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Comedy Is Legal Again: After Two-Year Long Public Campaign, California Lawn Review Returns

After a two-year hiatus, the preeminent student-run publication at UC Berkeley, School of Law, has returned. The famed journal has been cited by the Los Angeles Times, Instagram, The U.S. Supreme Court, and Grok.

The campaign to bring back ***CLR*** included a long process of public organizing, protesting, and one armed robbery. A staunch supporter of the campaign to bring back ***CLR***, a professor at the law school/dude who runs bar trivia on Telegraph on Wednesday nights who asked to not be named (rhymes with "you"), stated that he "can't believe this school was able to get by for even two years without a single student-run journal publishing high-end articles." "It is unfathomable how anyone could continue operating without thousands of hours being expended by hundreds of students to put out a journal read by fourteen people and that was cited by SCOTUS once like half a decade ago- Oh, the California *Lawn* Review? Yeah, that one I've actually read. Glad that's back... Can you name this song?"

One supporter of the journal said, "I think it is important to have at least one journal that actually reports about things relevant to student life. I hope it isn't actually about botany and lawn stuff? Is it? Whatever." An alumnus was asked regarding the return of ***CLR***: "They brought Lawn Review back? Really? But didn't they post all that stuff about Dean Chem-[omitted for brevity]."

One 3L recalled, "I remember how great it was to have a journal that would report the things nobody else had the cojones to report. Like that time Lawn Review wrote about how the building is confusing and students get lost. That was really original and funny and provided biting satirical insight. lmao."

When asked why he shut down the journal two years back, El-Deano Chem responded, "whenever somebody asks me why I have hope I say it is because of my students...." The answer went on for a while but did not quite respond to the prompt.

Rumors had been circulating that the journal was shut down by the administration due to readership being too high. "We can't have a journal so widely read by students, as it may cut into their free time in which they are meant to be working pro bono for other journals at the school or interning at the Law and Justice Center for no credit and no pay."

The campaign included sit-ins where student-protestors chanted "Pee Pee! Poo Poo! Bring back the Lawn Review!" Chants were never considered the campaigners' strong suit. Although the administration maintained that most students were nonviolent, the students themselves admitted to being quite violent. "I beat the shit out of a lot of people" remarked a recent American Jurisprudence recipient (small mod so doesn't really count), who claims to have acted in the name of "the movement."

The campaign to bring back the journal hit its climax when protesters changed the quotes on the front of the building from those most memorable and eloquent quotes by Justices Cardozo and Holmes with quotes by Oscar Wilde and Celine Dion. (For those who don't remember: the one on the left is about Cardozo tripping balls in Tilden Park and then finding a fire trail back to Ike's, while the Holmes one is about some mixed-race thotiana princess—really, go read it, we dare you). The connection between Wilde and Dion to bringing back Lawn Review remains unclear.

The lengthy campaign brought together disparate groups that were historically at odds. These included the Zeb and anti-Zeb peoples, the Plaintiff Law Association students and those who actually have jobs lined up, as well as FedSoc students and the Crips.

We don't know how the previous editorial board of the Lawn Review disappeared, but the journal seems to be back... For now...

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CAMPUS NEWS

FedSoc and ALDF Clash over Chick-n-Strips

Calls have come from those in the animal rights community to get the Federalist Society to adopt the plant-based pledge. As of now, the society still has an exclusive catering agreement in place with national fast-food giant Chick-fil-A.

In response to the backlash, FedSoc leaders have put out a statement, reading, in part: "The last thing we want to do is create a space where some individuals feel they can't participate." Still, the society is not currently looking to change their menus, citing a set of shared values they have with Chick that is hard to find with other restaurants.

Leaders of the Berkeley Law chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, who had hoped to bring more ecofeminist perspectives to the space, were disappointed, noting that "we had expected more from FedSoc, especially given that they fuck animals."

California Law Review Cracks Down

CLR submitted an official request to the administration to initiate medium scale construction to insulate its offices from the "non-legacy journals." CLR also posted on its website that it will begin charging students for peering through the viewing portion of the CLR door for more than five seconds.

"We have asked of Brother Erw- the dean, that facilities bore a hole in the south wall of the building so that CLR drones can enter the space without being tempted to look at, nor needing to be looked at, by inferior journal drones. Don't put the 'drones' part in though."

This recent development has come on the heels of a string of decisions indicating the adoption of a more hardliner attitude at CLR. The most notable change has been the reformatting of the infamous Write-On Competition that determines who is initiated into CLR.

In addition to the regular masturbatory editing exercise performed during Write-On, pledges will now need to spend their summer partaking of the Spartan Agoge. The CLR Agoge will entail (1) carrying all required textbooks for 1L on head, (2) being able to recite the CLR bylaws on command of a CLR brother, (3) eating all leftovers from the student center fridge (4) spending one day actually socializing with other people, and (5) parallel construction.

Members' motivations for joining CLR are diverse. "Of course I'm going to Kirkland—are you fucking kidding me? I would literally run down Bancroft naked for a tenth of what an equity partner there makes in a year," screamed the senior managing editor of the widely reputed journal. Another member shared "I'm actually not in CLR for the resume padding. The truth is I have a genuine passion for reading a fifth of a law review article and lying about source support once a semester. But that's just me."

