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University of San Diego School of Law Student Bar Association
Professor Roy L. Brooks discusses former classmate Clarence Thomas, nominee to the US Supreme Court.

There has been much fanfare and a decided low key in its approach in recruiting new members. Why? Because the Gay and Lesbian Students Association (GALLSA) is trying to provide a service to students in the law school without ruffling any feathers.

According to Justin, a member of the organization who asked that last name not be used, there are many law school students who are gay and who need the support system that GALLSA hopes to provide. "We expect to have about 50 official members who will be active with the organization and about 150 unofficial members who will just be in and out," Justin said. "You have to remember that there is no other support group on campus for gay and lesbian students to turn to."

One of the main goals of the organization is to let gay and lesbian students know that there are others like them in law school. According to Justin, many students from out of the city might not know that San Diego has a strong gay community. "Many of them have come from repressed environments similar to that of USD undergrad," Justin said. "Others have come from very open and accepting environments. We just want all of them to know that we know they are here and we will provide support in any way we can."

The organization actually began when some gay students responded to a note in the December 1989 issue of Sidebar about a gay/lesbian organization at Cal Western School of Law that was having a potluck. As people began to identify themselves as USD students, they decided that such an organization was needed at USD. "Barry, Mike, Ed, and a few others began thinking about starting up a similar organization on our own campus," Justin said. "Somehow word got back to the administration and we were emphatically told not to even think about it."

"It was at that point we decided it would be best not to be confrontational but to take a rather low key approach." According to Justin, the group formed an organization called Outlaw which included law students from various schools and members already established in the legal community. The organization was having good turnouts at its meetings and members included a judge, some professors, and some prominent attorneys. All along, Outlaw kept the USD administration informed about its activities. "Between the strong membership and the passage in San Diego of the Human Dignity Ordinance, which forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation, the school started feeling pressure and began seriously considering the issue of a gay student organization," Justin said. "They talked to psychologists and attorneys, had retreats for the board of directors and finally decided the time had come to deal with it."

The winners of this year's Alumni Tort Moot Court Competition are (clockwise from left): Kristie Rodrigues, Fourth Place and Best Brief Petitioner; Chris Harrington, Third Place; Troy Zander, Second Place; and Michael Kaler, First Place and Best Brief Respondent. See Story page 6.
The Chinese Legal Profession: An Attorney's Life in the Orient

by Bob Lipske

Professor Ralph Folsom with Chinese law student Cao Xia who spoke to his class about the practice of law in China on September 17.

by Nina Golden and Kim Strashoon

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Finally, Xia addressed the government's efforts to educate it's citizens about China's Basic Law. Newspapers, radio, and television were employed to teach the masses. Moreover, trial judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and law school students occasionally had to participate in the education campaign. They went to shopping and business districts to spread the word. In conjunction with the teaching process, they had to perform mandatory pro bono services for the community.

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How Your SBA Funds Were Allocated This Semester

by Laura Morton

At the beginning of each school year student organizations go through the budget request process in motion by the SBA. This is the process by which the SBA distributes the funds collected from the student fees which are paid by all students as part of their school tuition.

This year’s process began with an informal leadership workshop held by SBA where budget request forms were distributed. One purpose of the meeting was to emphasize that organizations had to turn in a very detailed budget including explanations as to exactly how the funds would be used if allocated. The organizations were informed that the budget deadline was on Wednesday, September 11 at 5pm, although the deadline was later extended one day.

In addition, each student organization had to sign up for a fifteen minute time slot on September 15th when they would orally present their budget to the committee. If a group failed to attend, their budget proposal would not be considered. This was to help clarify exactly what type of funding is being requested and to allow the groups to prioritize their budgets so that the committee could cut those activities about which the organizations did not feel as strong.

The reason SBA requested that budgets be detailed was to help them make determinations about which groups would receive what amount of funding. According to Rosa Linda Hanau, SBA treasuer, in allocating the funds, SBA wanted to be sure they were used by organizations that either helped enhance the reputation of the law school with their activities or those organizations who sponsored activities that a large number of students would attend. Although all student groups must keep their activities open for participation by all students, the budget committee considered the type of activity when determining how many students would actually attend. Thus, groups holding activities likely to attract many students would attend.

