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However, when the two-year authorization ran after the Spring 2008 semester, trouble began. With the immediate success of the sale, Eagle’s Nest began to have second thoughts about allowing the continuation of CAPIL’s used book sale. After negotiations between CAPIL, Coastal administration, and the owners of Eagle’s Nest, the cap on a take-it-or-leave-it basis and generally set. This forces merchants to raise prices on their merchandise and results in the average consumer, credit card user or not, paying over $400 a year accumulated each time a credit card user makes an easy swipe. This also holds true regardless of whether the consumer regularly makes timely credit card payments and is otherwise in good standing with the provider. As a result of the hidden fee structure, merchants don’t know exactly what they are paying for and neither do consumers, since the fee is not itemized on the consumer receipt. This makes a pretty penny for lenders but, for merchants, it reduces store profits. A group of merchants have recently retaliated with a class-action lawsuit filed against the major lenders. This has forced an evaluation of the existing electronic payment system, and in July of 2008, the House Judiciary Committee voted to move forward with the Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008. The Act essentially allows merchants the opportunity to negotiate with the individual lenders on the processing fees charged. This allows for greater competition among lenders and merchants, therefore promoting better prices for the consumer. The Act also indicates that no other fees, direct or indirect, may be imposed on the merchants. While merchants and consumer groups are supporting the legislation, banking groups are in strong opposition. Major credit card companies such as Visa and MasterCard have published a breakdown of their fee structure. However, some say that it is still too difficult to understand. MasterCard issued a statement indicating that the present electronic payment system was developed in a competitive marketplace and is a “secure way to increase sales and consumer satisfaction.”

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Cambodia, a country that was greatly afflicted with war crimes, is finally seeing justice after thirty years. From the period of 1975 to 1979, the communist Khmer Rouge took control of Cambodia and defeated the U.S. backed Lon Nol government. Their revolutionary idea was to return the country to an agrarian society where people were forced to work in extreme labor conditions with the aim of establishing a new civilization. In this attempt, many people who were perceived as being enemies of their regime were executed. During their control, about 3 million people died as a result of mass executions, overwork, and inhumane living conditions. Now, after thirty years, the Cambodian government with the help of the United Nations and the international communities has established a hybrid court to conduct the Khmer Rouge tribunal. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) was established in 2003 to conduct trials against the five detained senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge.

This summer, with the help of Professor John Knechtle, I participated in this tribunal as an international extern. I worked in the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges, where I assisted in drafting parts of the closing order which would later be submitted to the pre-trial chamber. The closing order consists of factual narratives of the alleged crimes committed by Duch and an assessment of the legal qualifications of the facts to the crimes. Duch was the chairman of the S-21 prison, which was used to torture and interrogate prisoners in order to extract confessions. During the regime, over 17,000 people were imprisoned at S-21. When the Vietnamese invaded in 1979, only twelve prisoners survived. I was fortunate to have met one of the survivors, artist Van Nath, who was only kept alive to paint portraits of the main leader Pol Pot. During my externship, I visited the S-21 prison and was astonished at how normal the facility looked on the outside. It was a former high school that was turned into a prison center. Inside, I saw the many torturing devices used and the crowded cell rooms that held hundreds of shackled prisoners at a time. About 8 miles away, I also visited the Cheung Ek killing field. This was used by the Khmer Rouge to conduct mass executions of prisoners after their brutal interrogations at S-21. Walking through the fields, I saw many skeletal remains and victims' clothes left in the mass graves. Although it was short, my externship was both academically rewarding and personally gratifying. As a post-war child of the Khmer Rouge regime, I heard many recounts of horrific experiences from relatives. My parents fortunately escaped the brutalities of the Khmer Rouge but along the way, I lost two older brothers and many other relatives. So, while some law students spent the summer taking classes or working in law firms, I spent it assisting the tribunal that will finally bring justice for the millions of people afflicted by the Khmer Rouge, including my own family.
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The start of a new semester in law school brings many new emotions. If you’re a 1L, you’re probably scared and apprehensive about being thrown into a completely new environment. If you’re a 2L, you’re ecstatic and relieved that you made it out of your first year alive.

