



# Who We Are 20 Years Out

*Class Symposium*



*Class of 1997*

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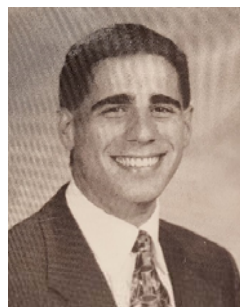
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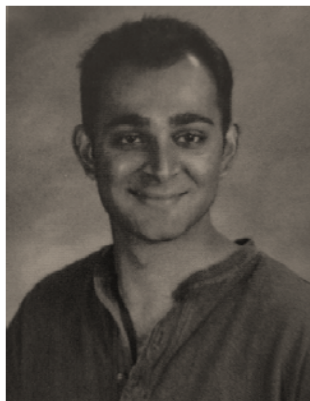


Then  
1997

# Then



Chris



Mohsin



Julia



Selene



Joel



Susan



Suzanne

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## During Our Time In Law School



Shawshank Redemption was released during our first month of law school



Titanic broke box office records as we graduated

No 1 Songs Included



Los del Rio's "Macarena"



Seal's "Kiss from a Rose"



Elton John's "Candle in the Wind"



The worldwide internet user base was 39M. Today its 50x larger – 2B worldwide users



On our first day of law school the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 2,550 . Today its 8x larger – 20,650

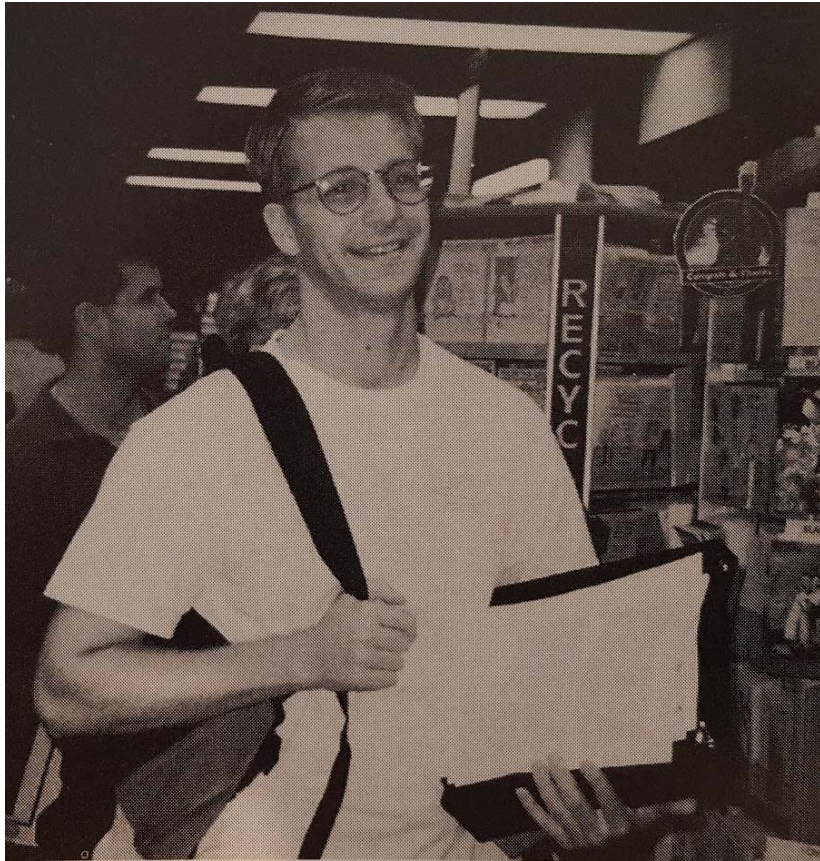
Amazon was founded during our first year of law school



Today its market cap is greater than Walmart, Target, Macy's Best Buy, Kohl's, Nordstrom, JC Penney, and Sears combined



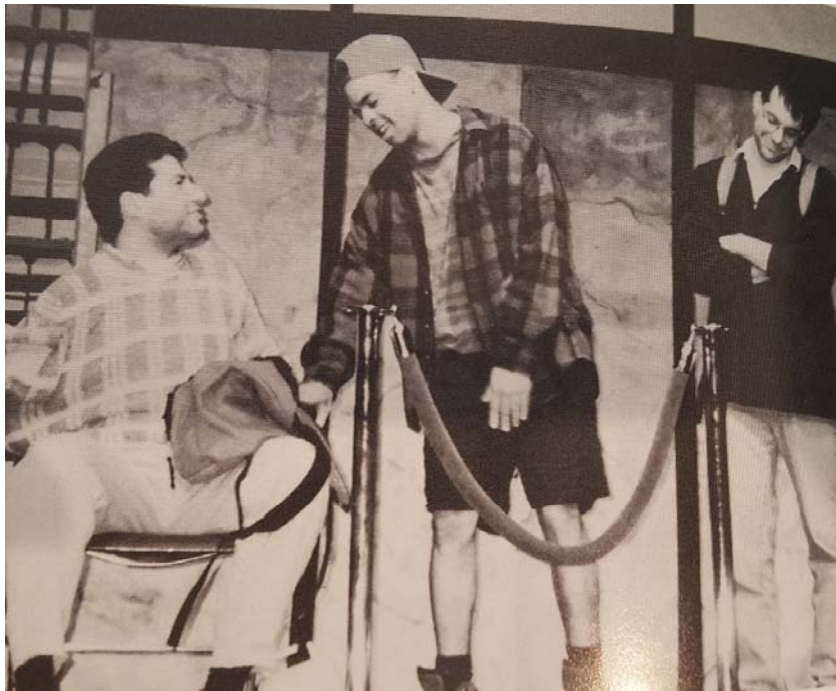
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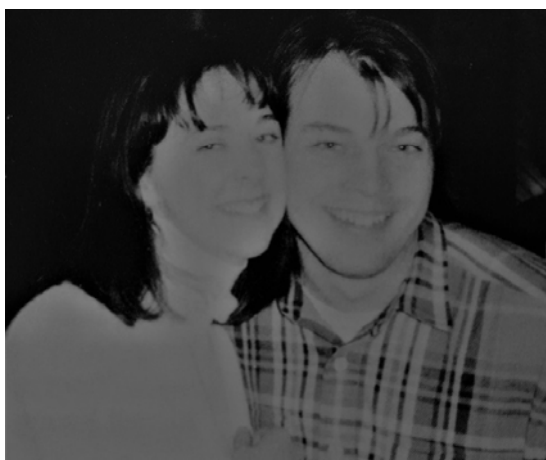
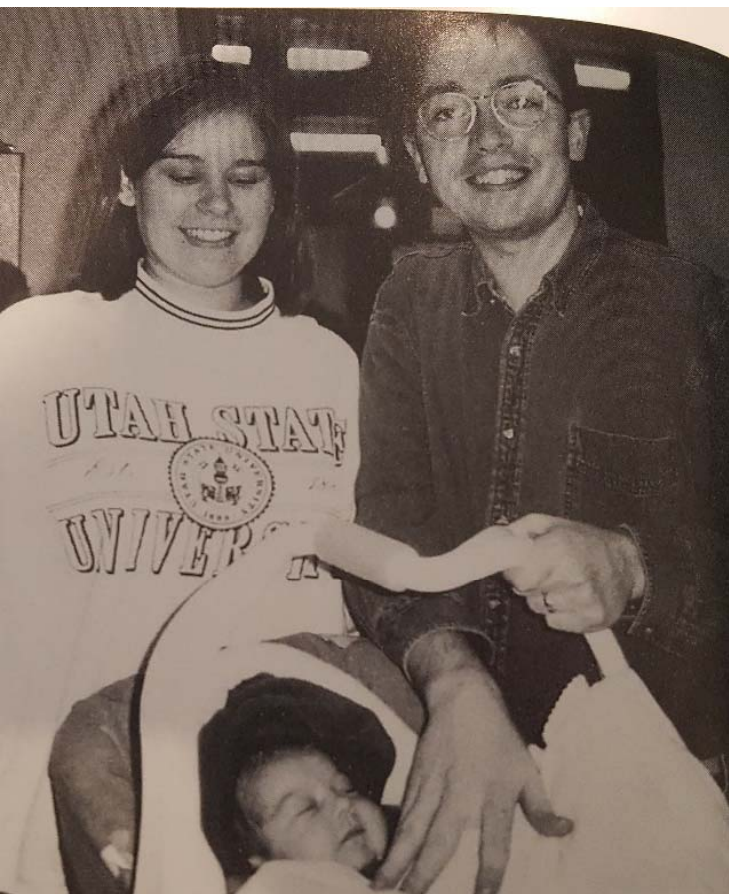
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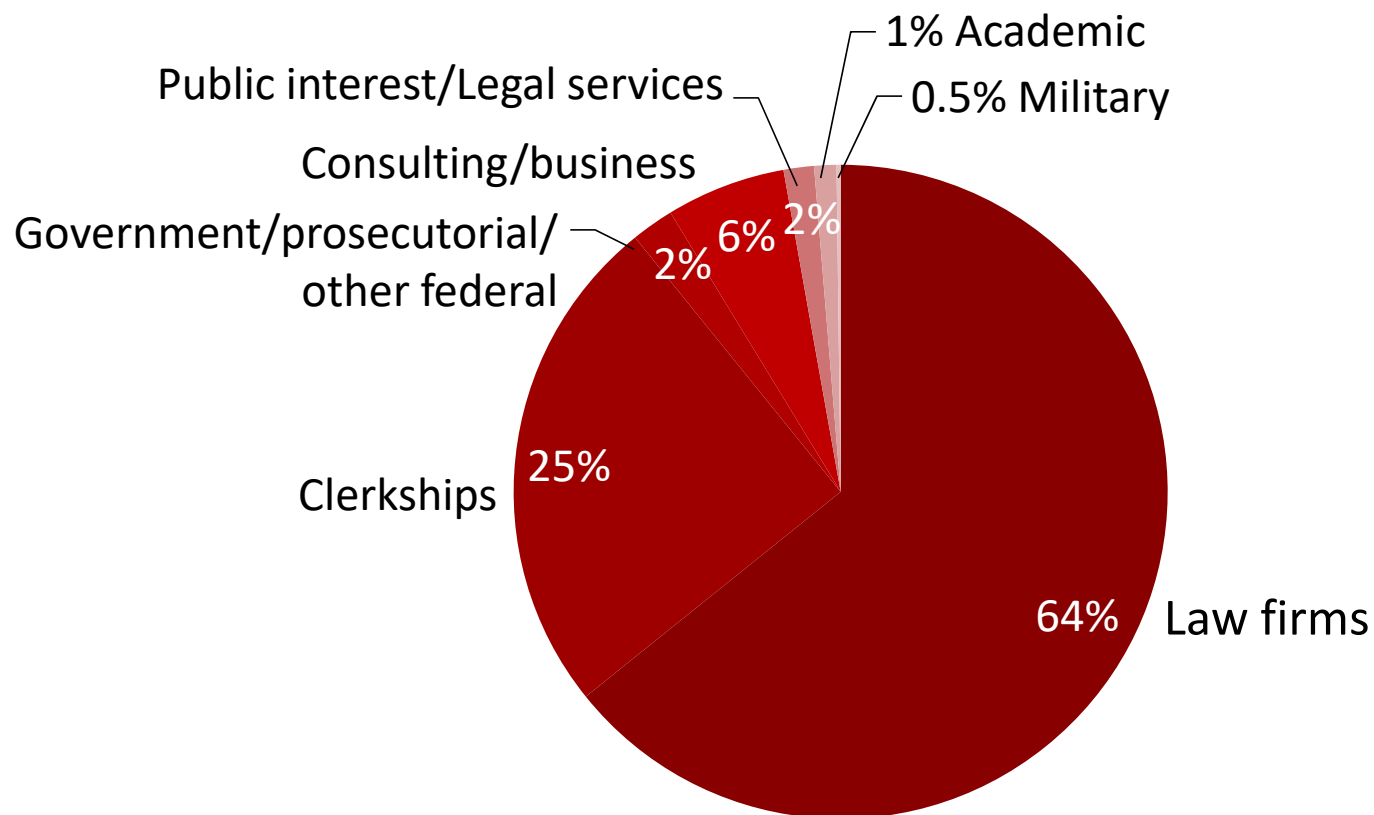
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**In 1997, 552 of us graduated with \$64,000 in average student debt and approximately 90% of us went first to a law firm or a clerkship.**



