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Editor's Note

Welcome back from Spring Break! Three-fourths (3/4) of the way done.

Now that Spring Break is behind us, only one-fourth (1/4) of the '14-'15 school year remains, and whether you are a 1L, 2L or 3L, it means exactly the

same thing to all of us:

WE ARE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO THE END OF LAW SCHOOL!

Hopefully that excites you as much as it does me. If it doesn't, that's OK, because you still have eight weeks left in this semester, so I hope you enjoy them.

If the reason you aren't excited about another summer and nearing the end of school is that your current employment status is less than ideal, you can be grateful that we included a whole Q&A section with the Career Services Office.

If you need a distraction from school, we've taken care of that for you as well with our "Spring Adventures" spread in the middle of this issue.

We aim to please.

But whatever your reason for excitement (or lack thereof) may be, as the EIC of this news magazine, I want to thank you for your readership and general concern for things outside your own life. Even if you don't realize it, you make a mark on this world. And as lawyers I believe we have a general duty to improve the world around us.

Cover: Anum Arshad, 3L, and Hadeer Soliman, 3L, address the crowd at the candlelight vigil held in Atallah Piazza on the undergrad campus February 16. Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu Salha, three young muslims, were killed in a hate crime in North Carolina February 11.

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Chapman Hosts Candlelight Vigil to Honor Three Young Muslims

Deah Barakat, his wife Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha, Yusor’s sister, were shot and killed February 11, 2015 by a neighbor allegedly over a parking dispute, although some believe it to be a hate crime. The deaths have sparked national media attention and a call for increased religious tolerance.

On Monday, February 16, the Fish Interfaith Center, along with the Muslim Students Association (MSA) and the Muslim Law Students Association (MuLSA), hosted a candlelight vigil in memory of the three American Muslim individuals who were killed near the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (UNCCH).

Deah Barakat, 23, a dental student at UNCCH School of Dentistry, his wife Yusor Abu-Salha, 21, a graduate of NC State University and a recent admit to the UNCCH School of Dentistry, and her sister Razan Abu-Salha, 19, a second-year student at NC State University, were all shot on Tuesday, February 11, 2015, in Barakat and Abu-Salha’s apartment by a neighbor.

Gail Stearns, Dean of Chapman’s Wallace All Faiths Chapel,

opened the candlelight vigil at the Attallah Piazza by welcoming over 75 attendees, which included a combination of students, faculty, community members, and school administrators. Despite the windy night, attendees were inspired to join hands, pray, or light candles honoring the lives of the three students.

“It was good to see people of different faiths coming together because there is no real division in front of this horror,” said Chapman University Chancellor Daniele Struppa after the event.

Jamaal Diwan, a local imam and Islamic scholar, then shared a moment of silence and spoke about arrogance as a root cause of hatred and violence, and encouraged people to instead get to know one another. Muslema Purmul, also a local Islamic scholar, spoke about her family members’ personal interactions with

Barakat, who was described as being a true friend, dedicated to providing food for the homeless in his own neighborhood as well as providing dental services to refugees abroad. Shabaz Malik, an undergraduate student from the MSA read the names of the victims as candles were lit in their memory.

“I don’t remember anything else that has personally shocked Muslims in the way that this did,” Hamza Siddiqui, 3L and board member of MuLSA, said after the event. “I’m glad that we’re all able to come together because I think that this is a way to get the conversation started about how racism in the U.S. is a problem – whether it’s the black community, the Muslim community, the Hispanic community, whatever it is.”

“I was shocked by the media reaction, or lack thereof,” said Nida Hasan, 3L. “I’m grateful that after the community came together to bring attention to the issue, the media did react and has been covering it.”

Ameera Jafrey, a third-year undergraduate student and a member of the MSA, spoke during the vigil about the importance of honoring the legacy of the young people who were killed.

Anum Arshad, 3L and Vice President of MuLSA, thanked the administration and faculty at Chapman for making Muslim students feel safe and protected and reminded the group of the importance of responding with resilience during difficult times.

Professor Bobby Dexter, professor of tax and business law at Fowler School of Law, said later that the event gave attendees “an opportunity to begin to lead themselves out of their ignorance.”

Mohammad Faqih, Religious Director at the Islamic Institute of Orange County and a personal friend of the families of the victims, recounted his experiences with the individuals and the ser-

vices they provided their communities. He expressed the community’s sadness at this time and remembered the Coptic Christians killed at the hands of ISIS recently and another Muslim killed in a hate-related incident a week earlier in his prayers.

“I’m happy that we’re taking proactive steps and I’m happy that Chapman University, and the law school, has been very welcoming to our community to talk about this issue,” said Hugo Salazar, 3L.

- Hadeer Soliman

Left: Leaders, students and faculty gathered at the vigil in the Attallah Piazza of the undergrad campus.
Bottom: Dean Gail Stearns of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel addresses the crowd.
Below: Each person in attendance offered a moment of silence and held a lit candle to honor the three young lives lost earlier this month.



