

# Congratulations, Class of 2003!

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Dean Steven C. Bahls, dean of CULS for nine years, will vacate the position this summer to become president of Augusta College in Illinois.

## Bahls steps down to head Augustana, Steele to serve as dean during search

Compiled from Staff Reports

In early March, Dean Steven C. Bahls announced to the Capital Law School community his intention to step down as dean in order to accept the presidency of Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., on July 1.

Capital University President Theodore Fredrickson named Assistant Dean Athornia Steele to the position of Interim Dean while Capital searches for a new law school dean.

Augustana describes itself on its website as a "private, selective college of the liberal arts and sciences, located on 115 wooded acres overlooking the Mississippi River in Rock Island, Illinois. Founded in 1860 by Swedish immigrants, Augustana is related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Student population is 2,200."

In a letter announcing his

departure, Dean Bahls reflected on the accomplishments of CULS during the past nine years. "I am grateful for the support of faculty, staff, students and alumni," he said. "Together we moved the law school from a leased facility on the fringe of downtown to its current state-of-the-art building in the heart of downtown. The law school's alumni and friends raised \$12 million for the project, the largest campaign total this university had ever achieved."

"Programmatically," he added, "the law school's strategic plan, adopted last year, provides a workable road map to earning its rightful recognition as one of the best private law schools in the Midwest."

Dean Bahls will replace Dr. Thomas Tredway, who will retire at the end of the academic

year after twenty-eight years as president of Augustana. According to an Augustana College press release one of the longest tenures among American college presidents.

"We are very excited that Dean Bahls will become the next president of Augustana College," said Brenda Czajka Barnes, chair of the Augustana Board of Trustees. "He is a man of tremendous talent and accomplishment, and we all are confident that he will provide great leadership for Augustana."

Barnes said the search committee interviewed several prominent educators and recommended Bahls after determining that "he has the combination of qualities essential for

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## 20 Questions: Bahls to apply knowledge of tractor beams

With Victoria Stone Moledor

**1. It has to be said: more than a few students are disappointed that they will no longer be attending the law school with Bahls. Why did you decide to leave? Don't you love us anymore?**

So Augustana could be the college with Bahls!

I've been dean of the law school for almost ten years and am the longest serving dean since the law school affiliated with Capital. I don't believe that it is healthy for a law school

dean to serve more than nine or ten years. While the law school can be proud of the advances it has made, once every ten years the law school should "take stock" and dream about new possibilities. A change in dean creates an excellent opportunity to do so.

**2. Do you know yet who President Fredrickson will appoint as the interim dean?**

President Fredrickson will likely appoint Chief Justice Will-

iam Rehnquist as interim dean. We have yet to hear if he accepts.

**3. While CULS has the Dave Thomas Center for Adoption Law (now known as the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy), Augustana College has the John Deere Planetarium. What do you know about tractors and exactly what did John Deere know about astronomy?**

I was old enough to watch the Star Wars movies when they

first came out. I know all about tractor beams, and believe me, I'm keeping my distance from that building.

You might be surprised at how much John Deere knew about astronomy. John Deere made massive contributions to astronomical research. Did you know he had a planetarium named after him?

**4. Augustana has a pre-law program. Do you think you may teach any classes related**

**to that major?**

I hope so. There is little I enjoy more than teaching.

**5. Answer this question: "If I had more time I would \_\_\_\_\_."**

Write more and read more non-law books.

**6. What is important to you personally to join another private college with an affili-**

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WAY!**



## FROM THE EDITOR

## Time to say, 'see ya later'

I once had the privilege to interview Native American women from the Lemhi Shoshone tribe in Idaho, a tribe directly descended from Sacagawea, guide for Lewis and Clark's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase and the Northwest Passage. Soft-spoken and intelligent, these women introduced me to a Native American custom with which I was not familiar.

They never say goodbye.

During our first few phone conversations I ended with a chipper, "goodbye!" and was often answered with an uncomfortable silence, a cough or an "O.K." After later conversations, sensing the conversation was near its end, they'd simply hang up on me.

I was mightily confused until a friend of mine explained

to me that some Native Americans don't say goodbye on the phone or in person. They don't utter any form of the idea. To them, saying goodbye means that you have no intention to ever see or speak to the other person again.

As the class with whom I matriculated in the fall of 2000 graduates (and as a part-time student, I'm left behind), I am struggling with the idea that I must say goodbye to them, and I'm sure, they feel the same about saying goodbye to one another. It's hard to imagine feeling closer to people with whom you slopped through the trenches of these three long years. We've cried, complained, partied and dreamed together. We've competed against outsiders and against ourselves. We have memories we made together.

Ah, remember when class preparation included reading and briefing cases, which took about four hours per class? How about thinking that Gilles' finals would be easy? And who will ever forget nearly having a heart attack the first time Professor Freeman randomly called on you to answer in class?

Or being told by more than one professor or administrator that not everyone is cut out to be a lawyer, and that perhaps one should consider another profession? Or actually mulling that suggestion over, and considering a career as a semi-professional golf pro in Singapore? Or a pool boy in Florida? Or a TV/VCR repair person?

But now it's all over and the Class of 2003 must scoot to make room for another class of terrified first-years. And really, all



Out with the old, in with the slightly less old: Jim Placzekiewicz, former *Res Ipsa Loquitur* editor, and Tori Moledor, the new editor.

you can hope is that you retained enough information so that studying for the bar is a review of material, not an introduction. Also, you might be hoping that once you actually get a job, you've learned enough to avoid making an idiot out of yourself.

Saying goodbye to classes, outlines, ridiculously expensive textbooks, cramming and being poor is easy. Saying goodbye to comrades is hard.

So don't. Just say "see you later." And mean it.

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## Ask the Dean



With Steven Bahls,  
Law School Dean & Professor

**What do you think of the U.S. News rankings of law schools?**

Virtually all law school deans have joined together in denouncing rankings such as the *U.S. News* rankings. I've posted, on the dean's bulletin board on the second floor, our collective statement about the faulty methodology of *U.S. News* rankings.

How Capital Law School

ranks depends on who is doing the ranking. *Princeton Review* has praised our law school, while *U.S. News* does not rank our law school well.

