The Sharp Look for the Young Lawyer

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On Thursday, September 27th, LAMBDA and BELSA hosted "The Sharp Look for the Young Lawyer" event at the law school. The event kicked off with a runway show with four law students modeling the right and wrong way to dress for an interview. The runway show caused laughter as well as insight into what is appropriate business wear. Robyn Rucker, Director of Career Planning, gave a short introduction into what law students should consider when dressing for an interview. Ms. Rucker stated that the legal field is traditionally conservative and that it is wise for law students to dress conservatively the first time you meet the interviewer. She explained that your resume is what gets you in the door, but it is how you are dressed in the interview that can leave a positive or negative impression with the interviewer.

Representatives from Brooks Brothers and Banana Republic came to the event to give advice to law students as to what types of suits look best for an interview. Both companies used mannequins to illustrate the looks that they described. Brooks Brothers opened up by first stating that at Brooks Brothers you get what you pay for. The representative simply take off the jacket and accessorize to have your suit purchase be made of good material such as novelty suits. The remainder of the event consisted for an interview. Both companies used mannequins by using a mannequin, that women can wear a traditional look but Men:

- Dark colored suits
- White, Ivory, or Light Blue Shirts
- Ties should coordinate with shirt and suit
- Shoes should be polished
- Suits should be black or dark brown

Women:

- Dark-colored pant or skirt suit
- Be mindful of skirt length
- Wear a high-collared blouse/shirt
- Shoes should be closed toe and modest in height
- Suits should match/coordinate with suit
- Hosiery must be worn and should be flesh toned

For a number of 1Ls, Vega's advice hits home. To them law school is a far cry from their comfort zones, but it sure does make life interesting. Kylee is a JL and can be reached at vuslforum@gmail.com

1L Welcome Dinner

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Step outside of your comfort zone. Alumnus Gregory Vega presented this advice to 1Ls at the Black Law Student Association and Latino Law Student Association welcome dinner September 21. "Go out and meet new people," he said. "Talk to the members of BLSA and LLSA. Do something that you've never done before; that's what makes life interesting.

Vega, who graduated from Valparaiso School of Law in 1980, was LLSA's distinguished guest at the dinner. Vega served for many years as the United State's Attorney for the Southern District of California. He was joined by BLSA's honoree, Shelice Tolbert. A 2000 graduate, Tolbert is the first African American to be named a partner at her firm.

The annual 1L welcome dinner has been a Valparaiso School of Law tradition since 1992. It started out as a small gathering of professors, first, second and third year students. Today it has blossomed into a must attend event featuring representatives from many local firms and major bar associations. This year attendees were treated to the MC styling of Professor Lind and welcome speeches from the presidents of BLSA and LLSA. As well as a steak and fish dinner hosted by the campus dining staff.

The night concluded with recognition of two 1Ls who won the BLSA/LLSA essay contest. Paul Nicolosi won five hundred dollars for his essay addressing the legality of cheek swabs for DNA. Nicolosi's essay was selected out of thirteen applicants.

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law schools have two core functions. The first -- and original -- function is to provide educational services that enable a person to become a lawyer or law-related professional. This function encompasses instruction in legal subjects and legal analysis, development of writing and professional skills, and inculcation of professional values. It also includes academic counseling and academic support, bar preparation, and promoting additional values, such personal accountability and commitment to service.

The second core function -- a more recent development -- is to provide career support. People come to law school not just for instruction and professional growth, but to obtain a job or pursue a career. This function has taken on increasing importance over time, and even more recently because of the sharp changes and serious challenges in the law-related job market.

The career support function of a law school has -- or should have -- at least five major components:

1. Helping students and alumni craft and achieve career-related goals.
2. Providing guidance as students and alumni develop skills, experiences, and credentials which enable them to compete for jobs and professional opportunities.
3. Providing training and resources for marketing oneself to compete for professional opportunities.
4. Providing access to professional networks to the pursuit of careers and professional goals.
5. Bringing job and career opportunities to students and alumni.

Valparaiso (like many other schools) has been strengthening these five functions. Today it has large resources (including staff) invested in them. However, because students do not always make use of all these resources, we developed ways to ensure that students took advantage of them, and did so in a way that effectively promoted their personal and professional success.

One of these ways is a new tool that will help our students organize their three years of career-related activities and guide them toward completing all the steps essential to fulfill their career goals. The tool is a mobile website named VOLT, a sample of which you can see at: http://www.valpo.edu/law/current-students/volt. To the best of our knowledge, VOLT is the first interactive career tracking tool designed specifically for law students.

VOLT, at its heart, is a checklist of steps students need to take from the first day of law school until graduation. For the first year, the checklist starts with attending the initial Welcome to Career Planning event, and moves through a schedule of other key activities. There are detailed checklists for the second and third years as well.

We realized, however, that a static checklist is not a strong inducement to action. Thus, we added two key features. One is to make the checklist interactive. Specifically, we made VOLT web-based and linked it to databases that keep track of a student’s progress. (Initially, this is for the IL checklist only but will be expanded to all years.) In effect, we have created a dynamic scorecard for each student.

Second, we optimized the scorecard for viewing on a smart phone or tablet, to make it as convenient as possible for students. To make it even more useful, we added links to the Career Planning Center (including job postings), the Law School calendar of events, the bi-weekly Law School newsletter, and the Law School’s LinkedIn site.

VOLT is designed to help students organize themselves for success, and designed to promote use of our abundant Career Planning resources. We will assess VOLT over the coming year by measuring student participation, student completion of the career-related steps, and student satisfaction with the program and website.

In developing VOLT, we surveyed and interviewed students (and alumni) to understand student needs and motivations. We found a high level of enthusiasm and eagerness for the easy-to-use assistance VOLT can provide. In making our students more successful, it makes us more successful in one of our core functions as a law school.

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Bloomberg Law offers access to a wide variety of legal materials, including cases, statutes, regulations, and secondary sources. It is a comprehensive resource for researchers in law, business, and finance.

In the last issue of the Forum, you were introduced to our new library dean Emily Janoski-Haeflen. This issue, I would like to introduce you to a new legal research tool that is available to all students, staff, and faculty—Bloomberg Law.