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FALL IN BAR PASSAGE RATE LEADS TO FEWER LAW SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

With the California February 2015 Bar Exam just behind us, Fowler Law's bar passage rate is a hot topic. On the July 2014 Exam, Fowler Law, once again, "over performed," given its #140 U.S. News ranking. **

Bar Pass Rank (Rate)	School	US News Rank CA (Overall)
1 (88.3%)	UC-Berkeley	2 (9)
2 (87.6%)	Stanford	1 (3)
3 (86.6%)	USC	4 (20)
4 (85.6%)	UC-Davis	5 (36)
5 (81.7%)	UCLA	3 (16)
6 (79.9%)	Loyola-L.A.	9 (87)
7 (77.7%)	Pepperdine	6 (54)
8 (77.1%)	UC-Irvine	n/r
9 (74.8%)	Chapman	11 (130)
10 (72.7%)	San Diego	8 (79)
11 (71.3%)	California Western	Tier 2
69.4%	Statewide Ave. (CA ABA-Approved)	
12 (68.3%)	UC-Hastings	6 (54)
13 (65.5%)	La Verne	n/r
14 (61.4%)	San Francisco	Tier 2
15 (60.5%)	McGeorge	12 (146)
16 (60.4%)	Santa Clara	10 (107)
17 (58.8%)	Western State	Tier 2
18 (54.4%)	Southwestern	Tier 2
19 (44.7%)	Thomas Jefferson	Tier 2
20 (43.8%)	Golden Gate	Tier 2
21 (42.7%)	Whittier	Tier 2

As of March 10, 2015, among California law schools, Fowler Law is ranked #11, but #9 in bar passage.

By comparison, UC-Hastings is #6 among California law schools (ranked #54 overall), yet it is #12 in bar passage (which is below the state average).

UC-Irvine's stated goal is to be a Top 20 law school in its inaugural U.S. News ranking (to be announced this March), which would rank it #4 among California law schools, yet it is #8 in bar passage rate.

Santa Clara is #10 among California law schools (ranked #107 overall), but it is ranked #16 in bar passage rate.

One of the bigger stories this year, however, is the striking decline in the California bar passage rate. The 48.6% pass rate was a drop of nearly seven percentage points from the previous year. The last time the passage rate dipped below half was in 2005.

But these declines were concentrated in the lowest ranked schools. At the five highest ranked schools, the bar passage rate was down 1.5 percentage points. At the five lowest ranked schools, it was down 12.3 percentage points.

Nationwide bar passage rates have also dropped by a significant margin (by five percent or more) compared to the July 2013 exam). One reason for the drop is a national decrease in scores on the MBE portion of the Bar.

Various reports indicate that the average number of credited answers on this year's MBE was 141.5, a drop from 144.3 in 2013. Though it seems minor, apparently this is the largest single-year drop since the MBE has been given (going back a number of decades).

Erica Moeser, president of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (that creates the MBE portion), posits that lower scores were due to the "fact that the group that sat in July 2014 was less able than the group that sat in July 2013."

Some have suggested that Moeser's "less able" comment refers to a possible correlation between decreasing MBE and LSAT scores. Between 2010 and 2013, LSAT scores at the 25th percentile dropped at 20 of the top 22 ranked law schools. To maintain their ranking, these law schools don't lower their entrance credentials, but they admit much weaker students in the bottom 25th percentile.

The largest decline in LSAT scores, however, is seen at "bottom-feeder" law schools. At Schools like Charlotte School of Law, Suffolk and Arizona Summit -- where the MBE scores dropped by seven points -- the 25th percentile LSAT score went from 152 to 145. Some schools even dropped their bottom 25th percentile LSAT to 141.

Still, there is not a single explanation for the dip in MBE scores. Some have speculated that the National Conference of Bar Examiners may have unintentionally crafted questions that were a bit more difficult than the previous year's, or that were subject to misinterpretation. Derek Muller, a professor at Pepperdine University who writes on the 'business of law', wrote on his blog that he is "increasingly convinced that [the NCBE's] decision in

the scoring of the MBE had some role."

Professor Muller also believes that the decrease in MBE scores and bar passage rates makes it more difficult for schools to attract applicants. "Law school deans are in a particularly difficult situation these days." Some schools have reduced tuition and increased scholarships, and some have cut staff.

In turn, some question the law school investment altogether. But thinking forward to the July 2015 California Bar exam, one thing is clear: law graduates today are in a different work environment.

"The legal profession has always been stressful," Muller writes. "This is the new normal. There will be volatility in the legal profession, in the higher-education system, in the economy. We have to learn to adjust."

- Boyd Johnson

** The U.S. News Rankings were released the evening of March 9, 2015. The Dale E. Fowler School of Law is now ranked 127 over all, which is a 13-spot improvement.

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Spring Adventures!!

The semester is coming to a head, we are halfway through and we can taste summer break on the tip of our tongues. Thank goodness for warm weather and sunshine in SoCal. So, for those of you who didn't live life to the fullest during Spring Break, or the adventurous looking for more, it's a good idea to enjoy ourselves before the (real) downhill slope to finals begins.



Keeping in mind that money is tight, and that you may have have some work to do even on weekends, there are still plenty of things you can do to make the most of your "off time." We have compiled a guide to some of our favorite places and some of the best spots in So Cal so that you can take off on a little adventure. Whether you want a weekend away, a daytrip, an

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outdoor activity, or a night out on the town, there is something here for everyone. We hope you all enjoy your time not in school and make sure you use your time off the max. Have fun!

1&2. San Juan Capistrano: The Mission and Swallow's Inn

Mission San Juan Capistrano was a Spanish Mission in Colonial Las Californias founded in 1776. Its ruins are located in San Juan Capistrano right outside of the train station. It is a California Historical Landmark that offers tours through its 10 acres of gardens, fountains and structures. It is an amazing sight to see and a fantastic daytime adventure. After soaking in the sun at this amazing piece of history, head across the street to Swallow's Inn, an old-school country-western bar that offers handcrafted drinks and live music. This is also a really great trip to take on the train. Amtrak goes from Orange to San Juan Capistrano, so if you don't want to drive, hop on the train and make a day of it!

