick/Shane/Lori secret will come out and how Carl will survive his gunshot wound. It seems the writers may pair up Shane and Andrea, which has several exciting possibilities. If you like adrenaline-infused shows that are packed to the gills with thrills and surprised, The Walking Dead is for you. The unique blend of a survival story and terror provide one awesome weekly television experience and you don’t want to be the one missing out on the water cooler discussion come Monday. Hopefully this show’s success will open the door for future graphic novel adaptations to the small screen in the near future. The Walking Dead airs Sundays at 8 PM on AMC.

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The Model Rules of Professional Behavior are a good thing. So are the legal professionalism and ethics courses, as well as the MPRE. However, a new lawyer’s education is incomplete until they are required to study how to act professional in respect to how to treat their employees and subordinates. Hopefully this subject matter can be added to the legal profession curriculum soon, before we have a new generation of lawyers just like the ones people make jokes about.

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I’m learning how not to treat my staff; and I’m disappointed to say that I was being more serious than I was jesting.

I’ve seen firms that chew up administrative staff and spit them out. I’ve seen firms that keep their office in a constant state of fear and paranoia in order to get employees to rat on each other. I’ve seen firms whose first reaction to any problem is just to fire someone regardless of fault. But mostly what I’ve seen is attorneys that expect supreme loyalty and administrative staff salary to avoid having to pay them overtime. I’ve seen firms whose first reaction to any problem is just to fire someone regardless of fault. But mostly what I’ve seen is attorneys that expect supreme loyalty and yet inspire none.

The problem is, when I look to my left and look to my right I see two more young future attorneys who will leave law school without having any serious time dedicated to the discussion of a lawyer’s responsibility as an employer or a supervisor. We spend too much time talking about what is happening on the court docket. We spend more time with in our professional lives than anybody in those categories.

There seems to be a gap in our legal education. For all or our talk of rules and responsibility, we fail to even consider the responsibilities we have towards those whom we work closest with. Frankly, I’m worried. Worried that this school, and all other law schools, are churning out a bunch of heartless Scrooge characters that expect the most out of their employees and give nothing back because they know they can as long as those people rely on that job.

The Model Rules of Professional Behavior are a good thing. So are the legal professionalism and ethics courses, as well as the MPRE. However, a new lawyer’s education is incomplete until they are required to study how to act professional in respect to how to treat their employees and subordinates. Hopefully this subject matter can be added to the legal profession curriculum
We last month's number one fighter ended up getting cancelled due to injury. I hope I'm not becoming a jinx to those guys, because if I am then I have to start covering just undercard fights no one cares about.

But before going into this month's fights, I'd like to discuss something. Last month I wrongly predicted that Nick Diaz would fail to superior boxing by B.J. Penn. Well, Diaz pretty much made me look like an idiot on that.

I also spent a good amount of time discussing Diaz's mistakes and how he blew his shot at the title. However, after his smashing of Penn, UFC President Dana White decided to reward Diaz with the next shot at the title over Carlos Condit. Supposedly Condit okeyed this move. This is kind of a kick to the groin of the rest of the welterweight division. They're all doing everything possible to get a shot at the title, and that includes publicity things that they don't want to do; meanwhile, Diaz doesn't do his job, but still gets the big payday and the next shot. To me, this seems completely unfair, not only to Condit, but to everyone else trying to make it big in the UFC.

That being said, when Diaz was supposed to fight, he fought, and won, so I guess I can't complain that much. It just seems unfair. Anyway, on with the analysis!

Wanderlei Silva (33-10) vs. Cung Le (10-1), UFC 139, 11/19/2011

Silva's Strengths: Violence and tons of experience.
Silva's Weaknesses: He's taken a lot of beatings over the years.
Le's Strengths: Fast style, powerful offense.
Le's Weaknesses: Past commitment issues and age.

It's a battle of violent people who have taken a beating for a long time. Wanderlei, who was once one of the most feared men in the sport, is now 35 and pretty much broken. Cung Le spent the first 18 years of his career as a kickboxer before turning to MMA in 2006. Both have held titles in their organizations prior to coming to the UFC, although admittedly, the Pride championship meant a lot more than the Strikeforce championship. So again, it's a question of who has enough left in the tank. Though Cung Le is considerably older, he did not take the beating earlier in his career that Wandy took, and Wandy's chin isn't what it used to be. Look for an entertaining, short, violent affair, with Cung Le coming out on top.