This year's *U.S. News*' ranking does have some bright spots. Our reputational ranking among practicing lawyers and judges improved significantly since last year. If *U.S. News* had ranked schools by placement rates, Capital would be one of the top law schools in the nation.

**What are the best ways to measure the reputation of a law school?** These are the best questions to ask when evaluating the quality of a law school:

**Is the reputation of a law school increasing when measured by increasing applications?**

Applications at Capital are up nearly 80 percent since 1997. Likewise, the entering credentials of students have climbed significantly.

**Are law firms and other employers hiring the school's graduates?**

According to statistics on the *U.S. News* website, if law schools were ranked by placement rate, Capital's law school would be among the nation's top law schools.

**How do Capital law students compare the students from other law schools?**

Students on Capital moot court teams consistently defeat teams from the nation's most selective law schools. Our school's student edited law review compares well with law reviews from other schools.

**How do Capital's faculty compare to faculty members from other law schools?**

Capital's law faculty are outstanding teacher scholars. Many have been recruited by

other law schools, but have chosen to remain at Capital because of their commitment to our mission. Capital's faculty members are authors of leading books and leading articles in their fields.

**How successful are Capital's law school graduates?**

Capital's law school graduates are disproportionately successful.

From the halls of the United States Congress to judicial chambers and law offices throughout the world, Capital's law school graduates are recognized leaders.

**What is the status of the exploration of plans to build a parking garage?**

Those plans have been deferred, in part because of the results of the students survey. Students are opposed to paying the extra amount necessary to build the garage.

## Quote of the Month

"We must not allow the clock and the calendar to blind us to the fact that each moment of life is a miracle and a mystery."

H.G. Wells

# CAPITAL BRIEFS

## Law Review selects board

The 2002-2003 Capital Law Review Executive Board is pleased to announce that next year's Board has been selected.

The new members of the executive board are Editor-in-Chief, Gabe Roehrenbeck; Managing Editor, Kirsten Bartholomew; Executive Articles Editor, Jessica Johnson; Executive Notes Editor, Kristin Matisziw; Research Articles Editor, Elizabeth Embrey; Research Notes Editor, Kim Snyder; Business Editor, Don Keller and Publishing Editor, Jenn Meyer.

According to graduating Managing Editor Jamie Landrum, several extraordinary people applied for these positions, and the current board had a very difficult time during the interview process.

"Gaining a position on the Law Review Executive Board is an honor, and these students, as well as all the applicants, should be extremely proud of themselves," she said.

Be sure to congratulate these students.

## WLA announces new executives

The Women's Law Association has elected its officers for

the 2003-2004 school year.

The executives include President Maren Aikey, Vice President Debbie Mandt, Programming Directors Mindy Snyder and Karen Cadieux, Secretary/Treasurer Daphne Kackloudis, Public Relations officer Katherine Johnson, Fundraising officer Tasha Ruth and Community Service officer Ruth Margetts.

The Women's Law end of the year gathering was held at Prof. Gilles' house Sunday, April 6th. Members said goodbye to their graduating third-year students and welcomed in their new executive board, as well as discussed ideas for the upcoming year.

## CULS students elect new SBA executives

The results of the March Student Bar Association elections are as follows: President, Scott Grace; Vice President Evening, Victoria Beale; Secretary, Candace Levy; Treasurer: Dimitri Hatzifotinos; Vice President Day, Ryan Kuhn; 2nd Year Day Representatives, Ronald Johnson and Paul Koch; 2nd Year Evening Representative, Mark Hatcher; and 3rd Year Day Representatives: Doug

Edmonds and Katherine Johnson; 3rd Year Evening Representatives: John Wolfe and Natalie Bahan; 4th Year Representatives: Chris Bumgarner and Aaron Hanselman; At-Large Evening Representatives: Catherine Baird-Veley and Chris Bumgarner; At-Large Day Representatives: Katie Elliot and Andrew Baker.

## BLSA named national chapter of the 2002-2003

The national chapter of the Black Law Students Association recently honored the CULS chapter as "National Chapter of the Year."

Lead by officers B. Makeda Neal, president, A. Clayton Powell, vice-president, Terri Jamison, secretary and Shontell Walker, treasurer BLSA accomplished quite a bit during this school year.

BLSA launched its website ([www.users.capital.edu/blsa](http://www.users.capital.edu/blsa)), created a Digital Yearbook, garnered a Community Service third place Regional BLSA Award and advanced to National competition, and won a 4th place Regional Award, and 2nd place Regional Brief at the regional Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition.

BLSA also sponsored several debates and discussions: an affirmative action debate with CULS Professors Shirley Mays and James R. Beattie, and an encore of the same debate for Capital University's Main Campus; a Brown v. Board discussion with Professors Weatherspoon and Kobil; a discussion panel, featuring Gilda Spencer and assistant general counsel for Nationwide Insurance.

BLSA also hosted an exam writing workshop with Prof. Macy Favors, participated in Make a Difference Day, the Street Law program, donated more than 20 bags of clothing to the Faith Mission Homeless Shelter and held raffles for Valentine's Day, and presented the winners with a Valentine's Day basket as well as an original painting by Professor Jim Beattie.

## Operation Shoebox a ships 145 care packages

Operation Shoe Box, directed by the Student Bar Association and faculty member Joe Bodine, successfully shipped 145 care packages to the men and women of the

1001st QM, 71st Corps Support Battalion and to friends and family of Capital staff and students who are serving in Iraq.

Each care package included a variety of supplies, several cards from the 3rd, 6th and 8th graders of Granville Middle School, and a phone card.

CULS also donated the extra supplies to another group that successfully shipped over 500 care packages to a battalion of Marines - most of whom are from central Ohio.

At least two CULS students are serving in the Middle East - Derrick Knapp and David Hoeffel. David commands the 71st Corps Support Battalion. His wife, Melissa Hoeffel, is also a CULS student.

Operation Shoe Box also provided care packages to other members of the military serving in the Middle East. Professor Looper-Friedman's brother is serving in Kuwait and Lorie McCaughan's son is serving as well.

Bodine also sends a special thanks to Scott Grace, Ryan Kuhn, the SBA, the CULS Law Review, Leslie Gardner, Sue Bialy, Torian Lee and all the student and faculty volunteers for their help and donations.