3. Downtown Fullerton – Orange County

Downtown Fullerton offers a rustic old-town atmosphere that is home to over 35 bars and restaurants within a 6-block radius. There is something for every appetite and mood. There is the local Bootlegger's Brewery, the famous Heroes Bar and Grille, and a majority of the bars play live music on a nightly basis. You can take the train from Old Town Orange right into the heart of Downtown Fullerton and walk to bar hop for a fun night out on the town, or just to dinner. There are also a slew of unique boutiques for shopping, and most of the restaurants serve lunch...and drinks, for a daytime outing as well.

4. Frozen Bananas in Newport Beach – Orange County

Dad's Donuts and Sugar and Spice; two of the oldest Frozen Banana stands in Newport Beach. The first frozen banana stand appeared sometime around 1940, and it has been a staple of the Newport Beach culture ever since. So if you decide you want to soak up some rays and hang out around the Balboa Peninsula in Newport Beach, cool off with a frozen banana as well! You can also stop to check out the surfers tackling The Wedge. There are



bikes to rent for a cruise along the boardwalk, or small boats called "Duffys" to cruise around the waters. There are plenty of great restaurants and bars down on the Peninsula as well. Newport Beach is great for daytime fun or a night out on the town.

5. Venice Beach – Los Angeles

Venice is known for its canals, beaches, and circus-like Ocean Front Walk, which is a two-and-a-half mile pedestrian-only boardwalk promenade that hosts a gang of street performers, fortune-tellers, artists and vendors. There are bars and restaurants that line the promenade and a never-ending supply of exciting, weird, and wonderful people to watch. In Venice, you can be sure to find all of the gadgets, trinkets, and crazy art you never knew you needed to buy. Definitely don't miss out on Muscle Beach, the famous outdoor weight lifting gym to see an interesting show, and stop by the outdoor basketball courts to watch some of the best slam-dunks and pick-up games around.

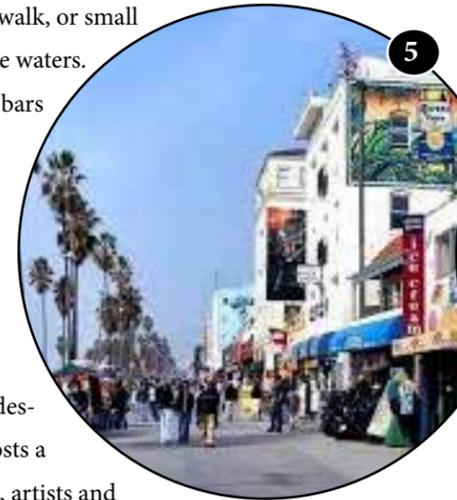
6. Disneyland – Chapman Student Discount

After the stresses of the semester, it might be nice to go visit the Happiest Place on Earth! The always fun and wonderful Disneyland in Anaheim is a great place to let off some steam and to run around like a carefree kid again. If you visit <http://www.chapman.edu/students/life/tickets.aspx> you can get info on discounted tickets for Chapman students. Riding Space Mountain and hanging out with Mickey Mouse is a great way to unwind.

7. Griffith Park and The Hollywood Sign

Griffith Park is full of Los Angeles landmarks, including the Hollywood Sign and Griffith Observatory. The Observatory is located on Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park and offers a planetarium, exhibits, public telescopes, a cafe, bookstore, and the best views of the Los Angeles basin...and it's free! Visitors may drive directly to the Observatory and park in its lots and roads.

From the Observatory parking lot, you can access Brush Canyon Trail which links up with Mount Lee Road to reach the viewing area behind the Hollywood Sign (6.4 miles roundtrip). When you reach the top, stand behind a chain-link fence and look down on the Hollywood Sign backed by the Los Angeles cityscape!



8. Downtown San Diego: Gaslamp Quarter

You can spend an entire day (or weekend) in the Gaslamp Quarter! Rising from the 16 square-blocks are Victorian-era buildings and modern skyscrapers that stand side by side, housing more than 100 of the city's finest restaurants, pubs, nightclubs, and retail shops. Downtown San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter is a veritable playground, rich with cultural offerings that include theatres, art galleries, symphony halls, concert venues, and museums. Other nearby attractions include the whimsical and educational exhibitions at the New Children's Museum, climb aboard the U.S.S. Midway Museum, or catch the Trolley for a quick ride to Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo.

9. Top of the World Hike in Laguna Beach

Top of the World Park in Laguna Beach (officially known as Alta Laguna Park)

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Navigation App Poses Safety Risk, Says Law Enforcement

Police officers can now be found amongst the group of people who question the use of apps such as Google's recently acquired "Waze," which compiles user-contributed information to provide users with real-time road conditions.

According to the Waze website, "Waze is all about contributing to the 'common good' out there on the road.

By connecting drivers to one another, we help people create local driving communities that work together to improve the quality of everyone's daily driving."

However recent statements by both Charlie Beck, Los Angeles police chief, and Sheriff Mike Brown of Bedford County, Virginia and chair of the President of the National Sheriffs Association's technology committee raise issues of security and officer safety as a result of a feature on the Waze app that allows drivers to mark and share the location of police units on the road.

"I am concerned about the safety of law enforcement officers and the community, and the potential for your Waze product to be misused by those with criminal intent to endanger police officers

and the community," Beck said in a letter to Google's CEO, Larry Page, on December 30, 2014.

