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If Third Year Bores You to Death

By: Audrey Lim, Law III

Undoubtedly you've heard the old adage regarding law school: "In first year, they scare you to death; in second year, they work you to death; and, in third year, they bore you to death". If you're anything like me and opted to take strictly black-letter law courses in second year, then you're fully entitled to be "bored" somewhere else. I decided to go on exchange, and here I am now, ushering in my third and final year at law school at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. I haven't set foot outside of North America since 1992, so trust me, culture shock does exist and comparisons to home are inevitable.



Copenhagen, Denmark. Photo by Audry Lim

The following is a list of experiential tidbits that are definitely keeping my third year as far away from "boring" as Garfield is from being skinny:

(1) Danish architecture is eclectic and amazing. Copenhagen has everything from Renaissance castles to 18th century buildings to avant-garde designs. Having seen these historical buildings and by living in an old part of town, I understand why very few Danes are overweight – when elevators are lacking, the stairs you must climb! It may not be the Grouse Grind, but I am working these thighs every single day!

(2) The Danes are gorgeous people. They're tall, slender, have flawless skin and beautiful eyes; they look like they've just stepped out of a fashion magazine. Unfortunately that leaves us international students feeling bland and in need of a makeover. My saving grace is that being Asian, I am automatically "exotic", and coming from Vancouver, that's an unusual feeling.

(3) If you think the HST is bad, then Denmark will be humbling. The VAT (value-added tax) is a whopping 25%, which makes eating out (and frankly, eating in

general) a luxury. A Big Mac costs around \$10. Hungry? Get used to it. Or, just stay home and cook all the time. That's the only way this poor student is going to survive in Copenhagen. Is this another reason why the Danes are not fat?

(4) Cobblestone streets are quaint and endearing. They're also bumpy, uneven, and pure torture after walking for 5 1/2 hours. Unless you're wearing pillows for shoes, don't try it.

(5) A huge percentage of Danes bicycle everywhere, and as a result, Copenhagen

is greener and traffic jams are almost nonexistent. However, as a pedestrian, I've discovered that my rights are practically negligible. Cars and buses look out for cyclists. As a pedestrian, you must watch out for everyone else. Even if you're already on the street, they are not afraid to run you down. Even in a parking lot, drivers and cyclists will glare at me for walking in that carefree, Canadian way.

(6) It's amazing being surrounded by numerous international students. I've learned a lot about different cultures and am getting accustomed to hearing different accents: British, Australian, German, French, etc. And I'm proud that my "eh?" prevents me from being labelled as an American. Not that being American is a bad thing, it's just that being Canadian is way better!

(7) Denmark has seemingly lenient standards compared to Canada. I'm not saying it's a good or bad thing, but that there are differences that should be pointed out. First, people can drink on the streets, bus... basically anywhere and at any time during the day. Same goes for

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Notes from the Rectangular Office

By: Ted Murray, Law III

Hey everybody, just a few quick notes and thank yous from the Rectangular Office now that we're about a month into the school year and all settled in.

Notes:

- At the suggestion of David Volk (Law III), Room 109 in the UCLL has been set aside as a QUIET study space during lunch (12:30-1:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 12:30-2:00 on Tuesday and Thursday). Kudos again for the great idea, David. Hopefully this will both provide a quiet study space that people know they won't get kicked out of and provide a bit more room in the common area/social space/interaction area/fake Candida's/whatever we call it.

- Oh yeah. What should we call that space? Nobody seems to know. Maybe LSS will have a contest or something to give it an official title. Or maybe I'll have a richly deserved nap. Stay tuned.

- Speaking of the common area/social space/interaction area/fake Candida's/whatever we call it, the LSS has bought a kettle we've put on that pillar in the middle of the open area, so that when the little café thing is closed we can make water for tea. Please be nice to our kettle, Arash probably won't let me buy us another one.

- Some construction-related things should start happening over at the Curtis building sometime this month. The current

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It's About Time – More Market Reform is Needed Now

By: Colin Simkus, Law III

Bill Gates once noted that a crisis is a terrible thing to waste. Certainly, crises can be dangerous, devastating, and destructive; however, they are also, as the Chinese symbol indicates, opportunities. Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter noted that 'creative destruction' is good in a Darwinian sense (sort of like a natural forest fire) in that it removes the stagnant and inadaptible and clears the way for the innovative and the entrepreneurial to grow. It also gives us the opportunity to abandon what does not work and look towards what does.

What this crisis has taught us – and this is painful for a former Commerce student to admit – is that the government needs to actively restrict the darker tendencies of the free-market. Excessive rent-seeking in unregulated sectors of the economy, combined with an absence of prudent requirements, has caused financial institutions to rot out, and when they did, they exposed a weak and lacklustre financial infrastructure unable to support the malaise without significant governmental support.