Lastly, if you have the privilege of being a 3L (like me, yippee!), you’re excited you made it this far and are nearing the end of the law school road. During the school year, we make time to hang out with our friends, attend social events, join clubs, go out on dates and play around on Facebook and Myspace, but rarely do we make the time to take care of ourselves, mentally and physically. But really, as law students do we have all the free time in the world to do so? We are always sitting in class, studying, outlining or working, and when we aren’t doing any of those things we are usually trying to catch up on sleep!

Not to mention, some of us are in long term relationships, married, single parents, and have families to look after. Trying to keep up with such a hectic schedule, maintain our personal relationships and find time to eat and sleep make it difficult to lead a healthy lifestyle.

No matter where we are in our law school careers it is imperative that we make time for personal healing and growth. I don’t think I would have been able to make it this far in law school if it weren’t for yoga and meditation. I love yoga so much that I became a certified yoga teacher while in law school. It became not only a release for me but it allowed me to find peace of mind, self-confidence and stability, all of which are necessary for law school. Now, while you read this, please don’t think that I’m a picture of wellness. I most definitely have my moments. However, I also have a deep passion for helping others bring more harmony into their lives by incorporating discipline and healthy habits for mind-body-soul awareness.

Below are some healthy lifestyle tips that will minimize stress and help you stay balanced.

Tip #1: Create a schedule and stick to it. Don’t have a scattered study pattern. You should know by now whether you work best in the morning or evening. Build your study schedules around when you are most alert and vibrant, and only study at those times. Don’t stray from what you know works best for you, it just adds on more pressure! Also, don’t forget to take a day off. If you study everyday, you will become an unhappy, bitter person and have no friends.

Ok, that might be dramatic, but seriously, enjoy the life of a student while you still can. Lastly, try to find at least 3 days during the week where you can reserve time just for yourself. Whether it’s a 30 minute workout, a short walk on the beach or just 10 minutes to sit in your bedroom, meditate and embrace the quiet.

Tip #2: Put the junk food down. Now, a little indulgence never hurt anyone. The occasional chocolate bar and slice of pizza won’t ruin you. But take a look at your daily eating habits. Do you eat fast food more than twice a week? How many soft drinks do you consume per day? Are you snacking before bedtime? Drinking enough water? You might not be sure if what you’re eating is right for you, but I can guarantee you that a healthy diet doesn’t include fast food, fatty deserts and soft drinks. Everything you ingest affects your body and brain patterns. The food you eat can either increase your energy or take it away. If you establish a study schedule for yourself, why not incorporate a balanced diet into the mix?

Tip #3: Get your Z’s! I often hear my fellow classmates talk about how much they would LOVE to actually get 8 hours of sleep. It’s very difficult, especially when legal theory decides to make it in our ways in the head right before bedtime. Eight hours is do-able and you can make it happen. If you see that you won’t finish your work by midnight, put it away! How much can you really absorb at that time anyway? Come back to it the next day. The world will not end. I promise. To read about some healthy sleep tips, visit The National Sleep Foundation’s website at www.sleepfoundation.org.

Tip #4: Establish an organized space for yourself. If our home environment is clean, your mind will be more balanced and able to think clearly. A messy office will produce messy thoughts! Make sure to keep your work space tidy. Throw away all unnecessary papers, coffee cups and food. Get a file cabinet. Keep all your law school and personal files organized. It will help you study better. If you’re interested in creating a feng shui office space, check out www.care2.com/greenliving/the-feng-shui-office.html.

Tip #5: Step away from the internet! All the visual stimulation of Facebook, Myspace, student portals, email and online shopping can cloud the mind. When we become full-time working attorneys we are only going to be on the computer even more. Carpet tunnel is a reality, people! We need to give the brain a break and just find stillness. Make it a habit to use the internet only while at school or when absolutely necessary. By the way, for some really great hand exercises to relieve all the computer use we put our little digits through, visit www.stretchnow.com.au/exercises/hands.htm.

