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Editor's Note

"All great achievements require time."
Maya Angelou

It's surreal to think that we are in our ninth week of the Fall semester already! Each year of law school brings with it a different and unique set of challenges to conquer. As law students, we are all naturally wired to push ourselves to new limits. What seemed like hard work in our undergraduate years is the bare minimum level of hard work in law school, and this is something we all collectively understand when we speak with each other. I have come to realize how important it is to build a strong network of friends in law school. Times get tough, and it seems to be the most comforting to hear words of encouragement from fellow classmates because they are the ones who truly understand what you are going through.

Three years seem like a long time, but in hindsight three years are a small sacrifice for a lifetime of doing what you love. Stress may be starting to build up as we inch closer to finals, but it's important to stay focused on the light at the end of the tunnel. Make short-term goals and don't forget to reward yourself after acquiring your achievements.

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DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE:

WHAT SHOULD WE BE LOOKING FOR?

Given our renowned faculty, impressive staff and innovative student body, Chapman's Fowler School of Law is both progressive and pioneering. Our current Dean, Tom Campbell, has taken his role very seriously since taking the job in February, 2011, and has been committed not only to academic excellence, but also to creating a tight-knit learning environment among his colleagues and students. Dean Campbell has brought an impressive background to his job, having served as the Bank of America Dean and professor at Haas School of Business at University of Caliornia, Berkeley, and also as a professor at the Stanford School of Law. He is also known for his kindness, patience, and inventiveness.

Throughout Campbell's time as Dean, he has encouraged the development of a curriculum that focuses largely on practicality – providing students with necessary hands-on training for their future careers as attorneys. He also established the new business emphasis program and concentrated heavily on the LL.M programs, along with the development of closer ties with the Chapman University undergraduate program. Campbell has exercised excellent fiscal responsibility during his time as Dean. This is only a short list of the accomplishments Campbell has achieved while in the position of Dean.

Unfortunately, our beloved Dean Campbell has decided to step down at the end of this academic year. However, he is not leaving us! He has decided to go back to his original role as law professor and will be teaching courses here.

A search committee, filled with many of Fowler's faculty, has been appointed to find Dean Campbell's replacement. They are already in full-fledged search mode, looking for possible candidates. A member of the committee, Professor Marisa Ciancurulo says that she is looking for a dean who is "enthusiastic about our students, our faculty and our staff; someone with the energy and commitment to work continuously to get the law school's name the positive recognition it deserves."

An open forum was offered by the search committee for students to sit down and talk honestly about their expectations for the dean's position. Comments emphasized that the next dean must understand and help facilitate Chapman's Fowler School of Law close-knit community among current students, alumni, and local attorneys. Students also want someone who will continue to oversee the day-to-day activities of the law school, as well as bring innovative ideas to improve the institution as a whole. The general consensus was that students want a dean who can foster ties and help create a valuable network as well as be interactive with and available to the student body.

There is a sense of urgency to find potential candidates early because there are a large number of law schools across the country that are also expecting to fill the dean position for the upcoming academic year. Therefore, the search committee is taking a head-on approach with the goal being for potential candidates to be interviewed by early December. There will be a meeting for faculty, staff, and students to be informed of the credentials of candidates and give input before the final decision is made.

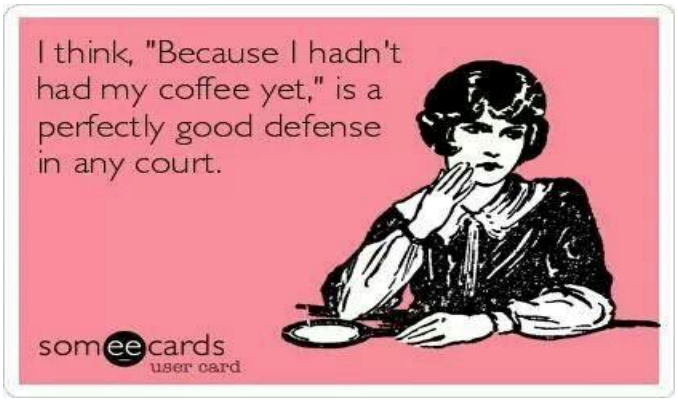
- Rachael Beaty

Law Students:

Caffeine Enthusiasts or Addicts?

As law students, we all love caffeine – whether it's to get us up for that 8 AM class or keep us awake all night studying. We like that extra boost of energy that comes with caffeine consumption, but do we need it? Some of us would say "not really," but many (I would argue most of us) find the thought of functioning without it pretty horrifying.

