

# THE DISSENT

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: The Seating Chart Saga

As law students, I think we can all agree on one thing: the most important part of law school is deciding who to sit next to.

In our first year, the decision is difficult. We are all so worried about fitting in at a new school and making friends. We're also afraid to get called on to read cases. My advice to all incoming 1L's is to brief all your cases and make sure you get a seat next to the cutest person in class.



By your second year, you've finally made about five friends. Sit next to them in every class, obviously.

Last year of law school? If you don't have at least six friends at this point, try sitting next to the most seemingly laid back person in your section. You need to branch out beyond your usual clique and find the person who won't judge you for checking facebook or shopping for shoes in class. No social connection is more valuable than the one you make with the person who tells you about the "Boss Button" during March Madness.

And the most significant seating arrangement of all: Graduation! What? We have to sit in alphabetical order? Not a problem! You've spent the past three years learning about obtaining social justice through the legal system. Simply get a legal name change form and make your name as similar as possible to your most favorite person at school!

All my best,

**McCall Miller Jr.**  
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### URGENT! PLEASE READ!

In case you missed the 48 e-mails about it this week, all April's Fools jokes, including this issue of *The Dissent*, must be approved by Student Services Associate Dean Donna Espinoza. All attempts at humor at the expense of other student or faculty members must be assented to by the roastee and such assent must be witnessed by at least 2 (two) disinterested students.

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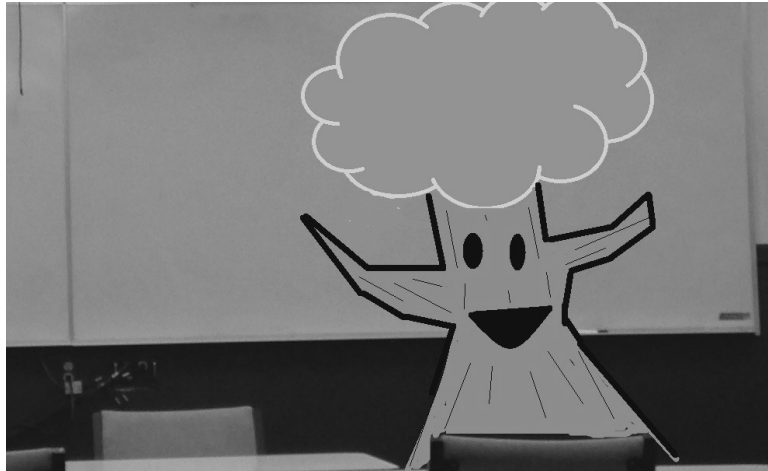
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**TREE LAW SOCIETY:**

**“Welcoming the Plantae Kingdom into the Legal Profession”**



On Monday, February 29, the Tree Law Society invited Lee F. Birch to Western State to speak to interested students about a long-fought battle by trees to be allowed to enter the legal profession.

“For eons, our species were never able to complete much more than an elementree education,” Birch said. “We were stumped over how to branch out in society. Then we were ec-stick-tic to hear that Western State was rooting for us!”

This year, Western State welcomed new students Ginko Phyta and Acer Negundo to campus. However, Western State has struggled to make the accommodations needed for the new students due to their limited mobility.

“We mostly learn by eavesdropping on the human students’ conversations when they come sit under us,” Phyta said. “Between the complaints about cold calling and the typical law school gossip, we’ve actually been able to learn quite a lot about both the law and who’s dating who here at Western.”



*1L Students Ginko Phyta and Acer Negundo*

# CHICKENGATE 2015: Professor Jaffke Facing Struggle Over Right to Service Chicken Use on Campus

By Lee Monjello



After Fiona barked at one too many students, Professor Jaffke decided it was time for a change.

"Usually students say they don't mind that Fiona greets them a little aggressively when they walk into my office," Jaffke explained. "It wasn't until Ellie Pecker came in one day— Fiona just started barking like crazy— and Ellie started curling up into a fetal position in the corner telling me about how she's had a fear of dogs ever since a 5-pound Chihuahua barked at her viciously and chased her all the way home from the bus stop in high school. I knew what had to be done. That night I went home to my farm, slapped a service animal vest on Smoochy the Chicken, and I've been bringing her to school ever since."

But not everyone is happy with the Smoochy situation. The chicken has been constantly laying eggs around campus only to be stomped on by unsuspecting students despite



at least seventy-eight emails from Donna warning us to watch our steps and to bring all loose eggs to the student café.

Some seem to have taken a more passive aggressive stance against Smoochy. Students have reported that Professor Merkel's recent Remedies midterm hypothetical involved obtaining a temporary restraining order against professors who walk chickens on leashes at Eastern Law School in the State of Northern.

When asked to comment whether his midterm was meant to be a flap at Jaffke and Smoochy, Merkel said, "I think you've got my intentions scrambled. I don't really give a cluck about fowl creatures like



Smoochy. But I'm not yolking when I say that I think that if I really did file for an injunction against Smoochy, Jaffke would probably be too chicken to fight it."

When asked for more chicken puns, Merkel responded, "I think I've eggsplained myself enough, here."

However, some students have adamantly supported and welcomed Smoochy on campus. All three members of the Animal Law Society have signed a petition proposing the promotion of permitting the poultry's presence.

If you want to join the pro-Smoochy movement, sign the petition at: [ipetitions.com/petition/smoochy-the-chicken](http://ipetitions.com/petition/smoochy-the-chicken)

# Kanye West Aims for Faculty Position at Western State

By Abigal Domfn

After a successful run as a professor of fashion at Los Angeles Trade-Tech Community College as a part of community service required under a plea deal, Kanye West has approached Western State offering his services as the next best Fashion Law professor of all time. Unfortunately, West has been met with reluctance from the Administration.



"We do not have adequate resources at the moment to launch a fashion law program," Dean Easley said. "And while we appreciate Mr. West's offer to instruct our students, we simply can not hire college dropouts to teach law."

In response, Kanye West dropped a new album, "Fashion Law", and sauntered away grumbling something under his breath about having to resort to Plan B.

## Kanye West Buys Western State, renames school: "Kanye Western State"

By Michelle Easterbroom

About fourfive seconds after Kanye West was denied an adjunct faculty position at Western State to teach Fashion Law, West made a successful bid of \$10 billion to purchase Western State College of Law and dubbed himself the new Dean of the school.

After the purchase, West renamed the school "Kanye Western State College of Law", and told anybody complaining about the school's new name being on their diploma to shut it.



As a peace offering, West will be allowing all existing staff and faculty to remain employed at Kanye Western State University. However, all school artwork will be replaced with framed blow-ups of Kim Kardashian magazine covers.

## Dean Kanye West Overrides Judges at Student Karaoke Contest, Beyoncé Performance Wins

By McGill Maller

On Thursday, February 19, 2015, we had a karaoke contest. We judged contestants on vocal talent, performance creativity, audience involvement, and wardrobe choice.

However, after Mike Easterbrook and Nick Maranesi performed a Beyoncé song, our new Dean Kanye West said it was the best karaoke performance of all time, so Mike and Nick won.

Thanks to all our participants and we hope to do this again next year!