Tip #6: Reclaim your talent. Being in law school can sometimes inhibit your creativity. Whether you love to write, paint, draw, play a musical instrument, dance or sing, don’t let all the studying get in the way of your ultimate passion in life. At least once a month do what you love most! Reclaiming your talent will uplift you and help you realize that your life doesn’t have to be consumed by law school.

Tip #7: Eliminate “energy suckers”. Examine your personal relationships. Do you surround yourself with positive individuals who bring out the best in you? If so, that’s a bonus because you are in a network in which you will thrive and be set for success. But, if there are there people in your life who are always negative, constantly putting you down or making you feel depressed, then that will affect your work product and how much you put into your academic career…and not in a good way. I know this is a big one and it may be difficult, but if there are people in your life who suck the energy out of you, then it’s probably not in your best interest to be around them on a regular basis while in law school. If it’s impossible to avoid them, then just look within and keep your eye on the prize. Don’t let anyone else’s negativity influence you!

Tip #8: Stay positive and trust yourself. Law school can be stressful...this is true. Studying, outlining, reading and more studying can quickly take the sunshine out of our lives and turn us into bitter, negative people. But let’s not forget that this is the path we chose. In essence, we made our own beds so now we must lie in them. Let’s not view our 3 years in law school as a prison sentence. If we remain positive and trust our decisions, it will be that much easier to make it through this right of passage.

Lastly, I must say that in law school, we allow our friends to influence us and professors to intimidate us. We are constantly expected to acquire knowledge from endless resources, but rarely do we listen to ourselves or examine what resides within our own true nature. The law school environment can make us second guess ourselves and lower our self-esteem. If we trust what resides within us (and no one else) and cultivate positivity within and keep your eye on the horizon, then we won’t have anything to lose.
I grew up in a one red light snapshot of the South where shotguns, doctored-up pickup trucks, and barbecue were the scout’s honor rights of survivorship. Because of this backwoods bringin’ up, I survived snipe hunting, named my dog after my Dad, and always thought Merle Haggard hearin’ big bellies served up the best barbecue south of the Mason-Dixon.

Now I’m not knockin’ beer-can-chicken, but I’ve learned one thing about slow cooked swill since my Avondale transplantation. I’ve learned that Tento Churrascaria, at 528 N. First Street, serves up some Friday night fare that just might knock ole’ Pop’s pig roast down a couple of pegs.

Sorry Pop, but it’s the newest dinner trend in the city that’s bringing Brazil to the Beaches and transforming the red neck pig pickin’ into a palatable new fad for the Jacksonville masses. Commonly called cowboy cuisine, Tento’s style of supper gets its fame for its many varied meats, which are skewered, slow roasted over an open-flame, and brought to your table by apparent Gauchos, traditional South American cowboys. The flat fee is $44 per person and includes Tento’s gourmet salad and side buffet, as well as unlimited hand-carved chops. “Don’t forget to try something from the bar,” says 3L Peter Penrod. “The bar has a great selection of Brazilian wines and the bartenders make a mean Caipirinha, the classic cocktail of Brazil. It’s similar to a mojito but more flavorful and distinct.”

So when you’ve got an extra Benjamin to burn, bird-dog it down to the Beaches and give Tento Churrascaria a go. It’s much more than an evening out, it’s a barbecue re-education that can re-teach even the most backwoods of Barbie doll.
Local Elections Coming Soon

Rick Buttner, Candidate for 4th Judicial Circuit Judge: Group 28

Virginia Norton, Candidate for 4th Judicial Circuit Judge: Group 28

Angela Corey, Candidate for Jacksonville State Attorney

Jay Plotkin (and wife), Candidate for Jacksonville State Attorney

Matthew Shirk, Candidate for Jacksonville Public Defender

“A judge’s first duty is to follow the law, but organization is key in getting cases to trial.”

“The first time a child sees a judge should not be in the courtroom.”

“I am the person to lead law enforcement in this community, and as State Attorney, that office will be run for the people, by someone who is of the people.”

“As Jacksonville’s Chief Assistant State Attorney, I ran a $24 million dollar budget; we have done and will continue to do more with less in these tough fiscal times.”

