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Why I Hated (I mean Loved) Early Interview Week

by Maria C. John '00

On your mark, get set go! Out of the shower and into the conservative newly purchased navy blue suit. On with the shoes. Don't forget the resume holder and the resumes. Oh no! Do I have copies of my transcript? Yes, but I must make more. Off to the train station. Arrive at the Lowenstein Building at Fordham, with ten minutes to spare. Check face, hair, nails, and the suit for stains.

The book is impressive, to say the least. The top law firms in the country focus their hiring on a small number of schools. Listed below are schools as ranked by proportion of students placed with law firms.

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**Ramblings Calendar**

**September Events:**

- 23rd: (Wednesday) Panel Presentation on the Mission to Turkey. 5:30 - 6:30pm, McNally.
- Pizza night for evening students. Room TBA, 5:30 - 6:30pm.
- 25th: (Friday) Deadline to submit examination conflict forms.
- 29th (Tuesday) - Yom Kippur (after sundown). No classes after 6pm.
- 30th (Wednesday) - Yom Kippur. No classes.

**October Events:**

- 1st (Thursday) Kick-Off of Latino Awareness Month. Platt Atrium.
- 3rd: (Saturday) Dean's Day: This year's topic is Mega Mergers: The Future or Fantasy? Sign up at Alumni Affairs.
- 4th: (Sunday) Family Day for all first year students. Family members and partners of first year students are encouraged to attend. 2:30pm - 6:00pm.
- 6th: (Tuesday) Noreen E. McNamara Memorial Lecture Series presents a lecture by the Honorable Marina H. Blank Horn '69, United States Court of Federal Claims. 6:00pm. McNally.
- 7th: (Wednesday) Finance Securities & Tax Law Forum, Staff Meeting 5 - 5:30pm, followed by a recruitment reception. All Staff must attend for staff and editorial positions. Come meet the staff and hear their plans for the upcoming school year. Dean Feerick will attend. Atrium, 5:30 - 8:30pm.
- 11th: (Sunday) LALSA sponsored Theatre Outing. Repertorio Espanol, Evening performance.
- 12th: (Monday) Columbus Day - University is closed, no classes.
- 13th: (Tuesday) Wednesday schedule of classes.
- 14th: (Wednesday) LALSA general body meeting.
- 21st: (Saturday) LALSA sponsored outing: Museo del Barrio, 12:00pm.
- 30th: (Friday) Salsa with LALSA. Join LALSA members as they teach participants how to dance Latin style. Room TBA.
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Dear Student,

On behalf of the faculty and administration, I welcome back to the School our returning students and welcome again our entering class. This brief report contains some of the changes which have occurred over the summer, as well as other initiatives that the School will be undertaking in the upcoming months. It also acknowledges some of the members of our community whose leadership makes Fordham such a special place.

I begin by recognizing Father Joseph A. O’Hare, S.J., whose stewardship as President of the University for the past 14 years has made possible so many accomplishments and the realization of many dreams, including the magnificent new library on the Rose Hill campus. This year, he celebrates his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit, and I know that all faculty, students, and members of the Law School administration join me in celebrating this milestone in his life.

I would also like to mention another significant presence in the history of the Law School: Father George J. McMahon, S.J. At this year’s University commencement, Father McMahon, who has served as Vice President of our Lincoln Center campus, Dean of Fordham College, and University chaplain, was recognized for his contributions by having the Lincoln Center Residence Hall named in his honor. It is a honor which is truly deserved, as all who know him are aware.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

This year, in recognition of twenty year’s service to Fordham University, the Bene Merenti medal will be awarded to Professors Andrew Sims, Hugh Hansen, and Maria Marcus. Also to be honored, with the Archbishop Hughes Medal, is Kathleen Keenan, our Associate Director of Financial Aid, who oversees the School’s Student Loan Program. On behalf of the Fordham Law community, I congratulate them and thank them for their many outstanding service.