Similarly, Brown said, "The police community needs to coordinate an effort to have the owner, Google, act like the responsible corporate citizen they have always been and remove this feature from the application even before any litigation or statutory action."

Lay users of the Waze app don't seem to think that the police-reporting feature of the app is nearly as problematic as law enforcement does.

Seth Bowen, 3L, who uses Waze as his primary source of navigation, said, "I love Waze and appreciate that it helps me avoid speed traps and that I can return the favor. In no way do I think the app diminishes police safety. If anything, Waze helps me avoid an accident when cops are stopped on the side of the road with their lights off at night.

Monica Huie, 3L, also dis-

agrees with the law enforcement officials who believe Waze is a safety threat. "I feel that more often than not the cops aren't actually in the places where they are reported because the reporting is done in real-time" **Continued on next page**

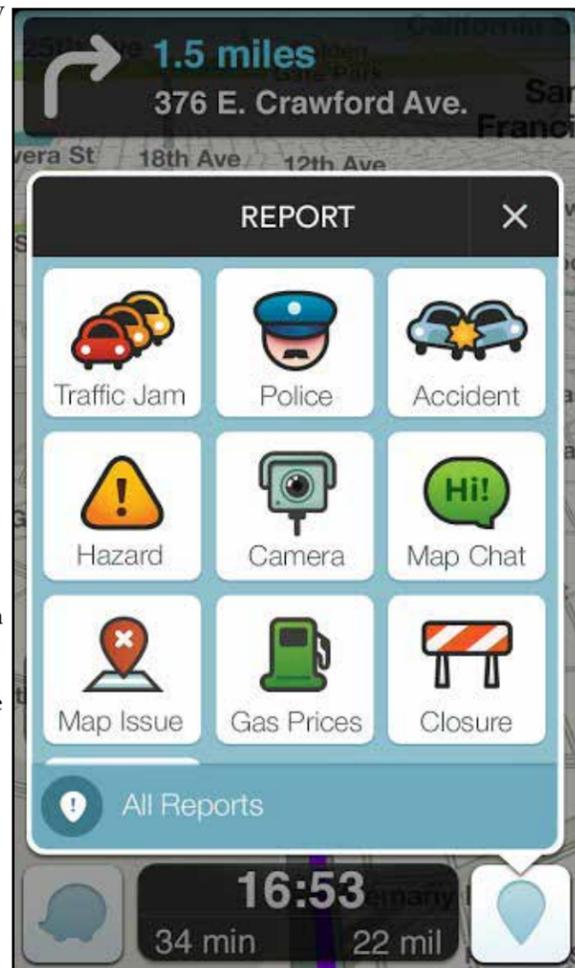
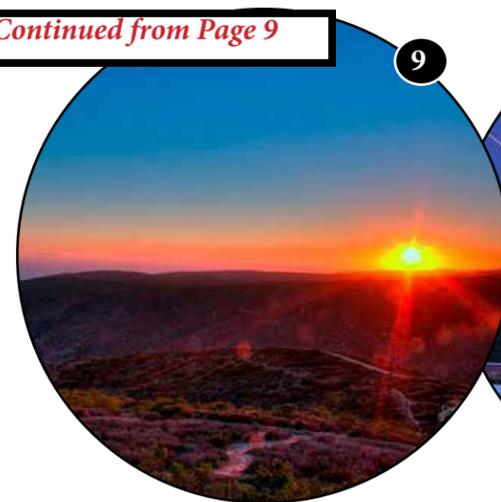


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is one of the best views you will get in Southern California. From this epic peak you can see the beautiful coastline below as well as all of the plunging canyons surrounding Laguna. There are picnic tables and plenty of spots to hang out and relax after the hike. It is about a 6-8 mile hike with one challenging hill. Here are two links to help you navigate where the trailhead is and to plan your route! Dust off those hiking boots and get some exercise this Spring!

- Link 1: <http://www.laguna-beach-info.com/top-of-the-world-park.html>
- Link 2: http://www.trails.com/tcatalog_trail.aspx?trail-id=XTR002-008

10&11. The Queen Mary and the Aquarium of the Pacific - Long Beach

The Queen Mary is a retired ocean liner that is permanently moored in Long Beach as a tourist attraction that is used as a hotel, museum, and event facility. It is known to be one of the 10 most haunted places in America and there is everything from paranormal attractions, shops, a spa, and various events going on all of the time. You can also stay aboard for a haunted over-night adventure. Right across the water from the Queen Mary is the Aquarium of the Pacific. Exhibits introduce the inhabitants and seascapes of the Pacific, while also focusing on specific conservation messages associated with each region. Surrounding both of these places are tons of restaurants, bars, and shops. Making Long Beach an excellent choice for a weekend away from school, but still close enough to home!

- Lorin Herzfeldt and Leanne Brett

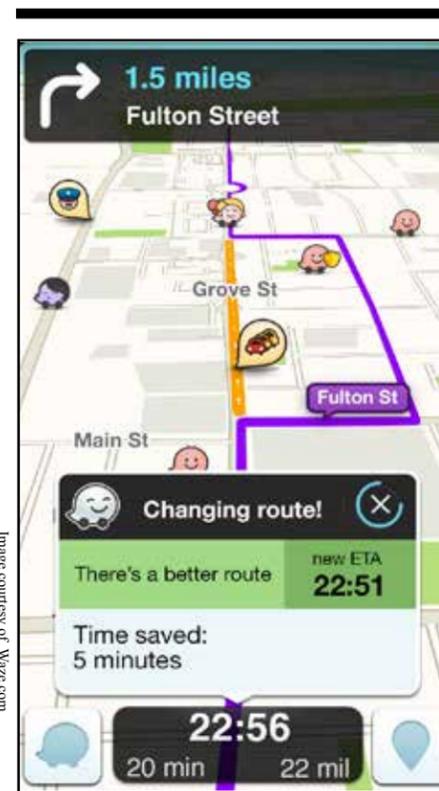


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as cars are driving past," said Huie. "The locations are usually out of date by the time I get to them, so it isn't really reliable. Truthfully I believe the biggest problem with the app is that it distracts drivers."

