

# VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW

Alumni Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Vanderbilt Law Review,

Hello from Nashville! We hope this letter finds you safe and healthy. We write to share some Law Review updates and to introduce you to this year's team.

This summer, we welcomed thirty-one new members to the Law Review, including two transfer students. For the first time, the Write-On competition included a personal statement component in which competitors shared how their personal backgrounds and interests would contribute to the Law Review's mission. The Law Review Class of 2023 brings diverse life experiences and perspectives to the journal, and we are looking forward to working with them this year. We are also exceedingly grateful for the advocacy of recent Law Review classes, which made the personal statement implementation possible. Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives remain a priority, and we are continuing those discussions with an eight-person committee including both 2Ls and 3Ls.

We are excited and cautiously optimistic about the return of in-person connection. We were able to host part of orientation in person, and the Suite is open to all members. We've been eating the snacks left over from 2020 and none of us have yet fallen ill. A snack-buying trip is next on the to-do list!

We are so grateful your support and engagement. Please reach out with any questions, suggestions, or just to connect! We're always happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Meredith Rolfs Severtson (J.D. 2022), Editor in Chief, & Erin Embrey (J.D. 2022), Executive Editor

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Masthead .....	2
Executive Board .....	3
Summer Employment .....	4
Clerkships .....	6
Paw Review .....	7
Celebrations .....	8
Social Media .....	9

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out our members' Quarantine hobbies!
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- Listen to our podcast, *Off the Page*, on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR NEW 2L  
STAFF MEMBERS & OUR 3Ls ON THEIR NEW POSITIONS

# VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW

## 2021–2022 EDITORIAL BOARD

---

*Editor in Chief*  
MEREDITH ROLFS SEVERTSON

*Executive Editor*  
ERIN N. EMBREY

*Senior Articles Editor*  
PAUL D'AMBROSIO

*Senior Notes Editor*  
CAYLYN G. HARVEY

*Senior Managing Editor*  
NICHOLAS J. PRENDERGAST

*Senior En Banc Editor*  
KATHERINE H. MONKS

*Articles Editors*  
AMY L. BADDLEY  
KYLE M. BRINKER  
JOHN H. GIBBONS  
SCOTT B. JEFFREY  
AARON R. MEGAR  
LIAM MURPHY  
ROBERT WINFIELD PIERCE  
COLE W. SCHOTT  
BRYAN J. TERESI  
EMILY A. WEBB

*Notes Development Editor*  
AARON M. PETERSON

*Notes Editors*  
SARAH E. BOURGEOIS  
PEYTON J. KLEIN  
ASHLEY PLUNK  
KATE L. UYEDA

*Managing Authorities Editor*  
PETER L. BYRNE

*Managing Editors*  
HENRY S. BATOR  
AUSTIN M. BROWN  
JOSEPH B. HENDRICKS  
CAMERON KAI HOOD  
LISA ORUCEVIC  
DANIEL T. VICKERS

*En Banc Editors*  
CONNOR J. BREED  
JACOB R. GOODMAN  
JACOB W. PAOLILLO

*Symposium Editor*  
AARON LEV BERNARD

*Web & Publication Editor*  
ZACHARY M. WOODS

### *Staff*

ELISE NICOLE BLEGEN  
ANGELA L. BROWN  
ABHIRAM K. BUKKAPATNAM  
ROBERT J. CRAMER  
ELODIE O. CURRIER  
JOHN RAND DORNEY  
CHRISTOPHER RILEY DREES

JAKE EPSTEIN  
JOHN LOUIS FERGUSON III  
ISABEL C. FLORENTINO  
MELISSA GERDTS  
ANNA COLLEEN GOODNIGHT  
KELLY T. GUERIN  
LYNN E. GURSKY  
DANNY H. HARRIS

ROBERT AOKI HAVAS  
SAMANTHA A. HUNT  
RYAN S. JONES  
EVAN T. KOWALSKI  
MARY LINDSAY KREBS  
SYED HUMZA MOINUDDIN  
RAGHAVENDRA R. MURTHY  
SUSAN EMILY NESS

JACQUELINE T. PITTMAN  
ALISON NICOLE RAE  
MARIA R. SANTANGELO  
KRISTEN S. SARNA  
MARY A. TEAGUE  
MADELYN B. TOOLE  
THOMAS G. VANDERBEEK  
BENJAMIN D. WETZEL

## MEET THE 2021-2022 SENIOR BOARD

### *Meredith Rolfs Severtson, Editor in Chief*

Meredith graduated from Macalester College in 2017 with a B.A. in international studies. She spent her 1L summer working for a judge in the District of Minnesota, and her 2L summer at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. She plans to clerk for Judge Lance Africk in the Eastern District of Louisiana for one year following graduation.