### *Change of Guard, from page 1.*

the presidency of Augustana: superior intellectual achievement, demonstrated leadership and administrative abilities, and a strong commitment of faith."

Dean Bahls quoted Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in his letter to the CULS community, who observed that "a mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original form."

"My greatest joy at Capital has been observing our faculty stretch minds so students learn all the skills they need to become competent, principled lawyers," he said. "Capital is blessed with a strong faculty and staff who will

continue to prepare many of the nation's best lawyers. I will miss being with you, but look forward to seeing how Capital grows in the years to come."

Interim Dean Steele, a graduate of Capital University in 1974 and of the Law School in 1977, has been the associate dean of academic affairs since 1997. He is a former Assistant Attorney General of the State of Ohio, and has been a member of the CULS faculty since 1980. From 1984 to 1986, Steele was a visiting professor at Washington & Lee University School of Law.

According to the press re-

lease announcing his new position, Steele has been extensively involved in the work of his church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). He is currently completing a six-year term on the board of trustees for the ELCA Foundation. He has served on the Churchwide Council of the ELCA and a member of its executive committee, membership on the Advisory Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Offices of Personnel and Ecumenical Affairs. He also has served on the board of trustees of the Lutheran Academy (Faith and Life Forum)

and the Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where he was a member of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Steele is active in the legal education community, particularly with respect to student issues. He directed the 1991 CLEO Summer Institute for Region IV hosted at the Law School and the Academic Success Program at Capital. Additionally, he served on both national and regional planning committees for the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Academic Support Workshops from 1993-2001. He also served on the Executive

Committee of the Association of American Law School's Section on Academic Support. Steele currently serves on the board of the Law School Admission Council and is a member of its Test Development and Research (TD&R) Committee. Prior to joining TD&R, he was a member of the Minority Affairs and Finance and Legal Affairs committees of LSAC.

Steele teaches Business Associations, Corporate Finance and Securities Regulations. He has a particular interest in governance issues of non-profit organizations.

## FYI

# Working as a paralegal knows no (state) boundaries

By Eugenia Maish,  
CULS Paralegal Program '99

*(With the paralegal profession ranked as one of the top ten growth professions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Res Ipsa plans to present a variety of articles on alumni to introduce law students to what paralegals do and how they practice.)*



As a 1999 graduate of the Capital University Law School Paralegal Program, I'm often asked if law school is on the horizon. My gut response is "not yet" – my current profession simply offers a flexibility of working environments unsurpassed in any other area of law.

## Have Computer, Will Travel

My firm, Roetzel & Andress, with Ohio offices in Akron, Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus and Cincinnati, also has fully-staffed offices in Fort Myers, Tallahassee and Naples, Florida. As a probate/corporate/real estate paralegal, I have the luxury of working in any of our offices without risking state or local censure because paralegals, in general, are not restricted from working simultaneously in various states.

## Licensure of Paralegals

Paralegals, many of whom may take national exams or attend ABA-approved, post-baccalaureate programs to obtain certification status, do not have the same practice constraints placed upon them as attorneys. This is one of the reasons I chose to pursue this profession versus the traditional law school/bar exam attorney route into the field.

## Everyday Application

From an operations perspective, the information needed by a paralegal working with Florida to handle a probate estate is not substantially different from that of Ohio. In general, each Ohio probate court's

county rules differ enough that it is standard procedure to review local rules as they apply to probate law on every Ohio estate, so doing the same for Florida estates rarely causes a great increase in the learning curve. And, as the tax law for federal estate taxes is the same regardless of where the decedent held residency, a paralegal sitting in New York State can draft a Form 706 as easily as one in Columbus, Ohio. Probate seems to be a specialty that lends itself nicely to cross-state practice.

As for real estate, specialization in either commercial or residential practice has enabled one of Roetzel's Florida paralegals, who returned to Ohio to care for a sick parent, to continue to draft closing documents in a seamless process from her Akron office, or even while working on the road.

Our firm provides laptops, remote access, on line document retrieval and all the other technological capabilities for staff to forward documents to colleagues regardless of location in the U.S. One of our attorneys, who does the deed preparation for a major Florida title agency, continues to work closely (and daily) with the Akron real estate paralegal mentioned above, even though the latter transferred to Ohio five years ago.

Again, the transactional nature of real estate, versus the rules/deadline orientation of litigation, creates a favorable environment for paralegals to work

with attorneys and clients across the country. The advent of emailing documents paved the road for this professional trend.

In terms of corporate law, the requirements of Ohio and Florida's Secretary of State and related commerce departments are remarkably similar given that most states subscribe to the majority of regulations promulgated under the Uniform Commercial Code. Again, with a few phone calls, web keystrokes and emails, I can obtain fillable corporate documents online, prepare them, and have them e-delivered 1,000 miles away to the Naples office within minutes.

## Client Interaction

Of course, there are cases that simply require some face-to-face with clients and colleagues. In the probate and trust administration business, this is especially true at the onset of the estate. To have access to clients' financial documents and to review real estate and tangible property holdings, I often combine vacations with a bit of work in Naples, as do many of our Ohio attorneys whose "snowbird" clients winter in the Florida area. For some inexplicable rea-

son, central Ohioans seem to flock to the Naples/Marco Island area, which means that my colleagues and I can see upwards of a dozen clients during the January – April season. While the firm can't always subsidize travel down to Florida, it encourages staff to give value-added benefits to our Ohio clients by providing ancillary service through the Florida offices, or via the commuting attention of Ohio personnel who routinely visit with clients situated in Florida.

## Future license on horizon?

The future may not necessarily allow for paralegals to continue to practice nationwide without obtaining licensure and state-mandated registration because a growing contingent of veteran paralegals are working to standardize the profession by pushing for more stringent educational requirements and possibly a national board exam. Without these, the fear is that paralegals trained at non-university, non-ABA approved programs will dilute the abilities and professional recognition that other paralegals have fought hard to establish since the first paralegals came on the legal scene in the

early 1970s.