Waze recognizes the app's utility when it comes to using it to avoid police; the "About Us" section of the Waze website states that the app helps drivers avoid the frustrations of driving, including "cluing

them in to a police trap or shaving five minutes off of their regular commute by showing them new routes they never even knew about."

According to Yahoo, Waze had 50 million users as of June 2013, which is about one-fifth of the total number of licensed drivers in the U.S.

- Ryan Anderson

Left: A screenshot of the "Report" function of the Waze App
Right: The map automatically re-routes drivers to avoid traffic, and displays other Waze users and police officers.

OP/ED: Can Money Buy Happiness?

One of life's many frequent questions is "Does money buy happiness?"

Many people say that life would be much better if they earned more money. Others are convinced that extra money won't make a difference in their lives. So, what does research have to say about this? I came across a *Wall Street Journal* article by Andrew Blackman discussing the research behind this question.

In short, wealth alone doesn't provide any guarantee of a good life. How people spend their money is what matters a lot more. According to Blackman's article, people are much happier when they spend money for experiences rather than for material goods.

Society and the media complicate this further by advertising material goods, and tricking some people into thinking they need what is only a "want." On the other hand, some material goods actually can make life better by making it easier. So there is no black and white definition for happiness. Prof. Howell, associate professor of psychology at San Francisco State University, published a study where he found that people think material purchases offer better value for the money because experiences are fleeting, and material goods last longer.

Cornell University psychology professor Thomas Gilovich noted that experiences tend to meet more of our underlying psychological need; we tend

not to compare our experiences with other people so much.

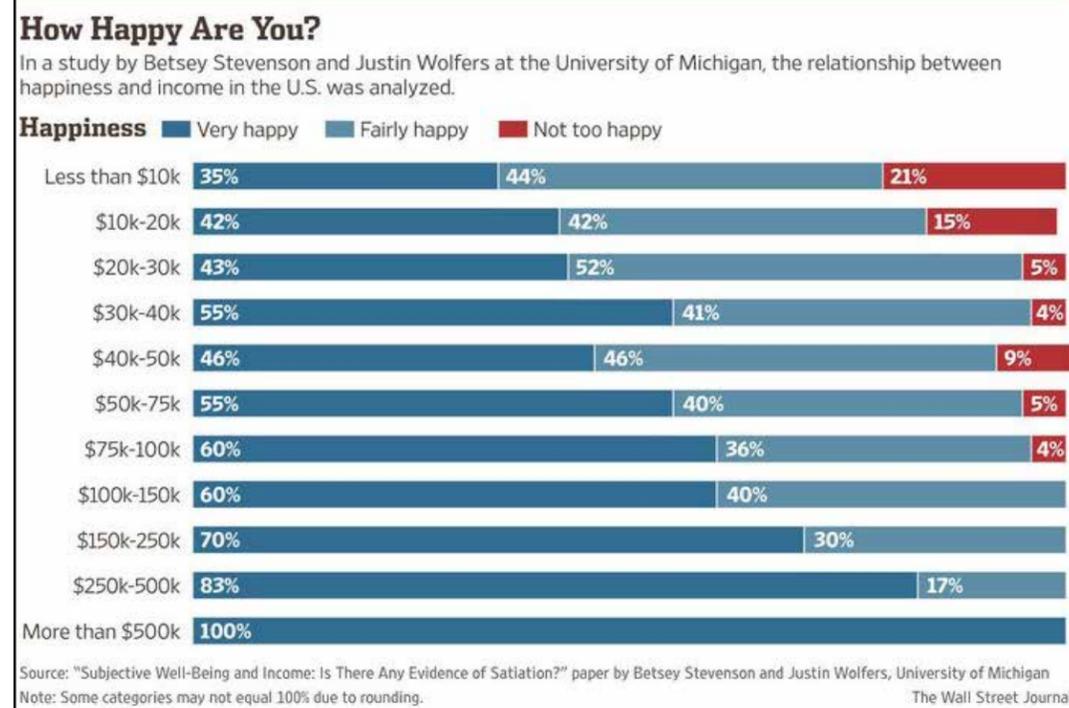
Blackman's article also discussed whether rises in income result in increased happiness. Sonja Lyubomirsky, psychology professor at the University of California, Riverside, mentioned that a rise in income does give you a boost, but then your aspirations rise too. People are good at getting used to changes and wanting more. The key is to find a way to always remember everything you own and avoid adapting to having it around. Putting in effort to increase variety helps with this.

One part of the article that really stood out to me was when it mentioned that, with the research they conducted, happiness did not rise after a household

reached an annual income of approximately \$75,000; however, there was a consistent rise in overall life satisfaction. What this means for us future attorneys is that we shouldn't just strive to make as much money as possible. Yes, money absolutely does help contribute to happiness, but there is so much more.

- Susie Grigoryan

Left: How happy are you? A Univ. of Michigan study found a correlation between happiness and income: The higher the income, the happier people seem to be.