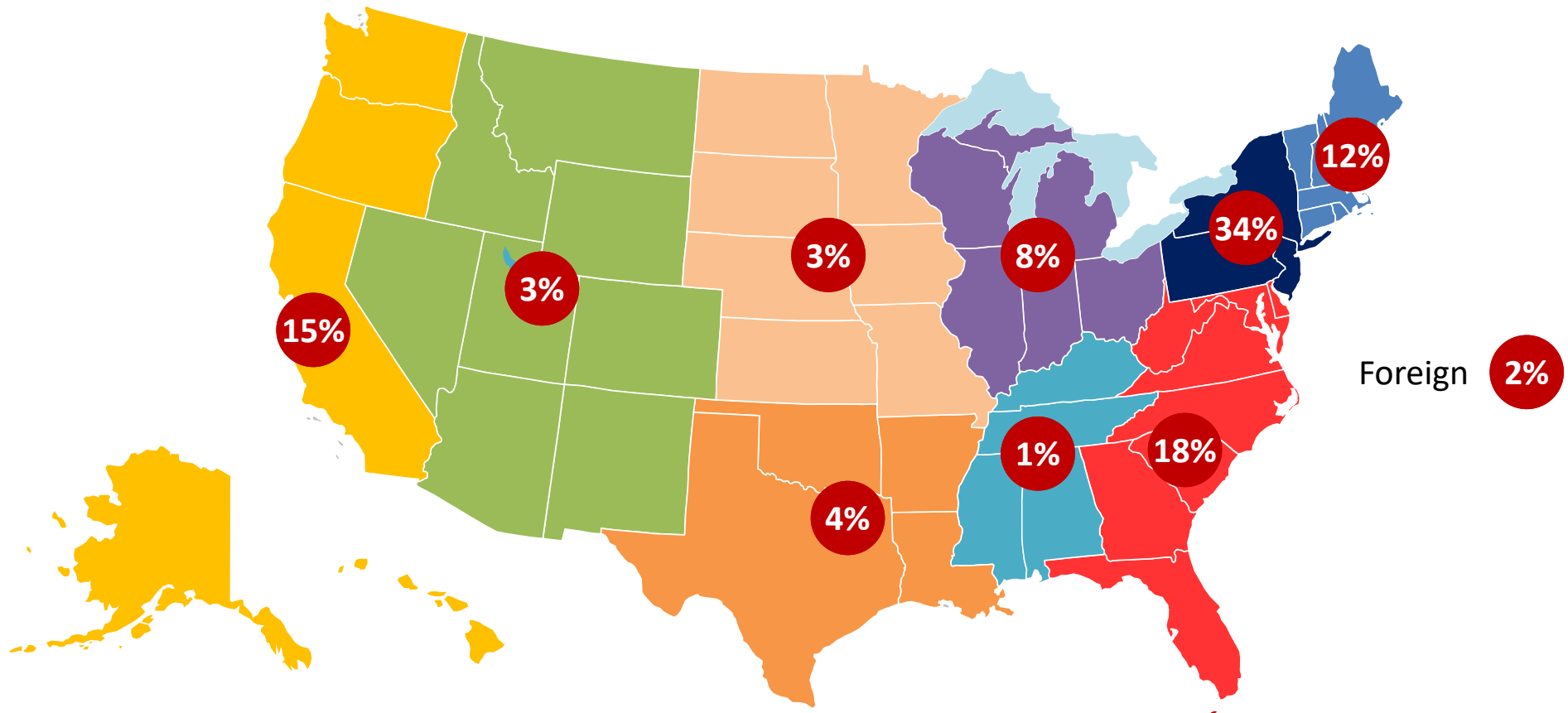
*Employment Statistics 1997*



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**While a majority moved to New York, California, or DC,  
we collectively touched most states.**

*Employment Statistics 1997*



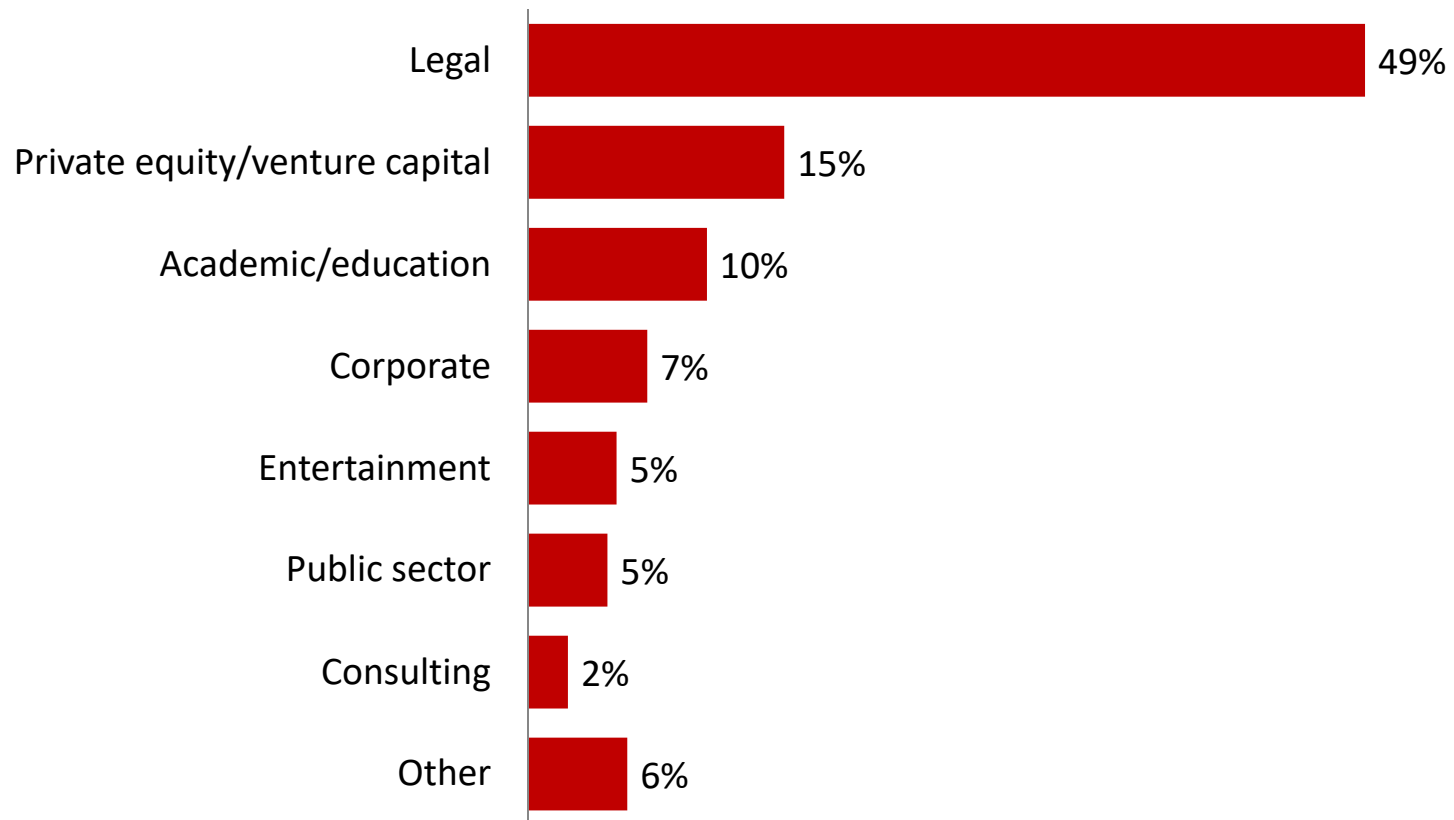
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Now  
2017