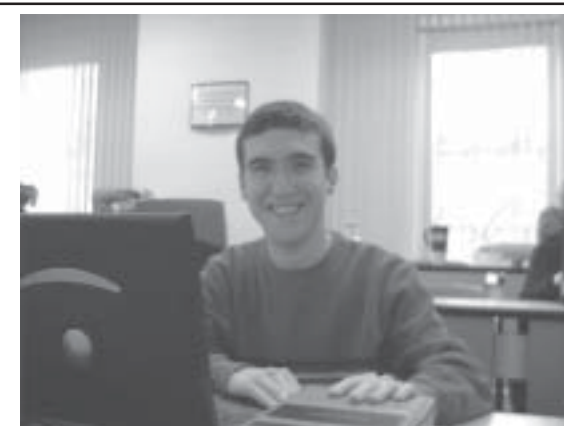
If it comes to this, I and many of my colleagues would happily take a one-time, national exam in exchange for continued freedom to work in whichever state we choose. (Hey, the plan/dream is to work in the Carolinas during the snowy season and Ohio during the summers and falls.) Again, as paralegals are mandated to work under the supervision of a state-licensed, practicing attorney, their work product's high standards can easily be maintained by requiring the supervising attorney's credentials to be maintained per state requirement rather than by requiring paralegals to sit for state boards or otherwise have their abilities scrutinized.

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Mr. X says bye.



Chuck says bye.



Sam says bye.

## OPINION

# Final thoughts, parting shots

By Mistery X and Y, Class of 2003

Three years have passed quickly and we thought we would take this opportunity to reflect and pass on the small amount of wisdom gleaned outside the law during that time. It has been fun and gone quickly, however, we would be remiss not to remember some of the key experiences we've had, some of the great people we've known, and some important inside tips to understanding our CULS experience.

### Hypo Hell

Remember during orientation when both upper-class students and professors asked us to please not be the "hypo student?" This, as we have come to realize, is the individual who feels that even though 70 people in the class have paid to learn information that will help them in practice and/or the bar exam, this individual feels that their tangential remarks should dictate up to a half of the class time.

Those of you who will continue to study here must endeavor to curb the leanings of these time moochers, these interlopers who plot to distract you from key aspects of the law. And to those who feel compelled to share nothing more productive than the sound of his or her own voice, we just want to leave you with some final thoughts.

1. We are paying for the knowledge of the professor, not you. You may have learned things in your life, but trust us, more often than not, students, on the whole, do not care.

2. Criminal Law or Criminal Procedure are not "How-to" courses in which to reminisce about your previous drug arrests and how others may avoid them in the future.

3. Sharing unrelated personal information in the form of a hypo is not interesting or relevant – in fact, it's often just disgusting.

4. When you have asked the same question on multiple occasions and you still don't understand this essential point of law, you can assume that you are the only one if 1) the professor is shaking his/her head and 2) the class groans en masse every time you raise your hand.

5. Unless assigned, do not bring up statutory comments or sub-committee notes in class.

### Best response to a hypothetical question

"And if it had four wheels, it would be a bus, so..." Prof. Ferriell

### Best preemptive strike on a hypothetical question

"Put your hand down. No, really, put your hand down." Prof. Freeman

### Course Summaries

As graduating students prepare for the bar, and as continuing CULS students plan to register for classes, here's a handy synopsis of the key courses at CULS.

**Property** – cases over 100 years old are hard to understand, and the Rule of Perpetuities hurts.

**Torts** – if you get hurt, someone should give you money, with the exception of Railroad companies, who never have to pay, and except in California where you get money without getting hurt.

**Constitutional Law** – the Supreme Court does not like Communists, Nazis, or the Kluckers. But they have first amendment rights anyway. And

the Amish RULE!

**Corporations** – "Big corporations" make a lot of money.

**Criminal Law** – Kravitz makes a lot of money.

**Criminal Procedure** – the drug arrest history of everyone in the class.

**Contracts** – Beware of hyperbole and puffery. And read everything before you sign.

**Legal Writing** – What ever happened to the ALWD?

**CP Jurisdiction** – "Heliocopteros" is fun to say.

**CP Rules** – many song lyrics fit into a 10-word-fill-in-the-blank quiz.

**Evidence** – It's all hearsay.

**Partnerships** – If you're unsure on the exam, it's probably not an LLC.

**Professional Responsibility** – Don't ever, under any circumstances, sit in the front row.

**All tax courses** – §1001 is hilarious and so is basis. Also, lawyers are bad at math.

**Mediation** – hugging is a form of alternative dispute resolution.

**Legal Clinic** – "Another class? We just had one last month!"

### Best Quotes

"I aced that test." Score 18/35.

"If I had a nickel for every frivolous, whiny complaint that I've come across here in three years, I'd have \$1.95. What, I've been counting."

Professor: "You can't eat that in the classroom." Response: "But it's so moist and warm. I can't help myself."

"Seriously, there is a constitutional right to contract in Article X."

### 3L Superlatives

Most likely to hold the record for the most time any

body part(s) were portrayed on the JumboTron at a Blue Jackets game: Renee Wilkerson.

Most likely to be caught in a love trapezoid: Denny Yacobozzi.

Most likely to appear in a 4th tier, blue collar and mid-western law school's newspaper: Chuck Gray.

Most likely to graduate without going to class: Matt Kunsman.

Most likely to walk into court 10 minutes late and make an objection: Sean Terlecky.

Most likely to be taken to the back alley of the law school and have the faculty flog him with a hose: Rob Shea.

Most likely to choke on a chicken case (See *Schechter*): Rob "Slacker Man" Shea.

Most likely to make history by being the first 2nd year to lose the SBA presidency to a 1st year, and most likely to become legal counsel for Satan: John Ensign

Most likely to elevate the conservative moral consciousness: Adam Moseley.

Most likely to still be a law student next year: Tori Moledor.

Most likely to leave the practice of law to return to the family calling of a "boat person": Jim Placzkiwicz

Most likely to create a "special" diet (no, that ain't Katie Couric's colon): Brad Keating.

Most likely to create an "exotic dancer's union": Scott Gaugler.

Most likely to never speak during law school (unless he is rescuing the inferior minds that surround him): Andrew Musshet.

Most likely to be reprimanded in court for wearing a Santa hat: Todd Ernsberger.

Most likely to complain about "being mistreated," "not being able to get classes," and that the "others have it easier than they do": CULS Day Students.

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about "being mistreated," "not being able to get classes," and that the "others have it easier than they do": CULS Night Students.

