

Law Reviews Band Together to Fight "Shocking" Lack of Citation in Children's Books

Dr. Seuss is Denounced as an Impediment to the Development of Legal Writing Skills

In a surprising show of solidarity, the members of the Lewis & Clark law reviews have united to combat what they all agree to be a growing and disturbing evil perpetuated by U.S. publishers: children's authors do not cite their sources. This is particularly upsetting to the members of the law reviews because it strikes at society's most vulnerable members, indoctrinating them at an early age into a belief system devoid of citation.

"At first, we were just looking for ways to rectify the distressing citation errors that we see every day in our line of work," said the Managing Editor of the Lewis & Clark Law Review. "But it became clear, in the course of our investigation, that only hope we have of undoing this kind of grievous damage is to go to the source of the problem, the place where law students and even professors first learned this kind of behavior."

The evils of incorrect or even completely lacking citation cannot be understated, according to law review members. Children typically start to read between the ages of six and ten, but they usually do not encounter formatting rules for citation until age fourteen or later. In some cases, says the Business Editor for the Animal Law Review, children may not even run into citation rules at all in the public education system. That is why it is so important to integrate correct citation into children's extracurricular activities and interests.

In addition to curtailing a child's development as a legal writer, the law review members point out, a lack of citation in children's literature leads to a distressing lack of cynicism and critical thinking.

"They just accept the things they're told, never questioning where the author got his or her facts," says the Editor in Chief of the Environmental Law Review. "Authors may say that a mouse called Martin the Warrior



Prehistoric Whale Tongue Discovered Amongst Rot in L&C Student Fridge

Discovery Could (theoretically) Lead to Unprecedented Cleansing

Scientists and health inspectors are abuzz after a rancid whale tongue was discovered in the student refrigerator in the LRC last week. Experts are already calling the discovery the most shamefully unhygienic archaeological find in decades.

"It sort of looked like a flaccid meatloaf," remarked one student, who remained anonymous because his homemade sandwiches may have grazed the tongue several times in the overflowing refrigerator. "It really didn't seem at all out of the ordinary in the student fridge."

The tongue has been identified as possibly belonging to the species *Zygorhiza*, an ancient toothed whale with an elongated body. Some scientists believe this species may have given birth on land, which still does not explain how its tongue got in the fridge. The *Zygorhiza* went extinct millions of years ago.

School authorities were alerted to the existence of the whale tongue by 3L law student Cecil Brown, a nosy self-elected hall

monitor type who has been antagonized for occasionally trying to clean out the refrigerator. As one student grumbled, "Did he even look for a note before he removed it?"

Mr. Brown became suspicious of the veiny flab when he found a sick rat in the refrigerator that was stumbling around in the vicinity of the tongue. Several students agreed that although much of the food in the student refrigerator is mind-boggling in its stench and toxicity, a rat would typically live a healthy life in the fridge. The school lauded the rat's unknowing heroics and has allowed it to remain in the fridge indefinitely.

The Student Bar Association scrambled to respond to the incident by quickly disallowing any meat items of over ten pounds to remain in the fridge for more than two years. "This will not happen again," they said.

-Grant Wilson

Professor Drinking Games

In an effort to spark student interest in actually paying attention to their professors during the mid-semester doldrums, the noble staff at the Letter of the Law has devised rules for drinking games to play during the following professors' classes.

Prof. Bernie Vail

Take *one drink* if:

- He trips over the carpet
- He begins a sentence with "suppooooooooose..."
- He answers his own question with "Duh"

Take *two drinks* if:

- He makes reference to the "belt and suspenders" way
- He makes fun of the people on Burnside
- He gives himself 2 points for hitting the trash can with a marker.
- He says "Iiiii Dunnoooo"
- He advises you to take the matter to 'Guido'

Prof. John Parry

Take *one drink* if:

- He leans over the podium
- He ends his sentence in a laugh
- He sits on the desk
- He sticks his hand in his hair
- He counts on his fingers

Take *two drinks* if:

- His hand gets stuck in his hair/he tries to scalp himself
- He tips the podium over
- He throws up his hands in an "I don't know" gesture
- He talks about a class he took in law school (3 drinks if he says he's forgotten the subject matter)

Prof. Mike Blumm

Take *one drink* if:

- He runs his fingers through his hair
- He drinks his soda
- He makes a Wrigley Field analogy
- He mentions future generations

Take *two drinks* if:

- He mentions Justinian or Justinian's Institutes
- He mentions the Swans case
- He quotes more than two sentences of a statute verbatim (3 drinks if the statute is from the 1800s)
- He lists words he doesn't like in your writing