## Only half of us still work in a field we define as legal.

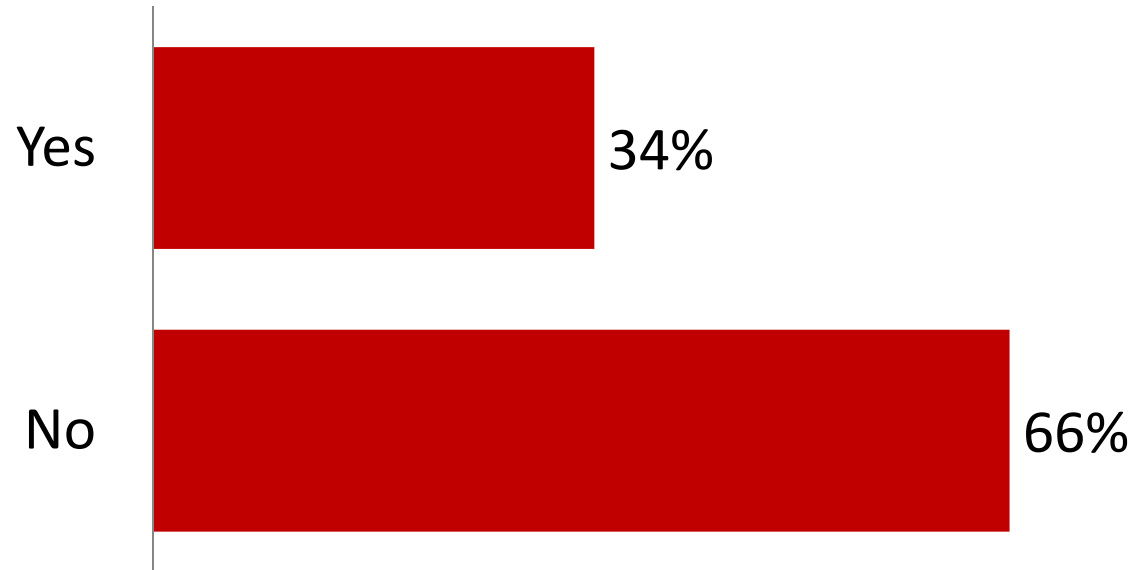
*In what field do you now work?*



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## A third of our class married other lawyers.

*Did you marry another lawyer?*



## ...and we have 13 current class couples...that we know of...

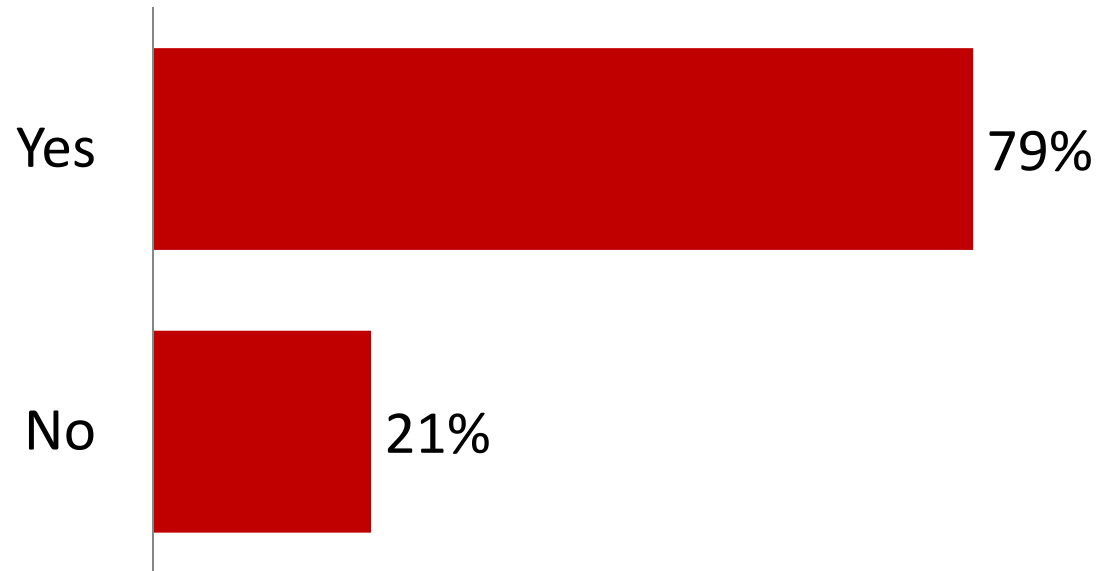
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- Rodolfo Saborio and Diana Coto
- Brian J. Dorini and Helen H. Dorini
- Rick Perez and Sylvia G. Perez
- Giovanni Marini and Maria R. Marella
- Petros Paranikas and Caroline A. Paranikas
- Greg King and Karen Matsushima King
- Peter M. Lefkowitz and Lori Silver
- John Paschke and Ilana Rubel
- Shelby Carter and Joe Angulo
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- Lisa Grow Sun and Karl Sun
- Sona Rewari and Shannon Barrett





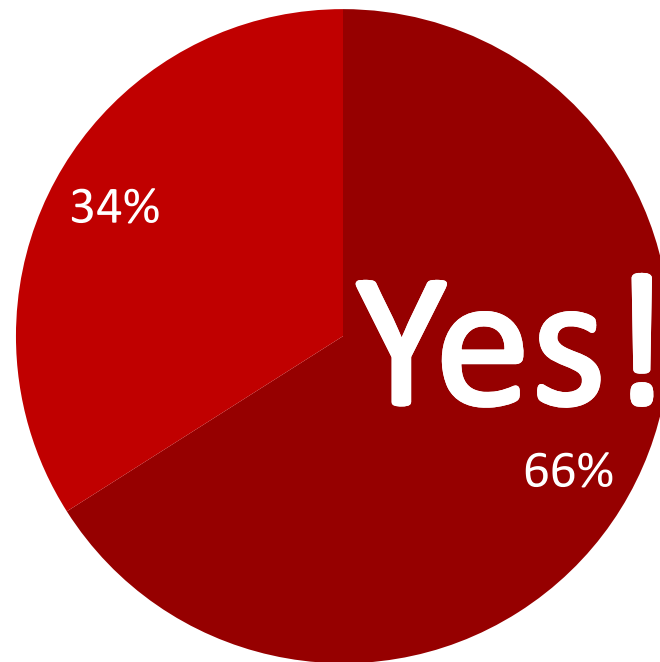
## Almost 80% of us have wanted to quit a job.