Supposedly in that vein, Rob Nicholson, Canada's Attorney General, recently announced that the Government – ever willing to invent new policies on the fly to suit the ephemeral public mood – intends to implement new regulations regarding white-collar crime.[1] Their knee-jerk response is, most creatively, to request more

mandatory minimum sentences. The Government argued that "Canadians lose faith in the criminal justice system when they feel that the punishment does not fit the crime", which is clearly why their main solution is to make sentencing so inflexible that the punishment may not fit anything at all.

The Government's approach, of course, is a red herring. The emphasis on continued deregulated individual responsibility, enforced by punishment, ignores the importance of implementing preventative and precautionary measures to avoid apocalyptic meltdowns. While we should recognize that our banks are the most stable in the world, and our institutions are comparatively prudent, certain problematic concerns do emerge even in Canada.

Specifically, as in many places, our derivatives were inadequately regulated and our commercial paper sector was severely tainted (Purdy Crawford's investigation noted some significant regulatory oversights and inadequate risk assessment of the financial products in Canada's asset-backed-commercial-paper sector).[2] We must also do more to improve our securities regulation; the Hockin Report [3] noted that, internationally, Canada is known as a country with weak enforcement, high levels of fraud (for a Western country), and low levels of investor protection. In future articles, I will more fully outline

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Introductions: Professor James Stewart



Professor Stewart

Professor James Stewart has just joined the UBC Law Faculty this year, and the Legal Eye was able to ask him a few questions in order to better introduce him to you.

He will be teaching public international law for this semester, and then will be on parental leave for the second one. His primary areas of interest are international criminal law and international humanitarian law.

1) Which one skill would help students be successful in your class? Or, what's one thing students should know before they take your class?

Curiosity. Knowledge is power.

2) What area of law interests you the most and why? (Sorry, but just pick one please!)

International law. Conceptions of justice that end at the border are arbitrary.

3) What is one thing you wished you had done but never did when you were in law school?

Learned more languages, sought out more experiences that helped reveal the things that resonate most profoundly with me, travelled during summer breaks (sorry, one thing was not enough).

5) What attracted you to the Faculty of Law at UBC?

The faculty is excellent, it is close to my home New Zealand but still within a reasonable distance from New York and Europe, Canada plays an important role in world geo-politics, my daughter needs educating and the outdoors is a wonderful antidote to the intricacies of genocide.

6) What's the most exotic fruit you've eaten and where did you sample said fruit?

I once climbed a tree to eat lychees in Fiji.

7) What's your biggest pet peeve about law students?

They are too influenced by law firms.

8) Any fun facts about yourself you'd like to share?

I played tennis full time for a year after law school in the U.S. and France.

The UBC Law Faculty will have two other Professors joining us in the Winter semester: Professors Darlene Johnston and Benjamin Gold. Look for they're introductions in the Legal Eye January issue.

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smoking. Second, parents leave their babies unattended in their prams outside while they grocery shop, yet they lock up their bikes. Kidnapping is an easier crime to commit than theft. Third, suicide is apparently not a crime here.

(8) In Denmark and in other parts of Europe, universities have an "academic quarter" policy – a.k.a a chronic symptom of being punctually late. When the schedule says the class or meeting begins at 14:00, people don't show up and classes don't truly start until 14:15. And yes, they use military time. I'm used to being the real kind of 'punctual', so I'm left looking like the Canadian keener. But don't worry, I'm working on it.

(9) The Danish language is incred-

ibly difficult. They have vowel sounds that I am physically incapable of producing. The Swedes call it "talking with oatmeal in your mouth". I call it "making up sounds that are incongruous with their spelling". I live in an area called Amager. It's simply pronounced "A ma". Only 3 of the 6 letters are used for pronunciation; the other 3 are superfluous and merely for looks. That's an efficiency rate of 50%!



(10) Danish people are truly content – apparently that survey labelling them the happiest people on the planet is accurate! Although Danes are notoriously reserved, they are still pleasant. To bid each other farewell, Danes say "Hi-hi!" As a friend told me – it's like never having to say goodbye.

Happiness is....

Lessons from a Harvard Grant Longitudinal Study

By: Erica Olmstead, Law III

As law students, happiness is something we often take for granted. With so many things going on in our lives, we seem to either have it or we don't. In December we don't, and come the end of April, we do. Beyond that, there's no telling whether your friends will have time to be your friends and how definite their mood swings may be. Well for the next five minutes, this is the issue to which we will put our minds. As you prepare for the next few years, be it continuing your legal studies or entering the impending workforce, and on with the rest of your life, the Harvard Grant Study offers you decoded lives past, for the benefit of your life present.