Students, the budget committee considered the fact that any member of the committee who was also a member of a student group once the organizations made a formal presentation of their budgets before the committee, the committee worked together to allocate the funds based on the information they had. It was stated that any member of the committee who was also a member of a student group which requested funds did not participate in questions that organizations during their formal presentation and did not participate in the discussion by the committee on the allocation of funds to that particular group unless they could clarify any points for the rest of the committee. This was to ensure that each organization was considered fairly. However, each committee member was allowed to formally vote on all of the requests.

On September 16, the completed budget was presented to the fall SBA council for approval. At that time, anyone present could ask any questions about the allocation of fulhs and members of the SBA members could amend any part of the budget. Kim Strashoon, President of the Jewish Law Students Association, asked to amend their budget so that they would have funds to co-sponsor an activity with CAL Western. The amendment was passed unanimously.

The budget was passed. (See below for the allocation breakdown available to MOTIONS.) The above information was obtained from Rosa Linda Hanau, SBA Treasurer.

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**Fall 1991 SBA Budget Allocation Breakdown**

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**JEWISH LAW STUDENTS**

- Start-up Costs: $500
- Speaker: John Rothman: $400
- Activity with Cal Western: $300
- Speaker: "We Have to Start...": $100

**THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

- Convention: $500
- Start-up Costs: $100
- Newsletter and Mailings: $50

**GALLSA**

- Conference: $300
- Advertising: $100

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY**

- Kag: $50
- Answering Machine: $25
- Poster: $25
- Newsletter: $10
- General Expenses: $40
- HfT Career Symposium Reception: $75
- Speaker Fees: $100
- Books: $200
- Immigration Symposium: $3,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY**

- Copying, Brochures: $100
- Career Symposium: $125
- Speaker: Side Practitioners: $100
- HfT Career Symposium Reception: $75

**CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**

- Start-up Expenses: $75
- Conference: $50
- Reception w/LU's & More Society: $1,000

**JOINT DEGREE STUDENTS**

- Misc. (Advertising, Copying): $100

**STUDENTS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS**

- Recepton: Loan Forgiveness: $150
- Advertising: $50

**PHI ALPHA DELTA**

- Day with Judge: Informational Lectures: $200
- MLK Day: Jesse Jackson, Jr.: $200
- Kegger: $100

**MORE HALL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION**

- Miscellaneous Expenses: $100
- Operating Expenses: $100
- Conference: $300
- Membership Drive: $5,000

**DELTA THETA PHI**

- Informational Meeting: $60
- Kegger: $100

**FEDERALISTS SOCIETY**

- Forum: Kazikai: $340
- Forum: Lundgren: $300

**COMPARATIVE LAW**

- Speaker Expenses: $60
- Advertising Expenses: $40
- Wire & Cheese Receptions: $300

**DIVERSELY QUALIFIED STUDENTS**

- (Request not reviewed)

**JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES**

- (Request not reviewed)

**MOTIONS**

- (Request not reviewed)
THE ALIBI, Hillcrest

HOLLYWOOD: This bar resembles the unshaven, unadorned, we just-finished-at-the-recording-studio Hollywood mystique more than any other. The neon sign—motorcycles out front, and jute box featuring Elvis Presley and Patsy Cline—provides a touch added behind the bar by a collection of worldly post cards from the regular clientele. How are you feeling? Does the bartender look enough like the man in the advertisement you might have to testify that the honest-looking American beers were even-I remember a 16th century, I believe the Pilsner, from the 16th century. We knew that was the beer they used to drink in the old days, not necessarily after the Pink Panther has passed irretrievably into the nether world of seeking a transcendent escape from the tank tops and shorts PB scene.

GRINGO: The Alibi! Oh, Backaroon, PUH-LEASE!!! I've been in some dives in my life but this place takes the cake. The title of "div" is not in itself to be taken as a bad thing mind you, and in some cases is in fact quite a compliment. However, regarding the Alibi (even the name is an excuse!), no connotation can be too poorly to describe this cess pool.