Bloomberg Law is the single largest provider of financial data, controlling about 1/3 of the entire market. Bloomberg has parlayed its expertise in supplying this data and has become the third major player in online legal research, joining Westlaw and Lexis.

While all three of the services offer a wide variety of legal materials, cases, statutes, regulations, etc., Bloomberg is hoping to stay at the top by offering substantially more than either Westlaw or Lexis can offer in the areas of business and finance. (see figure 1). They are giving the researcher real time information about markets and company information, an area that neither Lexis nor Westlaw offer.

They are also offering the student full access to their in-depth company ‘watchlist.’ Figure 2 shows the information offered at 10:30 Monday October 1st on Apple. This information gives access to Financials, Filings and Corporate Actions among other areas of information.

While all this is useful information for the M&A student, Bloomberg is really counting on the legal researcher to access their legal information sites. In addition to all the normal legal research sources, statutes, cases, regulations, (figure 3), Bloomberg has a citator service called BCite. Similar in nature to Shepard’s or Keycite, it allows the researcher to check the authority of at least the cases found.

A nice plus is all the primary materials offer the user a way to attach notes to what they have found, kind of an online legal pad. (figure 4). Bloomberg offers a number of practice centers—antitrust, bankruptcy, intellectual property among others, with the promise that more will be added over time.

Bloomberg can also be a ‘one-stop-shop’ with what they are calling Litigation Resources. This portal like screen offers the ability to search opinions from federal and state courts, federal and state statutes and regulations, federal rules (including U.S. Supreme Court rules). Similar in nature to Thomas (thomas.loc.gov), current Congressional bills and legislative history materials are searchable. This resource area also has secondary material supplied by BNA as well as judgments and fiens, state and federal jury instructions and current news.

Other features that neither Lexis nor Westlaw offer includes access to Edgar, the online SEC filings database for all public domestic companies and an extensive form library. These forms are not just samples but actual documents, both domestic and international. Since law students and practicing attorneys are always looking for solid examples of documents, these forms are the actual documents which can help in drafting documents for your class or client.

Last, but certainly not least, is access to docket information. Based on the federal PACER system, searching docket takes on two forms. If the docket has already been retrieved, unlike PACER, the search is free. If Bloomberg hasn’t yet retrieved the docket information, there is a charge, but then that secondary material that Bloomberg offers is taken from BNA publications. A longtime leader in supplying this data and has become the third major player in online legal research.

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The library is hoping to offer training on Bloomberg in the near future, but it’s not a hard system to learn. The hardest part will be navigating through the immense amount of material that is available for the researcher.

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Figure 1: Apple Inc (AAPL US Equity)

Figure 2: Bloomberg

Figure 3: Bloomberg Law

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Valparaiso University as their institution. Once they have completed the form, they will receive a registration confirmation email from Bloomberg Law.

After registering comes the big news. For law students, Bloomberg is available year round, with NO restrictions on use or access. So, next summer, when you don’t have Westlaw or Lexis, you can still have Bloomberg.
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PUBLIC INTEREST LAW: PRACTICING LAW IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

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One of the questions most frequently posed to law students is, “Why did you decide to go to law school?” Obviously, the responses vary, but more often than not, there is a common theme of a desire to help others. One avenue that lawyers use to pursue that goal is public interest law.

Professor Philip Schrag defined public interest law as follows: “Public interest law is usually defined broadly as legal practice in the service of otherwise unrepresented or underrepresented persons or interests. Public interest law is a wide-ranging field, encompassing, among other subjects, civil rights law, constitutional law, environmental protection, international human rights, consumer protection, poverty law, employees’ rights, national security, gay rights, education law, election reform, the rights of criminal defendants, corporate reform, children’s rights, disability law, and many other subjects.” Although public interest law continues to evolve and to be refined, it has deep roots and many branches.

Many students come into my office wanting to pursue public interest opportunities but are not sure just how to find their niche. In those instances, we will conduct some self-assessment exercises. I will ask questions to help them to identify key personal traits, ideal work environments, and relevant work/life balance needs. The result is a more tailored job search and better sense of direction towards the appropriate career. The law school's mandatory 40 hour pro bono requirement provides an excellent way for students to explore public interest opportunities. The requirement was created, in part, to meet the needs of the underserved and those with limited access to legal resources. To that end, there are numerous organizations with acceptable pro bono opportunities for law students. You can use Strategy to conduct a search of current pro bono opportunities.

There are many organizations aimed at helping to foster public interest values. One such organization is Equal Justice Works (EJW). The organization was founded in 1986 and part of its mission is to ensure that “the poorest and most vulnerable among us” receive “the same access to justice and quality legal representation as more fortunate citizens.” Equal Justice Works organizes and facilitates an annual conference in career fair in October. This year, the CPC is sponsoring seven students to attend the 2012 conference being held in Arlington, VA on October 27th and 28th. Another organization committed to this area of the law is the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI). PILI was founded in 1977 and focuses on “cultivating a lifelong commitment to public interest law by creating opportunities for law students and attorneys to provide public interest and pro bono work in Illinois.” Both EJW and PILI offer funding and employment opportunities for public interest minded students. Be sure to visit their websites for complete information on resources: http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school and http://www.pili-law.org/.

Here is a schedule of upcoming public interest related programming:

- Tuesday, October 9th 3:45 pm-4:45 pm Public Interest Perspectives featuring Professor Geoffrey Heeren, Supervising Faculty Attorney, Immigration Clinic, and Christine Haskell, Law School Alumna and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Jasper County, Ulbricht Room

GOING TO TRIAL IS SO MAIN STREAM:
HOW POPULAR FASHION IS INVADING THE COURTROOM

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There was a recent article in TIME magazine that discussed a scary emerging trend in the legal world. Hipster glasses are appearing on the way into the courtroom. The reason for this fashion faux pas is that some lawyers are telling their clients to wear those over-sized codger glasses to court to make them appear more studious. Apparently, the legal community is not up with the times concerning pop culture (Really? No way!), or they would know that the grandpa glasses are just lonely without an un-kept beard, a V-neck shirt, skinny jeans, goodwill loafers, some sort of flannel, a sock hat, a scarf, and a snark-o-lous attitude.