One scene of real happiness which Vaillant describes is that of a subject with piles of dirty laundry. "A man whose laundry room was just filled with the laundry. [It] came from his children, loving him and being there; grandchildren who helped him garden and sail and produced dirty clothes that needed to be cleaned – they were matriarchs and patriarchs."

"Is there a formula—some mix of love, work and psychological adaptation—for a good life?" This is the question researchers at Harvard have been examining for 72 years. Director, George Vaillant took over the ongoing study 42 years ago, following 268 men who entered Harvard in the late 1930s, through war, their careers, family lives and old age.

Each story is as intricate and fascinating as the next, with stories as piteous as they were congenial. This study, one of most comprehensive longitudinal studies in history, has led to many revelations about human adaptive responses and how this

correlates to happiness.

The study's central question was not how much or how little trouble the Harvard men faced, but rather just how they responded or adapted to the trouble they encountered, and the effect that it had on their overall wellbeing in life. How their thoughts and behaviour during critical transformative periods either shaped or distorted their reality – the working of their "defense mechanisms", their unconscious responses to pain, conflict or uncertainty.

George Vaillant describes defenses as the mental parallel of basic biological processes. "When we cut ourselves, for example, our blood clots—a swift and involuntary response that maintains homeostasis. Similarly, when we encounter a challenge large or small—a mother's death or a broken shoelace—our defenses float us through the emotional swamp. And just as clotting can save us from bleeding to death—or plug a coronary artery and lead to a heart attack—defenses can spell our redemption or ruin."

The worst of the defenses, out of four categories, are those which most of use have likely had very little experience with: the unhealthiest, or "psychotic", adaptations—paranoia, hallucination, or megalomania for example. While they may seem crazy to others, these defences can serve to make reality tolerable for the person employing them.

The second unhealthiest are the "immature" adaptations, which include acting out, passive aggression, hypochondria, projection and fantasy. Although not as isolating as psychotic adaptations, they serve

to impede intimacy with often-detrimental consequences to a person's wellbeing.

Some of the more unhealthy adaptations could provide incredible insight into certain marginalized facets of society, including some of our will-be clients. Vaillant sees adaptations as arising organically from the pain of experience and playing out through the whole lifespan. "Much of what is labeled mental illness," Vaillant notes, "simply reflects our 'unwise' deployment of defense mechanisms. If we use defenses well, we are deemed mentally healthy, conscientious, funny, creative and altruistic. If we use them badly, the psychiatrist diagnoses us ill, our neighbors label us unpleasant, and society brands us immoral."

"Neurotic" defenses are those attributed as common in "normal" people. Intellectualization, whereby one mutates the primal stuff of life into objects of formal thought; dissociation, involving intense, often brief, removal from one's feelings; and repression which, as Vaillant explains, can involve "seemingly inexplicable naïveté, memory lapse or failure to acknowledge input from a selected sense organ."

The healthiest, ideal adaptations include altruism, humor, anticipation of and planning for future discomfort, suppression – a conscious decision to postpone attention to an impulse or conflict, to be addressed in a better time – and sublimation, whereby one finds outlets for feelings, like putting aggression into sport, or lust into courtship.

The men in the Grant Study showed the apparent trend throughout their lifespans moving from immature defenses to mature ones, from adolescence, to middle life, with progress continuing into old age. When they were between 50 and 75, Vaillant found, altruism and humor grew more prevalent, while all the immature defenses

grew more rare. However the trend wasn't unanimous.

When describing the subject that had made the biggest impression on him, Vaillant refers to Case Number 47, an inspiring yet tragic subject who "earnestly sought to squeeze that lemon". The paradoxical exception to most of Vaillant's findings on 'how to live the good life', subject number 47 seemed to break all the rules of mental health and alcoholism, but yet possessed seemingly unparalleled altruism and sublimation.

At face value, the most obvious lesson here could be to limit your intellectualization, in place of humour and sublimation – outlets which might otherwise be too easily put on the backburner. In addition, you ought to opt in favour of suppression and anticipation over dissociation or repression. A recipe sprinkled with altruism to taste and *voilà*.

Vaillant's work however, maintains a caveat: that seeing ones own use of defenses is infinitely easier than changing them; an observation coming more from his own personal experience than from any of his scientific findings. After meeting with Vaillant, reporter Joshua Shenk, provided his own interpretation: "only with patience and tenderness might a person surrender his barbed armor for a softer shield... [in this, perhaps] lies the key to the good life—not [having] rules to follow, nor problems to avoid, but an engaged humility, an earnest acceptance of life's pains and promises."

For a more in depth piece on Vaillant's research and the subjects see: What Makes Us Happy? By Joshua Wolf Schnek, online: <<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200906/happiness>>.