And what is this "hetero" stuff all about? Are you gay bashing? Besides which, the Alibi was a very mixed crowd in terms of the sexual preferences of the clientele. How were you to notice these things? Do you think that gay people are the only people you're so interesting? Actually, the crowd seemed strangely reminiscent of the older (now defunct) Pink Panther. The one time I went to the PB I even had a young debutante place herself at my disposal quite readily.

True, the beer is cheap, but if I were called to the stand as an expert witness on alcohol lore (not such a remote possibility as you might suspect!), I would have to testify that their horridly watery American beers were even-I remember a 16th century, I believe the Pilsner, from the 16th century. We knew that was the beer they used to drink in the old days, not necessarily after the Pink Panther has passed irretrievably into the nether world of seeking a transcendent escape from the tank tops and shorts PB scene.

GRINGO: WOW!!! What a place! Full of lots of fun people all of the time, good food, wild times, and wonderful music. Kind of small really, and not your Yuppie kind of place (not such a remote possibility as you might suspect!), I would have to testify that their horridly watery American beers were even-I remember a 16th century, I believe the Pilsner, from the 16th century. We knew that was the beer they used to drink in the old days, not necessarily after the Pink Panther has passed irretrievably into the nether world of seeking a transcendent escape from the tank tops and shorts PB scene.

CASS STREET DOWN UNDER,
North Pacific Beach, Cass Street at Emerald

GRINGO: The Down Under Bar is a dive in only the finest sense of the word. There's no dressing up to go there, no mirrors, and no disco balls revolving on the ceiling. It's just a real friendly place. I even had a young debutante place herself at my disposal quite readily. She was going to be a veterinarian (because she loves children) and was already most of the way through junior college at the tender age of only 26! Whether or not you go there to find the life-partner of your dreams, you'll enjoy the simple pleasures of one of PB's most casual pubs.

HOLLYWOOD: Normally I would never even bother talking about this bar. It bears no worthwhile qualities; I think that is why the other respectable, fun Cass Street made this one distinguish itself by calling itself the "down under." The only reason to come here is if you live very close by and don't want to risk getting pulled over by the bobby blue. Otherwise, one can easily find a generic, boring, shorts and college sweatshirt bar closer to home. The high point of my evening there was leaving, but my colleague had an amusing experience of getting picked up on by some thirty-year-old teenager who was going to take him to a popular place and never showed up. The bartender was a very nice lady who had worked at the large department store downtown and decided to become a registered nurse. However, he denied her dreams to play doctor. You get the picture.

If you get here early you might be able to run the pool table (if you can tolerate playing on one of this poor condition), but otherwise this bar leaves little reason to attend and a lot to be desired.

MOONDoggies, 4479 Evers, P.B.

The heart of any really outstanding bar is always the people. The owners, Bret and Dan, are both in their early twenties and boat loads of fun. Imagine what a good time you'd have if you owned a bar (instead of a Horn book) and that's exactly the place I'm describing. If you throw in Rob (San Diego's friendliest bartender) and a crowd of happy-go-lucky college students and beach bums, then you'll find a second home.

Just a few blocks from the beach [SPECIAL NOTE #2: see SPECIAL NOTE #1], this wine & beer bar boasts of ten premium and heaps of domestic beers in bottle (Ever have an Australian wheat beer?), including "near beers" (for people who don't like alcohol but still enjoy urinating), PLUS domestics and three imports on tap, and lots of wine/wine-by-products. Moondogs is one of the few places in town to get hot sake (DANGER! DANGER WELL ROBINSON!) served in the traditional manner. Add two pool tables, 3/4 proof shots for a buck, a hot Happy Hour and you have a boudacious bar. But WAIT--THERE'S MORE! The decor is bright, airy, and beach-like with that special touch added behind the bar by a collection of worldly post cards from the regulars (mostly me). BONUS ROUND: The first person who can correctly identify the bone hanged on the wall (to me, of course) without asking anyone there (remember your Honor Code! ) wins a lolly pop (don't forget to phrase it in the form of a question)!. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY? (BUT WAIT--THERE'S STILL MORE!) Next door to the Dog-bar is an exceptionally fine Italian restaurant: Ricci's. This is not mentioned merely because of the convenience, but rather because Ricci's will gladly deliver your ciao while you hang at Moondogs! In addition to seafood dishes, Ricci's has the hands-down best pizza in town and the greatest cheese sauce. I've ever had this side of the Hudson River (trust me, that's been A LOT OF CHEESECAKES).