### Faculty Superlatives

Most likely to write and star in a one-act legal play with his wife: Prof. Hirsh.

Most likely to suggest an alternative profession: Prof. Berry.

Most likely to answer his own cell phone in class: Prof. Kravitz.

Most likely to answer a student's cell phone in class: Prof. Grauer.

Most likely to crush the hopes and dreams of students with a class average grade of 2.0: Prof. Darling.

Most likely to elicit a smile as she browbeats her class for their academic failures: Prof. Cordray.

Most likely to forego speaking to teach a class only through the use of hand gestures: Prof. Ferriell.

Most likely to create a riot in Sue's office over available registration spots: Prof. Distelhorst.

Most likely to set someone's eyebrows on fire by swearing: Prof. Gilles.

### Tough Questions

#### Hardest question ever asked in class:

Prof. Freeman: "Do you go to and like strip clubs, Mr. X?"

Response: "Why yes, yes I do."

#### Second hardest question ever asked in class:

Prof. Shroyer: "Mr. Y, you've never put your dog in the trunk, have you?"

Response: "My dog has never been that drunk."

(John Ensign and Brad Keating, oops, no, we mean, Mistery X and Y, wish the class of 2003 all the best.)

## BARRISTERS' BALL

# CULS students, guests enjoy a funkified Barristers' Ball



Above, Amanda Powell (3L) and SBA President Scott Grace (2L) enjoy themselves March 15 at the CULS Barristers' Ball.

Left, The HooDoo Soul Band plays disco, funk and other 1970s rock.



The "Wheel of Fortune" kept gamblers riveted.



Several students pause from party merriment.



Above, the crowd of students, staff and guests shake a groove thang.

Left, (from left to right) Allison Rollandini, Jennifer Adair and LeShel Hartfield.

# BARRISTERS' BALL



Justin Wiater (3L), Josh Anderson (3L) and wife Jennifer Anderson enjoy the fine company and even finer liquor.



Several members of the third year class, Joe Heuer, John Ensign, Brad Keating, Dennis Yacabozzi and Jim Placzekwicz enjoy the Blackjack table.



Dean Bahls and wife Jane Easter Bahls kick up their heels one last time with CULS students.



Kang and AuLang Le chat with Torian Lee.



Maren Aikey (2L) and Rebekah Weiss (2L).



First-year students Mike Trogon, Amy Fath, Kiesha Evans and Jen Garvin.



Katie Smith (1L), Sean Turlecky (3L) and George Hasselbeck shake a tailfeather to funky sounds of The HooDoo Soul Band.



Miranda Shaffer, Paul Morrison (2L) and David Nehr (2L).



Suzanne Wagstaff (2L) and Mike Faro (2L).

## FYI

**Capital Books presents: ALL THE LAWS BUT ONE**

Reviewed By Jane Underwood,  
Library Contributor

Many people enter the legal profession hoping to right injustices and bring the law to “regular folks.” If that was your motivator for coming to law school, you’ll want to read *People’s Lawyers: Crusaders for Justice in American History*, by Diana Klebanow and Franklin L. Jonas (KF 372.K58 2003). The authors focus on ten lawyers who fought for the rights of the people and who used the law as a tool to fight for social justice.

Who are these lawyers? They range from people you may not know, such as Belva

Lockwood (1830-1917) and Samuel Leibowitz (1892-1978), to Morris Dees (1936-) and Ralph Nader (1934-), both of whom you’ve undoubtedly seen interviewed on the nightly news. The authors selected these lawyers because they were intriguing people who had interesting, eventful careers. They had the tenacity and fortitude to challenge the status quo. By taking cases and causes that could change inequities in the status quo, their actions had a lasting impact on American life. Even though they could see the wrongs perpetrated on the average citizen by these inequities they fought, these lawyers maintained a faith in the legal system to improve society. They truly believed eventually justice would prevail.

Most of the attorneys profiled in this book came from modest backgrounds, and succeeded with the support of their family network. Louis Brandeis, Samuel Leibowitz, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Ralph Nader were first gen-

eration Americans. Charles Houston, who trained a generation of African American civil rights attorneys, was the grandson of a slave. Belva Lockwood, Clarence Darrow and Morris Dees came from struggling farm families. Social activism was not the kiss of death for the careers of Brandeis, Ginsburg, and Thurgood Marshall, as they all became Supreme Court Justices.

What were their causes? They were as varied and vibrant as the lawyers themselves. Lockwood championed women’s rights, and lectured throughout the East Coast states during her presidential campaign. She also believed in equal treatment of Native Americans. Brandeis was a pioneer in the struggle against corporate privilege. While fighting against a railroad merger, Brandeis commented that he had “made more enemies than in all my previous fights together.” Leibowitz was the chief counsel for the defense

of the Scottsboro Nine. He believed in his case to the point of breaking with the organization that hired him, the International Labor Defense, when the IDL tried to bribe one of the prosecution’s witnesses. He then helped organize a rival organization to influence public opinion, raise funds, and act on behalf of the Scottsboro Nine.

Houston and Marshall both worked fiercely on behalf for African Americans’ equal rights. Houston was the vice dean of Howard University’s law school when it was a part time unaccredited law school. By 1931, after six years at Howard, he transformed it into an accredited institution in 1931 that “became a West Point of civil rights...” according to NAACP attorney Jack Greenberg. He was an academic taskmaster whose favorite slogan was “no tea for the feeble, no crepe for the dead.” Kunstler became a household name when he defended Vietnam War protestors in the Chicago Seven trial. Be-

fore that celebrated trial, he defended the Freedom Riders in Jackson, Mississippi and was also the personal trial attorney to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ginsburg cofounded the Women’s Rights Project. Her accomplishments in the advancement of women’s rights have been found comparable by some experts to those of Thurgood Marshall in the field of civil rights.

The book is chatty and informative at the same time. Each chapter starts with a timeline. The longer biographical section includes the “origins” or upbringing of the subject. Law school and early career is examined, and then the lawyer’s passions and later career are detailed. Liberal use of quotations from contemporaries of the subject gives a chatty, informal air to the writing. Landmark cases are detailed, and the Notes section is extensive. This book can be classified both as a fun and academic read. Pick it up and make the acquaintance of an attorney you’ve never met.