US Health Care Debate: Three Arguments Against the Status Quo

By: Jarrett Plonka, Law III

I know everyone regards this health care debate in the States as a pretty senseless one. In many ways it is, but only because the GOP is, sadly, often failing to effectively articulate any relevant or coherent argument... which is all the more of a shame because there are a lot of things to say against the Obama side. And yet, the GOP's subpar responses have often led the "pro" side into a disappointingly overconfident, generic rut, as though Obama's side is simply waving a placard and going "We'll give you health care!" After that, how could you NOT believe?

My problem is, even if we presume for the sake of argument that health care is a right or a worthy government program, there's a lot of room for nuance in the topic that simply doesn't get considered when the debate boils down to "Health Care Good, Health Care Bad." Here are three examples, in the brief space that I have.

One, it's a dirty myth that nobody in the United States has health care, or that the only people who do are in the same demographic that hunt endangered species on a private island using a minigun mounted on their gold-plated Hummers. The reality is more complex; those who make below a certain threshold of income, plus senior citizens, are already covered by government programs – Medicare and Medicaid. Those who make above a certain income are expected to buy insurance or get their employer to help cover it. Not the kind of thing that fits into infotainment soundbytes.

I know, there are lots of arguments

against the system – extent of coverage, affordability of insurance if you're on the edge, and so forth. But, there are a lot of arguments against ANY system, and I just want to point out that the American system need not be a money-printing machine for HMOs (US health insurance companies, which are agued as having a quasi-monopoly). If anything, the American approach is more rational: government assistance to those who need it. To draw an analogy, a frequent attack against tax cuts in the last few elections went, "Paris Hilton doesn't need a tax break." Well, if we're going to make policy arguments in irredeemably glib statements, the counterpoint is that Paris Hilton doesn't need tax-paying blue collar workers paying for her health care needs.

That, in my view, is the locus of the American position: social services should be for those who need them, and all others should pay for themselves AND those who need them. (It's at this point that I feel obliged to remind you, in case you still think this is horribly conservative and retrograde, of Karl Marx's most famous axiom: "To each according to his need, from each according to his ability". Marx didn't want to help the rich, he wanted the rich to help out.) Besides, this way, the money they save thereafter can be spent on other things (like bailouts to the Democratic Party bastions of American Auto, to pay people who vote Democrat too much to make more cars that nobody wants to buy).

The final point I want to make, very briefly, is the Canada factor. The debate in the States – on both sides – seems to be centered on using Canada as an example.

Now, whatever you may think of Canadian health care, the exclusivity of Canada as an example should be the debate equivalent of raising a big red flag and going, "I did today's class readings on Wikipedia, so I'm sure I got it." (You know who you are.)

What scares me about the pro-health care side (by which I mean pro-universal health care) is their frightening obsession with the Canadian system. It's all fine and dandy to use it as AN example, but really? THE archetype? I expected more from Bill Clinton, who's still giving us three hurrahs since his proposal to bring the Canadian system to the US failed under the ridicule of Democrats back in 1994. I mean, I eat at McDonalds from time to time, but I don't use that as the measurement for my opinion on eating at restaurants. This Canada-centric debate is, I hate to say, a bit like debating the business of setting up a film industry when your only point of reference is the work of Michael Bay. You could, but would you really want to?

Such simplism is a shame because I think the real fault lies with the Obamaphiles who have taken to teaching kindergarten classes to worship El Presidente. If they stopped idealizing the Canadian system as though our system didn't cause us to incentivize hospitals by turning patients away, or to send our waitlisted patients to the States (on the government dime, of course), they might see there are plenty of other options better than Canada.

France, for instance, offers for-profit, privatized medicine in a way frequently demonized in Canada. But it leaves a place for the insurance industry – a system quite analogous to that of the US, which would create a far less drastic change.

For instance, while doctors work in private practice and patients are covered by health insurance, as in the US, the government essentially engaged in a P-3 with French insurance companies to ensure that all citizens are covered by some level of coverage. (An impressive number of "socialist" achievements in France are the products of P-3 arrangements, despite arguments against such arrangements in Canada's academic and labour circles.) Contrary to the obvious counterargument, French insurance companies don't actually drop clients who have preexisting medical conditions or other problems.

In other words, if the pro-health care lobby in the States were smarter about this (both politically and economically), they might look away from Canada. The Americans may be far from a Canadian system, but they're only a few relatively easy steps away from mimicking the French system instead, which offers many features politically unacceptable in Canada.

And perhaps the best argument in its favour is how it neutralizes all the counterarguments against the Canadian system. Unlike Canada, there's no such thing as a "wait list" for services. Doctors and insurance companies retain the incentive of private enterprise while citizens get the affordable care they need. And, if it makes my point any more salient, the French get what is by most measures the best health care in the world. Period.