Moondogs is my absolute favorite bar, so if you haven't yet solved the riddle of "Who the hell is this Gringo guy anyway?" then come on down. While you wait for me, enjoy the friendliest, most relaxed bar in America's friendliest and most relaxed city. Tell 'em I sent ya.

O'CONNELL'S, USD Campus, 1310 Morena Blvd.

Some come here for the cheap beer ($4.50 pitchers, less during happy hours and USD night on Thursday), some come for the fun bands and some because of the bartender, Meredith. She has a personality that would warm anyone's heart and a smile that would brighten the darkest room. She would make the perfect wife for Mr. Sensitivity. Last year the class of '92 donated so many dollars into this hole in the wall dive (excuse me, I mean pub) that they were able to redecorate, hire live bands and add a dance floor (although I wonder what has happened to the popcorn). O'Connell's has a wonderful, easy going atmosphere that endears it to the heart. The patrons consist of fifty-year-old regulars, USD law students and hippy youth, all of whom mingle well together. This bar is the type of place where the bartender will give you a complimentary 7-Up if you say it's for your generous, secretive friend.

After coming here, I have yet to even consider going to the Mo Club or Silver Spigot. This bar acts as a perfect set of bookends during finals. It is perfect for a relaxing nightcap with you law review buddies (I'm serious) after closing the LRC the night before a final and then for another immediately after the next day's final. My favorite O'Connell's memory is Gringo playing doubles/couples ping pong there after last year's hauntingly enchanting and intoxicating Halloween party, during which game he would sway the partner on the bar with his paddle whenever they missed a shot. O'Connell's is located just a hop, skip and a jump from campus. This bar is one place you could go daily, just ask those who live in Clairemont or Pacific Beach and have to wrestle with the steering wheel of their car or bicycle in order not to stop there when going home. I'm going to ask Dean Strachan if we can park at O.C.'s and have the tram pick us up from there.
"Tort" It's not Just a Noun; It's an Adventure!

by Courtland W. Creekmore

When I first heard the word tort, I imagined it to be a very mysterious legal verb, related in some strange way to the verb "retort". As in: "The prosecutor retorted that the defense counsel's continual torting was torturing the witness. To which the judge retorted that all torting was hereinafter to cease, or two certain attorneys were going to be remanded for the reasonably low, low price of $375.00, including a money-back guarantee, for the reasonably low price of $375.00, including a money-back guarantee, which is becomes void if a) the plastic packaging is violated, b) you are a resident of, or present in, or flew over, the state of California, or c) prohibited by your professor.

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perhaps one that's entitled, "Crayola Your Way to Tort Exam Success!" Available for the reasonably low, low price of $375.00, including a money-back guarantee, which is becomes void if a) the plastic packaging is violated, b) you are a resident of, or present in, or were ever present in, or flew over, the state of California, or c) prohibited by your professor.

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Opposition Stiff in Largest Moot Court Competition: Alumni Tort Challenge Draws Record Crowd
by Kevin Childs

This year’s Alumni Tort Moot Court competition was the largest in USD history with forty-nine students participating. For the second year in a row, Michael Kaler and the Moot Court Board thanks them for their time and effort. The final round was judged by the Honorable David Gill, a San Diego Superior Court judge since 1979. Judge Gill has presided over Moot Court competitions for over 15 years. Also presiding was the Honorable David Danielson, a San Diego Municipal Court judge with more than ten years experience as a civil attorney in San Diego. Judge Danielson is an alumni of USD and has judged competitions for ten years. Additionally, William Hitt, senior partner of the firm, provided a separate judge.