CHAPMAN COMPETES!!

Competitions Faculty Advisor Professor Nancy Schultz was kind enough to compile a list of the Chapman Law competition wins over the last few years. Take a look at what Chapman Law students have done from 2011 to 2014.

Negotiation

- National Entertainment Law Negotiation Competition: Champions 2014, Third Place 2013
- National Sports Law Negotiation Competition: Champions 2013, Fourth Place 2014 and 2012
- ABA-LSD Negotiation Competition: Regional Finalists 2014 (tied for second), 2013
- California Environmental Negotiation Competition: Third Place 2014
- National Negotiation Competition, Liberty University: Second Place 2014
- National IP Transactional Meet: Regional Semifinalists 2013



Arbitration

- ABA-LSD Arbitration Competition: Regional Champions and National Finalists 2012-13; Regional Finalists and National Finalists 2010-11, 2013-14; Regional Semifinalists 2011
- **Mock Trial**
- South Texas Mock Trial Challenge: octofinalists 2014 and 2013; Top Ten Advocate 2014, Most Professional Advocate 2013
- Show Me Challenge (voir dire competition): Semifinalists 2014
- ABA Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition: semifinalists 2011
- California Association for Criminal Justice Trial Competition: quarterfinalists 2012, 2010
- National Trial Competition: regional quarterfinalists 2013 and 2014

Client Counseling

- Regional Finalists 2013

Mediation

- International Law School Mediation Tournament: Mediation

Champions 2013, Third Place Mediation Team 2012 and 2014, Fourth Place Mediation Team 2011, Fifth Place Mediation Team 2011, Sixth Place Mediation Team 2014, Ninth Place Mediation Team 2012; Second Place Advocate/Client Team 2014, Fifth Place Advocate/Client Team 2013, Sixth Place Advocate/Client Team 2011, Eighth Place Advocate/Client Team 2013 and 2014; individual awards for mediators and advocates/clients in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014

- ABA Representation in Mediation Competition: Regional Champions and National Finalists (semifinalists at national finals) 2013, Regional Finalists 2012

Moot Court

- ABA-LSD NAAC Competition: National Finalists 2014 (semifinalists), 2013, 2011; Regional Finalists 2013 and 2014; Fourth Place National Advocate and Ninth Place National Advocate 2014; Top Regional Advocate 2013; Second Place Regional

Advocate 2013

- National Moot Court Competition: Regional Semifinalists 2012, Regional Quarterfinalists 2012, 2013, and 2014; Second Place Regional Brief (tie) 2014, Third and Fourth Place Regional Briefs 2012
- Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition: National Finalists 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011; Finalists at National Finals 2011; Semifinalists at National Finals 2014; Quarterfinalists at National Finals 2013, 2012; Top National Advocate 2013; Second Place National Brief 2014; Top Regional Advocate 2011; First Place Regional Brief 2014, 2012, and 2011
- Charleston Moot Court Competition: Best Brief 2014
- Whittier Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition: Finalists 2014; Semifinalists 2013 and 2014; Third Place Brief 2013; First, Second and Third Place Advocates 2014; Second, Third, and Fourth Place Advocates 2013; Second Place Brief, Fifth Place Advocate 2012

National Pretrial Competition

- Fifth Place 2014, Quarterfinalists 2012, Semifinalists 2011

HIGHLIGHT: CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

If you haven't been to the Career Services Office lately you probably aren't aware of the new staff working to provide students with career advice and opportunities. Recently Melissa Berry joined the CSO as assistant dean of Career Services, and Michelle Nguyen as the law recruiting program manager. Joined by Joan Mountain, assistant director over 3Ls and alumni,



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Melissa Berry

Berry and Nguyen are available to assist students on any career-related questions. **Looking for Summer Legal Positions**

Students should create opportunities to network with people they meet. By going to networking events or just putting yourself out there and talking to people, you never know what opportunities may be presented. When you do find that person that you have a connection with, ask about their career path, and if they know

someone in a particular field in which you are interested. Once you have made that connection, remember to send a "thank you" email within 24 hours, and add them on LinkedIn, so that they can place a name to a face. However, if you are shy or not sure how to get started, the CSO's counselors have the answers to help you out.

Tailoring your career search broadly or narrowly

When students are applying for a summer job or post bar jobs, they should apply broadly and be open to opportunities that you might have not thought of before. For most people, their first job is a stepping-stone to their ultimate dream

job. It is all about the experience and skills you obtain from your first job that you can use to transition to your next job. Students should be continually networking, even if they already have a job, because they may be able to get clients, refer clients, or even find their next job. Moreover, take advantage of job postings at the CSO.

Current students can find job postings through the Classifieds, Simplicity and talking to the



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CSO counselors. For graduating students, check the Classifieds and Simplicity as well. Once you graduate, you still have access to Simplicity, and instead of getting the Classifieds emails, you will get what is called "Job Seeker." Job Seeker is an amazing tool to help alumni find jobs. Just make sure once you graduate to update your email with the CSO and keep in touch with Assistant Director Mountain, because you have a life time of services with the CSO and its database.

The impact of grades and networking on landing a job

According to the CSO, Both are very important in finding a job. Having good grades will open a lot of opportunities if you are looking to apply to big law firms. However, if you don't have the grades for big law firms, do not worry! Just because you do not have excellent grades does not mean you can't make up by networking. Also, the practical skills gained from an externship, internship, and clinic are invaluable. Just keep on working hard and networking, because it will pay off in the end.