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LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Dean 3LOLs into Third Term

When asked how he plans to spend his third term, the dean of Berkeley Law replied "I don't fucking know. I guess I'll fart out another couple of books. Who gives a shit… 3LOL MOTHA FUCKA!!! Warmly, Erwin."

The eternal dean vowed to change his name to "Chemerdrinksky" for this one. Bragging that he plans to "outdo Putin," he explained that he felt this third term would really be his opportunity to let loose. "I just feel like it is finally time for me to actually live a little. I have spent these last two terms really grinding 'cause I'm planning to go Big Law and maybe even clerk, but now that I've locked in those HHs, I feel like I'm ready to just chill out and coast this last term."

The dean has vowed to dedicate more time to outreach for the law school: "I'm gonna help those frat kids sledgehammer the shit out of that car parked across the way. I'd like to see them try and stop a dean from kaplowing that beat-up jalopy. Oooh weee! It's gonna be a good five years boys. Swervin' Chemerdrinksky is back and ready to rumble! Did you know the *Paper Chase* was about me!? I'm *him*, bitch."

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I hit a biker on Bancroft with my car today—here's what it taught me about the intersection of business and technology in the law.

Accidents happen in seconds. Consequences can last a lifetime.

In the immediate aftermath, I found myself thinking that efficient outcomes aren't always desirable. As businesses turn to AI to increase their workflow, it's worth considering what frictionless transactions leave behind: conversations with colleagues, pushback on ideas, and jobs, I guess.

But these benefits could still be retained if we slow down and use technology more intentionally, just as I could have avoided getting my ass Anh Phoong'd by slowing down and laying off the Mike Ross aura edits while driving, or at least foregoing the concurrent Subway Surfer gameplay. Let's connect!

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3L @ Berkeley Law | Third-Generation Law Student | Open to Work
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I'm excited to share that I have been selected to be on Prof. Hoofnagle's 'Cold Call - Panel 6.' As a third-generation law student (but the last two don't really count as they weren't in the T17), it is no small feat to come by such an achievement. Just wanted to share this with all of you ~~losers~~ potential employers lest you miss out on my rising star in the piles of mediocrity on this website. IT'S ME! I'M THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN SEEKING. PICK ME. PICK MEEEEEE. Let's connect!

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2L @ Berkeley Law | Torts Enthusiast | Aspiring Thought Leader
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I would love to send my greatest thanks to my torts professor for recognizing my scholarly capabilities today. I was finally blessed with an opportunity to show off the critical thinking skills (IRAC!) I have been developing in law school through completing every NYT online game during my classes. As torts class was running a bit long today, I immediately stood up and slammed closed my laptop. Let's just say the professor trusted me implicitly because she told the class, "I guess that is all for today then." To gain someone's trust is holy. Thank you for believing in me. Let's connect!

SPORTS!

How YOU Can Sue the California Lawn Review

Have you been personally, or better yet- in someone else's name, offended by this publication? You might be entitled to compensation!

Not one member of our editorial board has taken intellectual property, but it is our understanding we can use any picture we would like as long as it is of someone we don't like. To us, an Anti-SLAPP action is just a high five.

Were you not personally harmed in any way but would still like to quash attempts by anyone satirizing life at this school or enjoying themselves writ large? Amazeballs! You can file a claim against us for $$$.

The bestseller *Boo Hoo, Pay Me: How to sue the California Lawn Review for Defamation, True Threats, Incitement, and Wrongful Life* can be found in the Law Library stacks... somewhere. But we have summarized the crucial steps in this handy article.

First, you can always begin by having AI draft a cease and desist letter to send over to the homes of the publishers. It will have no legal significance, but it is good fun. Then, you can satisfy the basic element of a defamation claim by simply claiming you lost out on job opportunities.

Next, to prove the crucial element of a Cal. Civ. Code § 48(a) claim, you will need to prove that ***CLR*** "failed to use reasonable care to determine the truth or falsity of the statement." *Id.* You are in luck! All staff at ***CLR*** are incapable of using reasonable care in any domain of their lives, especially in writing and editing this garbage!

And remember "[e]ven if [YOU] has not proved any actual damages for harm to reputation or shame, mortification, or hurt feelings, the law assumes that [YOU] has suffered this harm. Without presenting evidence of damage, [YOU] is entitled to receive compensation for this assumed harm in whatever sum you believe is reasonable." *Superego.* Hence, you get cash.

If you are concerned about overcoming the hurdle that the publication must contain "a false statement of fact made with actual malice," fear not! We have nothing but malice going here. Oodles of malice.

And if all else fails, you can add us to an online blacklist that employers can look at to ensure we never recoup the money we dropped on this education. Happy Halloween!

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Calling all Future Lawn Reviewers

Would you like to take part in the bestest most remarkable highest prestige+++ journal this side of the Mississippi? (cause who cares about whatever is going on East of that body of water am I right??) Then come join us at *CLR*!

If you would like to submit an article/headline, or if you would like to join our Executive Board (ExBored), please email us at thecalifornialawnreview@gmail.com. Contributors are welcome to send in articles unanimously or under a sumo name.

***CLR* Website:**