ADVICE FOR 1L?
Take things a little bit at a time. Set realistic goals in terms of what you can accomplish for the upcoming week and stick to those goals. Also, you will find plenty of people who are willing to talk to you about how difficult law school is. It does involve a lot of work; I won’t lie about that. However, keep in mind that you might just surprise yourself and discover that, in fact, you really enjoy it.

MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?
I remember taking a trip to the bookstore to buy first semester books with a woman who lived in my dorm (who, by the way, turned out to be a great friend). When we were looking for our books, she asked me if I planned to buy any “treatises” for any of the classes. I said that I had not thought about it. Afterwards I rushed back to my dorm room to call a friend from college who had started law school a couple years earlier and asked her, “What is a treatise?”

FAVORITE BOOK?
East of Eden by John Steinbeck

BEST LOCAL EATS?
Carnivale

FUN FACT?
One of my contracts professor’s favorite lines when he was asked a question that he did not want to answer was, “It is my job to ask the questions and your job to answer them.” Here is my best shot at a fun fact. After graduating from college and before starting law school, I worked as a research assistant at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C. It was a really cool experience, and, aside from my current job, the best job I ever had. I worked for a group that studied financial markets’ expectations for monetary policy and the effect on financial markets of announcements by the Federal Reserve. I also assisted economists in the group on their longer-term research projects, which sparked my interest in embarking on an academic career of my own. And I saw Alan Greenspan in the hallway sometimes, which is probably the most significant celebrity sighting that I can report to date.

MY SPARE TIME?
These days my favorite thing to do is spend time with my kids (I have two-year-old boy/girl twins). Swimming is our current favorite activity.
**ADVICE FOR 1L?**

My advice is to spend the summer reading good literature. You will spend most of the next three or four years reading judicial opinions, statutes, and law review articles. Take this time to read some good books. They are both enjoyable and will help you prepare for the writing that you will do in law school. Many of you did not do too much writing as undergraduates. One way to help you compensate for that is to read the writing of great authors.

**MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?**

My most vivid memories are of my classmates. You will spend about 15 hours a week in class while in law school. However, you will spend much more time outside of class with your classmates, hopefully discussing and debating the issues raised in class. Your classmates can be a big help in your learning process.

**FAVORITE BOOK?**

Two books that I try to reread every year are Graham Greene’s *Monsignor Quixote* and George Orwell’s *1984*. Anything written by either of those authors is worth reading and rereading.

**BEST LOCAL EATS?**

It is hard to pick a favorite. My wife is a MUCH better cook than any restaurant!

**MY SPARE TIME?**

In my spare time I like to read and travel.

**FUN FACT?**

I got badly sunburned last summer at a beach in North Carolina. As a result, I have avoided ALL beaches this summer!
**MEET OUR 1L PROFESSORS—DEPAUL LAW**

**MATTHEW LINDSAY 1L CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

**COURSES:** American Legal History; Immigration Law

**CV:** Visiting professor from the University of Baltimore; Served for two years as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School; Clerked for Judge Louis H. Pollak of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Awarded a fellowship by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Practiced federal administrative law and patent litigation at Foley Hoag LLP; Writes in the areas of legal history, immigration, and civil rights; Articles have appeared in Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, University of Cincinnati Law Review, Yale Journal of Law & Humanities, and Law & Social Inquiry; Currently completing a doctoral dissertation in United States legal history on the historical origins and development of the federal immigration power

**ADVICE FOR 1L?**

It would be difficult to design a more effective breeding ground for intellectual insecurity than the first year of law school. The course material is unfamiliar and difficult; the heavy work load virtually ensures that you’re often underslept; and both the daily drama of the Socratic method and the looming grading curve create an inherently competitive atmosphere. Faced with all that, it’s easy to feel overmatched, or even like a fraud—that the professor or your classmates are talking over your head, that you’re somehow missing all the “important” stuff even though you’re doing the reading, or that the school is demanding the impossible. I remember feeling all those things. Recognizing that this kind of insecurity is not only common, but a normal, predictable part of the first-year experience (even among classmates who seem to exude supreme confidence) will help you to put it in its place, and to hold in check the inevitable sense of inadequacy or of being overwhelmed.

**MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?**

I walked into my first law school class ever without having completed a single sentence of the assigned reading, expecting nothing more than a general introduction to the subject (Civil Procedure) and a breezy tour through the syllabus. When the professor—a renowned senior teacher and scholar with a serious, imposing countenance—strode into the room, set his materials down on the podium and, without looking up, commanded in his thick Bronx accent, “Ms. Jackson, tell me what happened that gave rise to the case that you read about for today,” a flash of terror rushed through my body. I spent the next fifteen minutes in a state of dread, my heart racing and sweat beading on my forehead, as Ms. Jackson staged a virtuoso performance, recounting the facts with clarity and precision, and expertly responding to every one of the professor’s interjections. Fate spared me that day, but I took the lesson to heart, and for the remainder of law school (almost) never repeated my early mistake. Not least, that professor eventually became a valued friend and mentor with whom, 20 years later, I remain in regular contact.

**FAVORITE BOOK?** *Ragtime*, by E.L. Doctorow

**BEST LOCAL EATS?** When I last lived in Chicago 20 years ago, I’d use any excuse to go to Valois in Hyde Park.

**FUN FACT?** I play the guitar so badly that I can virtually compel my otherwise obstinate children to get ready for bed merely by glancing in the instrument’s direction.