So ask yourself this: are you addicted to caffeine?



Caffeine is, **according to New Scientist**, the planet's most popular "psychoactive drug." In the United States alone, more than 90 percent of adults are estimated to use it every day. That's a lot of people who enjoy their daily Starbucks or energy drink. Surely we're not all addicted? The answer is maybe, maybe not.

According to the "Smithsonian," regular ingestion of caffeine can alter your brain's chemical makeup, leading to fatigue, headaches and nausea if you try to quit – otherwise known as withdrawals. I've had more than one law school friend tell me about their caffeine withdrawals after finals are finally over, and it's not pretty. Within 24 hours of cutting off your caffeine consumption, withdrawal symptoms begin.

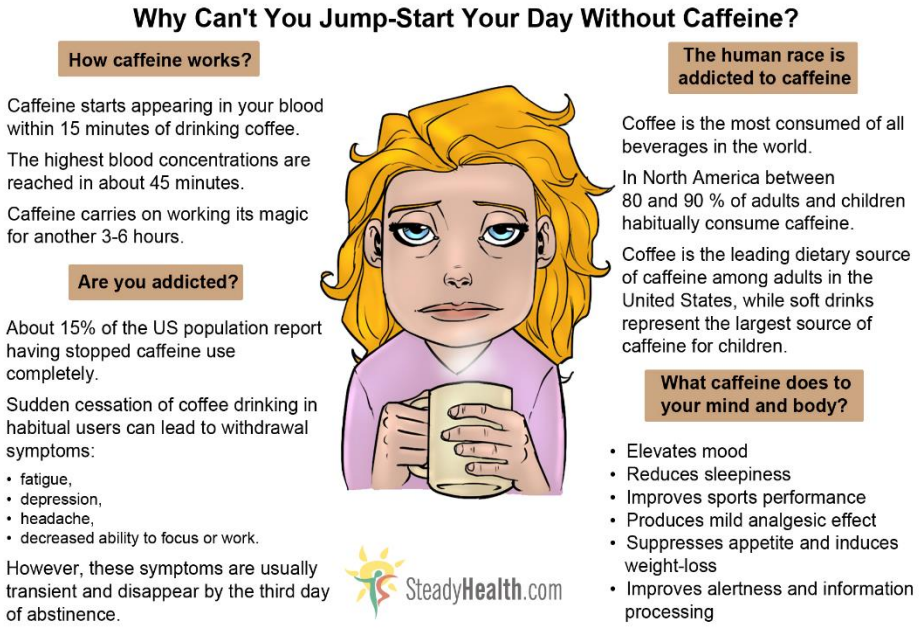
"Your muscles are fatigued, even when you haven't done anything strenuous, and you suspect that you're more irritable than usual. Over time, an unmistakable throbbing headache sets in, making it difficult to concentrate on anything. Eventually, as your body protests having the drug taken away, you might even feel dull muscle pains, nausea and other flu-like symptoms." (Article titled *This Is How Your Brain Becomes Addicted to Caffeine*, Author Joseph Stromberg.)

Furthermore, in May of 2013, caffeine withdrawal was included as a mental disorder for the first time in the 5th edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM). But before you throw your Keurig or coffee maker in the trash, be aware that caffeine affects everyone differently. What might be too much for your roommate might be just fine for you. "Ultimately, you have to become your own scientist – there isn't an alternative to careful self-experimentation," says Stephen Braun, author of Buzz: *The Science and Lore of Alcohol and Caffeine*.

In moderation, caffeine may even have some positive effects. Research suggests it could be associated with a reduced risk of prostate cancer and breast cancer. A recent study linked drinking coffee and tea with **a lower risk of type two diabetes.**

So what's the lesson here? Have your morning cup of coffee or your mid-afternoon Red Bull – just don't overdo it.

- Alexandra Lewke



Uber's Last Ride? The New Era of Classifying Workers

Recently a lot of uncertainty has arisen from the blurry line of classifying workers as "employees" or "independent contractors." Employers and companies have always had to follow guidelines to be able to classify workers as independent contractors; but until recently, the litigation was not all that interesting or profound. However, with the recent upsurge of new start-ups like "Uber" and "Lyft," both of which categorize their workers as independent contractors, this legal classification has been up for major debate.