*Have you wanted to quit a job?*



**And two-thirds of us have actually quit.**

*Have you quit a job since graduating from HLS?*



**Only 10% of us have been fired.**

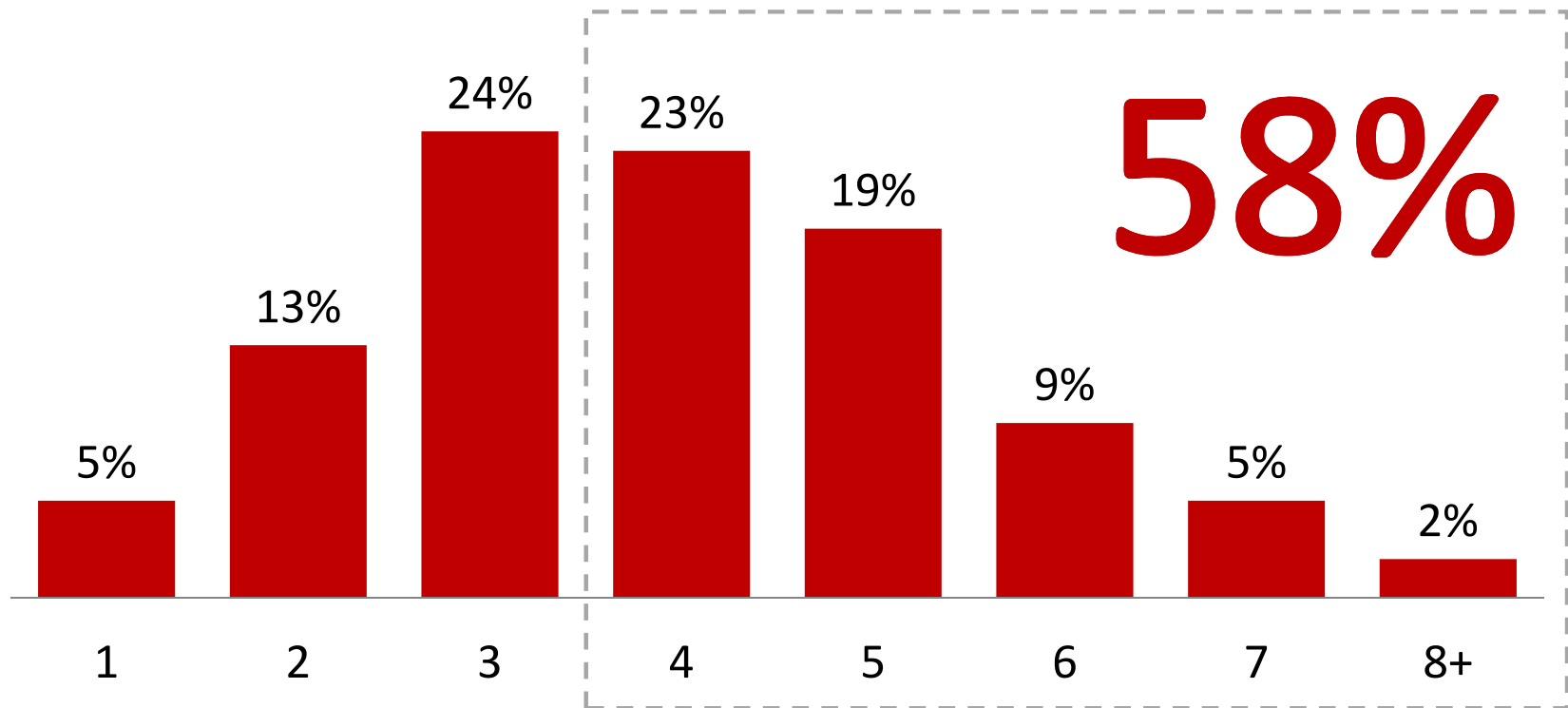
*Have you been fired from a job since graduating HLS?*





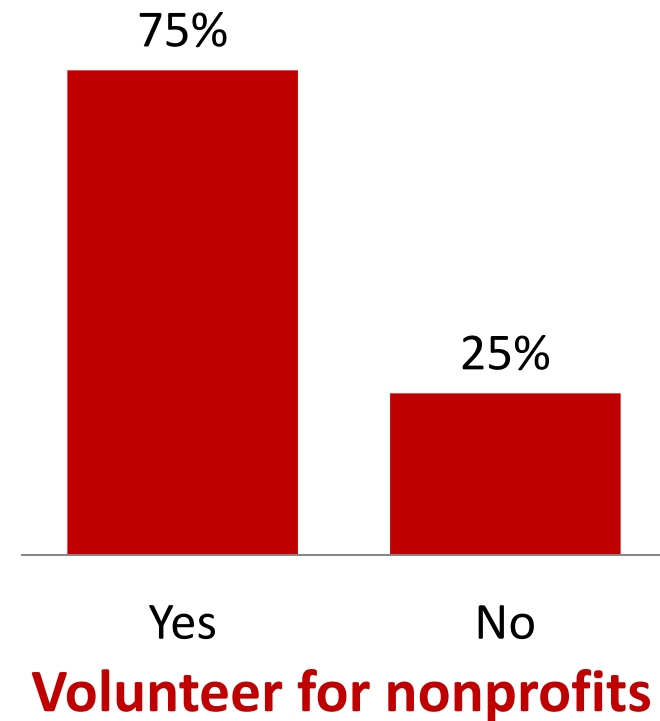
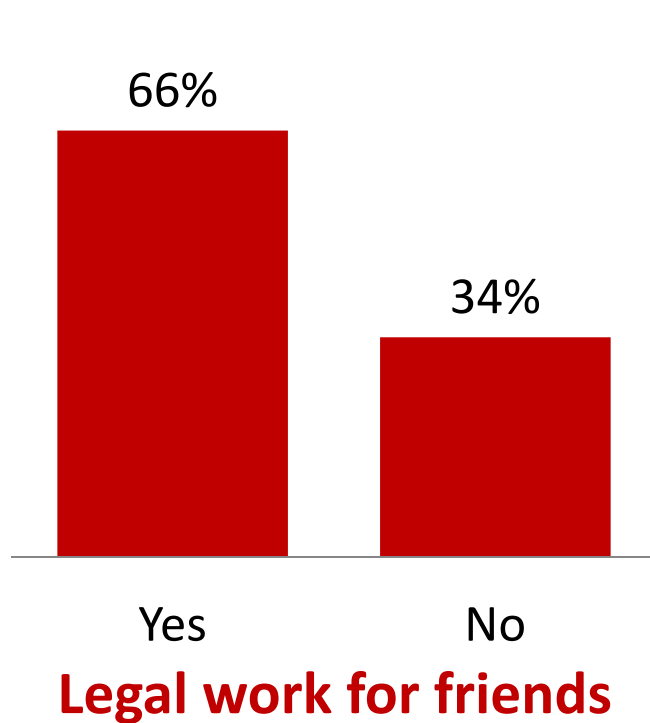
**So, about 60% of us have had 4 or more jobs since graduating.**

*Since leaving HLS, how many jobs have you held?*



## Most of us have done free legal work for friends and actively volunteer for nonprofits.

*Have you done free legal work for friends or volunteered for one or more non-profits?*



... and all of us have done some form of  
meaningful pro bono and nonprofit work

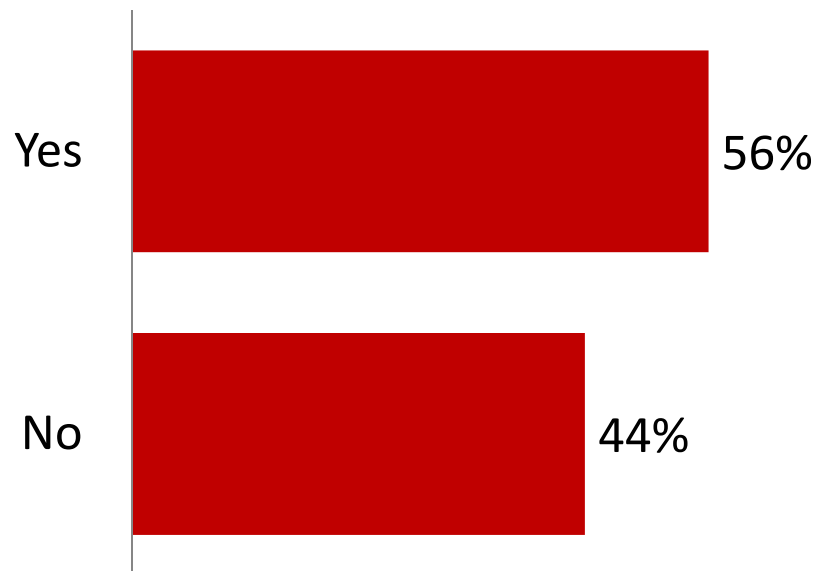
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municipal police departments launch global medical relief organization  
election protection prison abuse LGBTQ Equality  
Start-up support Immigration defense advocating for underprivileged kids  
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau travel ban death-row inmate conditions of confinement  
foster parent seeking custody fraudulent rent-to-own scheme downtown redevelopment  
asylum for detained refugee education for homeless children  
juvenile murder conviction appeal custody issues  
challenge hourly rates paid to court-appointed