Let’s also not forget what ramifications that this hipsterizing the legal field can bring: “Your Honor, my client was going to pull over for the cop, but it just seemed like everyone else would have done that.” “Your Honor, my client was going to pay alimony, but then he couldn’t afford Pabst Blue Ribbon and American Spirit Cigarettes.” “Your honor, my client assaulted the Plaintiff because he said Wookiefoot was mainstream.” (I can literally keep going forever).

Personally, I blame Justice Scalia for this courtroom trend, with those glasses, his additions to his robes, and his impressive (sometimes just plain mean) dissents, he was truly the biggest and first hipster of the justice system.

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It is instructive to see how prominent Democratic politicians responded to the economy during the Bush administration. In October 2003, Nancy Pelosi slammed President Bush and the Republicans for a “jobless recovery.” That month 203,000 jobs were created and the unemployment rate was six percent. In August, there were 96,000 jobs created and over 300,000 people stopped looking for full-time work.

As a senator, President Obama also heavily criticized President Bush’s alleged weak job creation figures. Five months after Nancy Pelosi criticized President Bush, Senator Obama attacked him for a “jobless recovery” as well. That month’s job figures? A third of a million new jobs, and an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent. Where is the media on this hypocrisy? The media continues to stay unusually quiet about the state of the economy and President Obama’s “Recovery Summer” tour which occurred two years ago.

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In 2003, President Bush strode across an aircraft carrier and delivered a speech announcing the conclusion of major military operations in Iraq. In the background was a large sign with the words “Mission Accomplished.” The mission was anything but accomplished: the insurgents killed and wounded more US soldiers and Iraqi citizens than during the conventional phase of the war. For years President Bush was mocked.

President Obama’s “Mission Accomplished” moment has come and went. Two years ago the Obama administration, in an attempt to highlight the most visible projects following a recession in a hundred years.

August’s unemployment rate was 8.1%, two points higher than the Obama administration promised when they borrowed hundreds of billions of dollars for their stimulus. The labor participation rate, which Mark Gongloff of the left-leaning Huffington Post defines as “the percentage of the civilian working-age population that is either working or looking for a job,” is the lowest since 1981. The male rate is the lowest on record. If the labor participation rate had stayed the same since the President’s inauguration, the much-publicized U3 unemployment rate would be at least 11 percent.

The Democratic National Convention in Charlotte trumpeted the new jobs created under President Obama. They didn’t note that more than half of the new jobs are low-wage. The majority of the jobs lost during the “Great Recession” have been mid-wage.

Over half of recent college graduates are either underemployed or unemployed. The default rate of student loans for the past two years went up to 9.1 percent from 8.8 percent. President Obama continues to push for more and more Americans to attend college and graduate school, while according to a recent Rutgers study only 20% of recent college graduates have entered career paths they majored in. Studies indicate that graduating in a recession decreases the earning potential of graduates for years to come. 17 million people with at least a Bachelor’s degree are in low-skill jobs that do not need a college education, much less a high school one.

There was hardly an outcry a few weeks ago when Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke announced that the Fed would buy “mortgage-backed securities at a rate of $40 billion per month,” according to the Times. Under this new policy, called “QE3” (quantitative easing 3), Time reported that the Fed will make these purchases “indefinitely until the unemployment market improves significantly.” The Fed’s unilateral action admits that the policies that the White House has pursued to fix the economy have largely failed.

Soon after President Obama was inaugurated he said that if he hadn’t turned the economy around in three years he would not win re-election. The reality is that the economy has not turned around. The majority of the new jobs that the White House proudly points to are low-paying. The unemployment rate of blacks and Hispanics is much higher than the national average. The Great Recession has exacerbated the racial wealth gap, with white households having an average of $110,719, according to CNN, while black households have 22 times less at $4,955.

Mitt Romney has been focusing both his message and attacks on President Obama on the economy and jobs. It seems to be paying off, as in most surveys he has the edge on those two issues. Recent polls show the President’s post-convention bounce evaporating, and Romney has an edge with independents in most surveys.

It is not surprising that Democrats have a much more positive view of the economy than Republicans and independents. After all, their man won.

The facts on the ground do not support their optimism. And unlike the growing conventional wisdom, President Obama has not already won re-election. The election is in November. Make sure you vote, but also make sure you are informed.

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How do I get proper interview clothes on a law school budget? Shop at outlet malls, discount stores, thrift shops, and consignment shops. Invest in one good suit and purchase different shirts, men invest in different ties.

The President of LAMBDA and BELSA gave feedback on why they thought this event was beneficial for all law students:

“While you are still in law school is the time to hammer out the details as to what to wear as an attorney. Everyone typically has been given a speech on how to dress for an interview or for business, but this event gives information from a lawyer’s perspective. The event is also nice because everyone can ask questions and not feel intimidated” said Maurice Powell, 3L, President of BELSA.

“For many of the 1Ls this is their first time meeting local vendors and learning about how to dress conservatively. This event was a great opportunity for them to ask questions. If any law student has questions about what to wear they should follow up with the Career Planning Center or a professor because they know and have the experience in how to dress appropriately” said Kathryn Hamann, 2L, President of LAMBDA.

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**recipes from a thrifty 3L**

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Going into my third and final year of law school, I have come to find that eating well is a very important part of getting through school. However, spending a considerable amount of money on groceries is not a luxury most of us have. As a result, I would like to share a few recipes that I have carefully crafted over the past few years that have helped me save tens of dollars a month.

As an initial money saving tip, I recommend shopping at Aldi. I’ve been to every grocery store in this city (Town and Country, Walmart, both Wiseways, and that aisle at Target with food) and I have to say that Aldis is hands down the best value of them all. If you don’t mind bagging your groceries in a cardboard box or renting your shopping cart, then “Go to Aldi for all needs.”