Recommendations for current 3Ls

First and foremost, make an appoint-

ment to see Assistant Director Mountain to discuss your career plan or goal. Use the CSO resources, such as informational interviews with working attorneys in the particular field in which you are interested. This is a great tool for 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, because the CSO will set up the meeting for you. The only thing you have to do is to show up with a list of questions and be eager to learn from the attorney.

Always have business cards on hand, because you never know who you will meet and with whom you can connect.

Once a connection is made, remember to follow up with them within 24 hours after the meeting. If a long time has passed,

the best time to send another follow up email is in November, because it is right before the holidays and it is a great way to wish your connection an amazing New Year.

Lastly, when searching for a post bar job, remember to have a fresh pair of eyes look over your materials because new eyes will catch things previously unnoticed. Apply broadly so you do not pigeon-hole yourself, and be flexible on your ultimate dream job. This goes back to the fact that your first job is all about gaining the experience that you can take with you to your



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next job. If you can be geographically flexible, then take that opportunity, because you never know what amazing experiences you can gain from it.

Furthermore, remember to be diligent and have patience. Good things come to those who wait.

The CSO counselors could be your secret weapon to finding the job you desire, and they want to see all Chapman students succeed. Don't forget to stop by on Wake Up Wednesdays for free coffee, and to say hi to the new faces.

Below is their contact information, and they cannot wait to hear from you all!

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Choosing an Emphasis: What's in it for you?

How beneficial is it to have an emphasis in law school? In some situations, employers may view an emphasis certificate in a positive light because it shows that you were committed to specializing in that area of law.

However, if you should lose interest in your acquired emphasis and find yourself interviewing with an employer whose area of law is different than your emphasis; your specialization may provoke the employer to question whether you're really interested in their area of law.

Like all things in life, there are both positive and negative aspects that accompany emphasis programs.

You may be wondering, when are students supposed to find the time to decide whether they want to

specialize in a certain area of law? More so, when are students supposed to take the required courses for their respective emphasis programs?

During law school, students are already preoccupied with numerous mandatory courses and suggested externships. Thus, here lies a potential problem with emphasis programs since most require anywhere from four to eight courses on top of a student's general J.D. requirements. There seems to be little time to really determine whether a certain area interests you.

Another problem is that students don't realize they want to concentrate on an area until they are already in their last year. Some 3Ls have stated that they would have participated in an emphasis program, but they were unable to take the required courses.

Fowler School of Law currently offers six emphasis programs: Entertainment Law, Environment, Land Use, and Real Estate Law (ENLURE), Tax Law, Business Law, Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, and International Law. Each program provides students with the opportunity to concentrate in their particular field of interest.

These specializations don't necessarily confine the student's marketability to those areas of law. For example, with a Business Law Emphasis, you have the option to expand that certificate to include classes dealing with bankruptcy, tax law, employment law and even intellectual property.

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Danny Kalinowski, 3L, reflected on his time in the ENLURE emphasis program, saying, “I wanted to have a career involving

land use, so I believed that the emphasis would help separate me from other candidates to show a hiring attorney that my interest in land use is definite.” Kalinowski elaborated, “The biggest con is that there is a possibility a student may have completed an emphasis only to discover an interest or opportunity in another area of law.”

It seems that unless students have really fallen in love with a particular area of law or have known all along that they wanted to specialize, the timing of their decision to do so is crucial. Nonetheless, an emphasis program only provides students with more education - something that never hurts.

- Ryan Yabko

DEPRESSION IN THE PROFESSION:

LAWYERS RANK AMONGST LOWEST FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Peanut butter and jelly. Milk and cookies. Lawyers and depression. Something about these pairings makes them go hand-in-hand. Unlike the former two, which are wonderful, the latter pairing is a serious problem that persists among lawyers and law students across the country.

There are many reasons as to why depression is so prevalent in the legal profession. For starters, students in general are much more prone to anxiety. However, law school is an entirely different beast that creates another level of anxiety.

Namely, law school creates a culture of extreme stress by imposing a system of cold calling, a significant amount of reading and a dreadful grading curve. Most, if not all students, are unaccustomed to this type of ultra-competitive, Socratic education because it is so different to what they experienced in undergrad.

For these reasons, the first year is commonly the most shocking and stressful for students. Joe Peacock, 1L, described his experience so far, stating “... the most important thing to do as a 1L is to find time for yourself. I take one day out of the weekend to do something completely unrelated to school.” He explained that this usually involves spending time