Urijah Faber (25-5) vs. Brian Bowles (10-1), UFC 139, 11/19/2011

Faber's Strengths: Tons of experience, great chin, lots of heart, and amazing stamina.
Faber's Weaknesses: He has a short reach.
Bowles' Strengths: Mega punching power, and strong submission game.
Bowles' Weaknesses: Brittle hands apparently.

Two former WEC champions collide trying to get see who gets another chance at Dominick Cruz. Faber is coming off a close loss to the bantamweight champion, where as Bowles, who lost his bantamweight title to Cruz early last year, is looking to get his rematch. The two fighters are similar in that they are smaller bulking fighters who usually overpower their opponents, but with Faber having less predictable strikes than Bowles, with but Bowles having the stronger knockout punch. Look for this fight to mostly stay on the feet, with Faber using his odd striking technique and superior chin to lead him to victory and a rubber match with Cruz.

Ben Henderson (14-7) vs. Clay Guida (23-12), UFC on FOX, 11/19/2011

Henderson's Strengths: Well-rounded game, with great stamina. Also a general gunny-like physique for escaping submissions.
Guida's Strengths: Not the best striker on his feet.
Guida's Weaknesses: Predictable attack, stupid hair cut.

We have yet another number one contender fight. With Frankie Edgar's successful defense against Gray Maynard finally settling who the best lightweight in the world is, we can finally move on to a new challenger. After losing his WEC title to Anthony Pettis, Henderson has come back strong beating a game Mark Bocek and a legitimate title contender in Jim Miller. Guida is on a run himself, having won four straight; his most recent victory coming against the aforementioned Pettis. Guida is a work horse who sets a pace that few can follow, and eventually grinds his opponents out when he gets them to the mat. That said, Bendo is famous for slipping out of tough spots and for having amazing stamina. I feel like Henderson is the more well-rounded fighter with a more dynamic style. Look for Henderson to survive the early onslaught and catch Guida in a guillotine when he shoots in for a takedown.

Dan Henderson (28-7) vs. Shogun Rua (23-4), UFC 139, 11/19/2011

Henderson's Strengths: Tons of experience, amazing chin, strong wrestling, and a mega right hand.
Henderson's Weaknesses: Bad off his back, and doesn't press the action.
Rua's Strengths: Violent strikes, good takedown defense, and underrated submissions.
Rua's Weaknesses: Past injury problems, and can be taken down.

We go from one Henderson to another. These are two of the biggest names to come out of Pride that have never fought each other. Shogun is coming off a big win, having avenged his UFC debut loss to Forrest Griffin in violent fashion. Henderson is back from Strikeforce after winning their light heavyweight championship and beating their biggest draw in heavyweight legend Fedor Emelianenko. The light heavyweight picture is a little murky right now, but the winner of this fight will definitely be near the top of the line to get the next shot at the title. Shogun is the younger, more dynamic, violent fighter of the two, but he's also been less healthy, having had multiple knee surgeries. Despite some of the mismatched wars that Henderson has been in, he has still managed to stay strong and have one of the best chins in MMA at the age of 41. Additionally, he has a hammer of a right hand which could end a fight at any time. I think that will be the difference, with an upset going to Henderson by knockout in the second.

Champion Cain Velasquez (14-0) vs. Junior Dos Santos (10-1), UFC on FOX, 11/19/2011

Velasquez' Strengths: Killer instinct, stamina, and wrestling.
Velasquez' Weaknesses: Can be rocked, and hasn't fought in over a year.
Dos Santos' Strengths: Great boxing, good take down defense, and submission game.
Dos Santos' Weaknesses: We haven't seen him off his back or get rocked.