Prof. Bill Funk

Take *one drink* if:

- He throws you a softball
- He explains some whack originalist theory
- He is wearing his leather blazer and turtleneck
- He drops the Mr./Ms. before your name
- He answers a question with a question

Take *two drinks* if:

- He uses your first name to avoid pronouncing your last
- He reminisces about his Sex & the Law Seminar
- He mentions ships passing in the night
- He mentions the dungeon in his basement
- He mentions that he reads a lot

Study Adds "Practicing Attorney" to This Year's Least Realistic Career Options

Last week, Decisive Seminal Publications and Influential Reporting (D-SPAIR) released its annual study highlighting the ten most, and least, realistic career opportunities in today's job market. D-SPAIR employed several hundred statisticians, social scientists, and market experts to compile the data for the study, which included actual job availability numbers and social attitude factors.

The title of "Most Realistic Career Option" went to "perpetual student" this year. More and more people are returning to the classroom in hopes

that adding another degree to their resume will help them outshine their competition on the job market.

Evan Tueley, an 8th year Ph.D. student at Hopeful University, said he is enjoying his time in graduate school and sees no need to rush the process. Tueley left his position as "Pacaderm Wrangler" with a travelling big-top entertainer to begin his Ph.D. studies. His research at HU focuses on the memory capabilities of sea slugs.

"I'm planning on staying in school for as long as my research grants last," said Tueley.

The listing of "Least Realistic Career Opportunities" continued with its traditional array of interesting and unconventional jobs. Ninja, su-

perhero, and pirate captain maintained their dominance of the list from previous years; however, D-SPAIR surprised many readers with a new addition this year. "Practicing attorney" made its debut at number ten, just below astronaut.

While law students everywhere are finding it more difficult to maintain enthusiasm for the degree that may leave them with nothing more than a large debt after three years of hard study, they may be able to find some small solace in knowing the authors of this study were recently laid off due to budget cuts at D-SPAIR. The authors' positions may in fact make the "least realistic" list next year.

-Ineda Jobman-Duntyu

Student Poetry

Your Brain on Law

This is your brain,
& this is your brain on law:
a sizzling frittata,
with expired, fungal & fetid ricotta.

I pleaded my grade
using Miller's Procedure,
appealing to Jesus,
not a judge nor a juror.

"I'm sorry, son,"
was Entreaty's reply
"It's final. It's done,
See Res Judicata."

Once soared like a Condor,
now a chicken piccata.
I fall back to reasoning
like an orphaned Lion King,
No worries. Whatever.
Hakuna mattata.

-Mauricio Austin

What Outside World?

Toiled to get in,
now I dream of escape from
the law school vacuum.

-Natalia Burke

A Haiku

world is "open book"
so why isn't my exam?
please memorize this

-Sam Terpstra

Professor Quotes

"I've managed to have my house
broken into five times in my time here.
That's a lot. But that's life in Portland.
It's a nice place."

- Prof. Ed Brunet

"We all have a little bit of Scalia in us,
sitting on our shoulders, whispering in
our ears..."

- Prof. John Parry

"If my name were Moxley Featherston .
... I'd be a dude."

- Prof. Jack Bogdanski

"That's wild. That's backward. That's
revolutionary. That's [Justice] Stevens."

-Prof. Ed Brunet

"I want you all to become plaintiffs'
lawyers. I want you all to make scads of
money, and I want you to give at least
some of it to the law school."

-Prof. John Parry

"Get those contracts off my grapes."

- Prof. Amy Bushaw

"Does someone always die on my
exams?"

- Prof. Tomas Gomez-Arostegui

"My brain's not functioning; it's over-
heating like a frog."

- Prof. Lydia Loren

"I get all of my Latin from 'A Funny
Thing Happened on the Way to the
Forum.'"

- Prof. John Parry

"Lobbying involves math. If there are
seven people on the steering committee,
you need four votes."

- Prof. Jeffrey Litwak

"Let's draw a distribution chain. This'll
be fun. It's almost like having popcorn."

- Prof. Ed Brunet

**With Special Feature:
Geography According to Prof.
John Parry!**

"Iowa only exists because we believe in
Iowa."

"The New Yorker's map of the country
doesn't include Michigan."

"I always thought of Nevada as Califor-
nia's playground."

"The people of Ontario are entitled to
be dumb."

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-The "Editor"

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battled great wildcats, but how is a child, an innocent reader, supposed to evaluate that claim? Is he just supposed to accept it unthinkingly, without further research? Is that what we're implicitly telling our children?"