Come to think of it, it's not just Americans that have to pay attention. If we were smarter, we might see a lesson here.

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In Celebration of this, we give you some of our previous expert, Liz's advice from the Legal Eye, 2006:

Dear Liz,
There is this girl in third year who really bothers me and her name rhymes with Whiz, what can I do?
Shave Punter

Dear Shave Punter,
Sometimes in life we need to deal with people who just don't jive to our tune. The best solution in this case would be to buy her many many diamonds and maybe a car—then she can drive far away from you and afford a nice house. That, or find her a job at a big firm that pays her lots of money but keeps her very busy—yes, that is really the only solution.

Dear Liz,
I am constantly sneezing because of people who wear too much perfume. What legal recourse do I have?

Nostril's in a Tizzy
Dear Nostril's in a Tizzy,

I'm not entirely sure why it is you want to protect smelly people—having spent many an afternoon on a crowded, sweaty bus in the dead of summer in Shanghai I

think a little bit of Chanel or Obsession would do a society good—however, I shall indulge you. As Thomas Hobbes once articulated, in a society made up of numerous people, sometimes we will need hedges to guard our own personal rights from infringement by the other morons out there—well most people may not have the same affinity with this knowledgeable scholar as I, I will turn to other solutions to your problem. A claim in nuisance would be ill-advised; private nuisances are attached to the use of one's private property or land—a definition that doesn't suit a living body...although there may be some wiggle room here. As a public nuisance, it must be shown that it "affects the general community, not merely, one or two individuals".[1] I think you would be hard pressed to bring a class action suit against a private individual (or class of individuals) for wearing strong perfume. A

city in Ontario has banned perfume wearing on all Greyhound buses as a means to support your cause. However, the impugned perfume-wearers could wage a Charter challenge under s. 7, protecting their liberty. As we all know, shopping for perfume is a time-consuming event spanning several days to ensure your nostrils have not acclimatized to the smell. This choice of perfume is deeply personal, and I believe, falling well within one's fundamental being.[2] Therefore, I would suggest a set of matching ear & nose plugs.

[1] Robert M. Solomon, R.W. Kostal, and Mitchell McInnes, Cases and Materials on The Law of Torts 6th Student Edition (Scarborough: Thomson Carswell, 2003) pp. 667

[2] Godbout v. Longueuil, [1997] 3 SCR 844

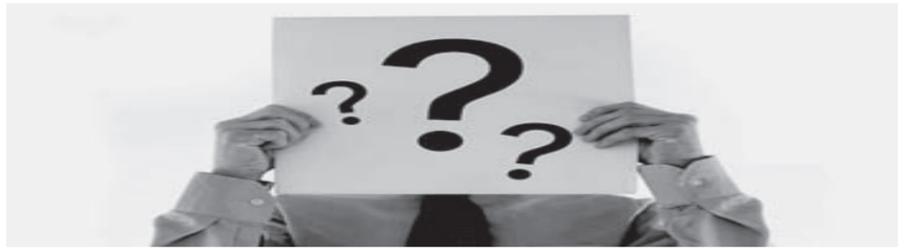


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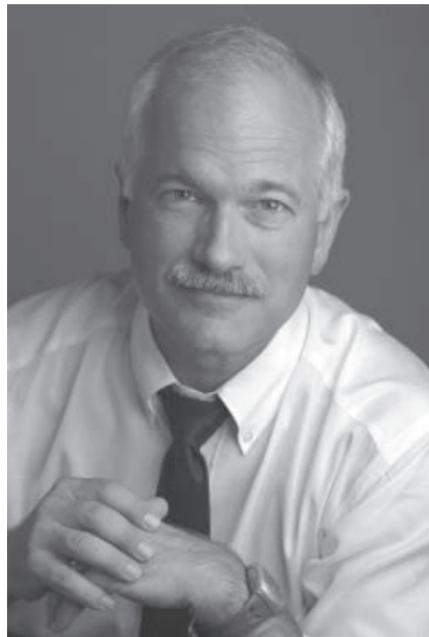
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INTERVIEWS

By: Kerry Parker Smith and Pamela Cyr

It is one word that strikes fear into the hearts of many law students. Your palms start to sweat and your hands may even shake. What will they ask me? Will I sound stupid? I don't even know in which area of law I want to practice!!!

It is normal to be nervous. It may make you feel better to know that many law firm interviews are conversational. The lawyers at the firm are just trying to get to know you as a person. Once you have secured an interview it is generally assumed that you are qualified for the job. Therefore, marks do not matter (whew!). One lawyer on the student committee of a national firm said that as an interviewer he is trying to determine two simple questions: (1) Is this someone I would leave in charge of a file while I am away on holidays (this evaluates legal ability, client management and practicality); and (2) Is this someone I would want to sit in the office next to me for the next twenty years (evaluates collegiality, friendliness and general fit).