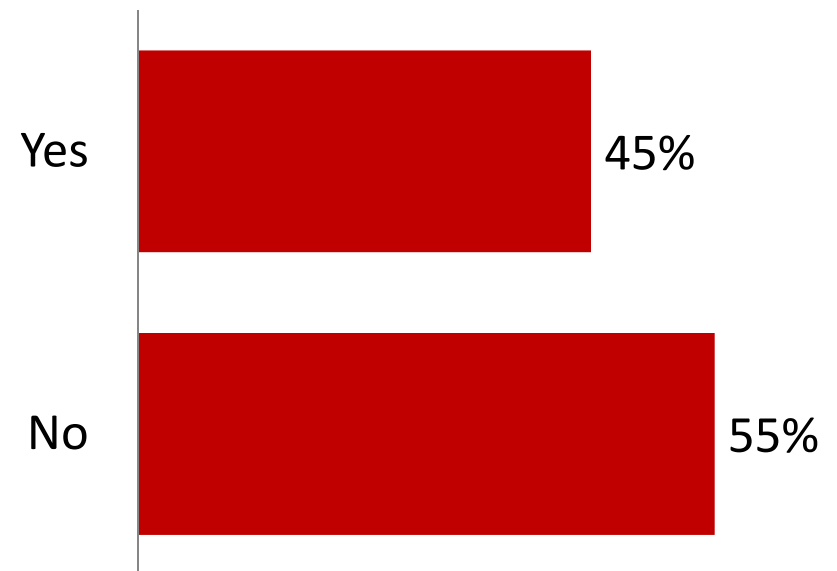
advisor to talented students

**60% of us talk back to legal pundits on TV  
and almost half of us use *Getting To Yes* with our families.**

**Talk back to legal pundits?**

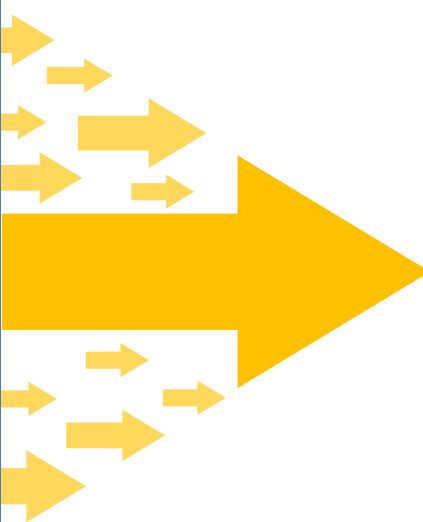


**Use *Getting to Yes*?**





# A third of our class has or is in the process of starting an organization



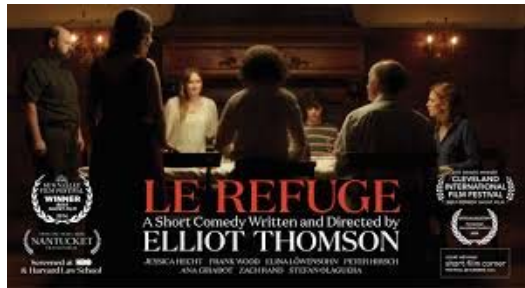
Class of 97  
Members have  
had a part in  
starting new ...

- Law offices
- Private equity funds
- Consulting companies
- Opera festivals
- Theatre companies
- Start ups
- Venture capital firms
- Research groups

Examples  
include ...

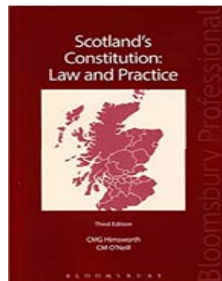
- The Sher Foundation – awards educational scholarships in India and Pakistan
- HG Strategy – a public affairs and government relations consulting group
- New Media Legal Publishing – distributes online legal educational content
- Axiom Learning – strives to transform education delivery
- Doctors Worldwide – provides medical relief and programs worldwide
- Ebbets Field Capital Management – allocates value oriented capital
- Party4Good—brings communities together for local charities

## A fourth of our class are publishing or have published academic papers, books, and scripts



Elliot Thompson wrote LE REFUGE – a short comedy about an American lawyer – on vacation with her family in Lausanne, Switzerland – who's coming unhinged from the guilt of representing the manufacturer of a cheap car that tips over when it turns left

Mohsin Hamid's novels now include Moth Smoke (2000), The Reluctant Fundamentalist (2007), How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia (2013), and Exit West (2017)

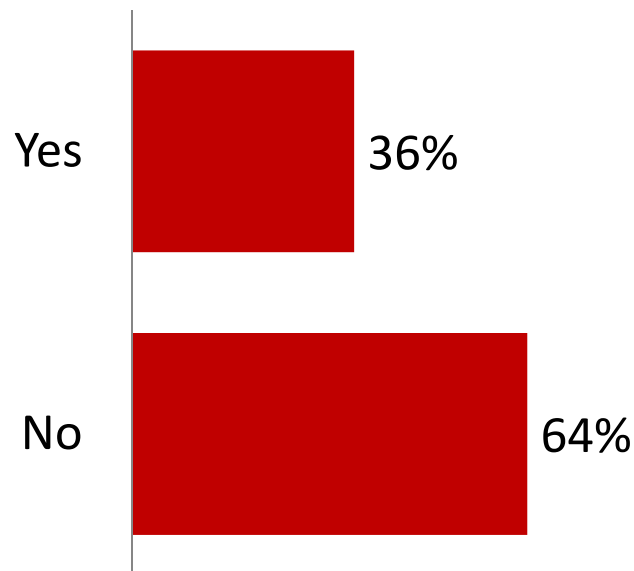


Chris Himsworth together with co-author Christine O'Neill published "Scotland's Constitution: Law and Practice" (now in its 3rd edition) – the go to textbook on Scottish constitutional law for undergraduate students

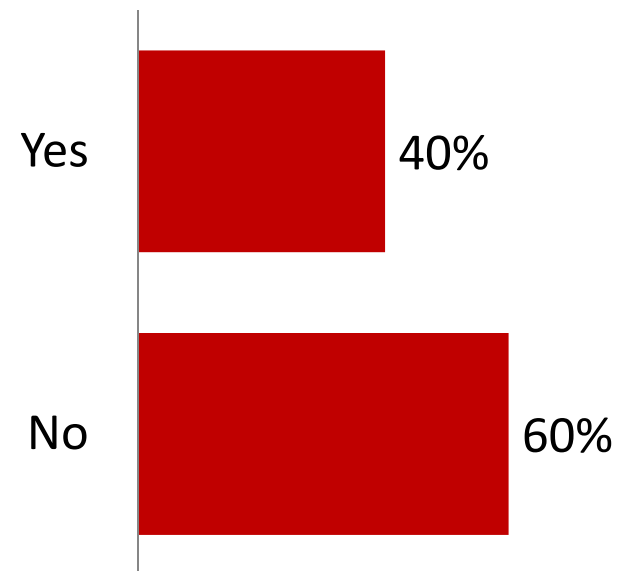
**A third of our class has worked for a political campaign  
and 40% have run or are considering running for an elected office.**



### **Worked for campaign?**



### **Have or considering running?**



# Here's how we look back at our law school experience

What one word describes your law school experience?

rewarding  
eye-opening

**cold** Our second year (1995/96) winter snowfall record (108") stood for 20 years until 2015

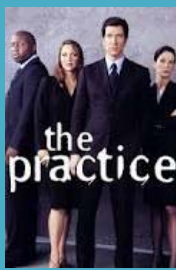


mind-expanding

beginning impactful

**practice**

Unclear whether this referred to "practicing for the real world" or the most popular legal show of 1997 – The Practice

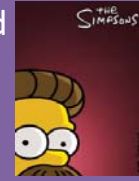


entertaining antisocial  
**dynamic**

fruitful  
fine enriching  
intense  
humbling  
overrated  
disappointing  
vital

**Simpsons**

Clearly this answer came from one of the 20 classmates who would gather weekly for the Simpsons in Todd Stillerman's dorm room



crucible

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Longest response kept to a single word

stressful life-changing  
**cerebral** worthwhile

great experience that I proudly identify with

A for content  
C for brevity, given 6 words over the 1-word limit

**opportunity**

transformative  
formative  
difficult

**bluebooked**

A new verb that we assume refers to both the uniform citation guide and the infamous examination books



awesome  
useful  
old  
**fun**

**ineffable**

- 1 too great to be expressed in words
- 2 never to be uttered

stimulating  
friendships

scary  
**launch pad**

# And here's some of what we learned

## *One thing you learned at HLS that helped you the most*

- Critical legal thinking
- The ability to read, write and think critically
- Be resilient and flexible. What got you here won't get you to the next benchmark
- Networking
- How to speak in front of a crowd -- including how to survive saying something less than brilliant in front of a crowd!
- That fine print and legalese matters and can have enormous impact
- Confidence. Confidence that I could learn the job. Confidence that I could do the job. Confidence that I could impact the world in a positive way
- Preparation almost always wins the day
- Attention to detail
- Asking the right question is more important than getting the right answer to the wrong question
- Patience
- Recognizing that people with opposing views may feel equally strongly
- and have equal strong basis for their views
- Research skills
- Not to be intimidated by anyone. Invaluable
- Critical thinking; being able to see and articulate both sides of an argument
- How to marshal an argument
- If you have a big enough group, pretty much everything that could happen does
- Think through issues deeply
- Your most precious asset is time
- Only good things come out of hard work
- Try to make the most of every opportunity because I don't think I was mature enough to do that when I was at HLS!
- The criminal justice system is rigged against poor people and people of color
- Even smart, powerful people can be wrong and/or funny. (So I should never take myself too seriously - but never take myself not seriously enough)
- Negotiation skills
- To believe in and value my intellect
- That I can (almost) master anything I put my mind to
- That some lawyers are brilliant but most are insipid
- To always look at any issue from the other side
- To be a critical thinker
- Ignore the annoying people
- You can't take it all too seriously. you always have to have some outlet and be able to do something other than the law if you are going to thrive and survive
- How to think about an issue objectively
- The importance of taking your work seriously as something more than just a job
- How to be a good teammate when you play with a compulsive ball hog (Plus critical thinking / problem disaggregation)
- How to argue both sides of any position
- Persuasive writing
- Things aren't always what they seem
- Confidence
- How to write effectively and succinctly
- How to engage difficult people in debate in difficult situations, and persuade or influence them
- Prepare
- Not to underestimate the law as a tool for social change
- Confidence that I can compete with the best
- The order of importance is the money, the relationship and then the law
- Getting to Yes
- That I was smart enough to belong. If I could compete with the best and brightest at HLS, that I can compete and do well in anything I choose to do
- You can always make at least two, contrary arguments from a given set of facts and law.
- My first year negotiation seminar was invaluable
- Critical thinking skills
- How to ask questions
- That I am secretly not nearly as smart as the people working around me
- How to find where there is, or isn't, play in the joints of a legal system.
- The value of mentoring
- How to "think like a lawyer"
- 3 key questions about every document you ever write (1) what's in there that shouldn't be (2) what's not in there that should (3) what's in there but messed up.
- Upholding the process and application of the law is more important than the individual result (Dershowitz)
- How to Shepardize cases using the books. Oh wait, you said the "most"
- The law is not necessarily about justice. Your own personal values will guide your legal career
- Good things happen when you stick with Rebecca Bond
- How to think
- I can do anything
- There are many different types of people who are successful lawyers
- This stuff isn't actually very difficult
- Life is not all about work, and remembering to have fun makes you better at your work
- Negotiation/mediation
- Critical thinking / how to see both sides





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## Your class of 1997 classmates can serve as great resource

Have a novel idea?