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**Recipe: Hot Dog and Potato Casserole**

Ingredients:
- Pack of your favorite brand of hotdog
- Several large potatoes
- 1 large onion
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- Your favorite shredded cheese
- Your favorite potato chips
- Salt and pepper

Optional Tomato Aioli

Ingredients:
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise

(Combine the ketchup and mayonnaise in equal parts and stir)

Directions:
- Begin by cutting the potatoes into cubes roughly the size of dice and microwave them for about 3-5 minutes on high.
- Slice the onion into strips.
- Cut the hotdogs into ½ pieces
- Mix the potato, onion, hotdog, and cream of mushroom soup together and spread in a casserole pan. Add salt and pepper as desired
- Sprinkle the top with crushed potato chips and shredded cheese.
- Bake at 375 degrees for about 45 min - 1 hour
- Serve with optional Tomato Aioli.

Recommended Wine Pairing: I enjoy my potato and hotdog casserole with a nice glass of Franzia Chillable Red. The low tannin level and delicate aroma of strawberry and mango provide a nice counterbalance to the grease from the hotdogs and chips.

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A. Introduction

Human rights began to emerge as an area of protection during the enlightenment era, beginning with the anti-Catholic movement culminating in religious freedom in Europe, and the establishment of European colonies where pilgrims could go to be free of religious persecution. Many nations have their own stories of achieving freedom for the individual, with equal protection and representation for all. Many of these stories include conflicts and loss of life; however, the modern age has seen a new breed of transition accomplished through relatively peaceful means by granting amnesty to the old regime so that power may be transferred without fear of repercussions for past harms.

Concern has arisen over the extent to which international laws and treaties should tamper with amnesty granted by a national sovereignty. Should a nation be left to its own devices? Should international law endeavor to punish those responsible for human rights violations according to an international standard? If so, are there exceptions to the general rule? Does a nation’s cultural identity and history play a role in making these decisions? These are a few of the many questions now under consideration by the international community.

B. Case Examples

Recently there has been a number of countries that have undergone, or are undergoing a transition from an old regime to a new regime that recognizes a greater standard of human rights. Latin American countries like Chile and Uruguay have accomplished governmental transition with minimal loss of life. African nations such as South Africa, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, and more recently Egypt, have similarly achieved transition, though admittedly with higher levels of internal conflict.

Other transitions, such as Rwanda, Venezuela, and most recently Syria, represent transitions that have been less than successful in terms of loss of life and the establishment of greater human rights. International intervention has been varied at best, but important lessons can be learned from such involvement.

Latin America

Many Latin American countries have become a part of the American Convention on Human Rights. This means a citizen of a member country has the right to seek resolution and peaceful transition with minimal loss of life. African nations such as South Africa, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, and more recently Egypt, have similarly achieved transition, though admittedly with higher levels of internal conflict.

In Almonacid-Arellano et al. v. Chile, the court discussed whether to honor a bestowal of “self-amnesty” from crimes against humanity. Crimes against humanity have been defined by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to include murder (including genocide), torture, execution, and disappearance. The new government in Chile decided to honor the amnesty, since doing so would afford a smooth transition to the government. Yet the international court overruled the Supreme Court of Chile by declaring the amnesty inadmissible as a defense against crimes against humanity.

In Gelman v. Uruguay, another Latin American case, amnesty laws protecting prior leadership had been ratified by the Uruguayan people twice; once in 1989, and again in 2011. Despite these facts, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held the amnesty provisions inadmissible, and extended the scope of crimes against humanity to include any serious violations to human rights.

South Africa

The transition in South Africa represented the end of decades of Apartheid, which was the incumbent government’s plan for racial segregation. Under the constitution of the new order amnesty was granted, and a Truth Commission established, to achieve reconciliation and reconstruction of society in a non-racial way. It was the view of the new government that the choice was not between criminal prosecution of human rights violators and abstaining from such prosecution. Instead the choice was between knowing the truth while encouraging reconciliation and not being able to prosecute for lack of evidence. Amnesty was only granted in South Africa in exchange for full disclosure.

Despite constitutional claims for a lack of legal remedy, South African courts upheld the amnesty as a permissible exercise of congressional power, and further stated the bestowal of amnesty violated no current international law or treaty to which South Africa was a signor. Much emphasis has been placed upon the legislature’s intent. In particular, the bestowal of amnesty was said to be essential to the successful transition of the new government in preventing uprisings and the potential for a civil war. It is worth pointing out, in this case, that there was no significant usurpation of South African law by international law and policy.

Mozambique

The amnesty granted in Mozambique differs significantly from the amnesty granted in both South Africa and those in Latin America. After many years of war almost every family in the country was touched by loss of life. In response, the new regime granted blanket amnesty to everyone. There was no requirement to be a witness at a truth commission, nor was there any other requirement. People just did not want to talk about it anymore, and the blanket amnesty allowed them to leave the conflict in the past. Though the people of Mozambique were satisfied with this result, the international community has expressed concern over the bestowal of amnesty in such a broad fashion. Is this result cultural? Should the international courts honor amnesty like this? Has justice been done?

C. The Implications and Effects of International Policy

As suggested above, there are many questions and concerns regarding the level at which international laws and policy should be applied and enforced within sovereign nations. The cases above represent a spectrum, ranging from significant international intervention to almost none. Does this reflect a continuous flow of international policy, or is there a set of general rules that can be extrapolated from these cases?

It is clear that resolution and peaceful transition can be accomplished, as in South Africa and Mozambique, without any intervention by the international community. Do the South American examples present any new and useful evidence of the benefits of an international tribunal? What is clear in these cases is that an international tribunal has circumvented the laws and rulings of national sovereigns and achieved results contrary to what was decided by a vote of the citizenry. In effect the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has turned itself into the master of precedent over human rights violations, circumventing any local, national, or jurisdictional expertise.

The difference between these cases is in how justice is being accomplished. In some of these cases the entire emphasis has been placed on achieving justice through punishment of the perpetrators of human rights violations, while in other cases the emphasis is on justice through finding peace and understanding in avoidance of further conflict and further loss of life. That later seems to be more common when a sovereignty is left to its own devices, whereas the former is more common among sovereigns who suffer from interjection of international law and policy.

Is one mode better than the other? In South Africa, the argument was made that peace and diplomatic transition to a new constitution and government would not have been possible without the bestowal of amnesty and development of the truth commissions. A tyrannical regime is unlikely to hand over the reigns of government without some protection for acts like Apartheid, and without such protections peace may only be achieved after extensive war. If the international community had become involved in Mozambique and South Africa, it is entirely likely, even probable, that their peaceful resolution would have been destroyed and our narratives and histories would have been rekindled. Is it fair for the U.S. or any other country or organization to impose our notions of justice on another national sovereignty?