In a recent case that took many companies by surprise, the California Labor Commission decided that an Uber driver was an employee as opposed to an independent contractor, and that Uber had misclassified her. This particular driver had only been working for Uber for two months and was suing for expenses of $4,000, which she was fully awarded. Though this case only established a ruling on ONE driver, if the courts eventually find that all Uber drivers are employees, it could potentially be crippling for Uber and all other like companies. Not only would they need to compensate these workers for the misclassification but it would also open them up to higher overhead costs going forward, including Social Security, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and overtime payments. This will undoubtedly hurt Uber in a big way, as the company relies on not having to pay these overhead costs to keep the cost of their services down while still making a profit.

Uber is also about to face another hurdle as a group of drivers were just granted class action status in a similar lawsuit for misclassifying them as independent contractors. This lawsuit puts Uber at a great risk, as a loss would mean potentially thousands of payouts that could cripple the riding service. The possibility that this could be a giant bullet to the company, that is estimated to be worth $40 billion dollars, is a very real problem.

Just this last month, the same attorney from the Uber cases filed two lawsuits on behalf of the workers at two other startups, "GrubHub" and "DoorDash." It seems the floodgates are opening and workers are taking notice of these misclassification issues. The rulings that come out of these litigated cases will hopefully clear the blurry lines and shape the future of how companies classify workers. One thing that is for sure, however, is that his hot debate does not seem to be going away any time soon.

- Nisa Farhangi

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THE EUROPEAN REFUGEE CRISIS

While the Republican National Debates and Donald Trump have been bombarding our national news coverage lately, Europe has been experiencing a massive influx of refugees. Primarily arriving from the Middle East, Africa, and South-Central Asia, these people are seeking asylum within the European Union. According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide has reached close to 60 million, the highest since the end of World War II.

Above: Migrants sleeping in a Budapest Railway station. Most on their way to Germany. (Source: NYDailyNews.com)

Between 2010 and 2013, a large number of demonstrations, protests, and riots occurred throughout the Arab world. This movement, known as the Arab Spring, sought governmental reform and recognition of human rights. Governments from multiple North African and Middle Eastern countries were removed, causing widespread power struggles and destabilization. These ongoing crises have forced people to leave their respective countries and flee to Europe, largely by boat. The number of migrant vessels that have been seized or capsized in the Mediterranean has significantly increased since 2013, resulting in hundreds of deaths.

In 2011, the Syrian government, led by Bashar al-Assad, responded to the protests with violence, mass imprisonment, and torture. Assad's refusal to step down ultimately led to civil war. With various factions, including ISIS, fighting throughout the country, millions of civilians have been displaced and thousands killed. The Syrian government has been accused of various war crimes, including the use of chemical weapons. With more than 7.6 million people displaced, and millions living among the chaos, the UN has described the situation as a humanitarian disaster. Since 2014, Syrian refugees have overtaken Afghan refugees in becoming the largest refugee group.

Over 4 million Syrian nationals have fled as a result of the country's civil war. Most have gone in refugee camps, such as Turkey and Lebanon. Still, thousands are seeking asylum in Europe every year as the existing camps become overcrowded and undersupplied.

Originally established in 1990, the Dublin Regulation sought to prevent asylum shopping among European countries. Specifically, the country that the asylum seeker first applies for asylum is responsible for either accepting or rejecting asylum, and the seeker may not restart the process in another jurisdiction. Additionally, if a person that had filed for asylum in one EU country illegally crosses borders to another country, they shall be returned to the former.

Border countries such as Greece and Hungary have become so overburdened with asylum applications that they have ceased receiving back applicants who have crossed into other countries. Many countries worldwide have stated they would accept Syrian refugees but have set quotas for how many they are willing to accept.

In August, Germany chose to suspend the Dublin Regulation and process asylum applications itself. Chancellor Angela Merkel has stated that their economy is strong enough to cope with the influx of migrants and that there is no legal limit to how many refugees the country would take. Germany is now the leading destination for Syrian refugees and has been both praised and criticized for their role in accepting refugees.

Above: Migrants rescued by Operation Triton in the Mediterranean Sea. (Source: Wikimedia.org)

Even with the cooperation of Germany and other European countries in granting asylum to refugees, there is still no unanimously agreed upon course of action. In the meantime, we can only hope that some sort of global solution can end this migrant crisis.