### *Erin Embrey, Executive Editor*

Erin spent her undergraduate years at the University of Notre Dame – Go Irish! Her 1L summer she worked at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in their Dallas, TX office, albeit remotely in Nashville, and conducted research for Professor Thomas. She spent her 2L summer with King & Spalding in Chicago and plans to return there upon graduation.



### *Paul d'Ambrosio, Senior Articles Editor*

Paul attended Washington University in St. Louis, MO. His 1L summer he worked with Judge Thomas Durkin in the Northern District of Illinois. He spent his 2L summer in the Attorney General of Illinois's Office in Chicago, IL. Post-graduation, Paul will clerk for Judge Joseph McKinley, Jr. in the Western District of Kentucky, in Owensboro.



### *Caylyn Harvey, Senior Notes Editor*

Caylyn went to Davidson College where she double-majored in Biology and English. After undergrad, she completed an MS in Commerce at UVA before working in advertising and marketing for two years. During her 1L summer, she interned in the legal department at Asurion and did research for Professor Fitzpatrick. After 2L, she split her summer between Troutman Pepper in Atlanta and Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville. She will be returning to Bass, Berry & Sims after graduation.



### *Nick Prendergast, Senior Managing Editor*

Nick graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He spent his 1L summer working for the Office of the Civil Rights Advocate at the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General in Providence, RI, and his 2L summer at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett in Washington, D.C. He plans to return as a litigation associate after graduating from VLS.



### *Katie Monks, Senior En Banc Editor*

Katie attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. She spent her 1L summer as a Summer Honors Intern in the Division of Trading and Markets, Office of Market Supervision, at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. Her 2L summer she spent at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. Katie plans to clerk in the Eastern District of Virginia, in Richmond, for Judge David J. Novak upon graduation, and the following year in the Third Circuit for the Honorable Kent Jordan in Wilmington, DE.



# WHERE OUR 3L MEMBERS SPENT THEIR SUMMERS

## CHICAGO, IL

King & Spalding

Mayer Brown

Office of the Attorney General

Kirkland & Ellis

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

Williams & Connolly

Covington & Burling

Schertler, Onorato, Mead & Sears

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson

Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett

Sheppard Mullin

Fair Elections Center

Cooley (Reston, VA)