Even though your interview will be conversational you should still prepare. Preparation reduces nervousness and enables you to present yourself in the best possible light. You should review your cover letter and resume and be prepared to answer the following types of questions:

- Tell us about yourself.
- Why did you go to law school?
- How do you like law school? What is your favourite course/professor?
- What practice area/kind of law are you interested in? Why?
- Why are you interested in our firm?
- Do you have any questions for us? What can we tell you about us?

Ideally you will craft your answers to the above questions, without sounding too rehearsed, to highlight the type of skill set law firms seek by drawing on examples from your academic, work and volunteer experience. Your individual skill set is unique but may include legal research and writing, analysis, advocacy, interpersonal skills including client relations, mentoring, and the ability to multi-task and work well under pressure. You should try to talk about things in which you are genuinely interested, as opposed to things you think the firm wants you to say or wants to hear. When

you talk about things you are passionate about you will talk slower, be less nervous and more engaging. One important final note – remember to be positive about anything and everything you discuss in the interview.

So take the time to prepare yourself for your interview and then try to relax and get to know the different firms! Please review the "Interviewing Guide" available on the CSO website and at the CSO office and attend the CSO's Interviewing Preparation seminars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Career Services Office had a busy September working with second-year students pursuing summer opportunities in larger firms in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto. As the larger-firm fall recruitment season winds down, our office looks forward to focusing on smaller firms and non-traditional options. Upcoming events include the following:

- October 7: Interviewing Tips Panel: Insight from 4 Vancouver Law Firms
- October 8: Interviewing Preparation Seminar from the CSO
- October 13: Strategies for your Articling Search: Beyond Postings. Third-year students only
- October 13: International Internships Seminar
- October 13 and 14: Second-year Mock Interviews with Practitioners
- October 14 and 15: Information Sessions for 1Ls, including resume and cover letter preparation and job opportunities available after your first year of law school
- October 19 - 21: The CSO will host "Safe Haven" in Robson Square for second-year students participating in interviews for 2010 summer positions
- October 22: CBA Mentorship reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Law Courts Inn

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Have You Considered an Internship?

By: Tracy Wachmann

Internships are an excellent way to explore a specific field for a short period of time and "test the waters" before making a concrete decision about your career path. They are short-term, supervised work experiences which usually relate to a student's area of study. You may want to consider applying for an internship if you are:

- looking to gain experience, as well as make contacts and network in a particular area of law
- wanting an alternative to summering or articling in a law firm
- looking to explore alternatives to completing articles and pursuing traditional legal practice
- motivated, open-minded and adaptable

Internship opportunities come in all shapes and sizes. They can be full or part time; paid or unpaid; domestic or international; with a private corporation, a government or a public interest organization, and can take place during the summer or throughout the year. They offer students an opportunity to see how you fit in with a particular organization or work environment and to meet and learn from people with experience in your area of interest.

If you are interested in exploring internship opportunities, the Career Services Office (CSO) can offer you the support and information you need to clarify the type of internship you would like and identify existing opportunities. We can also offer assistance in creating an internship with an organization that does not have an existing internship program. For more information, please see the Internship Opportunities handout available on the CSO website or make an appointment to meet with the Public Interest Coordinator, Tracy Wachmann. Appointments can be made through the CSO's website.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

The following are two examples of

the many exciting international internship opportunities available to UBC Law students.

Hukomonline Internship - This is a 12 month paid internship located in Indonesia which offers law students the chance to work with internal and external journalists to provide legal information that is geared to communities targeted by Hukomonline for improved access to justice. This internship starts in January or May, 2010 and the deadline for submitting applications is October 15, 2009. For more information please see the posting on the CSO website's job board.

Centre for International Environmental Law Summer Internship - CIEL internships in Geneva, Switzerland allow students to gain experience in the field of international environmental and international economic law. Responsibilities of interns include researching and writing about areas of international law and policy; assisting with policy analysis and advocacy; attending meetings and conferences; assisting with the production of CIEL publications; and, otherwise working closely with CIEL staff on various public interest projects. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2009. For more information please visit the Public Interest Coordinator, Tracy Wachmann, located in Annex 1, Room 103-C (beside the LSLAP office) or e-mail her at wachmann@law.ubc.ca.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP SEMINAR:

October 13 at 12:30 p.m. (UCLL Room TBD)

Professor Ben Perrin will provide you with background information and answer your questions about international internships. Several students who have recently returned from international internships will also share their experiences and answer questions.