- Ryan Yabko

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Chapman Law's 6th Annual Speed Mentoring Event

The Speed Mentoring Event is an opportunity for students to network and build contacts with various attorneys in different fields. It also qualifies as an elective Professional Development session. Students are asked to arrive in business attire.

How does it work?

Before entering the room, everyone signs in, wears a name badge, and checks his/her assigned table number. The evening starts off with buffet-style dinner. Both mentors and mentees stand in line to grab their dinner, and then they head to their assigned tables. Each table has about two to three mentors and four to five students. Dean Campbell introduces the mentors and thanks them for joining the event. Then we begin the networking! Mentors and mentees are given fifteen minutes to speak at each table. Three minute warnings are given before the time is up, and then students are asked to switch to their next table while the mentors remain at their assigned tables. There are a total of five rounds at fifteen minutes per table throughout the evening. Students are encouraged to ask the attorneys for business cards and contact the attorneys after the event.

How was your experience?

This was my second time attending the Speed Mentoring Event. When I was given several options on how to satisfy my Professional Development elective requirements, I thought it would be nice to spend my time building contacts because my main focus right now as a 3L is to secure a job after I graduate. I had both good and bad experiences last year when I attended the Speed Mentoring Event for the first time. I liked that I was taken out of my comfort zone and forced to quickly break the ice in a matter of fifteen minutes with attorneys. It seems impossible to build some kind of relationship, but it's definitely possible. I collected a decent amount of business cards last year and emailed every single attorney I had spoken with. I made sure to make a personal connection with them because no one wants to talk about career possibilities without building some kind of relationship with you first. The result? Only two attorneys responded to my emails, and they were one-line responses after I had taken the time to carefully draft emails to them. It definitely wasn't the best feeling after I put in a good amount of time and effort. It was interesting to see some of those exact same attorneys this year as well – ones that had ignored my emails. I was partly disappointed to have to interact with them again, but I like to try my best and look at things under a positive light. I chose to look at my experience as a reality check. This is how our lives are going to be as attorneys, and we have to get used to it now while we're in law school. A lot of our emails are going to be ignored and we can't allow a few disappointments to discourage us from what we want to do with our careers. I decided that the Speed Mentoring Event worked better for me as a form of practice in networking – not necessarily an opportunity for building contacts. A big part of working as an attorney involves improvement in interacting with clients and colleagues. We will be put in situations where we don't have any common interests with the person we are speaking with, which is how this event was helpful. So if you would like to practice your networking skills, the Speed Mentoring Event is the way to go.

- Susie Grigoryan

3L Students at the Speed Mentoring event from left to right: Susie Grigoryan, George Anezinos, Neusha Ghaedi, Vicente Ayala, Lorin Herzfeldt

2016 Presidential Candidacy Update

A little over a year from now on November 8, 2016, we will be voting to elect the 45th President of the United States. In the meantime, we are anxiously awaiting the primaries to help us narrow down who our presidential nominees will be when it comes time to cast our ballots.

The major Democratic candidates include Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, and Jim Webb. Nationwide polls indicate that Clinton, who is not only the former First Lady, but

also the former Senator from New York and Secretary of State, is the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, but lately Clinton's campaign has been bogged down by her email controversy. Clinton's lead is becoming narrower with Vermont Senator Sanders, who has referred to himself as a democratic socialist, growing in popularity. According to several nationwide public opinion polls, former Maryland Governor O'Malley (the former Governor and Senator of Rhode Island Chafee) and former Virginia Senator Webb are both trailing far behind Clinton and Sanders. Some Democrats are hoping for Vice President Joe Biden to enter the race, but Biden has yet to do so. The first Democratic debate will be held on October 13, 2015.

The Republican pool holds more than a dozen candidates, including Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Donald Trump. Real estate mogul Trump is currently leading the polls, with acclaimed neurosurgeon Dr. Carson in second, former Florida Governor Bush in third, and businesswoman Fiorina, Florida Senator Rubio, and Texas Senator Cruz trailing not far behind. Trump is continuously in the news for his personal attacks on others. He has said Rubio "sweats more than any young person I've ever seen in my life," called Bush "low energy," said Dr. Carson was only an "okay" doctor, made remarks about Fiorina's face, fostered a feud with Fox News host Megyn Kelly, and has even attacked Chapman's very own Professor Hugh Hewitt. Bridget Brennan, a Chapman Law 3L and a former Mitt Romney staffer, believes that "Republican voters currently favor a political outsider. The irony is, Republican voters feel the country came undone in the past seven years under 2008's political outsider." There have already been two Republican debates, with the next debate on October 28, 2015.

