



# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Alumni Newsletter

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## Message from the Editor in Chief and the Executive Editor

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you enjoy the latest edition of the VLR Alumni Newsletter! The *Vanderbilt Law Review* is in the midst of another busy year. We recently published the first issue of Volume 72, which included scholarship on the regulation of offshore finance, the disenfranchising effects of economic sanctions on the poor, boilerplate language in securities disclosures, and prosecutorial misconduct. The issue also includes student-written notes on evidentiary issues related to penile-plethysmograph results and the proper test for cyber tort lawsuits against foreign sovereigns.

In addition to publishing first-class scholarship, we are pleased to report the *Law Review's* involvement in several exciting events this year. In November, we hosted Judge Diana Gribbon Motz as part of the Branstetter Judicial Speaker Series. Judge Motz has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit since 1994 and has written a number of influential opinions, including a 2016 opinion invalidating North Carolina's voter identification laws as racially discriminatory. She spoke with students about the ways in which the business of judging has transformed during her time on the bench. In April, the *Law Review*, in conjunction with the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, will hold a symposium on corporate accountability. In addition to discussing current issues related to corporate accountability, the symposium will honor the scholarship of Vanderbilt Law School's very own Randall Thomas.

We would like to thank you all for your continued interest in and support of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. We hope to continue building our alumni network and working to foster meaningful interactions among our current and former members. We love hearing from our alumni, and we hope you will be in touch with any comments, updates, or ideas for future newsletters. And as always, we hope you stop by if you are in Nashville—we would love to see you!

Sincerely,

Breanna Philips (J.D. '19), Editor in Chief, and Griffin Farha (J.D. '19), Executive Editor



### *In This Issue:*

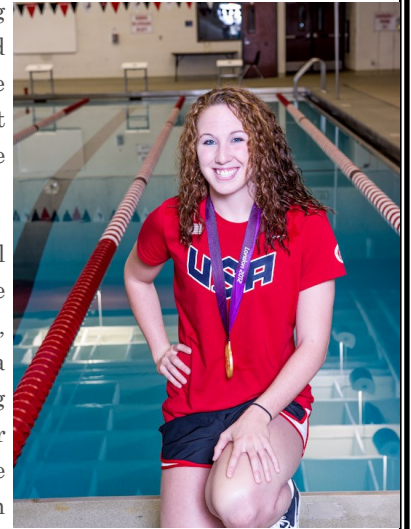
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# Gold Medals and the Law Review:

## Shannon Vreeland (J.D. '19)

Shannon Vreeland grew up in Overland Park, Kansas. A big chunk of her time was spent with the Kansas City Blazers at Roeland Park Aquatic Center where it became apparent that she was an above-average swimmer (to say the least). Not only was she a great swimmer but she was also an excellent student, which led her to the University of Georgia swim team.

While there, Shannon worked her way up from a partial scholarship to a full-tuition scholarship. Shannon posted multiple strong performances in the NCAA Division I championship meets, including setting NCAA and American relay records. She became a nineteen-time All-American and back-to-back NCAA champion along with the rest of the Georgia team—including a championship the year that she captained the team. Her success continued, and during the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials, she qualified to be a member of Team U.S.A. for the 2012 Summer Olympics. During the Olympics, she won a gold medal, and set a new Olympic record, for the 4x200-meter freestyle relay, along with Missy Franklin, Dana Vollmer, and Allison Schmitt.



After college, Shannon decided to swim professionally and continue to train in Georgia. She competed in international meets for Team U.S.A. such as the World Championships, World University Games, Pan Pacific Games, and international dual meets. Unfortunately, a shoulder injury forced her to retire from swimming, but allowed her to focus on the next phase of her life.

In deciding what to do next, Shannon spoke with the Dean of Georgia Law School as well as professors there and was impressed with how highly they regarded Vanderbilt Law School (“VLS”). Her visit to VLS only confirmed what she had heard, and she decided to become a member of the class of 2019. In Shannon’s words, “I instantly gravitated toward the friendly and social nature of the students and the attitudes and personalities of the people who could potentially be my classmates.”





Upon arriving at Vanderbilt, Shannon quickly became a standout member of her class. After her 1L year, she earned a spot on the Vanderbilt Law Review ("VLR"). When asked about her favorite part of VLR, Shannon said:

**My favorite part of being on Law Review was my work with the articles committee this past year. Although there was more work than I had anticipated and it took up countless hours of time, our group was incredibly insightful, had a wide range of opinions, worked well together, and our debates and discussions were always a high point of my week. There was a lot of bonding between the group as we picked sides over the articles, discussed what we thought about different arguments, or simply complained about the strain that the committee's work was putting on our semester. It was also exciting to watch the group as a whole grow, learn, and tinker with the way we ran meetings, until we had a completely new structure by the end that worked substantially better, and we thought fostered better inclusive discussion, than how we started. Finally, over the course of this year, it's been great to see the hard work that we put in trying to choose the best articles out there come to fruition in the completion of the books.**

After law school, Shannon will clerk for the Honorable Judge Duane Benton on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City, Missouri. After clerking, she will start as an associate for Alston and Bird in their Atlanta office in their Environmental Law practice group.