- Call Andrew Byrnes, Chief of Staff at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Need an  
insurance quote?

- Call Stephen Gauster, Chief Counsel, MetLife

Did you like “The  
Walk,” Chappie,” or  
“Goosebumps”?

- Thank Zach McGee, SVP, Sony Pictures

Headed to Seoul for  
next February’s  
Winter Olympics?

- Look up Woo-Young Rhee, Professor,  
Seoul National University College of Law

## Your class of 1997 classmates can serve as great resource

Have an appeal at  
supreme court?

- Call Mark Fleming for advice, who has argued 5 Supreme Court cases

Brexit questions?

- Call David Lammy, UK Member of Parliament

Trouble with your FB  
privacy settings?

- Call Chris Kelly (or find him at a Sacramento Kings game) since he was FB's first GC and Chief Privacy Officer

Need help with your  
March Madness  
Bracket?

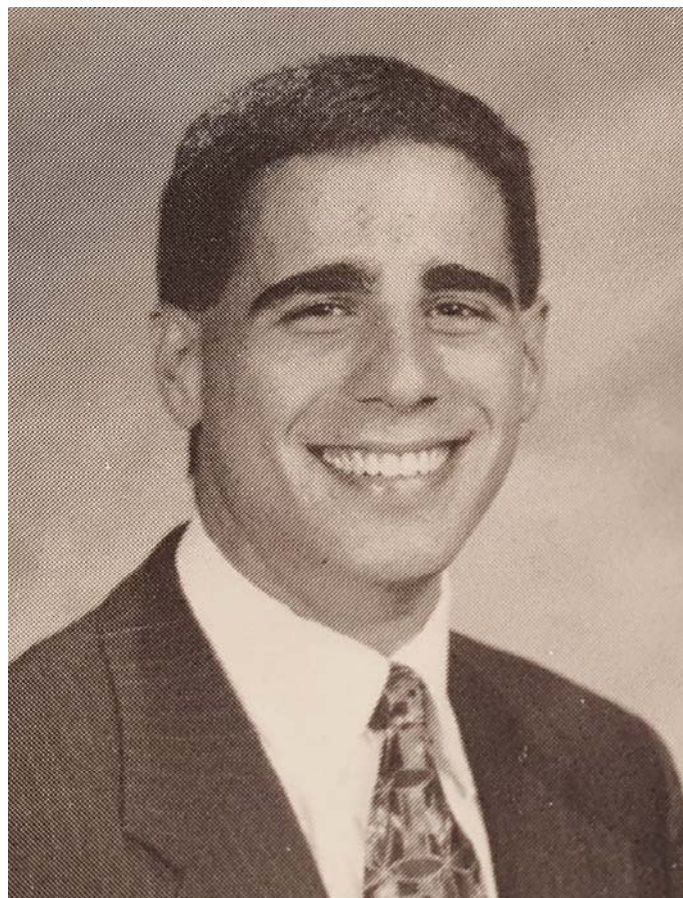
- Call Matt Hong, COO of Turner Sports

## Matt Hong

We can thank Matt for virtually every NCAA, NBA game and PGA event we watch on TNT, TBS, truTV, and CBS and for the Bleacher Report App!



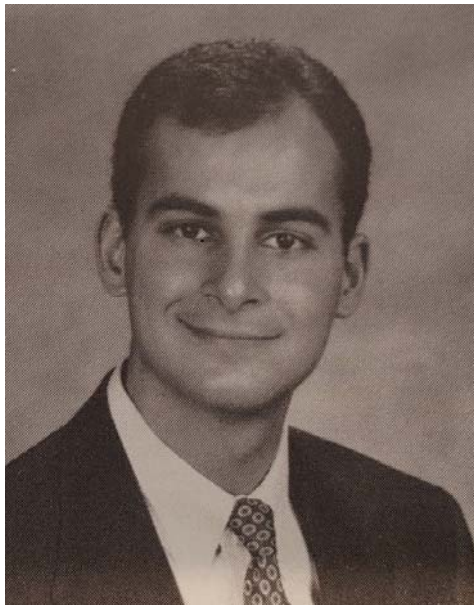
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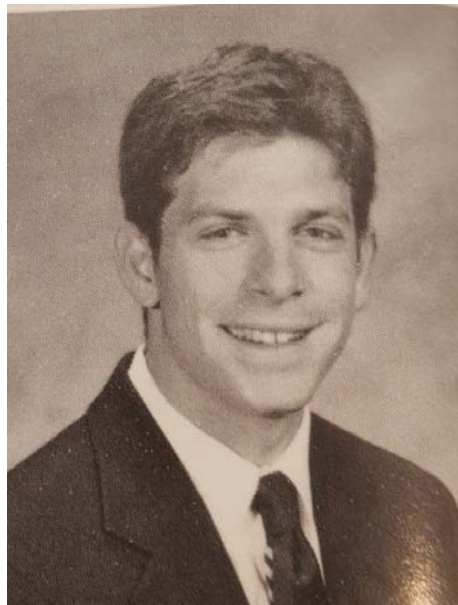
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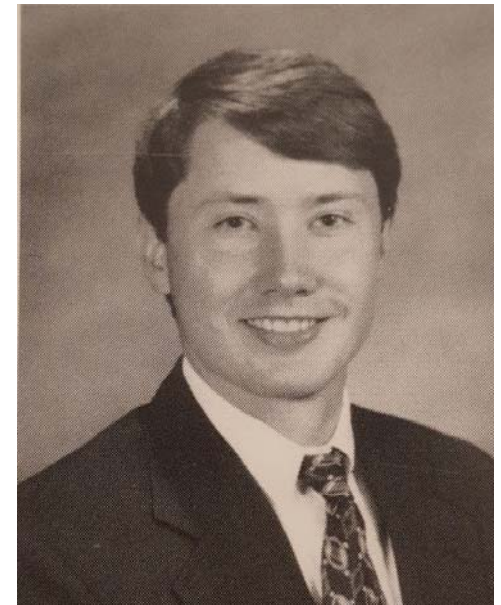
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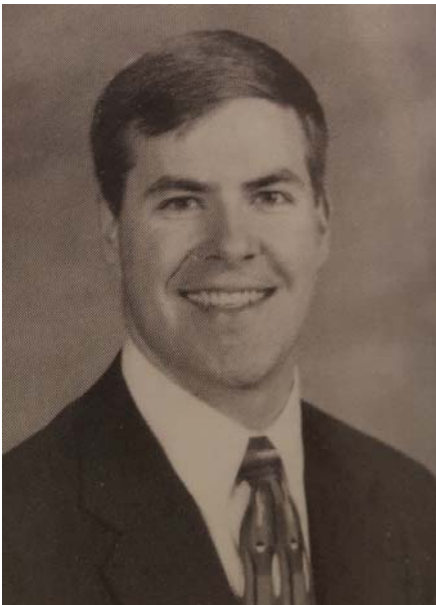
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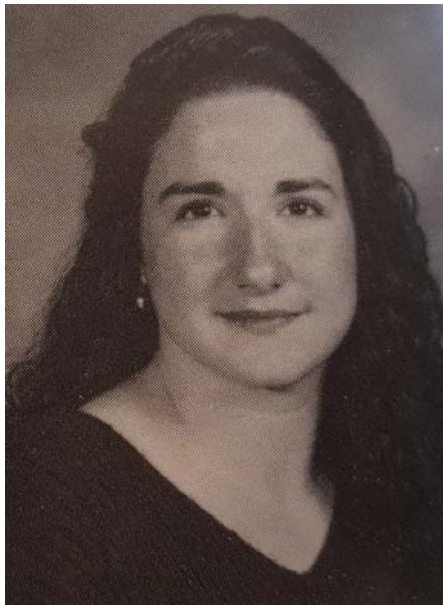
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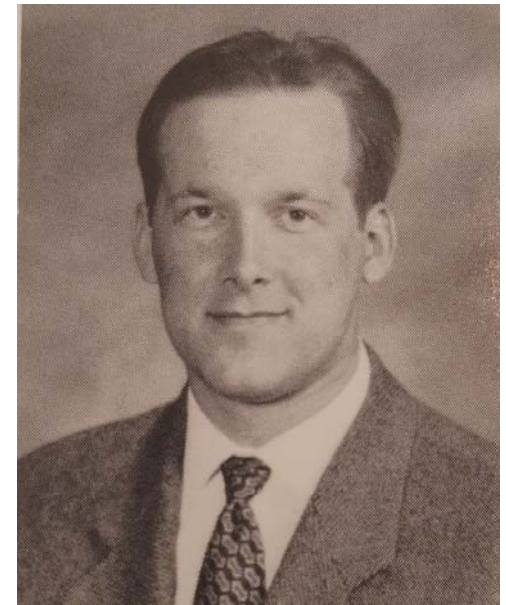
John Paschke