This question is not rhetorical, since, as we have seen in Latin America, the international courts have already begun to overrule the courts of a sovereignty, and the voice of the people.

D. Conclusion

One general rule seems to stand out above all the others: international intervention frequently does more harm than good. In limited cases it may be beneficial, for example, when intervention is requested. However, international intervention tends to be overly expensive and deteriorates a nation’s sovereignty through expansive rulings, as seen in the Latin American cases. The span of that international court’s power has been vastly increased by the confiscation of greater scope through case precedent. How long until they possess the ability to rule on cases involving violation of human rights, as opposed to serious violations of human rights?

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The 2012 Presidential Election is one month away, and we are presented with two major choices: Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. During the debates and swing state campaigns, many voters will be torn between the two. Both candidates have strong views on a variety of issues, and many voters will struggle to make the right decision. However, there is a third choice, which you will not hear about on the news, due to the two-party duopoly. His name is Gary Johnson, the former Governor of New Mexico (1995-2003), running on the Libertarian Party ticket. While he has no chance of winning the Presidency, I will be voting for him, primarily due to the fact that he offers substantive solutions to our nation’s problems, does not believe in partisan games, and provides a breath of fresh air in the “Coke vs. Pepsi” world of politics.

My first reason is that Governor Johnson offers substance in his platform. When I first heard about him four years ago, I read about his governorship, and realized that this man is what anyone would want in a politician. Anyone who reads about him will know how he governed. They will know the facts about his record, thus indicating how he would govern were he the President. Such assurances would make one feel comfortable in voting for him, or at least living under his governance. In order to further demonstrate how substantive he is, the former Governor hosts Q&A sessions on Reddit in order to provide the details of his platform. This is a pure contrast to Obama/Biden and Romney/Ryan, who seem to offer nothing more than duplicity, evasion, sob stories, talking points, and of course, gaffes for the pundits to use in humiliating the nominees.

My second reason is that Governor Johnson has a genuine post-partisan attitude. Despite President Obama’s 2008 campaign promise to transform the government from division into a post-partisan utopia, America is more polarized than ever. Governor Romney’s general campaign message is “I’m Not Obama.” While that sort of a slogan is politically attractive for those who disagree with the President, the voters do want a little more detail than that. Governor Johnson, however, offers nothing more than his beliefs and ways in which he would govern. As a Republican Governor of New Mexico, he worked with a legislature (both chambers) that was majority Democrat in order to advance his policies. And he was considered to be one of the most, if not the most, fiscally responsible governor at that time.

My third point is that Gary Johnson is a real choice, not merely an “A vs. B” choice when both A and B are seemingly unsatisfactory. Many of my Republican friends tell me that I am “throwing my vote away” or “helping to re-elect Obama.” Neither is the case. What I am doing is voting my conscience and trying to reinforce the idea that the two-party grip needs to go. People complain about the state of politics, and I believe the whole “Coke vs. Pepsi” mentality is one of the main reasons why our country is in the shape it is in.

This year, I am voting with the confidence of being satisfied with my vote. While others will say that “Romney was not my choice, but I’m going to hold my nose and vote for him” or “I am very disappointed with Obama, but I couldn’t stand the thought of a Republican in the Oval Office,” I can say to myself that I voted for who and what I believed in. If American politics was open to the idea of multiple parties, we would have real choices.

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SBA PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

BY: DARNELL DECAUSEY • SBA PRESIDENT

As the foliage turns rich hues of gold, amber and crimson, it is apparent that fall has once again arrived in our fair city of Valparaiso! Fall semester always abounds with warm apple cider, pumpkin flavored baked goods, hours of studying and an inflated NIPSCO bill. Luckily, the Student Bar Association has some events in store to help you make it through. But before I get to that I will recap some of the events we have already held this semester.

The SBA assisted Admissions with running the 2012-2013 1L Orientation. The SBA e-board was ecstatic about being able to welcome the new students to our institution and community. It was a great opportunity to meet and get to know some of the new students.

The SBA also coordinated the student organization fair with all of the Valpo student organizations. The Student Organization Fair was held in front of Heritage Hall, on the green. This event afforded the new students an opportunity to learn about the different groups that Valpo Law has to offer; and it helped them establish connections with classmates who have similar interests.

In addition, SBA registered 60 people for the university-wide VU Day of Caring. VU Day of Caring is an annual day of volunteering that allows us to show our commitment to the people and well-being of this region. Our participants were helping the local Girl Scout chapter with painting, cleaning the County Fairgrounds, planting vegetation in the bogs at the Indiana Dunes and working on a Habitat for Humanity project.

In the upcoming weeks we have three major events for everyone to participate in. The first event is Cardozo Cup which will be held on Friday October 12th from 4pm-7pm at Kirchhoff Field in Valparaiso. Cardozo Cup is an annual softball tournament that is essentially a battle of the classes. There will be food and beverages for everyone to enjoy and it will be a great chance to fellowship with your peers! Feel free to bring your friends and family. Kirchhoff Field is located at 400 Roosevelt Road Valparaiso, IN 46383.

The next major SBA event is the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday October 18th from 2pm-6pm. The Red Cross will park their bloodmobile in front of Wesemann to give students, faculty and staff the opportunity to donate blood. For every pint of blood that someone gives they will receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream from Culver’s. In addition to helping others in need, donors also get free dessert!

The last major SBA event of the semester is the Harvest Fair on Saturday October 20th from 12pm-5pm. The Harvest Fair will be held in front of Wesemann on the law school green. This event will be an autumn themed extravaganza of fall treats and games. The Harvest Fair is a family friendly event so please bring your spouses, children and other loved ones.

Please watch your e-mail and the monitors around the building for any further correspondence from the SBA. If there is anything you would like to have posted in the Law Connection please e-mail Nicole Skinner on Tuesday by 5pm, to have it entered in the version that releases on Thursdays. The Law Connection is a great tool to post and find out information about events at the law school and in the community. If you have any general questions, comments or concerns please e-mail myself or any other SBA e-board members. Last, remember to follow the Valpo Law Facebook and Twitter pages!