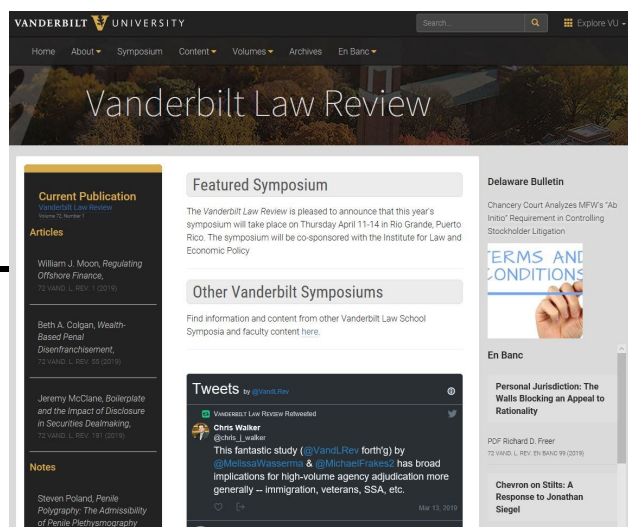
# Law Review Updates

The *Vanderbilt Law Review* has been busy. Here are some updates from this year.

The *Vanderbilt Law Review* recently updated its website. You can visit us online at:

[Vanderbiltlawreview.org](http://Vanderbiltlawreview.org)

Follow us on twitter at @VandLRev. We frequently post information about recent articles and other events.



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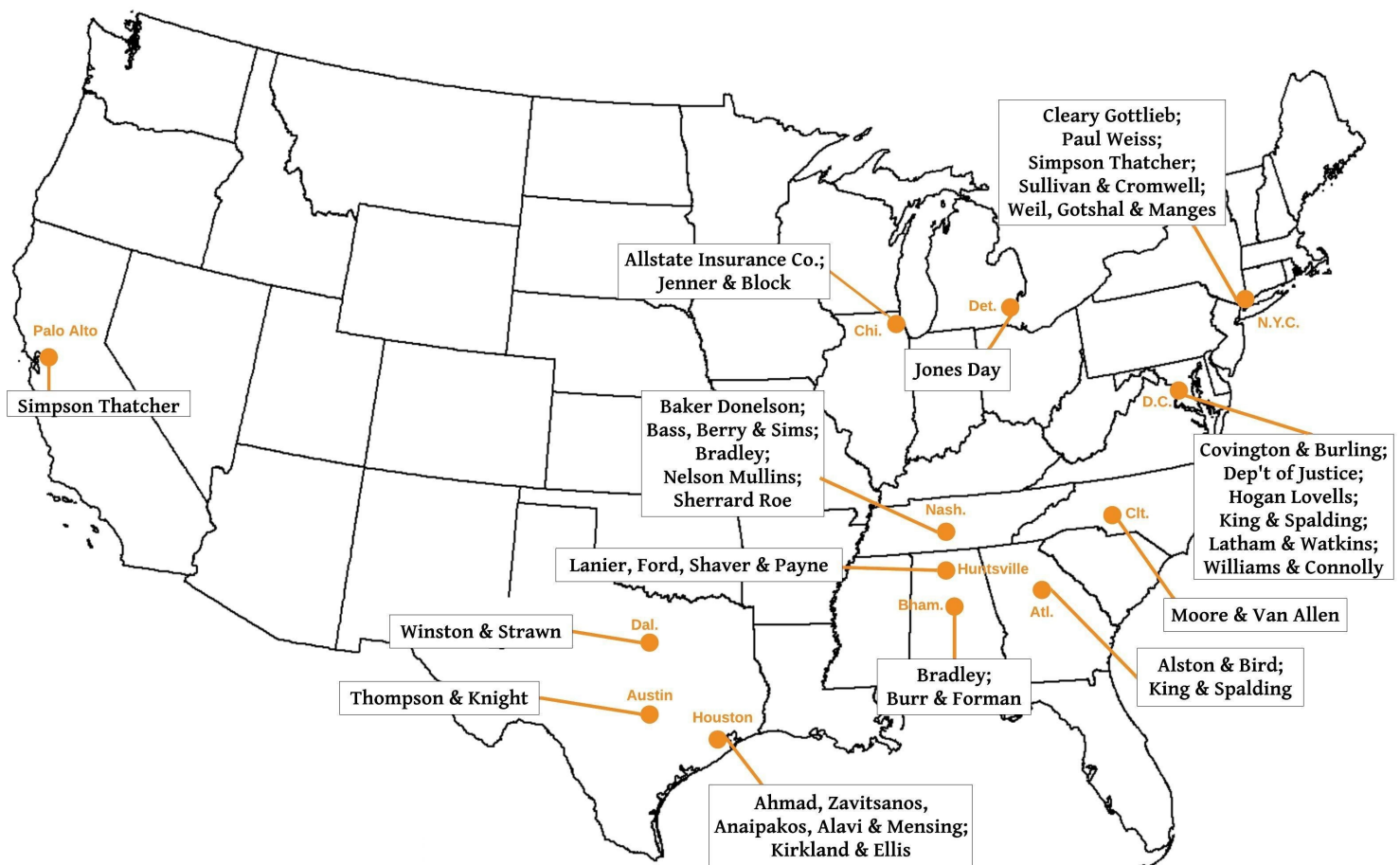
The 3L class is looking forward to joining the ranks of VLR alumni after graduation this spring.



# Summer Employment for VLR 2Ls

Be on the lookout for *Vanderbilt Law Review* members this summer. Members of the rising 3L class will be working all over the country. The map below shows all of the employers for the rising 3L VLR editorial board.

Feel free to reach out if a VLR member is at your firm or a firm in your city. We would love to hear from you!



# New Masthead

The *Vanderbilt Law Review* finalized the editorial board for the 2019–2020 year this spring.  
Please join us in welcoming these members to their 3L year law review positions!

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