Many distinguished members of the San Diego legal community served as judges, and the Moot Court Board thanks them for their service. The second year in a row, Michael Kaler and the Moot Court Board thanks them for their service. The second year in a row, Michael Kaler and the Moot Court Board thanks them for their service.

The 1991 Moot Court Board: (from left) Steve Weisenberg, Chico Marty, Janet Richardson, Mike Tunink, Dorothy Daniels, Kipp Williams, Julie Whalen, Suzanne Varco, Kevin Childs, Leah Davis, Paul Katrinak, Campbell Finlay and Ed Ragun.

The number of briefs made this a monumental task and the Board is grateful for the time, thought, and consideration given to each brief.

Looking ahead, the Jessup International Law Competition problem will be distributed on Wednesday, October 23. The problem for this team competition is generated by experts in the field of international law. Four of the top interschool contestants have been selected and trained to represent USD in the Pacific Regional Competition, an interschool competition consisting of approximately 12 teams. Last year’s team won this competition along with the right to represent the region in the international rounds held in Washington, D.C.

The Moot Court Board will also host the Second Annual University of San Diego National Criminal Procedure Competition on October 19 and 20. This year’s event will feature teams from different law schools across the nation will compete. All students are welcome to attend the various rounds of the competition. The final round will take place on Saturday, October 19, at 6pm in the USD Grace Courtroom on the third floor of Warren Hall. Call the Moot Court office at 303-4600, extension 4350 for details.

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with the situation." The administration has developed a policy statement which acknowledged that gays exist and need to be recognized and respected as individuals. The statement also recognized that gays have a place on campus. According to Justin the administration was having a difficult time representing the Catholic Church and officially recognizing a gay student group. Instead the administration reached what is called the Georgetown compromise, they allowed the organization to become a "registered" organization within the law school community.

The compromise is the same compromise reached by Georgetown University after gay students successfully sued the school for discrimination. Georgetown was told that although they were a private university, they could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation because they received some government funds to Georgetown now registers student groups without giving them official recognition. GALLSA of USD believes that the registration procedure and is curiously awaiting the arrival of other new groups on campus to see if the new groups must "jump through the same hoops" as GALLSA did. The organization feels that if other student groups don’t have to go through the same procedure, then the administration is still distantly distinguishing gay groups.

In addition, GALLSA approached SBA last year and asked for recognition as a bona fide student organization. That recognition was granted by a majority vote and GALLSA now has the right to submit a budget funding request to the SBA. "We are not here to stir up controversy; we are merely a student organization established to provide a support group that is badly needed on this campus," Justin said. "However, we do not wish to be militant or confrontational in our manner which is one reason we have an off-campus phone, because we don’t want to stir up controversy."

In addition, the organization felt having an off-campus phone would help students feel secure in contacting the organization without having others know about their private lives.

"It is not our agenda as an organization to engage in the outing of gays at USD," Justin said. "We feel it is a highly personal decision as to when, where, and to whom a gay student will reveal their sexual orientation so we have put mechanisms in place to insure everyone’s right to privacy."

Since one of the goals of the organization is education, the off-campus phone provides heterosexual students an opportunity to contact GALLSA with any questions they may have. According to Justin, this will make it easier for students who are frightened at the prospect that someone might think they are gay, although he sees no reason why sexual orientation should provoke any type of reaction.

"I know that GALLSA being on campus will upset some people and I know that some people will be repulsed by our organization," Justin said. "The reality of the situation is that ten percent of the population is gay which means that almost all of the students in the law school have already come into contact with a gay or lesbian classmate."

In addition to educating students about homosexuality, the organization has other goals it is working to achieve in the near future. The first priority of the organization is to alter the university’s anti-discrimination policy so that it will include sexual orientation. Also, the group hopes to be represented in the law school’s diversity admissions program which considers past socio-economic hardships students which may have affected a student’s performance but not their capabilities.

Eventually we would like to see the environment at the law school change so that we, as same-sex couples, feel comfortable about sharing our law school life with our partners and vice-versa," Justin said. "Once we can get to that point without creating controversy then we know we have achieved our goal."
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Disabled Parking Spaces: Convenience or Consideration?