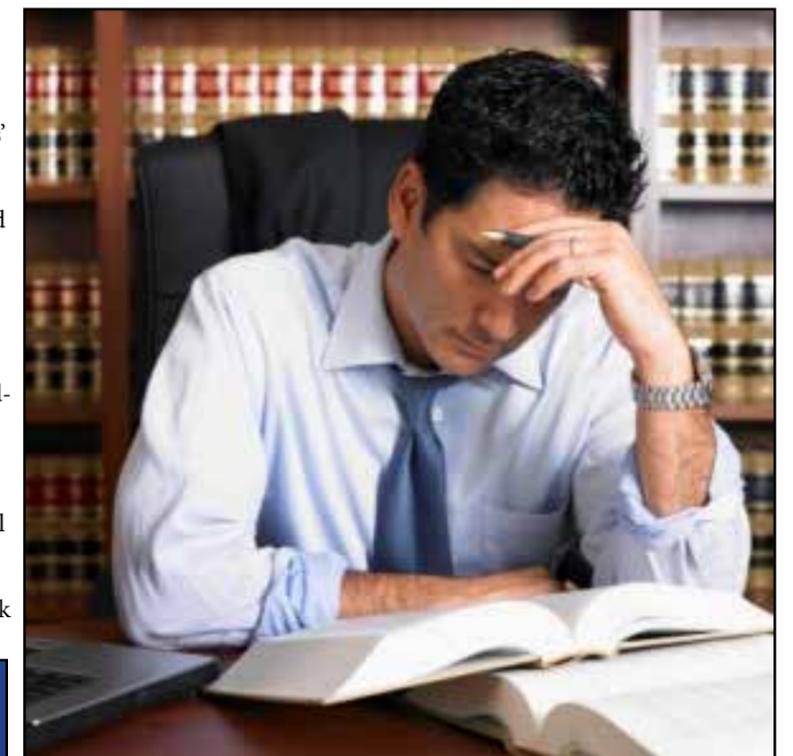
with friends and family. Similarly, Justin Odell, 2L, described his first year, saying, “The fact that everyone was stressing out seemed to make me feel like I wasn't irrational for feeling such misery. Having a close group of friends and meeting new people who were all in the same boat decreased my stress levels and made the first year much more bearable.”

Moreover, law students learn about the adversarial nature of the profession, which pushes them to look at circumstances more analytically and to question the ethical consequences of their actions. This new way of thinking can, and often does, lead to a more amoral and pes-

simistic outlook on life because law students' habitually examine and scrutinize every fact or situation. Peacock added, “I think I've become more critical of everything. I think

it's only a natural reaction to learning a new way of thinking.” In addition to these new practices, students are constantly worrying about passing the Bar Exam, finding employment and dealing with their student loans.

It's possible that a law student's psychological health may be compromised while in law school. The bar exam even asks applicants about their mental health history. This can prove to be quite the obstacle for those who do suffer from a psychiatric disability or have sought professional help as it can hinder acceptance to the bar. This hurdle puts people in a predicament - do they seek help, but



Left: Depression and substance abuse are prevalent among law students and lawyers because of the stress, competition and long working hours.

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risk not being accepted to the bar? Or do they persist not dealing with their mental health issues?

Outside of law school it is often the culmination of working long hours, intense competition and the highly emotional nature of the job, which builds stress over time. Surprisingly (or maybe not), lawyers are more prone to clinical depression and substance abuse problems than many other professions.

In response to the growing concern of mental health issues among law students, the ABA started its Mental Health Initiative, declaring March 27 as National Mental Health Day. The ABA suggests that one of the best ways to prevent depression is to maintain a “balance” among all

aspects of your life and to cope with stress in healthy ways.

Bridget Brennan, 2L, follows the ABA’s suggestion. “Staying balanced not only is more fun, it’s essential to being a productive and sane law student. Making time to practice yoga is important for my happiness and I don’t feel the slightest bit of guilt putting off reading or work because I know I’ll be all the more productive once I’m recharged,” Brennan said.

Overall, the ABA is attempting to implement programs that help to alleviate the problem within the legal profession, however, there is much more that still needs to be done. Firms and law schools can address the problem openly and enthusiastically as it will most likely affect each law student or lawyer at some point

or another in their career.

Eliminating the stigma associated with these mental health issues will only prove to advance the attitude of the legal profession.

- Ryan Yabko

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Chapman Sports and Entertainment Law Society (CSELS) hosted its second Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium on Friday, February 6, 2015.

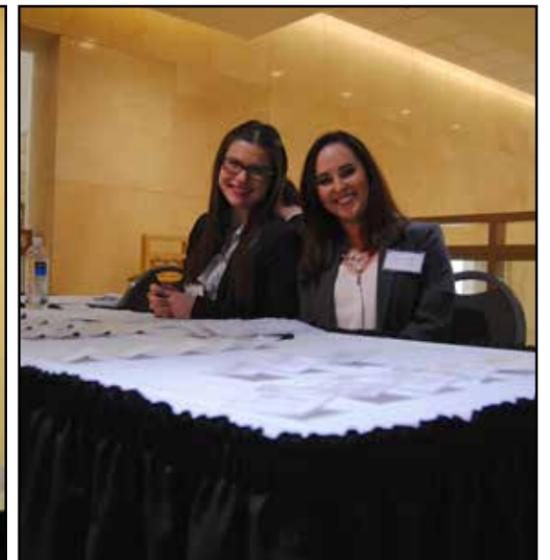
The Symposium featured four panels

filled with distinguished experts and practitioners in the areas of sports and entertainment law, athlete representation, intellectual property and in-house counsel. David Dunn, CEO of Athletes First, an NFL player agency, delivered a keynote

address on the money machine that the American Football industry has become.

He spoke mostly about the effects it has on the players when it comes to their health and safety and endorsements, as well as

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Above: Evan Brennan, 3L, moderates fourth Symposium panel on ethics and conflicts of interest in athlete representation.
Middle Left: Prof. Hugh Hewitt moderating the first panel of the symposium.
Middle Right: Fowler Law student volunteers checking in guests and speakers.
Right: Peter E. Perkowski, partner at Winston & Strawn, LLP, during the second panel on intellectual property in sports.

the power it provides players.

For instance, Troy Aikman, a retired quarterback who played for the Dallas Cowboys, has seven hospital wings named after him.

Dunn also spoke about the importance of knowing clients desires and how to advocate and negotiate in their best interests.

According to the

Symposium website, “The symposium covers substantive areas of law such as intellectual property, contract law, labor law, anti-trust law, and corporate finance. The Entertainment and Sports Law Society



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