A Winning Lawsuit: Demystifying Women’s Business Casual Legal Apparel

- Ashley Case

Things were going wonderfully. You had your foot in the door of a big hotshot law firm and it seemed as if they were just around the corner from uttering those two beautiful words, “you’re hired.”

You were just about to start calculating your adjusted gross income when suddenly they dropped the bombshell: “Why don’t you join us for the company picnic next weekend? Meet us on Sunday and bring your [spouse/significant other/world famous pasta salad]. Don’t worry about dressing up though, just dress business casual.”

In an instant, your fantasy of gazing out of the corner office window while sipping vintage rose and barking orders at your law clerk is shattered.

You are keenly aware of how to match an expertly distressed, hand-ripped pair of four hundred dollar jeans with a five-year-old thrift store tee, and you have mastered the art of shimmying into a pair of nylons and a suffocatingly tight mini skirt whilst tottering on a single stiletto heel, but business casual?

Those bewildering words that lie somewhere between the comfort of your worn out flip-flops and the stuffiness of your “power suit” could damage your entire career.

Panicking, you race to your wardrobe, pulling shirts, skirts, pants, and jackets off their hangers until you are standing in a pile of mismatched fabric.

Finally, frustrated and exhausted, you resolve that the job simply wasn’t meant to be and begin entertaining the thought of skipping the bar and going back to work as a

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Prof: “When was the last time you played pin the tail on the donkey?”
Student: “It was last summer at a bachelorette party - and it wasn’t a donkey!!!”

- As heard in Community Property with Professor Hickman

“All children should have the right to their parent’s estate. Even if they are sperm-babies.” - Macey Chan, Wills & Trusts

“That’s Latin for ‘go for it, baby!’” - Professor Koffler, Agency and Partnership

“A personalized memory candle? That’s not gonna happen!”

- Helen Gurfinkel, Agency and Partnership (unaware that class had started)

“He got all the way there only to discover a Norwegian flag there. So he came back... and died.”

- Professor Bishop, Sales
Rolling in the Dough: A Student’s Guide to Saving and Making Money

-Aleksandra Sarosiek-

We all know how difficult it can be to eat, drink, and be merry while being a law student.

Well, I asked my fellow students for some tips on saving, and making money, and here is the priceless list that resulted:

Saving Dough
1. Buy snacks at CVS or Ralphs to avoid the overpriced vending machines.
   Amount saved: 25 cents per snack
2. Rent movies from either the law library or the local public library. They are always free and older films can be checked out for 5 days.
   Amount saved: $4.00 per film
3. Work out at the Chapman gym or run around the track at the football field. It may even get you pumped up about graduating there!

Making Dough
1. Put your student loan check into an ING account and sit back while it earns monthly interest. Last year alone I earned over $100.00!
   Amount earned: variable 3.65% annually
2. Become a BAR/BRI or PMBR representative and get free bar prep classes. You can also be compensated for your time if you have a knack for sales. In fact, PMBR is looking for first and second year representatives right now! Email me at alexsarosiek@hotmail.com for more information.
   Amount saved: up to $4,000
   Amount earned: $10.00 per student
How to Order Starbucks like a Pretentious Jerk

- Bobbie Ross

1) Walk into Starbucks like you own the place.
2) Wait in line, sighing and huffing impatiently, regardless of how quickly the line is moving.
   a) Bonus points for stomping your foot to show the baristas and everyone else in line just how valuable your time is.
3) When you get to the register, stand there and stare at the menu for an extended period of time as though you don’t know what you want.
   a) Double bonus points if you have been in line for ten minutes or longer.
   b) NOTE: Just get a grande coffee with no cream or sugar and step to the side so that I can place my order already!!!
4) When placing your order, turn your head slightly to the side to avoid making eye contact with the cashier.
5) Recite your order as though you couldn’t give a damn and are extremely bored with being there.
   a) Bonus points for looking over the cashier and placing your order directly with the barista(s).
6) Do not say “thank you” to the cashier when given your change/card back.
   a) Bonus points for throwing the money on the counter while paying and giving a fake apology for doing so.
   b) Double bonus points for talking on your cell phone while ordering.
   c) Triple bonus points for not issuing an apology (even a fake one) or throwing your money on the counter instead of placing it in the cashier’s hand.
7) Order a drink with so many modifications and/or substitutions that it takes you at least five minutes to order.
   a) NOTE: If you are doing this, then you are either: (1) diabetic or (2) on a diet, and in either case, you should probably not be at Starbucks.
It is clear that the U.S. is ready to give the White House back to the Democrats. Americans are exhausted and bushed after 7 long years of mix-ups and blunders from the Republicans. Here are just a few of the mistakes the Republicans, especially the Bush Administration, have made over the last 7 years:

1. Lifting protection for more than 200 million acres of public land.
2. Allowing several members of the Bin Laden family to leave the country just days after 9/11, some of them without being questioned by the FBI.
3. Reducing resources and troop levels in Afghanistan before it was fully secure.
4. Trusting intelligence gathered by Vice President Cheney’s and Secretary Rumsfeld’s “Office of Special Plans” before going to war.
5. Ignoring the importance of the Middle East peace process, which has deteriorated with little oversight or strategy evident in the region.
7. Under-funding the Title I Program, specifically targeted for disadvantaged kids, by 7.2 billion dollars.
8. Not leveling with Americans about the cost of Medicare and letting the cost of healthcare run out of control.
9. Failing to build a real international coalition prior to the Iraq invasion, forcing the US to shoulder the full cost and consequences of the war.

Republicans typically appeal to “Big-Business” and those in favor of tax cuts. Democrats will do a much better job over the next four years in the White House. Democrats are the ones focused on ending the war, reducing the cost of healthcare, and providing tax advantages for households with less than $300,000 annual income (which you are in). Only a Democratic president can heal the U.S.’s battered and beat-down international reputation. Obama can do that and would make a great president. Although Hilary would be good, especially because for what she would do for the healthcare industry, Obama is a young guy with energy, enthusiasm, and is not quite the typical politician like Hilary or McCain. Unlike Obama, Hilary and McCain would both step into the White House already owing a thousand political favors.
--- Darren Case

With John McCain’s now commanding lead as a result of the primaries and caucuses on Super Tuesday, it appears extremely likely that he will be the GOP’s Nominee. Even if he was not your first choice out of the Republicans, there is no denying that John McCain has the credentials to become the next commander-in-chief. I hope this short article will enlighten its readers on McCain’s courage, experience, and leadership abilities, and show you why he is the most qualified candidate running for President of the United States.

John McCain is an American hero with a remarkable career dedicated to public service. McCain graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served his country for twenty-two years as a Naval Aviator. During his military service, McCain fought in the Vietnam War where his plane was shot down by a missile and he was taken prisoner. As a POW, McCain was denied medical treatment for injuries sustained in the plane crash, severely beaten by his captors, and spent most of his time in solitary confinement. This is an experience that could ultimately break down anyone of us to the point of no recovery, but not John McCain. This only made him stronger. Upon his release, John returned to serving our country in the Navy.

After McCain’s retirement from the Navy, he continued his public service by becoming a United States Congressman for the State of Arizona in 1982. McCain served two terms as Congressman and then was elected as a Senator of Arizona in 1986. McCain has served as Senator ever since. His leadership has been praised by many politicians across a wide spectrum of political beliefs. John McCain’s supporters include the following powerful politicians: Joe Lieberman, Lindsey Graham, Jon Kyl, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sam Brownback, Charlie Crist, etc. McCain is also supported by many prominent business professionals: John Chambers - CEO of Cisco, Steve Forbes, Frederick W. Smith - CEO of FedEx, John Thain - CEO of Merrill Lynch, etc. Thus, if you cannot take my word for it, take theirs.

Overall, McCain is the right person for the job. I urge you all to check out McCain’s website (www.johnmccain.com) to find out more about this great leader.

After you have done the research, I know you will give your support and vote to this American hero in the 2008 Presidential Election.
--- By Darren Case

At the last Council of Presidents’ Meeting, each president was asked to stand up and introduce themselves to the rest of the group.

When it was my turn to introduce myself as the President of the Tax Law Society, a few of the students blurted out that my club was for nerds.

Now I am not going to name names (SBA President Chris Barnes, SBA Vice President Jimmy Blalock, and SBA Treasurer Matt Wechter), but I believe the blurted statement was simply preposterous!

Not only is the Tax Law Society one of the coolest clubs on campus (with events such as “Poker Night with the Tax Professors”), we are also one of the most successful clubs on campus.

I think there is clear and convincing evidence that Chapman’s Tax Law Program has established itself as one of the top programs in the country, and law schools and law firms across the nation have really taken notice.

Students who join the Tax Law Society and complete the Tax Law Emphasis Program are finding substantial success upon graduation.

Our graduates are placed at O’Melveny & Myers, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, Internal Revenue Service, and the list goes on and on!