We have all seen them. Tired of endlessly circling around the parking lot with the rest of us they pull into the first space they see. And although we can understand their frustration, we cannot condone their callousness as they non-chalantly pull into the blue handicap parking spaces for “just a few minutes.” Invariably, the minutes go on endlessly, and those who really need the spaces are left to figure out where they can park.

Yes, it is annoying to park over at the Sports Center and wait for the tram. It’s even more annoying that nine times out of ten we end up walking and arriving in class almost on time, out of breath. But what are the disabled students to do? Undoubtedly, they would gladly trade in their wheelchairs in order to comply that they had to walk from so far away. Unfortunately, many of them will not be able to do so, ever, and those of us who can walk into class do not appreciate how lucky we really are.

What of those students who are not in a wheelchair? Disabilities of all types entitle those who are truly disabled to have access to the parking spots which are closer to their final destination. Perhaps it is someone who has emphysema and is unable to walk for long distances because they cannot breathe; perhaps it is someone who can walk, but with little endurance because their legs do not carry them as well as ours do. Those who fall into this category should be respected as much as those whose disabilities can be more readily assessed.

However, those who try to cheat their way into these spaces should be reprimanded. For example, one law student has a handicap license plate from another state and uses it to weasel into parking spots despite the fact that this same person has played competitive softball and been seen running to class during the years they have been parking in the handicap zone. Unfair? Of course it is! Especially when you consider that, as law students, we have an ethical obligation to those around us, especially those who have to overcome even greater obstacles just to be here.

So, what should we, as students, do? Next time you see an abuse of this sort, let the person know exactly how their actions are affecting others. Perhaps they are unaware, more likely they just don’t care. If enough of us make a commitment not only not to engage in this behavior, but to point out to others that they should not either, then maybe we can reach a level where we all have equal access to the education we deserve.

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Spandy Hussein
Section 4F

"I'd give it an 8.5 'cause it's got a good beat and you can dance to it. Besides, I already know how to IRAC!"

ANOTHER QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

WHAT IS YOUR INITIAL IMPRESSION OF LAW SCHOOL?

Adam Daner
Section B

"Not quite the 'Paper Chase.' Professors are far more friendly than intimidating. Our section has an interesting cross section of people with valuable experience."

Kate Flaherty
Section B

"Competitive, exhausting. The workload in Civ. Pro. is a nightmare, but Dean Strachan makes it fun. Thank God for chocolate-covered raisins in the marketplace. I will survive."

Emil J. Wohl
Section B

"It's what I expected--a substantial amount of work coupled with a good number of anal-retentive types. Other than that, it's a blast."

Tom Knudsen
Section A

"I was confused, bewildered, and utterly baffled by just about everything. I spent the first three days in the School of Education. This place has some great lawns, however."

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The On-Campus Interview: Searching for the Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow (If You're Lucky)

STEP ONE: Attend a career development workshop such as the one sponsored by APALSA. If it sounds good and you decide to forego working on that tramp steamer to Macau this summer, read on. (Janice Lucus, Kevin Yamamoto, Beth Silverman, Andy Selesnick.)

STEP THREE: Research the firms that interview on campus to determine if you meet their qualifications and they meet yours. (Lisa Ciancio and Tom Conway.)

STEP FOUR: Check, check, and re-check the interview board. Now, there’s to be no crossing off of the competition’s names. It would be wrong, wrong! (Bill Reyes and Susan Emge.)

STEP FIVE: Yes, oh yes, an interview. Put on your Sunday best and ignore the fact that it’s the hottest, most humid day of the year. (Steve Weisenberg and Terry Kilpatrick.)

STEP TWO: Prepare your resume with the help of the Career Services Department. Don’t worry, they can turn coal into diamonds! (Sharie A. Johnson of Career Services.)

STEP SIX: The interview. Remain calm. You are only imagining that you hear the theme from Jaws in the background. (Alexander Giovannelli of Bottum & Feliton.)

STEP SEVEN: Wait for the offer or the rejection letter also commonly referred to as "The Ax." Then head to O’Connel’s to either celebrate your good fortune or to denigrate those unappreciative &*$%@#$’s.