Ariel Borgendale | Class of 2020 | University of Connecticut

Between College and Law School: Worked in asset management and non-profit fundraising.


Favorite Class: I loved nearly all of my classes so far, but if I had to pick, it’s a tie between Property (Prof. Bilder) & Civil Procedure (Prof. Spiegel).

Summer Employment: Interning at the SEC (1L); Summer associate at Skadden (2L).

After Graduation? Starting as an associate at Skadden in Boston doing M&A work.

Why Law School? I have always loved school and the law and was looking for a new academic and career challenge. I haven’t been disappointed!

Why BC Law? When I visited for admitted students day, it was clear immediately that BC Law was a place where students were happy to be there every day, which is not what it felt like at every school I visited. I couldn’t imagine not being a part of the BC Law community.

What Most Surprised You about BC Law When You Got Here? How fast I made such amazing friends! Even though I chose BC because of the great community atmosphere, I never would have thought I would make best friends in the first week of school. Having close friends going through the same things made such a difference in adjusting to life in school after working, the (sometimes brutal) long study days, and the stress of applying to jobs.

Michael Curran | Class of 2020 | Providence College

Between College and Law School: Taught Theology at a private high school in RI and earned a Master’s Degree in Theological Studies at night.

Activities at BC: Law Review; Federalist Society; Intramural Softball.

Favorite Class: Con Law with Prof. Greenfield. Not only is his presentation of the material captivating and thought-provoking, but his legendary ‘dad jokes’ are peppered throughout, the perfect recipe of laughing and learning.

Summer Employment: Judicial Intern to the Honorable O. Rogeriee Thomp- son, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (1L); Summer Associate, Proskauer Rose LLP.

After Graduation? I’ll be returning to Proskauer in one of their corporate groups.

Why Law School? The plan was originally to study for a PhD in Theology, but a number of factors changed my mind. A lot of my academic work focused on theories of justice and law school seems like the natural avenue to continue that study by thinking about justice more practically.

Why BC Law? If you’re reading this, isn’t it obvious? As cliché as it sounds, there’s something indescribable about the atmosphere of BC Law that makes it a naturally attractive place. I was conflicted about which law school I wanted to attend, but after a one-day visit, the choice was obvious.

What Most Surprised You about BC Law When You Got Here? BC Law has a reputation for being a friendly place, but even that reputation doesn’t do it justice. All of my professors have gone far out of their way to offer me help and encouragement whenever needed, and the friends that I’ve made have quickly become an important and lasting part of my life.

Mitchell Carney | Class of 2021 | Smith College

Between College and Law School: I was a Victims’ Advocate for the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit of the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, working with victims of sexual violence, child abuse, and domestic violence.

Activities at BC: Boston College Law Review, Lambda Law, Public Interest Law Foundation, Public Service Scholars.

Favorite Class: Constitutional Law with Professor Farbman. By emphasizing the historical context of the Constitution as well as landmark cases, Professor Farbman provided a well-rounded view of the existing legal framework, as well as its challenges and opportunities.

Summer Employment: This past summer, I was a Rappaport Fellow at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.
Abigail Mahoney | Class of 2021 | Bowdoin College

Between College and Law School: I taught high school biology in Miami for two years, as a Teach For America Corps member.


Favorite Class: I loved Law Practice with Professor Bratt. As a science major in college, I had never really learned how to write. It was challenging (and I did not do well on my first memo!) but Professor Bratt is brilliant and supportive.

Summer Employment: Summer Associate at Hogan Lovells in Boston, doing white collar defense work.

What Do You Hope to Do After Graduation? I would love to combine my science background with the law at a firm, doing healthcare or life sciences work.

Why Law School? I really like learning, and after being a teacher, I missed being a student! I knew that law school would open a lot of doors for me even though I wasn’t sure what I wanted my career to look like.

Why BC Law? I kept hearing about the sense of community on campus. I wanted to be at a school where you get to know your peers really well, and people don’t leave as soon as classes are done for the day.

What Most Surprised You about BC Law When You Got Here? That, collectively, no one knows what is going on your 1L year! So try to enjoy it as much as possible and remember that everyone is just figuring it out one day at a time. Do not set aside the things that make you happy or the things that make you, you.

Karysa Norris | Class of 2021 | Dartmouth College

Between College and Law School: I was a curatorial assistant in art museums for five years and a legal administrative assistant at a mid-sized firm for a year.


Favorite Class: Property with Professor Bilder. She takes the time to teach you both substantive law and practical lawyering.

Summer Employment: Summer Associate at Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, LLP in Boston.

What Do You Hope to Do After Graduation? I will be practicing environmental law in Chicago.

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Why Law School? I was looking for a career that would allow me to remain involved in the arts while broadening my ability to effect change in business practices. I worked at a firm for a while to test out whether the law would allow me to do that and loved my experience, so here I am!

Why BC Law? The strength and involvement of the alumni network. Every BC Law alum I spoke to when deciding between law schools was incredibly kind, candid, and responsive, and that continues to hold true.

What Most Surprised You about BC Law When You Got Here? How invested faculty members are in the students. From professors, to deans, to career services officers, whenever I have had a question or expressed an interest in something, a faculty member has always done their best to be an effective resource.

Mikaela Rice | Class of 2020 | Boston College

Between College and Law School: I came to BC Law right after undergrad where I received my B.S. in Environmental Geoscience. The summer before 1L I did a lot of traveling with my family and friends.

Activities at BC: Environmental Law Society, Eagle-to-Eagle Mentoring Program.

Favorite Class: Criminal Law with Professor Cassidy. Professor Cassidy was extremely engaging and encouraged class discussion. This helped me better understand the legal concepts while challenging me to develop my own opinions.

Summer Employment: Judicial Intern for the Honorable J. Scott O’Keefe at the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia.

After Graduation? I would love to be practicing environmental law at a firm in Philly.

Why Law School? Throughout most of undergrad, I was confident that I would pursue a future in science. I had the opportunity to work with a professor doing water quality research, which was a great experience, but quickly taught me that lab work wasn’t for me. Instead, I developed a strong interest in how the governing rules and regulations impacted the environment.

Why BC Law? I went to BC for undergrad and simply wasn’t ready to leave. The overwhelming support students receive from faculty, staff and alumni is unrivaled.

What Most Surprised You about BC Law When You Got Here? I didn’t expect to meet such amazing people. In a few short months, I’ve made some of my best friends. I couldn’t imagine going through law school without them.