



MEET THE CLASS



Travis Borquez

This is one in a series of profiles of first-year law students.

Travis Borquez is a native Phoenician fascinated by the growth of the city during his short life. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona where he emphasized his love for travel and culture. During his junior year he studied French language and culture in Paris.

After graduation, Borquez lived and worked in London for more than two years as a cash manager and audit accountant. He also traveled to Southeast Asia and fulfilled a lifelong dream to see the temples of Cambodia.

Borquez hopes to utilize his passion for travel and law and specialize in international trade law.

"I would love to work for the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund or other similar non-governmental organization," he said. "But I always hope to be close to Professor Rose."

In his spare time, Borquez hopes to do pro bono work in family law and to restore historic properties.

SUMMER EXPERIENCES



Zig Popko

This is one in a series of reports on how students, faculty and staff spent their summer. Please send information on your summer experiences to DL.WG.LAW.Communications.

Professor Zig Popko spent part of his summer backpacking alone in the Gila Wilderness of New Mexico. One July afternoon, as he descended the switchbacks into the canyon of the Middle Fork of the Gila River, he stumbled and suffered a serious break to his left ankle. This is his story:

When I heard the snap, I knew I was in trouble. When I felt the hot, searing pain, I knew I was in deep trouble. When I recovered from the short fall to the ground and lifted my left leg to see the source of that pain, I saw my foot dangling at near 90 degrees to my leg -- a truly odd, creepy sight that, even today, makes my flesh crawl. How did I get into this mess?

Earlier that day, as I started down the narrow switchbacks, I came across some fist-sized, loose rocks on the trail. I crossed one, maybe two, without incident. The last one, however, was the one too many. I lost my balance and, fearing I would fall off the steep drop-off that was to my right, I swung violently to my left. Well, most of me swung anyway. My left foot stayed in place while my leg didn't.

After recovering from the shock, I sat down on the trail to figure out my next step. I tried the cell phone, but there was no signal. I hadn't seen anyone over the last day and a half of backpacking, so I didn't count on being found anytime soon. I needed to get to the bottom of the canyon where there was water and flat ground, where I could slide into my sleeping bag and wait for help.

While trying to navigate the switchback in a glissade-like fashion, with my bum leg up in the air, I remembered my little plastic orange emergency whistle. I blew three long blasts (a distress signal) and listened. Silence. I moved slowly forward. Resting, I blew again. Nothing. I made it down one or two short switchbacks before I finally heard some whistling in return. At first I thought it was birds, but it soon became clear it was human. I stayed in one place and kept blowing that whistle.

Soon, a woman appeared and asked what was wrong. I told her I broke my ankle. She smiled and told me she was a nurse. You're kidding, I said. She laughed and said that two doctors were a few minutes behind her. Sure enough, a short time later, two men appeared along the trail. One was an ER doc (and the nurse's husband), the other a family-practice doc.

When the docs examined my leg, they felt no pulse in the foot and told me they would have to set it, lest I risk losing my toes or even more. One asked, "Do you have anything to bite on?" I dutifully bit down -- hard -- on my bandanna. One doc grabbed the foot and the other the leg. They pulled. I can now speak from first-hand experience that it is impossible to scream while biting down on something.

After a few minutes, they checked my pulse again and then pinched my big toe to see how long it took for the color to return. The docs were satisfied that enough blood was flowing to my foot. Fortunately, they did not have to re-set it.

With the blood flow restored, my three rescuers -- "angels," perhaps? -- fashioned a stirrup splint from my backpack waist belt. The ER doc used a GPS receiver to note our position and headed off on the six- or seven-mile trek to get help.

At about 1 a.m. the next day, I was airlifted out by a New Mexico Army National Guard air ambulance. I learned during the flight that the chopper had seen service in the Middle East and was scheduled to go back in a few weeks. I felt a sense of calm knowing that I was flying in a machine that had

flown wounded service personnel from battle. They flew me to the local airport where a waiting ambulance took me to the regional medical center in Silver City, N.M. There, a surgeon screwed my foot back to my leg.

So, despite breaking and dislocating my ankle, I still say I had a lucky break that day. Whenever I start doubting it, I just look down at my left foot, wiggle my toes and smile. I'm a grateful, happy camper.

GOVER TO HEAD SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM



Kevin Gover

Professor Kevin Gover, a former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, has been chosen to be director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

The museum made the announcement last week, saying Gover's appointment will be effective Dec. 2.

"We're delighted that Kevin Gover will lead the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in the next phase of its service to the public," said Cristián Samper, Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian. "Mr. Gover's extensive experience in Washington and with Indian communities, his deep interest in and knowledge of Indian history and

culture and his commitment to bringing the vast resources of the National Museum of the American Indian to the broadest possible audience will enable him to provide strong and effective leadership to the museum."

Gover said he was deeply honored by the appointment.

"The museum's mission of educating the public about living Native cultures is an important and challenging one, and I am grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation created by the museum's founding director, Rick West," Gover said.

Gover thanked ASU President, Dr. Michael Crow, and Patricia White, Dean of the College of Law, for their support.

"I'm grateful that I will maintain an association with ASU and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law," he said. "I will miss my colleagues and students at Arizona State University and my many friends from the Indian nations of Arizona, but I do look forward to serving in a new capacity."

White said Gover will remain a professor at the law school on leave for the duration of his time at the museum.

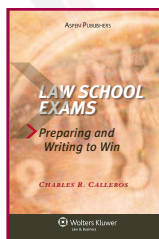
"The Smithsonian has made a magnificent appointment," White said. "Kevin Gover is a man of rare talent and integrity. His knowledge of Indian affairs and policy is unmatched, and his interpersonal skills are truly wonderful.

"We are proud to have him on our faculty and selfishly wish that he were not taking leave to take on this important post."

White said the College remains committed to maintaining the leading Indian Legal Program in the country and will seek new talent to fill the space left by Gover's departure.

Read the rest of the story at www.law.asu.edu.

CALLEROS BOOK ABOUT LAW SCHOOL EXAMS PUBLISHED



A new book by Professor Charles Calleros helps law students navigate the challenging maze of essay and multiple-choice examinations.

Law School Exams: Preparing and Writing to Win (Aspen Publishers, 2007, \$26.95) is a step-by-step guide to success that zeroes in on two points: exam scores can be improved if students master the techniques outlined in the book, and preparing to perform well on exams begins with a positive mindset on the first day of class and steadily progresses throughout the semester.

The 200-page paperback is a clear, concise guide for time-crunched students that gives creative examples and illustrations in familiar, non-legal contexts. Calleros introduces students to new concepts using analogies, and advances to more complex legal examples.

The book defines types of exams, imparts advice on preparing for law school and classes, and makes suggestions for reviewing class notes, synthesizing cases, outlining course material, and taking exams. In it, the author recommends that students educate themselves about the style and nature of exams given by each of their professors and the types of responses each expects.

Law School Exams gives exercises and practice exams that can help students identify their strengths and weaknesses, plan strategies, and organize their efforts. Calleros provides ideas for improving scores on several types of essay questions, as well as multiple choice and other objective questions. Students also gain insight into the balanced analysis with arguments for both sides on questions with uncertain answers, rather than jumping to a conclusion.

Finally, Calleros helps students understand that some anxiety over test-taking can be a productive motivator for them, and he gives suggestions for reducing anxiety through various stress-management techniques, such as stretching, meditation and motivational music.

Because the book emphasizes preparing for exams from the first week