FACULTY

I am very pleased to announce that three members of our faculty have been granted tenure by the University: Associate Professors Matthew Diller, Nicolas Johnson, and Daniel Richman.

I am also delighted to report the appointments of Professors Elizabeth B. Cooper, Mark R. Patterson, and Benjamin C. Zipursky as Associate Professors in the Law School.

I know that you join me in congratulating all of these faculty members on their accomplishments.

New Full-Time Faculty

Joining us this year as a member of our tenure-track faculty is Professor Gideon Parchomovsky. Professor Parchomovsky is a graduate of Hebrew University (LL.B., 1993) and holds L.L.M. (1995) from Boston University (University of California at Berkeley) and a J.S.D. from Yale University. He was a Fulbright Fellow, 1994-96, and served as Legal Clerk (1992-93) to the Hon. Elihu Mossa, Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel. He was also associated with the firm of Zeev Weil and Co. in 1993, and from 1986-89, he served as Special Forces Commander with the Israel Defense Forces. His principal subject is Property.

Faculty Sabbaticals

Professors Carl Felsenfeld and Tracy Higgins will be on sabbatical during this fall semester, and Professors Martin Flaherty and Andrew Sims will be away on sabbatical leaves in the spring semester.

Returning to the School after spring 1998 sabbaticals are Professors Russell Pearce, Roger Goebel, and Joseph Sweeney. Professor William Trenor, who was also on sabbatical this past spring, is presently on leave as an Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel.

New Adjunct Clinical Faculty

We are pleased to welcome Professor Pamela Rogers Chepiga, who heads the School’s newly created Securities Arbitration Clinic. Professor Chepiga is a 1973 honors graduate of our Law School, where she served as Notes Editor of the Law Review. She served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy of the Southern District of New York, where she served as Chief of the Securities and Commodities Frauds Unit (1982-84); and as a member of the litigation department at Caldwell, Wickersham & Taft (1984-93), where she specialized as a partner in securities litigation and white collar criminal defense.

Adjunct Faculty Promotions Professors

Tina Stark and Michael Lane have been promoted to the rank of Adjunct Professor. Professor Stark teaches Introduction to the Deal and Commercial and Corporate Drafting. Professor Lane teaches Legal Writing.

THE ENTERING CLASS

This has been another strong year in the admissions area, with the School continuing to attract an outstanding entering class. Applications rose by 10%, compared to an increase of one-half of one percent nationally and a similar slight increase in our region, the Northeast. There was a 9% increase in applications for the Day Division, 7% in the Evening Division, and a 44% increase in transfer and visitor applications. The median LSAT for the Day Division was 163 (or 90th percentile). Statistics for our Evening Division were equally impressive.

The representation of women went from 43.7% last year to 47.4% in this year’s entering class. Students identifying themselves as members of minority groups also increased, rising from last year’s 23.3% to 25.2% this year. We also continued to attract strong candidates from across the country, with 164 colleges and universities represented in the entering class. Students in our Day and Evening Divisions come from 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, with 40% of the Day Division coming from out of state. In the Evening Division, 11 states are represented.

Students in the Day Division entering class range from 19 to 48, with an average age being 23. In the Evening Division, the range is from 20 to 50, with an average age 28. Members of the Day and Evening divisions have earned 43 advanced degrees in 11 Ph.D.s, 1 M.D., and 7 M.B.A.s. These advanced degrees cover such subjects as architecture, international affairs, Tal- a music studies, dramatic writing, engineering, and journalism, to name but a few.

There are 73 majors represented in the entering class. The 10 represented, followed, by number of students, are political science (87), psychology (45), English (44), history (42), economics (22), sociology (18), biology (18), philosophy (16), finance (15), accounting (14).

For this year’s entering class in the Graduate Program (as of August 12), we received 189 applications (from 49 countries), a 12% increase in the number of applications received by this date last year. Fifty-nine new students have enrolled, and 19 students have registered to return from last year, bringing the total enrollment in our two L.L.M. programs to 78. The Program currently enrolls students from 29 countries.

PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

This past January, we welcomed Fran Sheeley as the Law School’s Director of Development. Ms. Sheeley, who was formerly director of development for the Legal Aid Society and for the Fresh Air Fund, and other leading organizations in their field, has now joined by three additional development officers. Her staff consists of Margaret M. O’Brien, a graduate of Smith College and Fordham Law School of 1986; Rachel Schwartz, a graduate of Cornell University, Class of 1991; and Julia Lemmond, a graduate of Fordham College, Class of 1989. This new team will greatly expand the School’s development efforts and help us to continue to remain among the most competitive institutions in the nation.

CROWLEY HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

I would like to welcome back to the Law School Rob Quinn ’94 as our 1998-99 Joseph R. Crowley Fellow in International Human Rights. Rob succeeds Mike Sweeney, the first holder of the fellowship, who did such an outstanding job in setting up the program and won accolades from all members of our community. Mike has joined the firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, and we wish him every success in his new position.

Rob Quinn is a 1985 cum laude graduate of Princeton University and an honors graduate of the Law School. While at Fordham, he received the MCI International Fellowship and served as Senior Editor of the Fordham Law Review. From 1994-96, he clerked (Continued on next page)
which is referred to as an "enterprise network," since it allows access points not only in the computer lab, but also around the Law School building in such areas as the library carrels, the Platt Atrium, and the cafeteria, among other locations. This network provides students with personalized "logons," 5 Megabytes of storage space for personal documents and research, access to the Internet, Office 97 and Corel WordPerfect, the University Notes Email system, and printing. We hope to have all laptop connections completed by the spring semester. Other initiatives (scheduled for fall semester) include completion of "networking" the student journals and student organizations, adding computers in the law library to enhance our growing clinical program, and making available remote access (from home or the residence hall) to Email and the Internet.

COMING EVENTS
SBA President Rachel Reingold informs me that this year’s New York Cares Day will be held on Saturday, October 17. All students, faculty, administrators, and staff of the Fordham Law community are encouraged to participate in this very special event, which involves the cleaning and painting of a New York City school. Volunteers are asked to assemble at 8:00 a.m. in Bryant Park, located at Sixth Avenue and 42nd Street. Michael Perna, SBA Evening Division Vice President, is the contact person. More information on New York Cares Day will be available soon.

The School will host a number of important programs this year. On November 6, 1998, the eighth annual Stein Center Symposium will present a full-day program entitled, "The Changing Role of the Federal Prosecutor: In Memory of William M. Tendy." (Mr. Tendy was a distinguished graduate of the Law School who served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for thirty years.) The symposium, to which students are invited, will result in a special edition of the Fordham Urban Law Journal which will contain a transcript of the proceedings.

From December 4-6, 1998, the Stein Center will co-sponsor an invitational conference on "The Delivery of Legal Services to Low-Income Persons: Professional and Ethical Issues." The proceedings will be published in the Fordham Law Review's fifth annual ethics book.

From December 7-9, 1998, the Stein Institute will co-sponsor a major interfaith conference on Rediscovering the Role of Religion in the Lives of Lawyers and Those They Represent. The Robert L. Levine Lecture Series has two lectures planned for the year. In February, Louis Henkin (University Professor Emeritus and Special Services Professor at Columbia University School of Law) will deliver the first Levine Lecture, and Professor Martha L. Minnow, of Harvard Law School, will speak in April. More specific dates will be announced later.

ALUMNI NEWS
The Fordham Law Alumni Association, a great strength of the School under the outstanding direction of Dean Reilly, has been very active throughout the summer. In June, more than 30 alumni traveled to Northern Ireland to meet with human rights workers, jurists, and elected officials. In July, over 200 alumni gathered at the Westchester Country Club for the annual Mulligan Scholarship, Tennis, and Golf outing. October’s highlights include the Day’s Program, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, which will explore the history of mega-mergers. On Tuesday, October 13th, our Corporate Counsel Association will honor Mary McDonald '69, the general counsel of Merck & Company, with its Richard Bennett Award.