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RED'S RESTATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIP

STATUS: WAITING ON A CLOONEY LOOK-ALIKE

BY: Ashley Murray • STAFF WRITER

For those of you who have never read this column before (yes I mean you 1Ls) a quick synopsis of what it’s all about in case you don’t know me or what I write about:

Who I am: Ashley, I’m the red-headed, blue-eyed (really weird I know) 3L that can almost always be found sporting high heels — usually in close proximity to my three best girlfriends: H-Mack (my roommate — the tall blonde who tells the best-worst jokes of all time and has an adorable pony-dog named Wallace), Lo (the NRA packin', platform wearing, Packers fan), and Sandstorm (the softball playing, doggie loving, best car-dancing partner of all time — hence the nickname).

What this column is about: Relationships: of all kinds; with friends, family, professors, boyfriends, girlfriends, best friends, exes, and so on... Relationships are, in my opinion, a significant part of what makes the world go round. My only agenda here is to share some experience, and all agree: sometimes at the end of a day spent in class, or the library, or at work, all that you really need is a good laugh with great friends.

Now I know, who I am and what this column is all about I’ll jump right in:

It is undeniable that there is a very real correlation between one’s increasing age and the expectation of one’s friends and family that he/she should settle down, find that someone special, and get married hopefully some laughs because it makes the world go round. My only agenda here is to share some experience, and all agree: sometimes at the end of a day spent in class, or the library, or at work, all that you really need is a good laugh with great friends.

So I propose that maybe as twenty-somethings in law school we shouldn’t be too worried that we’re not on the same track as many of our friends. I have friends getting engaged, married, buying homes, and having children on a daily basis and I could not be happier for them. But that said, I’m pretty damn proud of myself for making a commitment to law school, to my education, and to myself — because the most important relationship you have is the one with yourself.

So this brings me to the story of my recent attendance at a party and the small talk that ensued. Only ten minutes in I heard the first of the three worst questions of the evening. In order to keep my sanity when being asked these questions over and over again I’ve come up with some fun ways to answer them; here are my favorites:

1.) “So are you dating anyone?” – This one isn’t that bad, its asker is pretty innocently just trying to make conversation but this is almost only the tip of the iceberg. In my non-scientific research I have found that there is a direct correlation between the increasing invisiveness of the questions and the increasing age of the asker. — It’s almost actually understandable, if I have to get old and wrinkly someday I’m probably going to feel like I’ve earned the right to ask some 20 something whatever the hell I want, whenever I want. Oldies Respect. — Grandparents leave no stone unturned. Maybe I’ll start asking them the same — I hear some of those nursing homes get craaazy.

2. “When are you getting married?” — I love this one. This just in: I can’t tell the future. To this question I usually look around as if searching for something and then reply in one of the following ways:

A. “Damn it, someone ran off with my crystal ball again. — no idea sorry.”

B. “Didn’t you hear? It was six months ago, I took the cheating slime-ball for half of what he was worth though. SSSTTTTRRIKE 1.” (I like to throw in an arm gesture as if I’m at bat with this one.)

C. “Oh you know, it’s a recession, Mum and Dad are in conversations with a respectable Irish family, but my Dowry really took a hit with the economy the way it is. — They’re still in negotiations, but we’re hoping for early 2014.”

3. “So did you find a husband yet?” — Seriously? This one is the best. Did I FIND him? I’m sorry was I supposed to be actively looking for him? Maybe that’s what I’ve been doing wrong? Here I was just living my life, getting educated. Looks like it’s time to go man-hunting. Also, not to be a stickler for correct word usage but my Dad are starting a search party but if they don’t find him by the end of the week they’re saying I should just put it all to rest and join the convent.” (I include a tearful and wistful gesture as if I’m at bat with this one.)

A. “Oh my gosh, is someone’s husband lost? Is (their husband’s name) okay?”

B. “No, and I’ve looked everywhere too! Mum and Dad are starting a search party but if they don’t find him by the end of the week they’re saying I should just put it all to rest and join the convent.”

C. “Nah, we’re still in the middle of that aggressively long game of hide-and-seek we’ve been playing for the last decade or so. Why, have you seen him??”

In all seriousness, I think it’s nice that people ask; I really do. I appreciate the fact that I have people in my life that care about me but sometimes it can be a little disheartening because it makes me feel a little guilty that I’m not bothered that I haven’t “found” my Prince Charming yet. Finding that “special one” is important to me but right now I’m throwing every last bit of energy into my education, my work, my career and I think that’s absolutely okay.

 Those of us in law school have made a commitment not unlike marriage, we’ve committed to a lifetime of learning (and a lifetime of debt — but we won’t go there today). The big question is: why isn’t there an option for me to put that I’m in a relationship with “Law School” or “My Education” on my Facebook? I would argue that I spend more time with my law school books, westlaw, lexis, easesbriefs, supplements, and outlines than most people do with their significant others. I think about my education when I’m in class, in the car, on the train, at work, in the shower, and even in bed. I eat breakfast with my education, I watch TV while researching for my education, I don’t leave the house without at least one outline, and I routinely fall asleep in bed, book and highlighter still in hand.

So I propose that maybe as twenty-somethings in law school we shouldn’t be too worried that we’re not on the same track as many of our friends. I have friends getting engaged, married, buying homes, and having children on a daily basis and I could not be happier for them. But that said, I’m pretty damn proud of myself for making a commitment to law school, to my education, and to myself — because the most important relationship you have is the one with yourself. I’m not about to go searching for my prince charming. I’m just going to keep doing my thing and wait for him to come find me. Afterall, I think what they say is true: some things really are better aged, like a fine wine. Exhibit A: George Clooney.

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The Intellectual Property Law Association is eager to announce an upcoming activity hosted by Hartman Global IP. Hartman Global is an intellectual property firm based out of Valparaiso, Indiana. This activity will give students the opportunity to meet local professionals and see the inner workings of their office.