In addition, Chapman Tax Law students have continually been accepted to elite LL.M. in Taxation programs such as Georgetown and NYU.

Such substantial success bodes well for the rest of the law school as well.

Now I have heard the many gripes among law students about being required to take Federal Income Tax in order to graduate, but this is such a great opportunity to hang out with the cream of the crop.

Also, this may be your last chance to see some of us again in your classes, because the tax law students end up taking classes such as Advanced U.S. Taxation of International Income, Consolidated Returns, Estate Planning of Offshore Trusts, and the beloved Qualified Pension & Profit-Sharing Plans, which nobody takes but tax law students.

Furthermore, tax law students have their very own clinic on the third floor, where we hang out and enjoy cappuccinos and caviar, while the rest of the student body sifts through the scary refrigerator in the student lounge.

In all seriousness though, the Tax Law Society has never been stronger than it is right now, and we would like to continue build upon our success.

I wanted to let everyone know that the Tax Law Society has a semester full of events.

Our tentative schedule includes Alumnus Sean Stegmaier as a Guest Speaker (February 13), Discussion Series event: A Unified Theory of Tax & Property (February 19), Poker Night with the Professors (TBD), End of the Year Banquet (TBD), and much more!

If you are truly interested in tax law, you do not want to miss out on any of these events, along with building bonds with the tax law community.
A quick glance into the student lounge at lunch time will reveal that a disproportionately large number of us law students seem content with making a meal out of a bag of Doritos and a Rockstar Energy drink. The convenience of such a culinary combo is unparalleled. To exacerbate the problem, most of us are not locals and frankly, the Chapman circle doesn’t exactly invite a thorough gastronomical exploration. But on those occasional days where a vending machine lunch just won’t tide you through the day, take a moment to sample a few of the local eateries. To that end, I’ve included my impression of the spots that I’ve had the chance to visit.

After that protracted Property lecture, you may want to step out and drop by Jalapenos (154 N Glassell) for some “authentic” Mexican fair. The menu contains your standard Mexican favorites with some not-so-common items such as the Torta de Asada (the Mexican grilled steak sandwich). The prices are more than reasonable: a good sized Taco dinner platter with rice and beans will cost you a modest $6.75 plus tax. I sampled this particular item and was left a little disappointed. The tacos were dry, the beans, disenchanting and the rice, somewhat stale. My lunch companion was equally “blahed” by his Carne Asada Burrito. Nevertheless, our lunch time visit saw the place packed with enthusiastic locals and some CU students who seemed quite content to dine there. Try it out and see what you decide!

A short walk into the little alley way next to Jalapenos will lead you to Zito’s (156 N Glassell), a New York style pizzeria that definitely holds its own. True to New York pizzeria tradition, Zito’s serves up a slice of pepperoni pie covered in enough olive oil to fill a pint glass, which by the way, you can get filled with any of their on tap beers starting at just $2.50. A large slice of genuinely good pizza will run you anywhere from $2.75 to $3.25. Zito’s also makes a wide variety of hot and cold sandwiches and pastas. Slice-seekers beware though: Zito’s only sells slices during the lunch hours. After that, bring a few friends, order a pie and enjoy a pint while you wait 10 minutes for the cheese to bubble. It’s well worth the time.

Back on the main street, we come by a restaurant called Citrus City Grille (122 N Glassell). At Citrus, you’ll enjoy a nice variety of decidedly new-age Mediterranean dishes in a very colorful, trendy but relaxed atmosphere. The menu includes an interesting selection of salads, pastas and entrees that will make your mouth water. Start your meal off with a cocktail that will definitely surprise you or jump right into a decent selection of local wines. Though this place gets very busy at lunch, guests are always well received and taken care of. Recently, I enjoyed their signature Citrus City Ricotta Ravioli and was not disappointed. My lunch companion sampled the Pesto Chicken sandwich and was equally impressed. The downside: dinner for two with wine will easily cost you $100. Save this one for after a successful exam or just a really long week.