## NEW YORK, NY

Sullivan & Cromwell

Milbank

## GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Varnum

## PITTSBURGH, PA

Dentons, Cohen & Grisgby

## DALLAS, TX

Sidley Austin

Bradley Arant

Norton, Rose, Fulbright

## NASHVILLE, TN

Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd

Professor Michael Vandenberg

Bradley, Arant, Boulton, Cummings

Bass, Berry & Sims

Office of the Attorney General,  
Consumer Protection Bureau

Sims Funk

## CHATTANOOGA, TN

Miller & Martin

## BIRMINGHAM, AL

Lightfoot, Franklin &  
White

## CHARLES COUNTY, MD

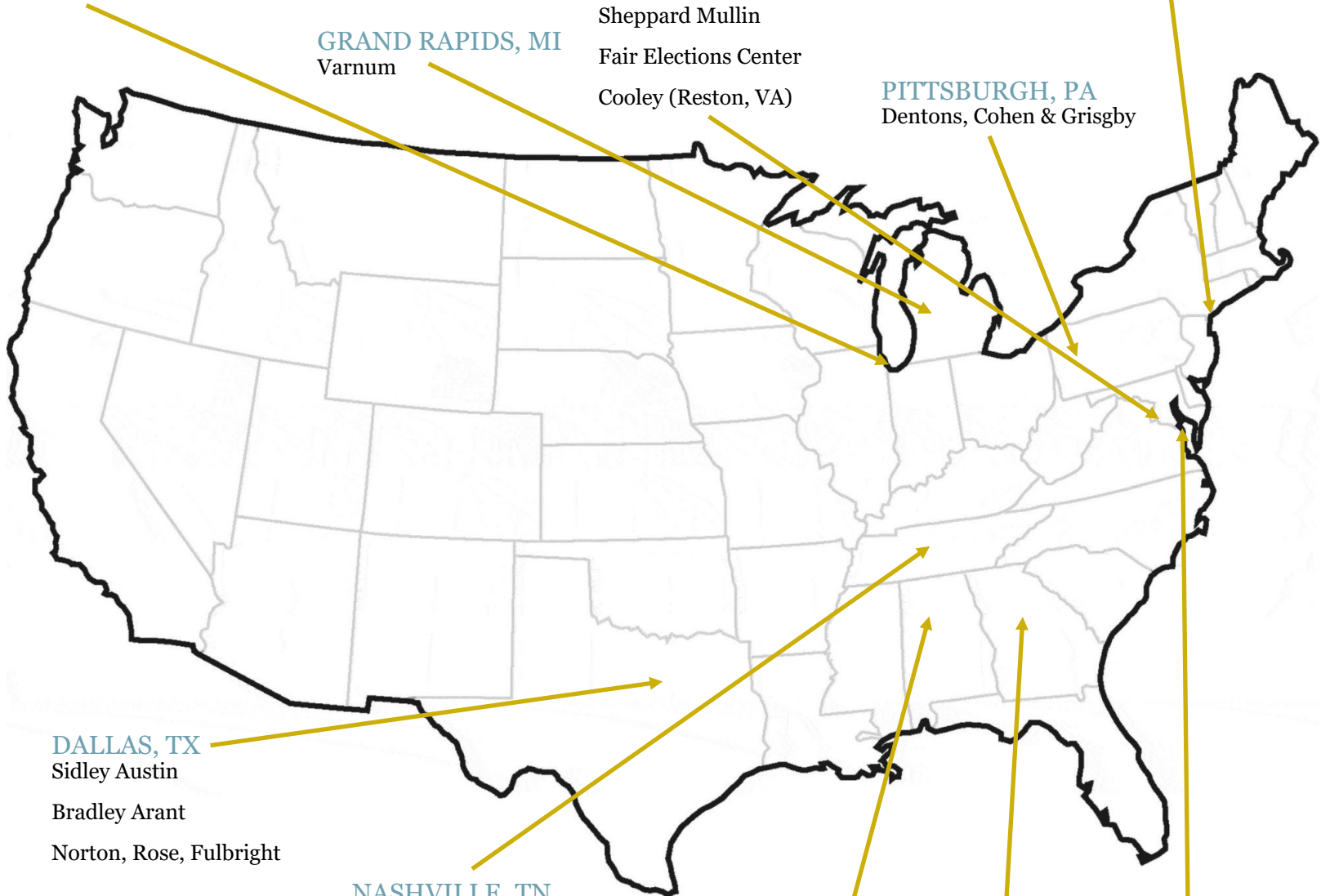
Maryland Office of the Public  
Defender

## ATLANTA, GA

King & Spalding (2)

Ballard Spahr

Troutman Pepper (2)





# WHERE OUR 2L MEMBERS SPENT THEIR SUMMERS

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

Securities and Exchange Commission

- Division of Enforcement (4)
- Office of the General Counsel, Appellate Group

Department of Homeland Security,  
Human Rights Violators Division

Norton Rose Fulbright

## PHILADELPHIA, PA

EPA Region 3 Office of Regional Counsel

## PITTSBURGH, PA

Hon. Marilyn J. Horan,  
W.D. Pa.

## NEW YORK, NY

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York

Cleary Gottlieb

Warburg Pincus

## GRAND RAPIDS, MI

U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Michigan

## CINCINNATI, OH

Magistrate Judge Karen Litkovitz, S.D. Ohio

## TRENTON, NJ

Hon. Michael Shipp,  
D.N.J.

Hon. Douglas Arpert,  
D.N.J.

## DALLAS, TX

Sidley Austin

McKool Smith

Akin Gump

## NASHVILLE, TN

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

Professor Randall Thomas

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee (2)