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Ilana Rubel

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Aaron Alt

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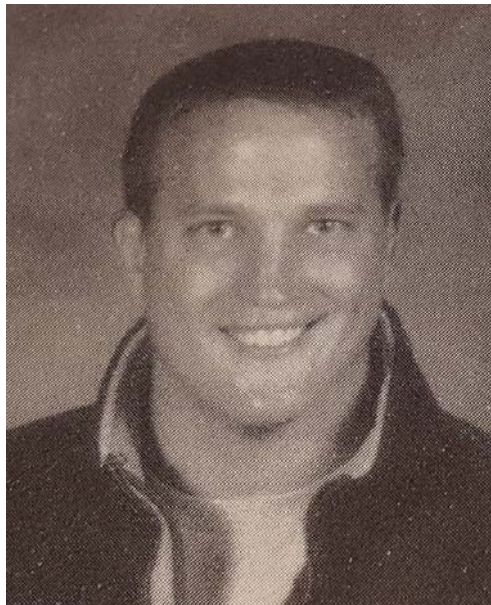


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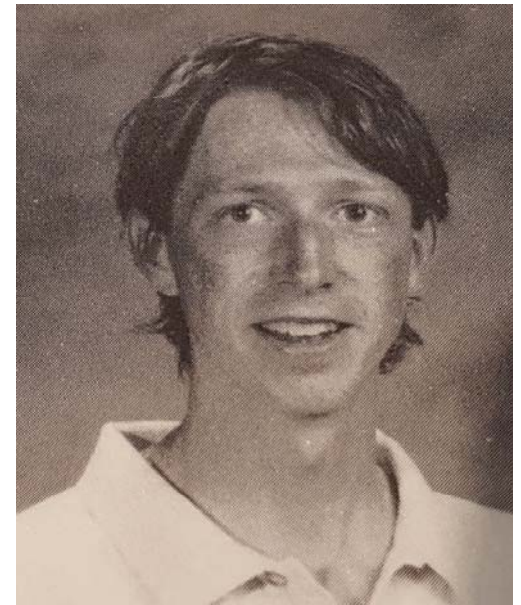
Amy Berman

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Jeff Thomas

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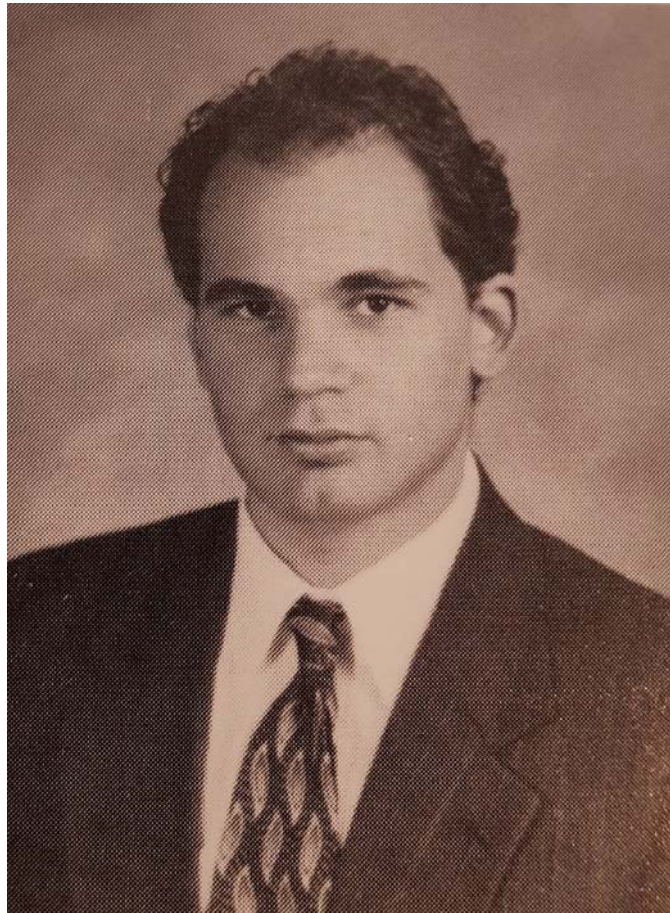


Joel Thompson

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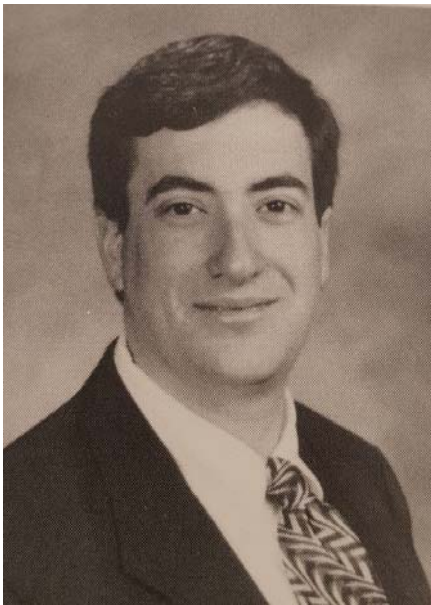


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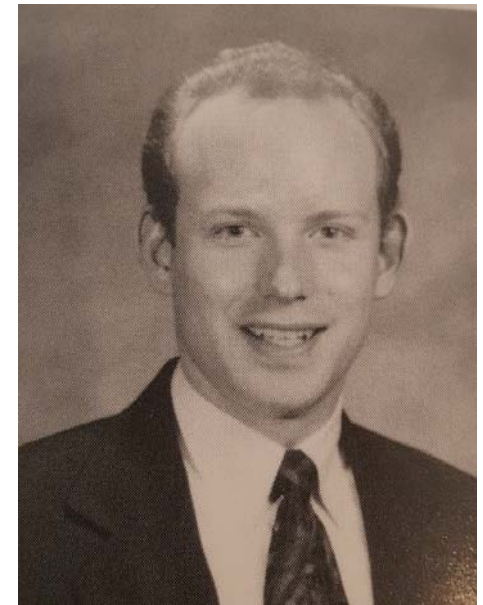
Neil Steiner

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Maeghan Maloney

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Andrew Byrnes

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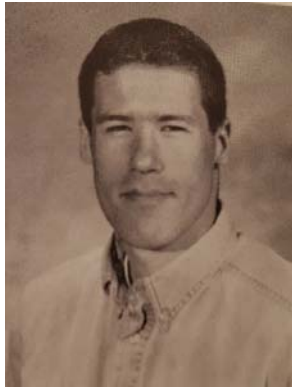
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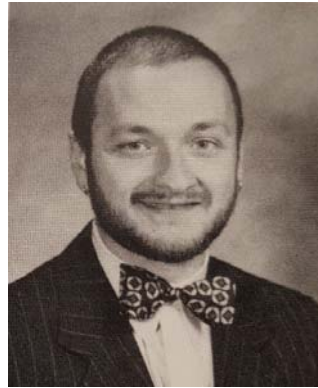
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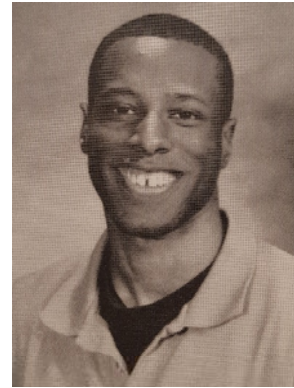
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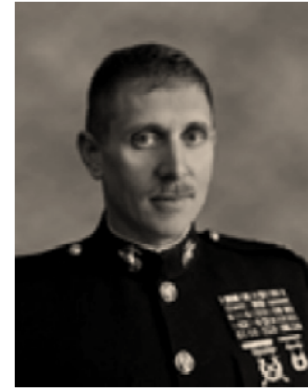
Helge Boes



Michael Diehl



Carey Gabay



Michael Weston



Gordon Lederman



Marcy Peek



Elisabeth Todaro



Melissa "Missy" Brooks



# Celebration of Classmates Who Have Passed

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The Boston Globe

## Three lives linked by call to duty, common tragedy

The sacrifices of Harvard Law graduates who took unconventional paths leave friends and classmates searching for answers about themselves



Michael Weston, Helge Boes, and Cynthia Tidler lived a few doors down from one another in Ames Hall in their first year of law school. They were fueled by a different inner fire

WASHINGTON - They were three best friends at Harvard Law School who turned their backs on lucrative careers to follow an exceedingly rare path: Michael Weston, who jogged through Harvard Yard in combat boots and openly scorned corporate life, joined the Marines. Helge Boes and his girlfriend Cynthia Tidler, who shared their friend's sense of duty and adventure, joined the CIA.