Unexpected Interview Questions

The Legal Eye canvassed some third year students for some unexpected interview questions they were asked during interview week. Here are some examples:

- What is a personal belief that drives you?
- What is the chemical composition of magma?
- What would people say at your funeral?
- What is your favourite food? Why?
- If you received an award for leadership in the mail today relating to something that is not on your resume, who would have awarded it to you and why?
- What did you purposely leave off of your resume? Why? (Similarly, what did you originally have on your resume that is no longer there and why did you decide to take it off?)
- Do you live at home with your parents?
- Do you follow any blogs? Which

ones?

- How many offers are you considering right now?
- If you were a bird, what bird would you be?
- What is your greatest failure?

Tip: Be yourself. Getting the interview means the firms already think you are smart and have done a bunch of wonderful stuff; what they are looking for now is if you match their firm environment. The more you are yourself, the better chance you will have at landing a job somewhere you really belong. While you may only end up with a smaller number of offers, it will ensure that it is a place where you fit. Don't try to be someone you are not because you could end up in a firm with the wrong culture for you and have an unhappy articling experience.



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An Editor's Note

A month of school has passed and we are slowly getting used to having to walk through a rose garden in order to get to class. We have no idea where our professors' offices might be, but that's okay because we're now next to a pub. We're also temporarily comforted by the fact that the law library is not yet replete with sounds of bulldozing, and there has yet to be any word from the subversive Guerillaw.

It is a new year of school, and while some of us seek articling positions, complete OCI's or decide what it is we actually want to do with the rest of our lives, others have just written their first case brief and are slightly unsettled by the breezy first semester that is law school (don't be fooled, it gets harder).

I hope you all have a fantastic school



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year, and remember as you flip through this issue that your paper needs your help. New leadership is needed in all areas – from writing (columnists, academic events coverage, legal news and so on) to finance and business operations.

With the current editors graduating, we urge all those interested to take this opportunity and make the The Legal Eye your own. Whether it's adding to the work we've done over the past couple of years in changing the layout and revamping the website, or taking your own direction towards expanding readership and the range of articles or seeking new business partnerships, you have the freedom and possibility to shape the future of the UBC Law School paper.

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and elaborate upon ways to rebuild our market-economy and our regulatory state so as to avoid such reoccurrences (i.e.: ways to use this crisis to actually come out stronger).

At the upcoming [4] G20 summit in Pittsburgh, the main economic debate will likely focus on increasing stimulus funding (a short-term fix) and on capping banking bonuses (a reactionary and ultimately inconsequential gesture because \$5 million bonus didn't cause \$20 trillion to disappear; it focuses the anger where at small issues, diverting it from regulatory gaps).

As Canadians, we can do more to lead by example and help forge an international consensus dominated neither by free riding nor a race to the bottom of "who regulates least". Some countries, such as New Zealand, 'get it' and are actually working toward sensible rules for maintaining liquidity.[5] The liquidity rules require New Zealand banks to be able to continue lending. Too often US banks lent \$30 for every \$1 they had in assets; finally New Zealand has taken steps to outlaw the practice, it's just too bad that New Zealand is not a G20 member.

Again, I will lay out, in future ar-

cles, some worthwhile and prudent ideas, however we must first adopt the attitude that change comes through being willing to actually implement rules, not just by throwing someone in prison for slightly longer. We must be ready to promise to Canadians, and the world community, that we will not forget that unregulated securities (including Canadian ones) caused the financial crisis, and that we are ready to add a "guiding hand" to the "invisible hand". In other words, we will actually start regulating, and will be open to a dialogue about how best to do that.

We must be ready to make the tough choices, not just the reactionary ones. We must not just demand a head on a pike (or interminable imprisonment); we must actually seize the opportunity and occasion to change the system. We must not waste this crisis.

[1] http://justice.gc.ca/eng/news-nouv/nr-cp/2009/doc_32423.html

[2] <http://www.financialpost.com/news-sectors/story.html?id=1894545>

[3] <http://www.expertpanel.ca/eng/reports/final-report/index.html>

[4] At the time of writing

[5] Lord of the Ratios, The Economist Magazine (Sept 5, 2009), p.80

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plan is for construction to start November 1st, with a projected completion date of May 31st, 2011. Some preparation work for demolition is planned for this month, though. Plans are also underway for some sort of construction kickoff event, so stay tuned for that and you may be able to walk home with your very own hunk of ugly concrete packed chock full of great memories. Or not, we don't know yet.

• There's a really cute family of seven racoons that wanders by the LSS office (177 UCLL) a couple of times a week. If I'm ever out in the hall yelling "RACOON PARTY!" you should come into and check it out. I'm usually a notorious hater of the little procyonids, but these guys are just adorable. And on the other side of my window. In the alternative, if you ever have any questions or concerns, stop by the office with those. The racoons are way cuter than me, though.

