Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Graduates,

It seems like just yesterday that we all gathered in Monroe Hall to begin the first day of our law school careers. Since that day, some of us have left and others have joined us, but in the end, we all succeeded, and on May 18, 1997, we became law school graduates.

Personally, these have been three of the best years of my life, even with all the hard work, cram sessions, and papers. I have met many people and have made some good friends here, too. Through extracurricular activities, informational sessions, and NITA, we got to know each other and realized we all had different reasons for coming here but had the same goal. That goal is now being achieved and I hope that each of us attains much success in our professional careers as well as our personal lives.

Good luck to all and never forget these three years that seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. I have enjoyed being the Editor-in-Chief of the 1997 Pocket Part and I hope all of you enjoy the memories that this book holds.

Love,

Amy
U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug epitomized the Olympic spirit for many. After falling on her first vault in the women’s team competition and injuring her ankle, and unsure whether her score was needed to capture a gold medal for the U.S. team, Strug landed her second vault. The U.S. won a total of 101 medals.

Perhaps the best-kept secret of the year was the September wedding of John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Carolyn Bessette. Only 40 guests were invited to the intimate ceremony on Cumberland Island, Ga., and everyone involved signed an agreement of confidentiality. The couple’s return to New York thrust them back in the spotlight, and tabloid reports of marital strain soon followed.

Rap artist Tupac Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in September. Shakur, whose violent “gangsta” image was reflected in both his life and music, was 25.

The New York Yankees returned to the ranks of baseball’s elite when they defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series, four games to two. It was the Yankees’ first World Series appearance in 18 years, and the 23rd championship won by the team.

After giving up his Senate seat to run for president in 1996, Bob Dole celebrated his nomination at the Republican National Convention. Despite his promise of a 15 percent, across-the-board tax cut, Dole was defeated by incumbent President Bill Clinton.
President Bill Clinton was re-elected in November, becoming the first Democrat in more than 50 years to win a second term. Promising to “Build a Bridge to the 21st Century,” Clinton won easily, despite turmoil in his staff and charges of improper campaign donations.

TWA Flight 800, en route to Paris from New York, exploded over Long Island in July, killing all 230 passengers on board. While belief that the crash was caused by a bomb or missile were widely held, investigators became increasingly convinced that the plane went down because of mechanical failure.


Thousands in the northwestern United States, including these cows, were forced from their homes in early January when floods caused by record levels of rain and snow swept through five states.
Sound Familiar?

----------First Year----------

“Ummm, why do you want to know this? Were you born with this knowledge?”
Professor Champlin, Civil Procedure

“Counsellor, don’t you have a motion to make?”
Professor Walker, Torts

“That is to say you have a plaintiff in Kansas...”
Professor Diamond, Civil Procedure

“When I was on the New York State Commission of Commissioners...”
Professor Lane, Lawmaking Institutions

“FFFFFFFFEEEEEEEEERRRRGGGGGOOOOONNNNNNGGGGGG”
Professor Jacob, Property

“Murder is defined as the intentional killing of another human being, with spinach.”
Professor Gregory, Criminal Law

“Can you do the dance?”
Professor Silverman, Property

----------Second Year----------

It’s gotta have schmoltz!”
Professor Kaynard, Labor Law
“Mr. O’Connor, another question?”
Professor Charlow, Constitutional Law

“Our next topic is hearsay. OK, who’s wearing blue today...”
Professor Kessler, Evidence

“Impact of milk restrictions on interstate commerce? Ummmm, how ‘bout a 84.”
Professor Leon Friedman, Constitutional Law

“OK, troops. Come on gang.”
Professor Eric Friedman, Pre-trial Litigation

“Mr. Scott, what do you think about the trilema?”
Professor Monroe Friedman, Ethics

--------Third Year--------

“I smell a paper. Do you smell a paper?”
Professor Silverman, State & Local Government

“Thus, the will is held invalid. I find this...troubling.”
Professor Gans, Wills trusts & Estates

“You mean the lawyer will communicate with the judge? Wow! Kum Bay Ya!”
Professor Schepard, New York Practice

“I’m troubled by this. Aren’t you troubled by this?”
Professor Gans, Federal Individual Income Tax

“March 2, Jones loan to Jones Shoe Corporation. March 4, bankruptcy. Talk to me.”
Professor Resnick, Debtor-Creditor
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