It's finally happening. This was supposed to be Velasquez's first defense after winning the title from Brock Lesnar more than a year ago. However a torn rotator cuff pushed this fight back and Junior opted to have a different dance partner in Brock Lesnar, which was changed to Shane Carwin due to Brock's serious stomach problems. But finally all the stars have aligned and live on network television we will get to see this battle of the two best heavyweights alive right now. Junior is the better striker, and a Brazilian Jitsu black belt. Granted we've never seen him use it because his boxing is so phenomenal. Cain is arguably the best MMA wrestler out there, as he is able to drop his opponents in ways that lead to him laying down punishment from above. Cain has been rocked in the past though, but he handled it well and ended up dominating the ground game. I think that's pretty much how this fight will go. Though Junior is his biggest challenge to date, I see Cain walking out as still the UFC heavyweight champion.
POLITICAL QUESTIONING

GOP DEBATE AND PRIMARY OVERLOAD

BY: STEVE CICHON • STAFF WRITER

Following the Republican Presidential nomination battle can be tiring. There are debates after debates after debates, each with the hope by the sponsors that some “game-changing” event is going to take place which puts the race into an exciting new direction and net them a lot of publicity.

The 2008 nomination battles were much more interesting because for the first time in a very long time the candidates for President were not an incumbent President or Vice President. We saw Barack Obama prevail over Hillary Clinton in a long, epic brawl, and we saw John McCain, his campaign once left for dead, claw back up to become the GOP Presidential nominee.

To be sure, the debates have shaken up the Republican field. I think part of the reason that Rick Perry has faded in the polls is that his poor debate performances have given voters the impression that he is not ready for prime time. Herman Cain has vaulted up to second place in most polls behind Mitt Romney, and I think it has to do with his likeable personality and his ability to communicate and connect with voters. He has since hit a rough spot since the other candidates have piled on in opposition to his “9-9-9” flat tax plan, so only time will tell if he is a flavor of the month or a serious contender. And through it all, Mitt Romney has seemed almost unflappable, projecting an image on the stage, and seems to do well deflecting constant attacks on his health care reform that he enacted in Massachusetts while he was governor there as well as his wishy-washiness on other issues.

But there are so many debates. It is almost a relief that the Iowa caucuses are taking place on a very early January 3, 2012. At least we will not have to watch any more debates. But that presents another problem. In 2008, Democrats in Michigan and Florida moved up their states’ primaries and were sanctioned by the DNC by not fully seating their delegates. Florida has done the same thing for this year’s Republican primary, prompting states that traditionally have earlier primaries-Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina-to retaliate by moving their primaries up even further.

The constant barrage of ads, debates, news of primaries, scandals, and stories of the different candidates certainly get tiring. At least, if you devour politics like me. However, that isn’t to say that there is no benefit. By exposing candidates’ strengths and weaknesses early on, the Republican candidate who emerges the victor from the primary will be stronger and seriously vetted, ready to take President Obama on. All the candidates have issues that will present juicy negative news stories and fodder for ads by their opponent, but the earlier they have to start dealing with those issues, the better they will be prepared to deflect attacks.

Every election has people claiming that the election will be very decisive and seriously affect the future of the United States. In 2012, I believe this claim is more true than most. 2008 was a default win for Barack Obama; he came to the stage at the time of a perfect storm which would have obliterated any Republican candidate, and enjoyed a Congress dominated by Democrats for the first two years of his term. However, the 2010 midterms went decisively against him, giving the Republicans a huge win in the House of Representatives and cutting down on the Democrats’ majority in Senate.

2012 should settle, at least for the next four years, whether the directions that Americans want to take were entered into the GPS in 2008 or 2010. 2012 will be Obama’s first truly difficult general election.

We can disagree whether the Republicans or the Democrats have the better policy answers for the upcoming years. We have serious debt problems that were aggravated by George W. Bush’s 8 years and exacerbated even more by Obama’s last 3 years. The economy is not recovering the way it should. Unemployment is high. People are not positive for the future. And to top it off, we have a huge wave of retiring baby boomers who are going to strain the entitlement programs even further (but maybe some of them are going to be retiring from the legal field).

Due to the problems I just mentioned, I hope you can agree with me that America deserves to have strong candidates to choose from in 2012. The overabundance of Republican primary debates and earlier primaries will see to it that the Republican candidate will be well-positioned to take on President Obama. What remains to be seen is what Obama will do to become a stronger candidate.

As Professor Dooley is fond of saying, what is the takeaway for this? We will have a great Presidential election, featuring strong candidates, with serious issues to solve. That can only be a good thing for the country.