“As Public Defender, I will work with the State Attorney's Office in unblocking the system and moving cases along.”

Why is it so important to vote? Seats for Circuit Judge, State Attorney, and Public Defender come up for election every 4 years. Many times, however, would-be candidates decline to run against an incumbent. Thus, for example, a public officer could potentially remain in the same office until retirement. If you don’t vote now, you may not get another meaningful chance for years to come.

On Thursday, August 14th, Coastal hosted a candidates’ forum. The debate was moderated by First Coast News Anchor, Shannon Ogden. Candidates squared off to promote their platforms and address issues such as crime prevention and control, bond schedules, and overcrowded jails.

The 2008 Primary Election will be held August 26th. Offices up for election in the 4th Judicial Circuit include State Attorney and Circuit Judge: Groups 11 and 28. The candidates for Circuit Judge: Group 11 are Mark Hulsey, III and Adrian Soud. The candidates for Circuit Judge: Group 28 are Rick Buttner and Virginia Norton. The candidates for State Attorney are Angela B. Corey and Jay Plotkin. The General Election will be held November 4, 2008. The candidates for Jacksonville’s Public Defender are incumbent, Bill White, and Coastal graduate Matt Shirk. To find out more about each candidate visit their websites, which may be found by going to www.duvalelections.com.

As of August 12th, there are a total of 496,228 registered voters in Duval County, with 186,902 registered as Republican, 221,933 registered as Democrat, and 87,493 registered as “other.” Visit www.rockthevote.org to register to vote if you have not already done so. If you are registered to vote in another state, don’t forget to request an absentee ballot. Exercise your right to vote.

Not Shown Above: Bill White, Jacksonville incumbent Public Defender

“As a Public Defender, it is my job to defend the poor and the Constitution.”

Adrian Soud, Candidate for 4th Judicial Circuit Judge: Group 11

“It takes a balance of experience to mold a judge, but at the core, it must always be that the judge remains totally committed to the rule of law at every stage.”

Mark Hulsey, III, Candidate for 4th Judicial Circuit Judge: Group 11

“Our children are in crisis; we need a program to prevent crime by dealing with juveniles instead of waiting until they are adults.”

Come Celebrate First Friday

Come celebrate First Friday, held every first Friday of the month in Five Points, downtown Jacksonville. The event offers a unique opportunity to explore Jacksonville’s eclectic venues for clothing apparel, restaurants, and a host of other interesting boutiques. Five Points is located just off the I-95 Park Street exit. Five Points shop owners came up with the idea of hosting First Friday as a way to preserve the sense of community that is disappearing with the overwhelming commercialization projects in other areas of town, like St. John’s Town Center, for example. Every first Friday since last October, the shop owners knock off their parking lots and invite local artists to display their work. The shop owners extend their normal business hours and encourage patrons to come inside for free refreshments and a casual shopping experience. If that’s not enough, patrons can browse the store fronts and enjoy live music spun by a local d.j. Anomaly boutique owners, Emily and Adam Edgecombe, just celebrated their shop’s three-year anniversary. “My husband and I are both from Jacksonville, and we feel that the Five Points area is a historic and important part of our community,” said Emily. Adam, a 3L here at Coastal, and his wife, extend an invitation to all who are looking for a different spin on happy hour to attend the next First Friday celebration on September 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Anomaly will host a fundraiser from which all proceeds go to support Little Star, a Jacksonville community school for children with autism. In addition, show your Coastal student I.D. with any Anomaly purchase and receive 20% off all merchandise. See you there!
Opinions

Tips & Tricks: Beating Common Writing Errors

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As the former Teaching Assistant at Coastal’s Writing Center, I feel compelled to tell you about some common writing errors that I saw students make repeatedly and some easy ways to improve your writing.