Bradley, Arant, Boult, Cummings

Sherrard, Roe, Voigt & Harbison

Bass, Berry & Sims

Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis

Vanderbilt Office of the General Counsel

## ATLANTA, GA

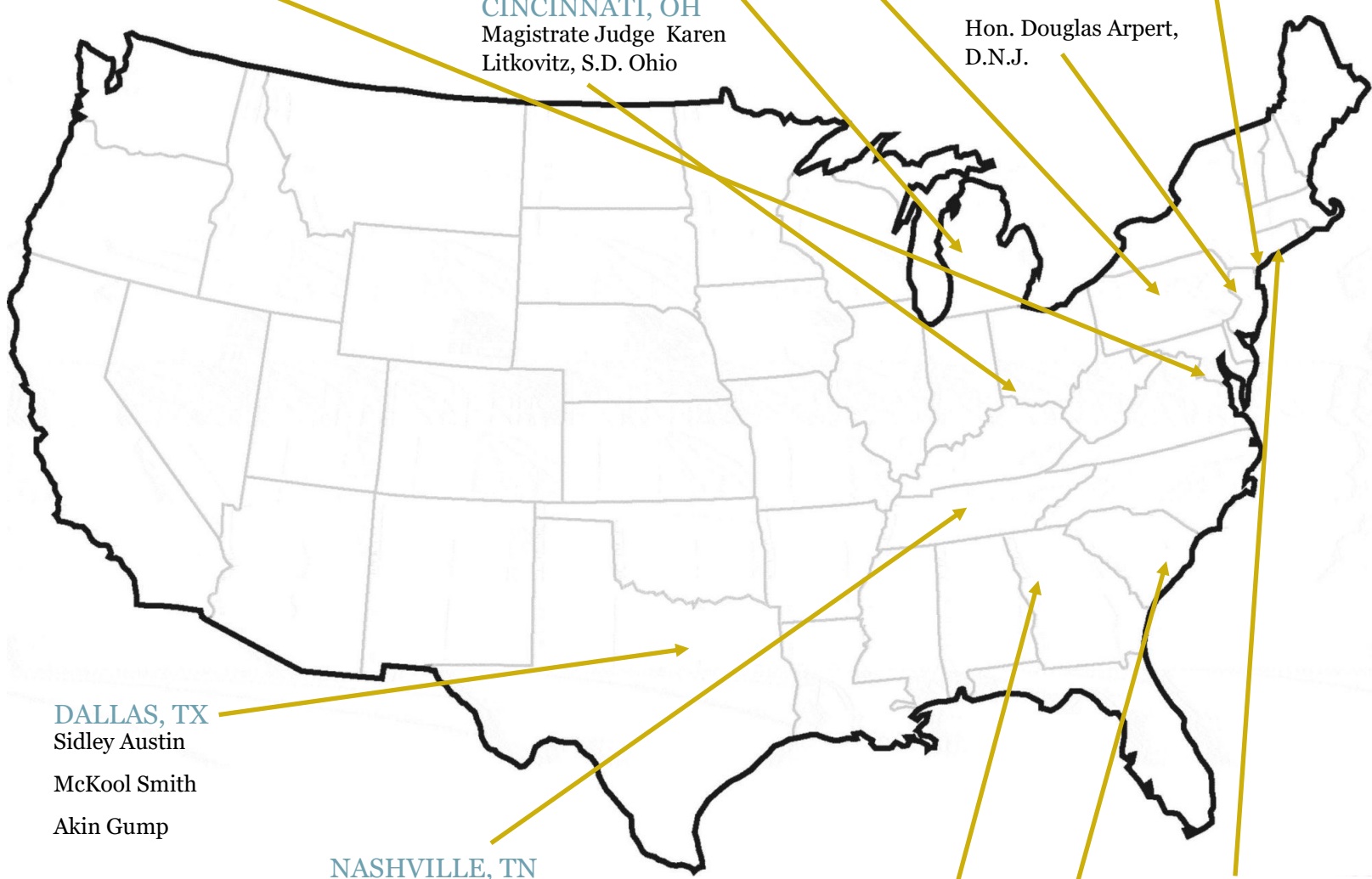
Atlanta Legal Aid

## BRIDGEPORT, CT

Hon. Stefan Underhill,  
D. Conn.

## CHARLESTON, SC

K&L Gates



## JOE HENDRICKS

*Hon. Elizabeth Branch*  
*Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals*

Atlanta, GA  
2022-2023

## JACOB GOODMAN

*Hon. Travis R. McDonough*  
*Eastern District of Tennessee*

Chattanooga, TN  
2022-2024

## COLE SCHOTT

*Hon. David J. Novak*  
*Eastern District of Virginia*

Richmond, VA  
2022-2023



***Congratulations to our members who have secured judicial clerkships!***

## KATIE MONKS

*Hon. David J. Novak*  
*Eastern District of Virginia*

Richmond, VA  
2022-2023

*Hon. Kent Jordan*  
*Third Circuit Court of Appeals*

Wilmington, DE  
2023-2024

## JAY PAOLILLO

*Hon. Lee P. Rudofsky*  
*Eastern District of Arkansas*

Little Rock, AR  
2022-2023

*Hon. Elizabeth Branch*  
*Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals*

Atlanta, GA  
2023-2024

## AARON BERNARD

*Hon. Chad Readler*  
*Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals*

Columbus, OH  
2022-2023

*Hon. Andrew Oldham*  
*Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals*

Austin, TX  
2023-2024

## KYLE BRINKER

*Hon. Gregory von Tatenhove*  
*Eastern District of Kentucky*

Frankfort, KY  
2022-2023

## PETER BYRNE

*Hon. Julius Richardson*  
*Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals*