An interesting factor to note is the familiar presence of the names "Bush" and "Clinton," which arguably are two of the biggest political dynasties in American history. Sam Schleier, a Chapman law 3L, finds that "it is a bit frustrating that Bush and Clinton seem to be top contenders in the race currently when three of the last four presidents are related to them in a close familial way. The Presidency really should not be a position that is passed back and forth between politically elite families." There is still plenty of time though for shifts to occur in the presidential candidate race. Polls change quickly as the public is introduced to more information on candidates. One thing is certain – given the political climate regarding this election, it will be interesting to see who will be the one left standing.

Professor Hugh Hewitt's Involvement:

It's not every day that a Chapman Law professor makes the national news. Professor Hugh Hewitt has interviewed several GOP nominee hopefuls on his radio show including but not limited to, Jeb Bush, Dr. Ben Carson, Governor Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, Governor John Kasich, Senator Marco Rubio, and last but certainly not least, Donald

Above: Professor Hugh Hewitt (Source: NationalReview.com)

Trump. After Professor Hugh Hewitt's September 3, 2015, interview with Trump, Trump was ridiculed for confusing an ethnic group, the Kurds, with a terrorist organization, the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. Trump then thrust Hewitt's name into the headlines, referring to Hewitt as a

"third-rate radio announcer." Following Trump's callous statements, CNN's Republican presidential debate was held on September 16, 2015, at the Ronald Regan Library, where Professor Hewitt acted as a panelist. While on the debate stage, Trump stated that he and Hewitt had a "legitimate misunderstanding in terms of his pronunciation of a word," and that Hewitt had apologized for the misunderstanding. Hewitt replied to Trump by saying it was "the best interview in America." Trump has since returned to the Hugh Hewitt Show for another interview. Overall, while Professor Hewitt's airtime during the debate was minimal in comparison to moderator Jake Tapper, Professor Hewitt stated in a CNN article authored by him, "…that the panelists shouldn't matter…the candidates do. Jake Tapper did a masterful job of quarterbacking a complex game plan flawlessly, and Dana Bash and I were wide receivers he threw to when necessary. It worked."

- Rebekah Lange

1L YEAR: EXPECTATION VS. REALITY

Here I am - one month into law school, and while I would like to pretend I have it all "figured out," the reality is a bit grim.

When I first decided to apply to law school, I would picture myself as an established attorney, bowing before the jury after finishing a life-changing closing statement. "Please, no more applause," I would say. Okay no, the visual wasn't quite that theatrical. What I could envision was my life as an attorney. I could see myself working in a profession in which I felt confident and doing work about which I felt good. I somehow glossed over the whole process in getting to that point, like, say, actually having to attend law school.

Yes, I noted the warning tone when I told attorney-friends that I was going to law school. They would say, "1L is going to be a tough year!" or "Look forward to your eyes getting worse from all that reading you'll be doing." I heard their tone, but I didn't understand it. And only now am I beginning to digest what they meant.

If I manage to wash my hair in the morning, finish the daily readings with a mildly coherent understanding of the material, and get to class on time - I count that as a solid day. If I sleep through my alarm clock, realize my car is practically out of gas while rushing to school, and then discover I left my laptop at home - that goes into the bad day category.

So, I'm going to stick with the whole "one-day at a time" approach.

I am beginning to understand that law school is going to challenge me in ways I've never been challenged before. Sure, I have always been a good student, but so has everyone else who is in law school. And yes, the classroom focuses on the Socratic system, but it sure does force me to stay on top of my readings. More than once I've caught myself attempting to breathe through what feels like the onslaught of a mild heart attack as a professor sifts through her stack of notecards seeking her next Socratic candidate.

Law school is going to be tough, but I am happy to be here. My fellow 1L's are intelligent, hardworking, and fully capable. I feel lucky to be a part of such a bright group of individuals.

As encouragement to my peers, I'd like to point out that only a short time ago we were naïve to the life of a law student, but look at us go!

Read on, 1L's!