Passive Voice
Many students struggle with understanding passive voice. A passive construction occurs when you make the object of an action into the subject of a sentence. An example of passive voice is “The defendant was convicted of assault,” instead of saying, “The jury convicted the defendant of assault.” Using passive voice is not inherently wrong, but in most legal documents, the reader should try to avoid it. Sentences are stronger without using passive voice. So how do you spot passive voice? You can look for a form of “to be” (is, are, am, was, were, has been, have been, had been, will be, will have been, being) followed by a past participle. (The past participle is a form of the verb that typically, but not always, ends in “-ed.”) However, if this method seems difficult, a little known secret is that you can tell Microsoft Word to detect the passive voice for you. In most versions, go to Tools, Spelling and Grammar, Options. Then, check the box for grammar and style, followed by checking the boxes within style that you want Word to check for you. In about thirty seconds, you can have a stronger paper that is free of passive voice.

Comma Usage
The most common mistake I saw was students not using a comma after introductory phrases. An example is “Though the Plaintiff was angry at the time she lacked the required mental state of insanity.” (The writer should place a comma after “time.”) The introductory phrase can be just one or two words, such as also, however, in fact, and generally, or the introductory phrase can be longer, with sentences starting with although, if, as, in order to, and when. Looking for these words at the beginning of a sentence can help you spot an instance where you need a comma.

Pronoun Agreement Error
Another common error I saw repeatedly was incorrect pronoun usage. An example is “Everyone should have their day in court.” The problem is “everyone” is a singular pronoun. You need to use “his” or “her.” Another common problem is an unclear pronoun reference: using words like “that” or “he” and not being clear to what you are referring to.

Worksheets are available in the Writing Center to review pronoun usage and other problem areas.

General Tips
Another common writing problem I saw was the use of “there” and “it is” to start a sentence. Though not incorrect, students’ writing is stronger without these sentence starters. For more writing assistance and access to a list of the most common student writing errors (article by Andrea Lunsford and Robert Connors), please see Rose Larizza in the Writing Center.

Evidence Crossword Puzzle

Across:
3. Evidence that matters to the case
4. Regular response to a repeated situation
5. Relating to the matter
7. Worthy of belief
9. Allows courts to make laws
11. Best Evidence Rule
13. Destroy witness credibility
14. Witness that is not expert
15. Biased evidence creates this

Down:
1. Controlling rules on this topic
2. Witness didn’t see it themselves
6. Spoken in the heat of the moment
8. Confidential, cannot be used
10. Whether a witness is mentally able to testify
12. Witness on the stand gives this

Answers to last issue’s puzzle

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The deadline for the Fitness Application is October 1st; the cost is $300. You must have your Certification of Fitness before you take the Georgia Bar. The deadline to file to take the next Bar Exam is January 2nd. The fee for the Bar Exam is $90, and the NCBE fee is $70. There is a $100 fee for the use of ExamSoft, and Florida requires a scaled score of 80 on the MPRE, and you must take the MPRE within 25 months of the Bar Exam. This information was taken from Florida’s Board of Bar Examiners website at www.floridabarexam.org

MPRE
This information was taken from the Georgia Bar Admissions’ website at www.gabaradmissions.org

MPRE
The exam will be administered on Saturday, November 8th. The registration deadline is September 30.

The deadline for late applications is October 26th. The fee for the MPRE is $60, and the fee for late applications is $120. This exam lasts for two hours and five minutes. The test consists of 60 multiple choice questions, along with 10 “Test Center Review items” that will ask you about your reactions to the testing conditions. The MPRE score is valid for 25 months from the date of the test. This information was taken from the National Conference of Bar Examiners’ website at www.ncbex.org.

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is law school. But fear not, for The Rainmaker will be here to provide tips, tricks and necessary distractions to help you, the students, survive here at Coastal. Also, we would like to thank the faculty, staff, and administrative personnel that have been so supportive while The Rainmaker was finding its footing during our first year. We are continuously evolving and we promise to take any and all suggestions and recommendations under consideration to help us represent Florida Coastal School of Law to the best of our abilities, not just this year, but for many years to come. Thank you.

Ashley Dubose
Managing Editor

We here at The Rainmaker would like to say welcome to all of the incoming students, and welcome back to the returning students. We hope you had a fun and productive summer, because it is time to get back to the stress and hectic schedule that

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