Columbus, SC  
2022-2023

## MEREDITH SEVERTSON

*Hon. Lance Africk*  
*Eastern District of Louisiana*

New Orleans, LA  
2022-2023



# ***PAW REVIEW***

Winston, Chris Drees



Albus, Madelyn Toole



Roscoe, Elodie Currier



Oscar, Maria Santangelo



Goshen & Zulu, Emily Webb



Addie and Isabelle, Connor Breed



Shasta, Samantha Hunt



Stevie, Jacob Goodman



Roxy & Lyla, Caylyn Harvey







Darby, Danny Harris



Abby, Kelly Guerin



Teddy, Evan Kowalski



Leonard, Cameron Hood



Benji, Nicolas Prendergast



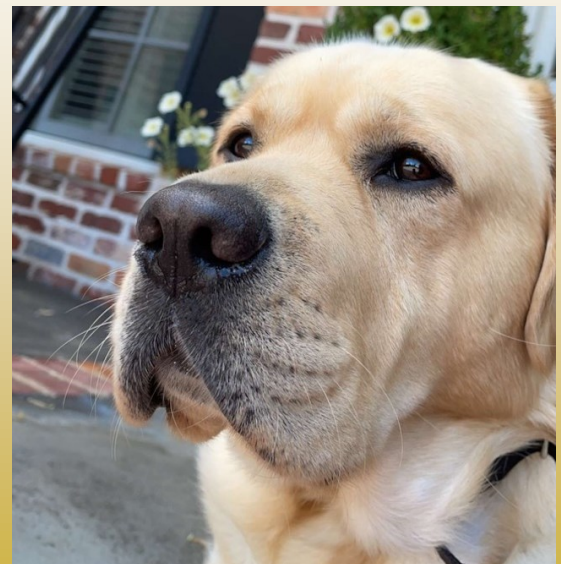
Walker, Amy Baddley



Gap, Jack Cramer



Stevie Nicks, Jaqueline Pittman



Teddy, Isabel Florentino





Mr. Mittens, Lisa Orucevic



Charlie, Dan Vickers



Yogi, Liam Murphy



Nora, Mary Lindsay Krebs



Willie, Susie Ness (not pictured Kitty (cat) and Echo (horse))



Scout, Lisa Orucevic



Charlie, Sarah Bourgeois



Ozymandias, Bryan Teresi



Gerald, Anna Goodnight



## DESPITE A DIFFICULT YEAR, WE HAD LOTS OF REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

### VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

The Vanderbilt Law Review is thankful for all of our alumni who made the organization what it is today. Your hard work built our tradition of excellence. If you would like to help us continue to publish outstanding legal scholarship, please consider making a contribution directly to us. On our [donation page](#), please select "Vanderbilt Law Review" in the appropriate field. We sincerely thank you for your support!

### LAW REVIEW MEMBERS...

- bought a house/condo
- got engaged
- received job offers
- completed races (10ks, half marathons)
- celebrated anniversaries
- attended & conducted weddings
- got vaccinated
- transferred to Vanderbilt
- discovered new foods
- became aunts and uncles
- adopted dogs and cats
- shot a round of golf under par
- moved to Nashville
- kids started preschool
- hiked in national parks
- took canoe trips
- drove cross country
- traveled out West
- swam with sharks
- did a 360 on a wakeboard
- ate at the best restaurants in the country
- survived 1L and 2L!
- **celebrated the everyday!**

Listen to *Off the Page*,  
VLR's Podcast!

New episodes coming  
soon highlighting our  
recent authors!

Apple Podcasts



Spotify



Our staff also discovered some fun quarantine hobbies  
over the past year:

cooking + watching movies + reading + golf + running  
+ long walks + writing poetry + hiking + painting + tennis + drawing + skiing + guitar + eating + film photography + baking + biking + air-frying + candle-making + yoga + MLB: The Show + embroidering + writing + boating + camping + knitting + puzzles + crocheting + learning to play harmonica + paddle boarding + pickleball + piano + fantasy sports + zoom background art + cocktail making + crossword puzzles + house plants + training dogs + LOTS of binge-watching TV shows...

Contact us at  
Vanderbilt University  
Law School  
131 21st Ave. South  
Nashville, TN 37203-1181

THE BEST WAY TO KEEP UP WITH VLR IS ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA! FOLLOW US TODAY:

LinkedIn  
Student & Alumni group



Twitter  
@VandLRev



Instagram  
@vanderbilt.law.review