**Information Highway**

Reviewed by Carolyn Vinyard, Library Contributor

Tripping down the information highway definitely provides the desktop traveler with a multitude of sites and sounds. One place worth clicking into, for a quick peek or a substantial visit, is The Library of Congress. To begin a marvelous adventure just enter the destination address [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

The Library of Congress welcomes travelers with a colorful, well constructed and succinct home page. Five main avenues await: Get It Online..., Find It..., Especially For..., Information & Services, and News & Events. Street signs on each avenue provide multiple paths to meander down. Each path leads both the seasoned and neophyte explorer to phenomenal treasure troves of information.

Get It Online... occupies top billing. This avenue of in-

formation includes paths to federal legislation (THOMAS), U.S. history and culture (American Memory), online galleries (Exhibitions) and world culture & resources (Global Gateway). An additional path, America’s Library, invites travelers to “Log On, Play Around, Learn Something.” Travelers interested in government and law should meander through the many paths offered in THOMAS. Since its debut in 1995, the site has been continually upgraded and enhanced. Information from the 93rd to the 108th Congress currently fills its pages. Search templates offer access to the full text of Public Laws, pending bills, issues of the Congressional Record and committee reports. Although somewhat cumbersome, the templates do offer multiple access points for finding information. A few quick searches

will assist the traveler in seeing how the site operates. Explorers should definitely take some time to review the “About Thomas” and “THOMAS FAQ” paths offered on the side bar on THOMAS’ front page.

Find It... includes paths to The Library of Congress’ catalogs, research centers, online reference service and “today in history.” A click into “Today in History” brought this traveler to a colorful page of prose and pictorial information with an Ohio connection! “On March 27, 1912, First Lady Helen Herron Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted two Yoshino cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. The event celebrated the Japanese government’s gift of 3,020 trees to the United States.” Through-

out the remainder of this story, over a dozen links beckon the traveler too many related paths of information including the White House, Jefferson Memorial and the National Cherry Blossom Festival. “Today in History” gives immediate access to yesterday’s page and, via a search template, offers access to an archive of 365 days.

Travelers having their own itineraries can by-pass these wonderful pre-programmed avenues and explore on their own. In the top right hand corner of The Library of Congress’ home page a search box and search button appear. The Library’s search engine accepts words and phrases. Searching on the phrase “Law Day” produces 31 results while searching on the word lawyer finds over 800 hits. Access to Help and Advanced Search information appears at

the top of each result’s page. Although not immediately accessible, or apparent, on the home page, this search information is most helpful to the traveler who likes to know how, why, when and where. Travelers in the know can access the search information from the home page by clicking on the search button before entering search terms.

Many, many more lines could be written about the plethora of information available at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov). Suffice it to say that The Library of Congress provides a wealth of historical, artistic, political, legal, geographic, and scientific information. The Library presents it all in an interesting, fun and professional manner. Travelers of all ages should meander through its ever-changing pages; [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) definitely deserves a visit. Happy wanderings!

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## OPINION

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# Capital Offense: The Final Slacker Manifesto



Do you know this man?

By Rob "Slacker" Shea, Class of 2003

It looks like it is time to finally write a "positive" article. I think it is about time I start focusing on the positive aspects of school, work, and life as a whole.

I don't think a person ever really has a "great day." However, I think life is full of "great moments." It's hard to imagine having a day where everything was "great." I mean, could you really go through a day without

someone or something annoying you? Maybe you could, but I sure as hell cannot.

As I have mentioned before, most law students and professors annoy me. For the most part, you are not the type of people that I would choose to hang around. Most of you are overly competitive and way too concerned about meaningless crap (i.e. what firm Suzy is in, who got published etc.)

Some professors have even gone so far as calling me "a slacker." Hey, there's an old rule we have out on the east side of Columbus, as we often has to remind the rich brats from Bexley – if you have something to say to someone SAY IT TO HIS FACE.

Anyhow, despite the annoyances in my life, and my belief that you can't have a completely great day, I do believe in great moments.

Great moments sometimes occur unexpectedly and often you do not realize that they were great until days, months, or even years later. Great moments are not awards or certificates you receive. Although graduation from law school this May will be nice, it will be more of a relief than a great moment. It will be a moment to be proud of but I am not sure it will be "great."

Great moments occur when you are five, you go to your first Columbus Clippers game and have Don Mattingly sign a baseball card that you got from your favorite police officer at the local Big Bear.

Great moments occur when you score the winning goal for your middle school soccer team and some hottie that wouldn't give you the time of day starts to pay attention to you.

Great moments happen when you've been in the car for two straight days fighting with your sister and out of nowhere you

see a sign reading, "Welcome to Florida, the Sunshine State."

Great moments even occur when you are told that your fellow classmates stood up for you after a professor's diatribe concerning your harmless monthly article in the school newspaper.

Great moments happen when you're in your "Bleacher Bums" t-shirt and you first see the giant sign on Addison and Clark reading "Cubs vs. Reds, 2 p.m. Today."

Great moments happen when you and a friend are walking back from a college keg party sloppy drunk, its 25 degrees, you don't have a coat on, and you don't give a damn.

Great moments happen when you come home in the middle of the afternoon on a Monday and see your dad sprawled out on the couch watching the Price is Right, 2 weeks into retirement after busting his ass for 30 years.

Great moments happen when you finally hit 21, you're crew leaves you with an incoming freshman and... (Can't finish that one, sorry).

Great moments happen when you're sitting on the Staten Island Ferry gazing at the Statue of Liberty thinking about what it must have been like for your ancestors when they first traveled this route (well, not to Staten Island, but you know what I mean).

Great moments happen when your 4-year-old nephew

is sporting your Larry Bird #33 Jersey and asks if you want to shoot hoops.

Great moments also happen when you are with your best friends celebrating your favorite team winning all of the Tostitos Feista Bowl... it's 75 degrees in January, and you are doing Car Bombs in a random bar in Arizona because your team has just put an end to years of misery, years of locking yourself in the bathroom as a pre-teen and crying after another loss to the team Up North.

I guess there are plenty of great moments in a person's life. I suppose it helps to sit back and reflect on them sometimes. If you really think about it, great moments are seldom related to school or work, but usually occur outside of these two settings.