A few doors down from Citrus, you’ll come across Café Lucca (106 N Glassell), a lunch time eatery with some special treats in store. Besides serving up some really tasty Paninis ($7 to $9 for a good size sandwich), Café Lucca also prepares a mean cup o’joe or more precisely, a frothy latte or robust espresso. Even in the winter months, a number of patrons will come through the doors requesting Café Lucca’s specialty: a sumptuous, though undoubtedly not calorie-averse, serving of home-made gelato. Unfortunately, this place can get

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Poetic Justice

True Poetry

- Mike Yadegari

A song or poem is written with a combination of words,
   But, talented poems are written by nerds
Crazy individuals with no time to waste
   A pen in their hand writing in haste
Styles vary to all the different brains
   The way I write makes you go insane
   The lead from the pencil wasting away
   On the paper that was cut astray
   From the trees, its friends
   The beauty of the paper it will never end
   Stupid people buy others train of thoughts
   Damn I wish my writings were bought
   People don’t care anymore about others
   Hey, think about it we are brothers

Back to the topic now
About poems and how they make people go wow
   One day when I am gone
This poem will be sitting on my lawn
   Waiting for someone to read it
   Or better yet an animal to eat it

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waitress at the restaurant you worked at during high school.
   But worry not. Understanding the enigma that is “busi-
   ness casual” is a lot easier than it appears.

From the top
   As a member of the fairer sex, you actually have a mul-
   titude of options when it comes to wardrobe. A simple shift
dress (think Audrey Hepburn in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”) is
an easy one-step ensemble.
   If you are entertaining the idea of wearing a multi-piece
ensemble, consider a short-sleeve button-up top with a ruf-
gled edging or a scoop neck knit blouse (a Spandex blend
will add extra stretch and comfort).
   Pairing a v-neck sweater with a collared shirt is another
classic look.
   It’s okay to exercise your right to “bare arms” if you are
dressing business casual, but if you do, make sure your top
is not cut too low, that your skirt is not cut too high and that
you are only going sleeveless (don’t wear strapless or spa-
ghetti straps).

The bottom line
   Probably the worst mistake you can make in attempting
“business casual” is to be overzealous with the hemline of
your skirt or dress. At its shortest, your hem should hit a
half-inch above the knee. No exceptions.
   The rule for hemlines also applies to the highest part of a
slit or kick (the opening at the side or back of your skirt that
gives you the ability to walk without looking like a penguin).
   As with your top, your skirt should not be too tight.
   If you are considering wearing a pencil skirt, balance it
with a looser fitting top like a button-up blouse or an over-
sized cowl neckline.
   An A-line or tulip shaped skirt compliments a form-fit-
ting top.
   Skirts can also have a little “personality”-you are not
stuck with black or gray, but be sure to avoid loud colors and
busy patterns.
   If you instead opt for pants, the waistband should hit at
or just below the belly button-now is not the time to show off
your six-pack abs and lower back tattoo.
   Spend the extra ten bucks now to have your pants pro-
fessionally hemmed, they will last longer if they are not
dragging on the floor, and it will save you money in repairs
and replacements over time.
   A tailored pant can also do wonders for your figure and
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your overall “look” by creating sleek lines and a clean finish to your ensemble.

If the shoe fits

Unless there is a medical reason preventing her from wearing them, every woman should own several pairs of heels and wear them often.

Nothing finishes a great “business casual” outfit better than a classic pair of pumps. Just steer clear of stilettos and shoes without backs—a stylish Mary Jane or a loafer with a modest heel pairs well with skirts and pants alike.

The current trend is toward a pointier toe, but rounded and squared can work in the business casual setting as well. Take heed, however, and get a pedicure before slipping on a pair of open-toed shoes—you want employers to remember you for your stellar resume and your sparkling personality, not your funky feet.

Accessory before the fact

Accessories can be a great way to spice up a somber outfit. Consider tying on a silk scarf or a colored belt, or pull your hair back with a headband or barrette. Add punch to an already stunning all-black look with a bright red necklace or bangle. Keep it understated, however.

Limit jewelry to one necklace, one bracelet, one ring per hand and one earring per ear. If you want to add another bracelet, subtract a ring—too many accessories can be distracting as well as overpowering.

When it comes to undergarments—never underestimate the power of a good fit. An ill-fitting undergarment can ruin a great outfit, and can be extremely uncomfortable to wear.

Major department stores as well as Victoria’s Secret can help you find the proper size and the appropriate style for whatever you are planning to wear.

Finally, don’t forget to wear nylons or tights if you are going to be showing any leg, unless you are wearing open-toed shoes (please do not sport the “webbed foot” look…yuck).

Where to shop

So now that you know how to dress, where should you shop? You can never go wrong at Brooks Brothers, but unfortunately, you might need to take out more student loans to afford it.

In the meantime, Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Ann Taylor Loft (Ann Taylor’s less expensive and trendier sister) and department stores such as Nordstrom and Macy’s (within their “Individualist” and “INC” lines, respectively) are perfect places to start building your new wardrobe.

Now go get dressed!