Their choices - made out of passion, patriotism, and an urge to live an unconventional life - intertwined their fates.

Boes, a covert CIA operative, died when a grenade went off during training in Afghanistan in 2009, leaving Tidler, whom he had married after school, a widow. In their grief, Weston and Tidler reconnected and married earlier last year. Three months later, Weston deployed to Afghanistan; he died there in October, in a helicopter crash, widowing Tidler once again.

In law school, their interest in military and intelligence work made them oddities to many classmates. Now, in law firms and investment banks across the country, some who knew them are questioning their own career choices. Indeed, their friends said, the close relationship of the three, their commitment to confront America's enemies, and the tragic arc of their lives underscore how rare it is for people with privileged educations to volunteer to fight America's wars.

"To see people who could have done anything making that kind of sacrifice, it is hard not to look inward and ask, 'What kind of sacrifices are you making?'" said Rob Simmelkjaer, a former classmate who is now a vice president at ESPN in New York.

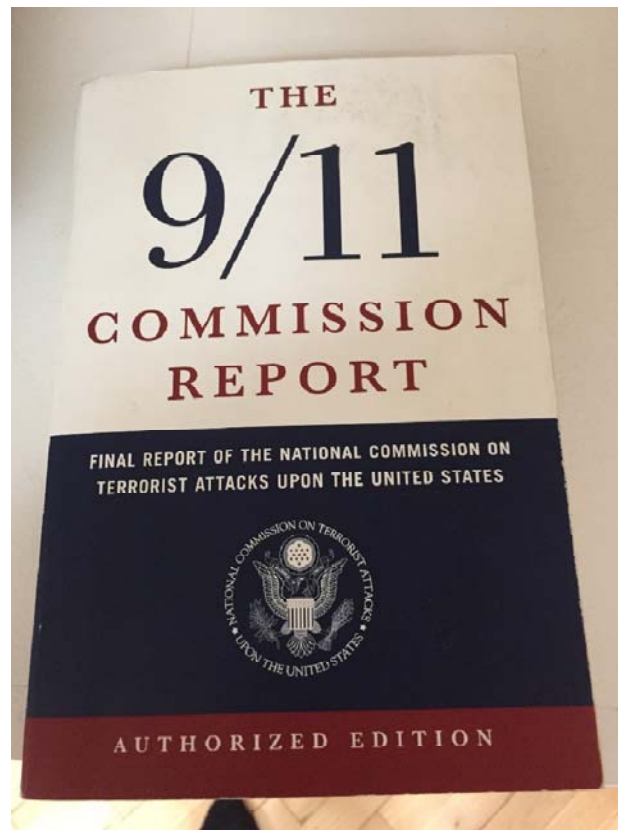
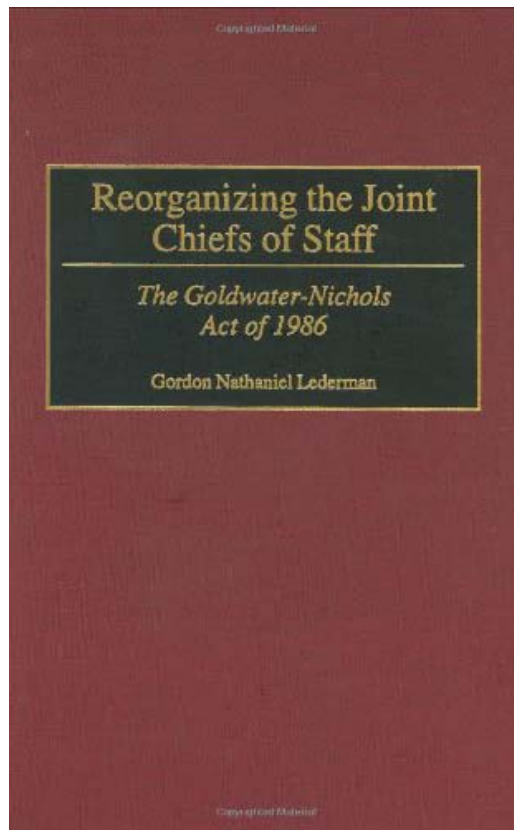
"I think there are a lot of people who see two guys who really gave the ultimate sacrifice," said John Carey, a partner at Patterson & Sheridan in Palo Alto, Calif. "And there is a lot of guilt."

Wanting something more

Weston, Boes, and Tidler lived a few doors down from one another in Ames Hall in their first year of law school. Among students obsessed with grades and high-profile jobs, they were fueled by a different inner fire, according to their friends.



## Celebration of Classmates Who Have Passed



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*Counsel*  
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Class Symposium HLS Class of 1997

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- Class dinner (Charles Hotel) – Cocktails 7 pm, Dinner 8 pm



# HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

## Class of 1997 Flag Football Game

*Cumnock V Field*

or

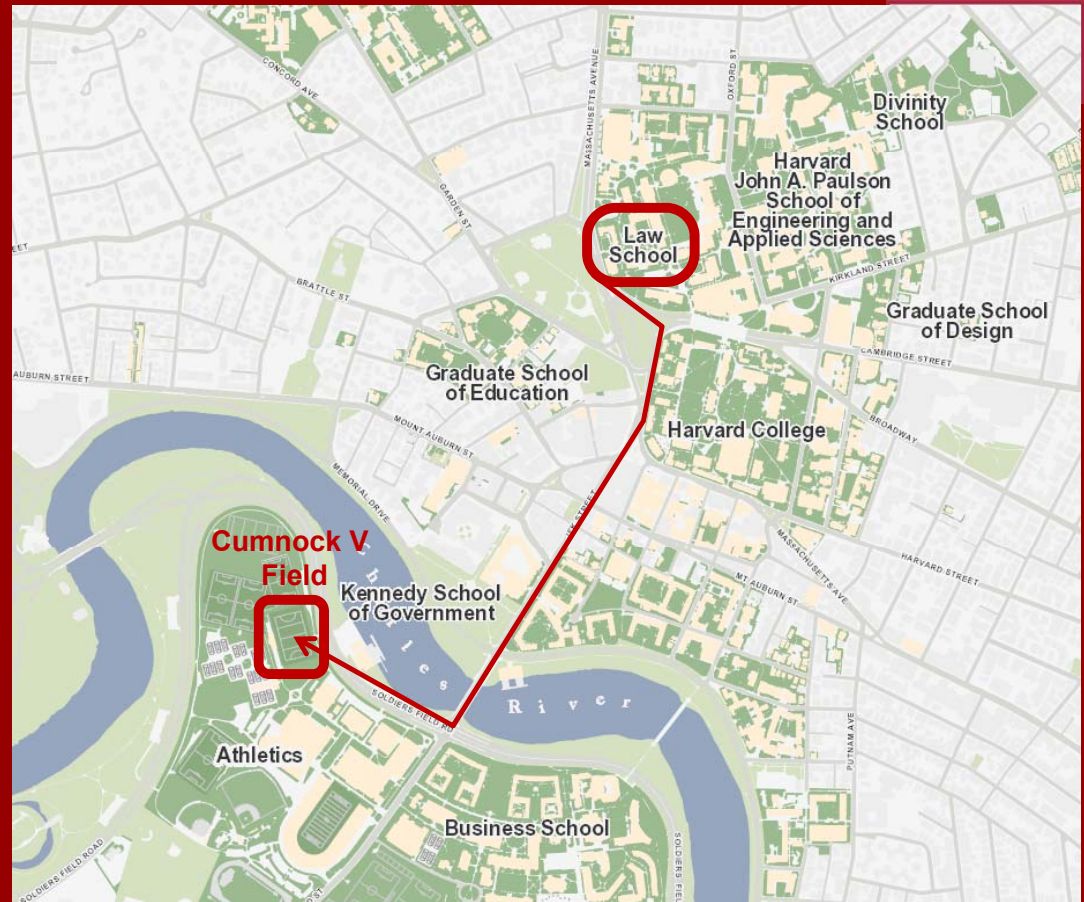
## Class of 1997 Walk Along the Charles

*Starts and ends at Cumnock V Field*

**Saturday, April 8, 1997**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

***Join Us!***



**Parking info:** there is a \$10 fee for cars at the Athletic lot due to the activities happening that day (enter through Gate 8 off of N Harvard St.). Walking, Uber, or taxi highly recommended

*For more information on the walk, contact Nerissa at [NCoyleMcGinn@gmail.com](mailto:NCoyleMcGinn@gmail.com)*

*For more information on the flag football game, contact Johnathan at [Johnathan.Lee.Robertson@gmail.com](mailto:Johnathan.Lee.Robertson@gmail.com)*

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# Class Picture

## Numbered Cards:

- Please **PRINT** first name, last name and class year on the card
- Please remove your nametag for the photo and put any bags or personal belongings aside prior to the photo
- But take the numbered card with you

## Class Photo

- 3:10p: Class of 1997, Austin Main Stairs (rain location: Austin Hall, Room 111)

## Separate photos

- We ask separate group photos be taken only AFTER all class photos have been taken to keep on schedule



# Who We Are 20 Years Out

*Class Symposium*



*Class of 1997*