Gary Hartman has a mechanical engineering degree from Tri-State University and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University. Domenica Hartman has a materials science engineering degree from Purdue University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Law. Hartman Global IP provides patent related legal services in the areas of licensing, patent prosecution, infringement opinions, and validity opinions. They also provide trademark related services including licensing, clearance searches, and infringement opinions. Copyright services are also provided.

Hartman Global IP will be hosting a site visit to their office, including a short presentation of their lives and careers in intellectual property and a tour of their firm. The event date and time is to be determined, but is likely to occur on either the 9th (Friday) or 12th (Monday) of November, in the mid-afternoon. Fliers representing the actual date and time will be posted beginning in early November.

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FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS

NFL PREDICTIONS

BY: JOEL McCLELLAN • STAFF WRITER

Now that the NFL’s regular officiating crews are back, it is time for some predictions. I think the Atlanta Falcons will win the Superbowl over the Baltimore Ravens. See below for how I see each Division playing out.

NFC East

NY Giants 10-6 – Division Winner
Washington 9-7 – Wild Card
Philadelphia 8-8
Dallas 7-9

The New York Giants are still the team to beat in the NFC East. Eli is elite. Washington has a great rookie QB in Robert Griffin III and will compete for a wildcard spot. Philadelphia will win games when Michael Vick is healthy, but if last season is any indication, he will miss several games. Dallas will continue to be overhyped and will not meet expectations. Jerry Jones will continue to think Tony Romo is an elite QB.

NFC North

Chicago 11-5 – Division Winner
Green Bay 10-6 – Wild Card
Minnesota 7-9
Detroit 5-11

Chicago has impressed me through the first quarter of the season. If Jay Cutler protects the ball, I can see Chicago winning 11 games. Although I see Chicago having a better regular season, I see Green Bay advancing further in the playoffs. Aaron Rodgers will get Green Bay to the NFC Championship game. Minnesota’s success is directly related to Adrian Peterson’s health. Detroit has a decent QB in Matthew Stafford, but I feel their defense will falter them late in games.

NFC South

Atlanta 13-3 – Division Winner
Tampa Bay 8-8
New Orleans 7-9
Carolina 5-11

Atlanta looks like the team to beat. They have a great defense and an elite QB in Matt Ryan. Tampa Bay will have a great second half of the season as Josh Freeman becomes a better passer. Look for Freeman to make a name for himself. New Orleans will win some games this year, but I am chalking this year up as a loss for them. Carolina should be better than 5-11 with their talent, but Cam Newton is not a leader.

NFC West

San Francisco 11-5 – Division Winner
Arizona 8-8
Seattle 6-10
St. Louis 5-11

San Francisco should win this division due to their stellar defense and great run game. Look for them to continue to get better as long as Frank Gore stays healthy. Yes, Arizona is undefeated, but I believe reality will set in and they will falter once their schedule gets tougher. Seattle has been playing great defense this year, but the NFL is typically a passing league. Look for Seattle to lose a lot of heartbreakng games. St. Louis has a decent QB in Sam Bradford, but they will need a big time receiver if they ever want to get out of the cellar.

AFC East

New England 10-6 – Division Winner
Miami 9-7 – Wild Card
Buffalo 8-8
NY Jets 8-8

New England will continue to dominate the AFC East with a young team that will get better as the season progresses. Miami is my surprise pick. They need to improve their pass defense and winning close games. I have a tough time giving the New York Jets or the Buffalo 8 wins each as this might be a stretch.

AFC North

Baltimore 12-4 – Division Winner
Pittsburgh 9-7 – Wild Card
Cincinnati 8-8
Cleveland 2-14

Baltimore is the team to beat in the AFC. Flacco is last year’s Eli Manning. Pittsburgh will make their usual playoff run and snag a wildcard spot. The Bengals have a decent QB in Andy Dalton, but I need to improve their defense. Cleveland has Brandon Weeden as their QB and he is not the answer.

AFC South

Houston 12-4 – Division Winner
Indianapolis 6-10
Jacksonville 5-11
Tennessee 4-12

Houston should run away with this division. They will compete with Baltimore for the top seed in the AFC. Indianapolis has a great young QB in Luck, but without their coach for the remainder of the year (most likely), they will have to wait another year to make the playoffs. Jacksonville needs another weapon besides Maurice Jones-Drew. Tennessee does not have a healthy QB and will not win more than 4 games if Matt Hasselbeck is their QB.

AFC West

Denver 11-5 – Division Winner
San Diego 9-7
Kansas City 6-10
Oakland 5-11

Denver has Peyton Manning. San Diego will compete for the last wild card spot but Phillip Rivers will find a way to choke again. Kansas City has the talent but is lacking a true head coach. Look for Romeo Crennel to be on the hot seat at the end of the season. Oakland will continue to disappoint and only have one weapon, Sebastian Janikowski.

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With election season just around the corner, we as American citizens have many freedoms granted to us by our forefathers. But “with freedom comes responsibility”, said the wise Eleanor Roosevelt. Each of us, no matter your political affiliation, has the privilege to be heard. I despise hearing “my vote does not count because my state leans with Party ABC”. You are wrong. If enough people believed in the power of their individual vote, an entire state could change from Party ABC to Party XYZ. It takes responsibility on behalf of the individual to recognize how and why a 15 minute trip to the polling booths can change the next several years of each and every one of our lives.

However, as another iconic role model said to his nephew, “with great power comes great responsibility”. Ok, maybe I lied about how iconic Spider Man’s Uncle is to our American culture, but I believe you get the point. The quote is recognizable to many and holds a powerful message. Our government feeds off of the distribution of power. Between the different branches of government, we as law students and those in the legal profession probably understand better than the average American how the power distribution plays out between the President, legislature, judiciary, and voters.

During election season, we as voters begin with the power. We not only have the power to elect individuals into office but our power extends to choosing exactly which political viewpoints will cast upon our nation for the next several years. Consider the Presidential Election of 2008. Voters were being swept away by an unexpected voting group. College students and young professionals were making history in their decision to back Barack Obama’s candidacy. I remember sitting in French class my second year of college when a girl approached me asking if I wanted to join her campaign for Obama. I was not sure where I stood in terms of the political arena yet. In fact, I signed her sheet to go to a calling center and fundraise for Obama that night after class. For whatever reason, fate struck me. Obviously, I kid. But, something did prevent me from attending the fundraising that scheduled evening and I began doing some research. As a young political science major, I learned from my professors that the voting process only makes sense if voters go out and actually fulfill their duties in voting for candidates.