- Rachael Beaty

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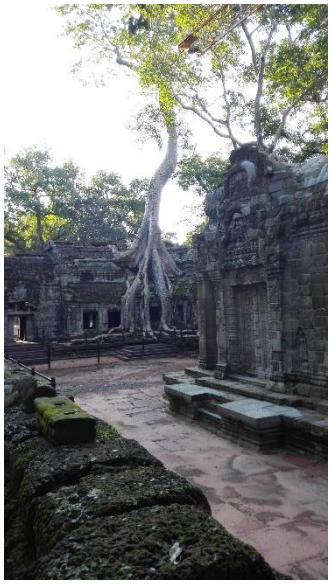

For the summer of 2015 Heidi interned for Legal Aid of Cambodia (LAC), in Phnom Penh. Based on her interest in working in Human Rights, she worked on a team for the International Tribunal, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), where the director of LAC, Run Saray, assigned Heidi to work as a legal assistant to Lor Chunthy. Lor Chunthy works full time as one of the National lawyers representing many of the Civil Parties who have joined the criminal proceedings of the ECCC.

Heidi: I received training in the court's two programs used to document, catalog, and retrieve Zylab and Case Plan. I was fortunate to be included in strategy meetings, attended by the national and international civil party lawyers, their assistants and interns. In these meetings I became a member of a much larger team of interrelated players, helping to plan, develop, and strategize for specific trial segments. I saw first-hand how to monitor, evaluate, and adjust the plan as trial progresses.

The days were long, starting and ending with a bus ride to and from the city to the court lasting a minimum of one and a half hours each way; Monday through Friday we all left at the city at 7:00 am and retuned no earlier than 6:30 pm. The heat was oppressive and the physical environment inconvenient, but the work was extremely rewarding. The court augmented our workdays with several lectures and panels. One of the most interesting was the exploration of the question, "What is a Fair Trial?" presented by the two lead international co-lawyers for the prosecution and the defense.

There was also an extremely personal side to the work because of the subject matter. The ECCC was established through the joint efforts of the Cambodian government and the United Nations to try those believed to be most culpable for the atrocities committed against the Cambodian population during the reign of the Khmer Rouge. Consequently, the majority of the documents I reviewed contained first-hand reporting of the genocide and human rights violations experienced by the civil parties themselves, or their close family members. Absorbing such difficult personal experiences on a daily basis provided a type of learning that I could never acquire from a book or class, and the experience changed me.

The impact was magnified by the fact that my office was located next to the room occupied by the civil parties waiting to either testify in that day's proceedings, or who were there to observe. Some days I observed the proceedings from the chamber's gallery and

many days watched the streaming feed on my computer as I worked.

Watching and listening to the civil parties bravely recount their experiences, and respond to questions about painful events and memories underscored for me the need for the continued development of international criminal courts. I was inspired and humbled to work for such a phenomenal organization.

John Lee: Hong Kong

For the summer of 2015, John worked at a firm based in Hong Kong, S.A.R., China. John worked for Clifford Chance, specifically Professor J. Romesh Weeramantry, as a research assistant and intern. Clifford Chance specializes in Civil Litigation. John applied because he was interested in foreign commercial trading and civil litigation, and wanted to travel to Hong Kong.

John: My program with Santa Clara Law placed me with the great opportunity to learn from one of the top British firms in the world. I am fluent in Cantonese and speak some basic Mandarin, which helped me as I explored the countryside and the cuisine. Some of the most interesting parts of the job included working under a British system, but my specific project dealt more with international law, specifically international commercial arbitration. It was fascinating learning about all of the different types of administrative bureaus and their individual rules. The ICC was an overarching force, but each country had its own tribunals as well, with some countries like China having more than one.

Katie Hokom: The United Kingdom

In the summer of 2014, Katie studied in England at Sidney Sussex College, part of University of Cambridge, through a program offered through Chapman. The program lasted about one month and she took three courses throughout that month: the English Legal System, Comparative Counterterrorism Law, and Settling Disputes Across Cultures. Chapman Law Professor, Nancy Schultz was the visiting professor for the course on Settling Disputes Across Cultures. The university experience included traveling to London to see a courthouse, a session of parliament, and a luncheon at Middle Temple.

Katie: I enjoyed the classes and the travel, and I especially enjoyed meeting the professors and the other law students from all over the world. I had no prior experience with international law prior to this opportunity. The program was designed to leave weekends open and both the professor and students were able to travel extensively. I explored Dublin, Ireland and traveled throughout England. Cambridge has an annual festival called The Big Weekend with carnival games, rides, live music, and fireworks! Luckily, even though we were 3,000 miles away, we got to see fireworks on the 4th of July.