GRADUATE PROGRAM
This year our Graduate Program, which offers the LL.M. in Banking, Corporate & Finance Law and International Business & Trade Law, celebrates its tenth anniversary with a reunion in Paris in June. We now have 281 LL.M. graduates from 56 countries. Recently, LL.M. alumni chapters were established in Japan and Spain. The Japanese Chapter is the first Fordham Law Alumni Association chapter established outside the United States.

FINANCIAL AID
Our Financial Aid Director, James McGough, informs me that there have been a number of changes in the Federal Student Loan Program. To help you better understand those changes, his office has prepared a new, 1998-1999 Financial Aid Guidebook. The Guidebook was sent to all first year students, but upper class students can stop by the Financial Aid Office to pick up their own copies.

CONCLUSION
The Dean's Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 1998 in the McNally Amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

I wish you a very successful year.
All the best.

Sincerely,
John D. Feerick, Dean

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Throw Your Fears Out the Window: Finding Higher Ground in Law School

by Prof. Paula A. Franzese*

No matter what you may have heard or read to the contrary, the law remains a most noble profession. The practice of law offers tremendous opportunities to do well and, even more essentially, to do good. During the more trying moments of the law school experience, remind yourselves: “I am going to be a lawyer.” Feel proud and privileged by that fact.

Dreams brought you here. You are now on the road to fulfilling those dreams. And that sets you apart from the guy sitting next to you on the train, or from the woman sitting across from you at the laundromat. You are special. You are fortunate. Millions never get the chance that you have now. You are creating something for yourselves, and it is very good and it is very important.

Alarmingly, this world finds itself in crisis, with people turning on each other and turning on themselves. Locally, nationally, globally, we have become increasingly contentious, litigious and combative in our approach to dispute resolution. Many in our profession will advocate, by their words and actions, that it is aggression, domination, control and war games that are what it takes to succeed. Reject this assessment. To the extent that “it has prevailed, it explains why the reputation of our craft has suffered and why there is such a significant mess to be cleaned up.

My wish for you is that you never hesitate to choose the path of kindness, compassion, caring and peace-making in your approach to your professional endeavors; that you seek to introduce reason, even in the midst of seeming chaos, and love, even in the face of significant adversity. You have begun a journey that will offer many competing paths. When the road before you diverges, always ask, Which path has a heart? Choose that road. Your decision to do so, repeatedly exercised, will make a far more impressive change for the better than any courtroom or boardroom victory ever could.

It won’t be easy. In the days ahead, there will be times of depression and disenchantment, when you will feel like an island. Your gentleness will sometimes be mistaken for weakness. But you will know better. And by your example, you will teach. Remember that cruelty comes from the weak. Gentleness is to be expected only from the strong.

The challenge ahead of you, then, transcends any of the more immediate hurdles that you will surmount. The true challenge for the years to come is that you hold tight to your ideals, to your goodness, to your commitment to exalting the kinder virtues.

Certainly there are risks involved. To place your ideals before the crowd is to risk feeling vulnerable. To act in furtherance of those ideals is to risk ridicule and disappointment. But risks must be taken. To lose yourself because of self-defeating ideas, or as a consequence of the assessments of others, is to surrender all that you are and all that you stand for. It is a betrayal of the legacies and hard-learned lessons of all who have come before you, who believe in you, and who have so much to do with your being here now. Never surrender. You are too talented, and there is too much to be done.

*Professor Franzese is the author of "Throw Your Fears Out the Window: A Book of Wisdom, Guidance and Inspiration for Law Students and Lawyers" (Donnelly & Sons, 1997).

THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR THE ADVOCATE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 FROM 5:00 - 6:30PM IN ROOM 26. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED! IF YOU'RE A GOOD WRITER (OR JUST THINK YOU ARE), THEN PLEASE ATTEND OR LEAVE ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS IN MARIA JOHN'S BOX (3E) OR ILONA STANLEY'S BOX (3D) THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!
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