Without voters, there really can be no election. My research that week led me to realize that I would have been blindly supporting a Presidential candidate whom I felt was not the best person for the position. Unlike many of my college friends, I sided with the Republicans that year. I believe it was from that experience that I came to my true understanding that I was “raised right”, both figuratively and literally (Thanks Mom and Dad! Ha ha!). Now my decision to look into both candidates’ policies may be expecting too much from the average joe, but I believe that we were given the privilege to freely vote in this country to choose, but you may choose to endorse the Obama-Biden ticket. When individuals vote, there is no winning or losing (despite having an outcome for that a candidate). The victory instead lies in knowing that you have freely partaken in the electoral process.

Next, the power is distributed with the legislature. This governmental body has the power to make the President’s bill four years in office a place where discussion and compromise can be held or it can be pure turmoil. I understand that a President may come from Party ABC and the legislature majority may be from Party XYZ, but the bickering between party lines prevents our country from utilizing the responsibility of the election process. Until both parties take the time to hear the other out on policy initiatives and decisions to be made, our Congress will continue to be at a standstill.

Following the legislature is the judiciary. As we have seen with the recent Healthcare Reform bill, this small but powerful body can take the law and manipulate it as they see fit. Power is disbursed from the legislature to create laws and it’s the responsibility of the judiciary to determine whether they are constitutional and should be enacted. Talk about responsibility! These 9 justices need to try setting their personal bias aside and look at the whole spectrum of individuals being affected by the new law-to-be.

Lastly, we come to the Executive branch. Its role may not fit best for power distribution, but it does stand as our figure head. The Presidential Elect should be one who possesses the authority to lead, the power to stand up for what they believe, and the strength to work with people from all aspects of our society. For me, that candidate is Mitt Romney. To others of you it is Barack Obama. The problem I have with Obama is that I do not believe he has been true to his word. Four years ago I remember Obama making a point to distinguish himself from candidates of the past who ran negative ads and who lied to the voters about their political ambitions for the country. I believe the President has fallen short on this message as he continues to produce a very negative campaign and has not lived up on his promises. Mitt Romney is my breath of fresh air. To me, he is a true American success story on how an individual can come from a modest means, the support of family, and the ambition to try something new knowing that you may fail at first but at least you had the heart to try.

So as you all head out to the polls this November, think about this Universal Paradox as this month’s “Pearl of Wisdom”. You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.

Best of luck to all the candidates this November!

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The FORUM Monthly Photo Contest

The first person to correctly identify the mystery photo will win the prestigious honor of having their birth name published as next month’s photo contest winner, which will most likely lead to getting a job.

E-mail your responses to vuslforum@gmail.com
Katrina Castillo - 3L

Hometown: I am a military kid, so I moved around a lot; but I call Florida home.
Undergrad School: University of Tampa in Florida
Undergrad Major: Government/World Affairs and History
Family: I have a pretty average size family, just my parents and little sister. I do however have a ton of Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

Are you excited about the Fall weather that is fast approaching, why or why not?
I do love the fall weather. It's the perfect weather for football and the orchard.

What is your favorite course in law school and why?
My favorite course in law school has probably been constitutional law. I love the historical aspect of it and learning about how the rights we enjoy today evolved.

Which is your least favorite?
My least favorite class has probably been the classes that have mathematical calculations. I am horrible at math.

Katie Wilson - 2L

Hometown: Lake Orion, Michigan
Undergrad School: James Madison College at Michigan State University—GO SPARTANS!
Undergrad Major: Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy and I also received a specialized degree in Western European Studies.
Family: I am an only child who always would beg my parents for an older brother. Clearly, I did not know it was physically impossible at the time.

Are you excited about the Fall weather that is fast approaching, why or why not?
I am extremely excited for the upcoming fall weather because this summer has almost been too warm. I am definitely ready to pull out the sweaters and boots and make an abundance of hot beverages.

What is your favorite course in law school and why? My favorite courses are Family Law and Children & The Law, which I am currently taking both.

Which is your least favorite?
Regarding my least favorite course, I really have not absolutely hated a course that I have taken. The one course that I think is the most difficult for any 1L is definitely Civil Procedure though, so let's go with that one.

If you could change one thing about Valparaiso School of Law, what would it be?
Besides the fact that all the classrooms feel like you are on Antarctica on a daily basis, I would bring back lockers within the law building so that the students do not have to carry their stuff down the stairs.

What is your dream job?
My goal is to work within the juvenile justice/family law fields in the near future. However, my long-term career goal/absolute dream job would be being a judge in a juvenile court.

Mayombo Mbanza - 1L

Hometown: I was born in Kananga/DR Congo.
Undergrad School: Northern Illinois University
Undergrad Major: Political Science
Family: There are seven children in my family and I am the oldest.

Are you excited about the Fall weather that is fast approaching, why or why not?
Yes, Fall is my favorite season. The whole flora metamorphosis is exciting to me. It reminds me of my only visit to my grandmother’s village. There is no Fall season in the Congo but I remember seeing trees leaves change colors, become dry, and then fall off. My steps crush the dry leaves as I walk and make a sound that they make reminds me of that visit.

What is your favorite course in law school and why?
I love civil procedure and it is one of my favorites so far. I love the way my professor "performs" while teaching it. It is also amazing to learn about the dynamic characteristics of Personal Jurisdiction from Penmoyer to International Shoe, from World Wide Volkswagen to Asahi. This ever changing concept has adapted to new circumstances, but it is also has been inconsistent in several cases.

Which is your least favorite?
I really don’t have a least favorite course. May be I will find one in the future.

If you could change one thing about Valparaiso School of Law, what would it be?
The school is good and may be better than some other schools that I know. However, I would recommend a strong marketing or advertisement of the school. A better computer lab. It is too cold in the present computer lab, and the setting of that room is not as inviting. May be there should be one on the first floor. More comfortable classroom chairs...

What is your dream job?
Becoming a renowned defense attorney. Not a hypocritical one, but a conscientious one like Johnnie Cochran.