When you are 90, sporting white sandals and living in South Florida, you are not going to think too much about law school, work, or what big firm some pompous jackass classmate of yours worked for. Instead you will focus on other things that really mattered.

I guess that's it. Unless I somehow become the first student to ever fail my externship, it looks as though certain professors won't have to listen to this "slacker" anymore. Enjoy your 40 percent contingencies, don't spend it all in one place, and have a GREAT summer.



The dean says bye.



Denny says bye.



Christy says bye.

## VIEWPOINTS

### CULS to hold training conference for minority mediators and arbitrators

Capital University Law School will host the National Conference for Minority Professionals in Alternative Dispute Resolution. The theme of the conference is "Eliminating Barriers for Minorities in the Field of Alternative Dispute Resolution" and will be held at the Columbus Convention Center May 20-21, 2003. A pre-conference training day will take place Monday, May 19, 2003 at the Law School.

The conference will:

- Enhance the skills of minority professionals in alternative dispute resolution.
- Promote the use of alternative dispute resolution in the minority community and Identify obstacles that minorities face in alternative dispute resolution.
- Assess the impact of effective resolution on the minority community.
- Bring together a network of minority professionals and to encourage their active participation in the profession.

- Provide information and guidelines on how minorities can become listed on various alternative dispute resolution panels.
- Provide affordable, quality training to the minority community.

Sessions and trainings will be offered to accommodate various levels of experience among minority professionals in alternative dispute resolution. Presentations will cover a wide range of dispute resolution areas, including commercial,

courts, family, community, employment, labor, environment, government, and education. Pre-conference trainings will include basic mediation, transformative mediation, cultural competence, peer mediation, domestic abuse, negotiation, special education, NASD, and environmental conflict resolution.

Agnes Wilson, Esq., divisional vice-president of the American Arbitration Association, will open the conference. Duard Bradshaw, Esq., president of

the Hispanic National Bar Association, is the luncheon keynote speaker.

The conference is being organized by Prof. Floyd Weatherspoon. For more information, visit the conference Web site at [www.law.capital.edu/news/adr03.asp](http://www.law.capital.edu/news/adr03.asp).

This conference is made possible in part by grants received from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP/Estabrook Charitable Trust.

*20 Questions with Dean Bahls, from page 1.*

#### ation to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America?

Yes, it is important to me to be at a church-related college. The ELCA, in my opinion, has the best traditions of any church-related colleges. ELCA colleges typically value excellence, openness and academic freedom. Lutheran colleges understand the relationship between faith, vocation and education. I will, however, be the first non-Lutheran president of Augustana College.

#### 7. May I suggest a swan song: purchase a new shuttle van that's actually made to transport more than seven students at a time.

What if they riot?

#### 8. According to Augstana's website, some of the entertainment in the Quad City area of Illinois includes three riverboat casinos. Can't really hold a candle to Columbus' almost full-size replica of the Santa Maria, now can they?

Certainly not. If you research these riverboat casinos, you'll learn that there are really no riverboat casinos in the Quad City area, these are just full-sized replicas of riverboat casinos. If the law school gives me Capital's endowment, I'll find a real riverboat casino and try to double it.

#### 9. How far will you be from

#### Chicago?

I'll be two hours and fifty-nine minutes from Chicago, according to Mapquest, but I bet I could do it in two-and-a-half flat, provided no one tells the Illinois Bar Character and Fitness Committee.

#### 10. What kind of projects that you began will be left undone when you leave?

The results of our plans to improve the bar passage rate have not yet been realized, but I have confidence we'll see strong results soon.

#### 11. Who are your personal heroes?

My father (for his integrity and faith) and Josiah Blackmore (for his love of learning and love of the law).

#### 12. Do you prefer warm-blooded or cold-blooded pets?

My daughter keeps fish, a gecko, and a horde of Russian Dwarf Hamsters. If we don't keep the hamsters separated by gender, they reproduce exponentially and we would be forced to feed them to the gecko. I don't like segregation, but mixed gender warm-blooded pets are trouble.

#### 13. So, you're originally from Des Moines, Iowa. Hmm. Sorry, but I just can't get the image of Shoeless Joe Jack-

#### son (Ray Liotta) beckoning Terence Mann (James Earl Jones) into the Iowan Field of Dreams. Is law your "field of dreams?" Would you have been just as happy as a farmer?

It's hard to say how I'd do as a farmer. I'd be worried about the tractor beams.

My "field of dreams" is higher education and helping students find their vocation.

#### 14. While we are on the subject, what's your favorite movie? Book?

My favorite movies are *The Godfather*, *National Lampoon's Family Vacation* and *The Paper Chase*. When I'm gone, I hope to be remembered as something of a Godfather Griswold of Deans.

As to books, I love William Shakespeare plays, so I'd say *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*. The readiness is all. Words without thoughts never to heaven go.

#### 15. Will you continue to make significant contributions to the legal community regarding Agricultural Law, or do you think your duties as President of a college will take too much of your time?

I don't think I have much more to add to the area of agricultural law. I expect my scholarship will shift to issues exploring the law and business ethics.

#### 16. What events have had more impact on your life than any others?

The single event having the most impact on my life occurred on January 25, 1999, when my 15-year-old son suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. He was saved by the grace of God and is now a freshman at Middlebury College. My reflection on that experience can be found at: [www.law.capital.edu/faculty/deanmessage.htm](http://www.law.capital.edu/faculty/deanmessage.htm).

#### 17. Who is in charge of the bar passage issue/machinery at CULS? How will the drive to increase the number of students who pass the bar move forward after you leave?

Everyone is in charge of the bar passage rate. The administration, under Associate Dean Steele's leadership, is coordinating the school's efforts. Faculty members must continue to facilitate better student learning and students should make sure they devote the time necessary to pass the bar exam.

If this is done, I fully anticipate that Capital's bar passage rate will soon (I hope this summer) return to its historically high rate. The readiness is all.

#### 18. You served as dean of CULS longer than any dean in the school's history. What kinds of things motivated you to stay so long?

Capital's students and Capital's faculty and staff. Capital's students are second to none in that they are not only academically talented, but they also have the character, drive and grit necessary to become tomorrow's leaders.