**MY SPARE TIME?**

When I’m not shuttling my two kids to various activities, I enjoy running, cooking, and obsessing over the Boston Red Sox minor league system.

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**MAX HELVESTON 1L CONTRACTS**

**COURSES:** Contracts; Insurance Law; Business Organizations; Health Law

**CV:** Teaching and scholarly work focuses on complex civil litigation, insurance, commercial, and corporate law; Recently published in multiple journals; Former clerk for Seventh Circuit; Associate at Latham & Watkins; Cocker Fellow at Yale Law School and editor of numerous Yale law journals

**ADVICE FOR 1L?**

I’d recommend reading one of the many preparatory books geared to pre-1L students. Law school can be a bit overwhelming at first, and doing some prep work will help you make sense of what is going on. *Thinking Like a Lawyer* by Schauer is one to check out.

**MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?**

Believe it or not, my years at law school were actually my favorite part of my 20s, so I have a ton of great memories. Particularly vivid memories include: working with ACLU attorneys on LGBT civil rights cases; silly moments with my study group towards the end of a cram session; and being terrified when I was cold called in Criminal Law when I hadn’t done the reading (the professor embarrassed me in front of the class, and I made sure I was always prepared for lecture after that).

**BEST LOCAL EATS?**

Depends on the neighborhood! In the Loop: The Gage; River North: Xoco; Streeterville: Misaya; Uptown: La Ciudad; and I could keep on going.

**FUN FACT?** I have received many pieces of pug-related paraphernalia (t-shirts, mugs, coasters, trinkets, etc.) from former students.

**MY SPARE TIME?**

Hang out/talk about my pug Karl; gaming (pretty much any type); tennis; traveling abroad; scour Reddit for the perfect gift.
MEET OUR 1L PROFESSORS—DEPAUL LAW

MARK WEBER 1L TORTS

COURSES: Civil Procedure; Civil Rights; Complex Civil Litigation; Constitutional Process; Disability Law; Federal Courts; Remedies; Special Education Law; Torts

CV: Professional interests are disability rights and complex tort litigation; Author of *Disability Harassment, Understanding Disability Law, Special Education Law Cases and Material,* and *Special Education Law and Litigation Treatise*; Presented testimony on the implementation of the ADA to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and is active in community service and legislative initiatives on disability matters; Began his career as a staff attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago and then worked as a clinical fellow at University of Chicago Law School; Served as associate dean and acting dean of the DePaul’s College of Law; Received the College of Law Outstanding Teaching Award, the DePaul University Excellence in Public Service Award, the College of Law Excellence in Scholarship Award, the DePaul Spirit of Inquiry Award, and the Center for Disability and Elder Law Distinguished Service Award; Named Vincent dePaul Professor of Law in 2004

ADVICE FOR 1L?
Be as engaged with what you are studying as you possibly can, both during class time and when preparing for class. React to what you read and hear and keep asking whether it makes sense and why. In my experience, the degree of engagement with the material is the best predictor of how well students master the subject matter. Also, be sure to get enough sleep!

MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?
Participating in my law school’s legal clinic and working part time at New Haven Legal Assistance were memorable experiences for me. The law school clinic provided legal representation to patients at a mental hospital, and gave me the opportunity to present motion arguments in federal court on two cases concerning civil commitment standards. As an intern at Legal Assistance in third year, I was in court nearly every week doing eviction defense and other cases. The experiences were opportunities to learn how to be a lawyer while helping people who needed representation.

FAVORITE BOOK?
I’m afraid I don’t have a single favorite book, but one I am currently reading and that I’d recommend is *The Evangelicals: The Struggle to Shape America* by Frances Fitzgerald. It covers the history of the Evangelical movement and its influence on American political developments, and does a remarkable job on both theology and politics.

BEST LOCAL EATS?
I’m not all that big on fancy food, and tend instead to like local hole-in-the-wall places. One that I would recommend is Svea, a Swedish breakfast and lunch spot in Andersonville.

FUN FACT?
In the 1980’s I was a supervising attorney at the legal aid clinic at the University of Chicago law school. One of my students was future FBI Director James Comey.

MY SPARE TIME?
I do some hiking, running, and biking. My wife and I recently returned from a challenging and very enjoyable hiking trip in Scotland.

DANIEL MORALES 1L CIVIL PROCEDURE

COURSES: Civil Procedure; Immigration Law Seminar

CV: Leading scholar and theorist of immigration law; Recipient of the College of Law’s Excellence in Teaching Award; Former Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School; Clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Practiced law at both Jenner & Block and Kirkland & Ellis

ADVICE FOR 1L?
Do the reading. Do it again. And, yes, again.

MOST VIVID LAW SCHOOL MEMORY?
Volunteering an answer to my property professor that involved the punk band The Clash—he had no idea what I was talking about.

FAVORITE BOOK?
*Pnin* by Vladimir Nabokov

BEST LOCAL EATS?
The Publican

FUN FACT?
I was an All-American swimmer in college (Division 3).

MY SPARE TIME?
In my spare time, I take care of my daughters; root for the Cubs; watch Games of Thrones.