Nathan Peterson: The United Kingdom

For the summer of 2015, Nathan traveled to the United Kingdom to study at Cambridge University with fellow Chapman students: Shannon Grady, Victor Bachand, Ashley Pham, and Vanessa Corona.

Photo of Westminster Abbey by Nathan Peterson

Nathan: I experienced a wonderful and unique opportunity to study abroad with fellow Chapman Law students in the United Kingdom. The program was through Samford School of Law. I was able to take three courses: The English Legal System, International Banking, and International Art. My favorite class however was definitely the International Art class taught by visiting professor from Chapman Law, Professor John Hall.

As part of the program we took a class field trip to Westminster and visited the houses of Parliament. We were able to see Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and the

Royal Courts of Justice -- some of the most well-known landmarks in London.

Cambridge is amazing and the architecture and the narrow back alleyways are absolutely stunning. Despite what you may have heard, the food is also delicious! The people in general were really nice and made you feel welcome as well. Kings College and Kings College Chapel are very impressive. If you ever have the opportunity to go to the United Kingdom, or are considering the study abroad program at Cambridge, I would highly recommend the entire experience.

Photo of Stonehenge by Nathan Peterson

Photo of Westminster Hall by Ashley Pham

From left to right – Shannon Grady, Nathan Peterson, Victor Bachand Vanessa Corona, Ashley Pham.

Photo of Closing Dinner by Ashley Pham

From left to right - Professor John Hall, Nathan Peterson, Vanessa Corona, Ashley Pham and Shannon Grady.

Kate Twigger: Prague, The United Kingdom, and Israel

Kate is a seasoned traveler, having spent both her 1L and her 2L summer studying abroad. Kate also spent time traveling and exploring, and will finish a semester early as a result of her summer classes.

Kate: I have completed three phenomenal study abroad programs as a Chapman Law student. First, I studied at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic with South Texas College of Law (May – June 2014). Although I went without knowing anyone, I met some great people from South Texas College of Law and California Western Law School in San Diego. I enrolled in two classes, an international human rights class and an international intellectual property course. I chose this program because the dates would allow me to attend another program afterwards, and I was

interested in learning more about intellectual property.

Surprisingly, I enjoyed the human rights course more, which has influenced me to focus on international law classes and human rights in general.

Second, I studied at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England with Cumberland Law School at Samford University in connection with Chapman. I enrolled in three classes, an English law class, a cross-cultural negotiation course, and an international counterterrorism class. I loved both the cross-cultural class and the counterterrorism class. As a result I aspire to work for administrative and government agencies with either the state department or JAG corps.

The last program I participated in was at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv, Israel with Whittier Law School in connection with Chapman (May 2015 – August 2015). My criminal law professor, Professor Michael Bazyler

encouraged me to attend the program. I enrolled in 4 classes, two Israeli Constitutional law classes, a Jewish law class, and a practical skills course. I also had an internship with the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, in which I interned in the office of one of Israel's Members of Parliament, Miki Zohar.

Studying abroad is an experience that is unparalleled. It is an opportunity to not only travel and see the world, but to cross cultural boundaries and learn in an atmosphere that is incredibly different and eye opening. It is easier to acclimate and experience local culture in countries where you have a basic knowledge of the language; but overall people were friendly and helpful if I didn't know their language. The best part about studying and working abroad is the ability to get out and explore. I saw my favorite band play in England, bungee jumped in the Czech republic, saw the pyramids, got certified for the perfect pour at the Guinness storehouse in Ireland, and formed numerous friendships with people from all over the world.

Virginia MengQian Liu: Israel

I went to Israel in the summer 2015. I was an extern as well as a student and I took courses at Bar Ilan University. During the day I worked with the

Above: Bar Ilan University (Wikipedia)

public defender's office in the Ministry of Justice as an extern. In the evenings I attended classes with two other classmates from Chapman. I highly recommend the program because it offers both externships as well as classes. Sadly, we were there during the Gaza War of 2014, but it was interesting because we got to experience the kindness and concern that people showed for each other during tense times.

David Silver: Israel

I studied in Israel in the summer after 1L year, where I was both an extern for an NGO Monitor and I took classes at Bar Ilan University. I attended along with classmates Virginia MengQuian Liu and Gilbert Leon. I wanted to go back to Israel, and I loved going to the beach after classes and traveling on the weekends. The most memorable part of the trip was hearing the missile sirens that went off almost every day because it was in the middle of the 2014 Gaza War.

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