Capital's faculty and staff, almost to a person, could have higher paying positions elsewhere, but have chosen to dedicate their careers to preparing our students to become tomorrow's leaders.

#### 19. If you had to name one thing, what would you say was your most significant accomplishment as the dean of CULS?

Redoing the outside lighting on the front of the law school so that Capital is the only law school visible from outer space!

I am most proud of facilitating a faculty and administrative team focused on preparing our students to be tomorrow's leaders.

#### 20. Any famous last words?

Last? Do you really think you've seen the end of me? I hope you invite me back.

I do, however, appreciate the support I've consistency received from the student body. I've had the pleasure of serving as dean for more than 2,500 law students. I thank them all for making my deanship possible.

## VIEWPOINTS

## Sneakin' Into the Movies

By Chuck Gray and Joe Heuer, Columnists



Since there are no new movies that are worth our time or your time, we have decided to review our separate Spring Breaks. Joe traveled to Sin City, while Chuck traveled to Geriatric City, also known as Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Chuck's Spring Break****Wednesday, March 19, 2003, 5 a.m.**

Yeah, maybe I missed a couple of classes, but it was more important not to miss the first two rounds of the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament. I roll out of bed, do the cleaning ritual, and walk out the door. Florida here I come!

**9:30 a.m.**

Just landed in Newark. Had to go north to get south, which is odd, but whatever it takes to get me to Florida. Believe it or not the plane has arrived early, therefore they are making us sit on the runway until the actual arrival time. However, sitting on the runway, I am looking

out the window all I can see is the skyline of The Greatest City in the World.

**4 p.m.**

Finally arrive at the casa. At first it smells and looks like a nursing home, but once you get used to it isn't that bad. I hit on my first 70-year-old, a first for me, but hey it is Spring Break!!

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday** Basketball, basketball, and more basketball, accompanied by beer, beer, and more beer, but hey it is Spring Break!

**Monday, March 24, 2003, 8:30 a.m.**

Begin my journey to Key West, the car is pointed south, and I, much to my exhilaration, am in the car with two women my age (and they were hot!!!).

**Monday, March 24, 2003, 10 p.m.**

After a day at the beach, the girls and I decide to go out. We hit up a few "hot spots". We finally end up at the place that would become our final destination of the night, I believe, from what I can remember, the name of the bar was "Sloppy Joe's." I then see many things. I see possibly the tallest girl in the world, and am almost struck by projectile vomit

coming from the table next to ours. The projectile vomit, believe it or not, was from what had to be a 6'4", 215-pound jock. His buddies laugh, and I wipe off my shoes.

**Tuesday, March 25, 2003, 7 p.m.**

Return to Geriatric Beach, much to my dismay no one has gotten any younger.

**Wednesday, March 26, 2003, 8 p.m.**

Rob "Slacker" Shea and I are accompanied to Delray Beach by four beauties. That's right, Rob and I, were accompanied by not one, not two, not three, but four women. We go out. Unfortunately, we come back too soon. Reality does bite.

**Thursday, March 27, 2003, 7 p.m.**

Hello, Columbus. Goodbye, sun. Back to life, back to reality.

**Joe's Spring Break**

My trip to Vegas was understandably much shorter than Chuck's to Florida. For those of you that don't know about the 48-hour rule, you either haven't been to Vegas, or you've been to Vegas, but haven't really been to Vegas. It would be rather hard for me to give you the break down of my vacation the way Chuck has. We you don't

sleep or see the sun for 48-hours, time just sort of runs together. I was out in Vegas for the bachelor parties of two friends from Miami. We decided to stay at Mandelay Bay for the simple reason that they have the best sports book in Vegas and it was tourney time. And for those of you that have been there before, I'm sure that you can think of one other real big reason.

Vegas trips always produce some crazy stories. This trip was no different. However, this being a school newspaper, if I told the stories in full, they would never make it to print. So I will summarize some of my experiences and let you use your creative minds to fill in the blanks.

First, the scenery every place we went was top notch and very friendly. For those of you that know me, whenever I go out, whether it's in Columbus or anyplace else, I tend to strike up conversations with complete strangers, and Vegas was no exception. I met a ton of cool people, most being from the West Coast, that were really fun to party with and look at.

I also have never seen so many grown men cry when UK and Arizona both lost. Talk about an experience. The Mandelay Bay sports

book is gigantic and almost everybody in there was screaming by the end of the day (I however, took the Marquette moneyline which paid out very handsomely). I think the casino made enough money off those two games to last them the entire year. The first night we were there, twelve security guards escorted one of my friends out of the Bellagio and the next night three security guards found another one of my friends (who happens to be an ER doctor) not functioning too well in the Casino bathroom.

Unfortunately, one of the nights I was forced to accompany my friends to the place that I least desired to go, I will just call it the CR II. That was quite an experience; one that I'm sure will scar me for life, though we did see a couple of celebrities being treated extra nice at the CR II.

These are just a few of the things that happened to me on my Vegas vacation. The rest I swore I would never reveal, at least not until I have had a couple of cocktails. For those of you that have never been to Vegas before, grab a group of friends and go, because that trip will undoubtedly produce stories that you will remember for the rest of your life.

## Students 'love' Turack Doubles Tennis Tournament



Students participating in the Spring 2003 SBA-Leonie Turack Law School Tennis Tournament enjoyed several exciting doubles matches on a crisp Spring morning. Winners, at left, Terry Wheeler and Gregory Sheets are featured with their trophies and of course, Mrs. Turack. Professor Dan Kobil was also on hand. Look for more exciting doubles tourney action next year.

## First Year Evening Students' Westlaw Training

Westlaw training for first year evening students will take place from May 13, 2003 through May 27, 2003. All classes will be held in Room 223, the Computer Classroom. Each student has been assigned a training class. Class assignment sheets will be posted on the Westlaw bulletin board, located near the Reference Office on the fourth floor of the Library. Students may switch to another training session, if there is room. Class size is limited to 20 students. Attendance is mandatory.

Students with questions concerning Westlaw training should contact Professor Orlando. Her email address is [jorlando@law.capital.edu](mailto:jorlando@law.capital.edu) and her office phone number is 236-6448. Lexis training will be announced at a later date.

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