Thank You:

I'm very pleased with how things have worked out for the LSS in the first month of school, and that certainly didn't come about without a great deal of hard work from a large number of our classmates.

• Lindsay Clark did a simply awesome job of organizing the Scavenger Hunt, bailing me out when I was absolutely swamped at the end of the summer. It was a lot of work for her and I really, really appreciated what a great job she did. Judging by the amount of sweat, it seemed like the participants did too. YAY LINDSAY!

• Huge thanks to Yun Li and the rest of SAC for doing a great job organizing the boat cruise. Everything went flawlessly and it seemed like everybody had a good time. Apologies to those I yelled at for touching the ridiculously low ceiling; I had a sudden

The LSS '09/10 Student Budget: Passed

REVENUE	Projected	Actuals	Remaining
Student Fees	\$ 81,000.00	\$ -	\$ 81,000.00
Semi Formal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Who	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Yearbook	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Boat Cruise Revenue	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Beer Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Firm Sponsorships	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 8,650.00
Law Revue Revenue	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 106,650.00
Prior year surplus	\$ 96,192.35		
Total	\$ 204,192.35	\$ 97,542.35	

Operating Expenses	Budgeted	To Date	Remaining
Career Development Office	\$ 55,272.00	\$ -	\$ 55,272.00
Telephone & Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Website Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Furniture, Equipment, Repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Stikeman Event	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Boat cruise	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,078.08	\$ (78.08)
Trike Race Costs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
AIC/SAC expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,900.00
Beer up	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Alcohol costs	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00
Yearbook and grad committee	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -	\$ 9,500.00
Law Revue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
LSS Misc./Discretionary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 24.63	\$ 4,975.37
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 101,272.00	\$ 7,200.71	\$ 94,071.29

Budgeted Surplus \$ 102,920.35 \$ 90,341.64

flashback to being a teacher supervising high school dances. Just be thankful I didn't start enforcing the "six-inch rule." YAY YUN ET AL.!

• Arash Amouzgar did an amazing job with this year's budget, which took him a couple of months to put together. He claims we were doing "forensic accounting" or something, but I have no idea what that means so I'm taking his word for it. Chris Beneteau also has been putting in tonnes of times helping Arash organize the clubs budgets and getting the Bzzr-Ups up and running. I know it's been more work than he signed on for, but he's been a really good soldier about getting on with it.

Sports Teams	Budgeted	Beer up	Used	Remaining
Ball Hockey	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Basketball (m)	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Curling	\$ 650.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00
Dodgeball	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Flag Football	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Futsal	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Hockey (Circus)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Hockey (Law Eagles)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Law Games	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,975.00
Rugby (F)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00
Rugby (M)	\$ 4,725.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 5,475.00
Skisnowboard	\$ 650.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 50.00
Soccer (F)	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 65.00
Soccer (M x2 and Co-Rec)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 185.00	\$ 315.00
Ultimate	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Volleyball (M)	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Volleyball (Co-rec)	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Storm the Wall	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,220.00	#####

Clubs	Budgeted	Beer up	Used	Remaining
APLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CCIJ	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Canadian Lawyers Abroad	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Chinese LSA	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Christian LSA	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
CoRe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Environmental Law Group	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Esoteric	\$ 590.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 590.00
Foreseeability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
First Nations LSA	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00
Hooplaw	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
International Law society	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Law Students for Choice	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00
Law Students for Colour United	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Eye	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Phi Delta Phi (Legal Ethics)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Outlaws	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Pivot legal society UBC/SJAN	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Pro Bone	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
South Asian LSS	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Women's Caucus	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
LEO	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Finer Things	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rules Theatre	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Korean Law Students Assoc	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
New Clubs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CLAHR	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
BCCLA	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Choir	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 9,940.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	#####

Total Clubs/sports budgeted Funds \$ 26,640.00 \$ 4,350.00 \$ 1,220.00 #####

Surplus - Future Club Costs \$ 89,121.64

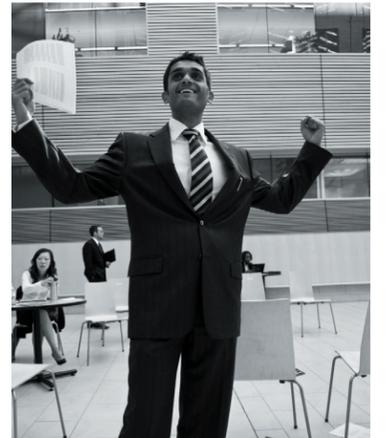
Which is good, since, you know, he's in the Reserves and everything. YAY CHRIS and ARASH!

• Speaking of all things financial, a huge thank you to everybody that came out

to the AGM so we could reach quorum, pass budget, and gorge ourselves on pizza. Democracy at its finest, everybody!! YAY QUORUM!

Back to School

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