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FIVE WAYS TO OCCUPY YOUR TIME DURING THE NBA LOCKOUT

BY: JOEL MCCLELLAN • STAFF WRITER

What if the NBA season was cancelled and no one cared? That is what the NBA is finding out. It may be just me but I could care less about the NBA regular season. The NBA does not grab my attention until the playoffs. The NBA has become a league that is watered down and there are only a handful of exciting teams to watch (Lakers, Bulls, Celtics, Heat, and the Magic to name a few). I could go on and on but why just have the marquee teams play and we can.

1. DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU NORMALLY PLAN ON DOING BECAUSE YOU DON'T PLAN ON WATCHING THE NBA ANYWAY.

99% of fans will not lose any sleep over the fact that there is no season. If you are in the 1% you probably had a Michael Jordan poster in your room and stopped watching when he retired.

2. LEND A HAND

Volunteer your time and maybe we can collectively get the law school expansion project finally finished.

3. START FOLLOWING THE LBL (LINGERIE BASKETBALL LEAGUE)

It is probably more entertaining and they probably play better defense.

4. JOIN YOUR NEAREST OCCUPY WALL STREET PROTEST

I heard there was one in Valpo the other day.....

5. START WORKING ON YOUR NETWORKING TO GET BETTER OUTLINES.

Let’s be honest, the person next to you probably has a better one than you.

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STUDENT PROFILES

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What is your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and why?
Spinach Casserole. My mom has made it since I was a child and people are always surprised how good it tastes.

Did you ever read the US Constitution all the way through before coming to law school?
I had read the U.S. Constitution several times, and I think high schools should make it mandatory that everyone must read it in order to graduate.

What TV show do you take time out of your busy schedule to watch?
How I Met Your Mother and Survivor. Yea, I said it. Survivor. What are you going to do about it?

When trying to sound lawyerly, what word or phrase do you use a lot?
I know what I am talking about, I learned about this in law school. I have won many arguments on that basis.

Is there anything that you're ashamed that you know the taste of?
Motor oil. I am not kidding.

What is the weirdest way you've ever seen or heard of a turkey being prepared?
That would have to be when my friend and I prepared our first turkey (this October) for my first "Canadian Thanksgiving in America." Between watching youtube tutorials on "how to cook a turkey" and what we thought we should be doing, we literally ended up just drenching the turkey in lemon juice, lathering it up with LOTS of butter and then tossing that bird in the oven. Surprisingly, it turned out delicious and no one got food poisoning. But, the sight of that thing and the overall experience was horrendous.

If you could change anything about Valparaiso University School of Law other than price, what would you change?
I would give everyone a mailbox because they make you feel special.

When trying to sound lawyerly, what word or phrase do you use a lot?
"...well, how would a "REASONABLE" person interpret this question?

Susanne Heckler - 2L

Hometown: Littleton, CO
Undergrad School: University of Colorado at Boulder
Undergrad Major: International Affairs and Environmental Studies

What is your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and why?
Mashed potatoes because you can mix them with anything and eat them for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Did you ever read the US Constitution all the way through before coming to law school?
Um no, which means I'm probably the worst law student ever.

What TV show do you take time out of your busy schedule to watch?
Modern Family because of all the quirky family love!

When trying to sound lawyerly, what word or phrase do you use a lot?
You really can't go wrong with the word jurisprudence or reasonable.

What is the weirdest way you've ever seen or heard of a turkey being prepared?
Turkey with a chicken inside of it!

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Undergrad School: University of Victoria
Undergrad Major: Political Science and History

What is your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and why?
First, Thanksgiving will always be in October (it's a Canadian bias eh!)- but, I love all of the traditional side dishes except for stuffing. Stuffing is the worst.

Did you ever read the US Constitution all the way through before coming to law school?
Yes!!! I read it as part of my American History class.

What TV show do you take time out of your busy schedule to watch?
South Park, How I Met your Mother and The Office

When trying to sound lawyerly, what word or phrase do you use a lot?
"...well, how would a "REASONABLE" person interpret this question?

Is there anything that you're ashamed that you know the taste of?
Snail (or, if you're going to be fancy about it, "escargot") and Frog.

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Location. But, practically speaking, I would change the heating/cooling system.