The first major step in their national campaign, the law reviews have decided, is to contact members of other law reviews throughout the nation and entreat them to join the cause. The editors of Lewis & Clark's law reviews expressed confidence that other law reviews would heed their call to action. According to a joint statement of the editors: "The problem is widespread and growing. If we can act now, we may be able

to save the next generation from the perils of a citation-less way of life. Other law review members will understand, and together, we can make a difference."

Before sending out this impassioned call for aid, however, the law reviews will need to sort out the pressing issue of how to list this campaign on members' resumes. Currently, law review members are trying to determine exactly how many can get the title "Executive Director" of the campaign without violating ethical rules. In addition, there is some debate as to the correct sequence of "vice-", "associate-",

"assistant-" and "co-" as qualifiers of position titles in the chain-of-command.

Resolution of these issues is expected to be forthcoming, with position titles agreed upon within the month. After that, the campaign is set to get right down to improving children's literature and, in the process, children's futures.

- What's Her Face

Lawyer Jokes

Because you don't hear enough of these from your friends

Two law partners leave their office and go to lunch. In the middle of lunch the junior partner slaps his forehead.

"Damn," he says. "I forgot to lock the office safe before we left."

His partner replies "What are you worried about? We're both here."

For three years, the young attorney had been taking his brief vacations at a country inn. The last time he'd finally managed an affair with the innkeeper's daughter.

Looking forward to an exciting few days, he dragged his suitcase up the stairs of the inn, then stopped short. There sat his lover with an infant on her lap!

"Helen, why didn't you write when you learned you were pregnant?" he cried. "I would have rushed up here, we could have gotten married, and the baby would have my name!"

"Well," she said, "when my folks found out about my condition, we sat up all night talking and talking and decided it would be better to have a bastard in the family than a lawyer."

Applying for a job, a new lawyer was asked if paying back his law school tuition would be any special problem.

He replied that he paid it back right after his first case. When asked how he managed that, he said: "Well, my dad sued me for it and won."

A lawyer was sitting in her office late one night, when Satan appeared.

The Devil told the lawyer: "I have a proposition for you. You can win every case you try for the rest of your life. Your clients will adore you, your colleagues will stand in awe of you, and you will make embarrassing sums of money. All I want in exchange is your soul, your husband's soul, your children's souls, the souls of your parents, grandparents, and parents-in-law, and the souls of all your friends and law partners."

The lawyer thought for a moment, then asked: "So, what's the catch?"

New Anti-Gunner Policy Approved

Shock Collars for Everybody!

At its February meeting, The Student Bar Association of Lewis & Clark Law School voted to approve a new program to deal with "Gunnners". The first step, according to SBA representatives, is to require all students to wear shock collars during class. Bouncers will be stationed at the doors to classroom to ensure that no one without a collar can get to their classes. Tampering with the collars will be prosecuted as an honor code violation.

Once the collar requirement has been implemented, the next step is to have each class elect an "Ennui Guardian Officer." This Guardian will be entrusted with a remote to all shock collars in the room and will be charged with policing his or her classmates to maintain the desired level of ennui. The SBA has set out proposed guidelines for when the Guardian may administer an electrical shock. Here are some of the 47 approved situations in which electrical shock may be administered to a student:

1. The student takes more than 30 seconds to answer a professor's question.
2. The student answers a question that was not specifically addressed to the student.
3. The student spends less than 40% of class time on Facebook, or some other social networking site.
4. The student asks a question that may be on a subject not covered by the exam.
5. The student, in the Guardian's opinion, has an annoying voice.

The new policy has been lauded by many in the community. Both students and professors have expressed relief that they will no longer be bothered by questions or opinions that take up valuable class time.

"A talkative student," said Professor Blitz, "is one who isn't listening to me right at that very moment, and I frankly find that hurtful. If they truly want answers, we've got librarians for that sort of thing. I've got a lecture to get on with."

Students agree.

"It really distracts me from my G-chat conversations to hear another student speak," complained one second year student. "It's easy enough to tune out one person's voice, but when other voices start up, I have to work extra hard to ignore them. It's a real frustration."

With the new policy in place, students and faculty are hopeful that they will be able to make more productive use of class time. Given the enthusiastic support from the campus community, the SBA is confident of the new program's success. Starting in April, students can start signing up to get their names on class Guardian ballots.

A few of the more liberal (or "sissy") community members opined that the new policy might be a bit harsh. They suggested social ostracism instead. The majority, however, believes that the time has passed for such weak measures. Said one SBA representative, "If we can get them to understand that class participation hurts us all, I know we can have a positive effect on this community. And everyone understands electrocution."

-Staff "Writer"

