

Law

Joel Norwood, '04: This May (2007), I graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Starting in September, I will be working at Robinson & Cole LLP, a law firm in Hartford, Connecticut. At least initially, I will probably focus on land use and zoning, environmental law, and real estate development. During law school, I worked for Magistrate Judge Kenneth Neiman, the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative, and the Center for Children's Advocacy. Studying government is very helpful for being a law student or lawyer because politics explain the purpose and format of most laws and political science debates require similar reasoning to legal argument. Although like many people, despite going to law school almost as a default, I have had a wonderful time.

Erin Ashwell, '02: Following graduation, I spent my summer knocking on doors on Capitol Hill and sleeping on friends' couches before finally landing a job as a staff assistant for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. I worked for Senator Clinton for about a year in Washington, DC, carrying out administrative tasks and working on economic development in Upstate New York.

I then headed to law school, first to the University of Virginia and then transferring to Harvard Law School. During law school, I worked served as a legal fellow for Governor Mark Warner of Virginia. I also worked at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton as a summer associate in Washington, DC and Hong Kong, S.A.R. China. The most fun and surprising part of my time at Harvard Law was the opportunity to get involved with the Government Department again. I was a t.f. for sophomore tutorial for three semesters, heading back to Eliot House.

I finished law school last year and am now an attorney for the United States Department of Justice.

Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell, '02: After leaving Harvard I worked for three years as a domestic violence and rape counselor at an Ithaca NY nonprofit. While I was there I enjoyed a great degree of independence as well as productive collaboration with colleagues, and I worked to apply social science research on trauma and interpersonal violence to our work as counselors. When I decided that law would be a more satisfying niche from which to foster social change, I started law school at Cornell in 2005. My two summer legal clerkships have been with the US Attorney's Office in the Northern District of NY and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. I hope to start my legal career as a prosecutor somewhere in New York State in the Fall of 2008.

Frances Chang, '01: After graduating from Harvard, I pursued my international interests first by working as assistant editor of *The National Interest*, a foreign policy magazine based in Washington, DC. I then joined the Peace Corps, teaching English to college

students in northwestern China. I graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2007, where I was a member of the Global Law Scholars program. I will be starting work this fall at the Department of Justice, where I will be working in the Office of International Affairs of the Criminal Division. I am very much looking forward to integrating my legal education with my international interests in my day-to-day work.

Paul Gutman, '00: Perhaps unsurprisingly to most, I am a lawyer. However, it is probably surprising to some that I am a lawyer in the music business, representing artists and independent record labels in their contractual dealings in their everyday lives, from record deals to hiring managers, licensing songs to going their separate ways. My concentration in Government was incredibly helpful as I made my way through law school, preparing me to read carefully, think critically, write coherently, and to think about the purposes behind the laws that I studied. But just as importantly, the Government course requirements allowed me a tremendous amount of flexibility, so that I was able to study music and the arts while an undergraduate and to leverage those learnings into a summer internship with a record label after my junior year at Harvard, a assistant artist management job in the music industry right out of college, and from there to a summer internship with a music law firm after my first year of law school, who several years later called me and asked me to join as a full-time associate. I easily and gladly trace my path to my dream job before the age of 30 to my choice as a first-year to concentrate in Government.

Rebecca O., '01: After graduating from Harvard with an A.B. in Government in 2001, I embarked on a common but enjoyable career path for government concentrators – I headed for law school. I spent three wonderful years at Boalt Hall School of Law (at the University of California at Berkeley) where I served as a notes and comments editor for the California Law Review. Upon my graduation from law school in 2004 I returned to Boston and began working for Ropes & Gray, a Boston-based national law firm. My husband wished to attend Columbia Business School and at my request the firm allowed me to switch to the New York office. I now work at the Ropes & Gray offices in midtown, where my assignments include hedge fund formation and private equity fund analyses. My husband and I are expecting our first baby, and I am looking forward to a six-month maternity leave, after which I plan to return to work at Ropes & Gray. The critical thinking and writing skills I developed as an undergraduate in the government department have served me well in my legal career thus far.

Lexer Quamie, '00: Upon graduating I received Lowe career exploration fellowship to study reproductive rights and women's health care issues in Accra, Ghana. I then worked for two years as a paralegal with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. I attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School. While there, I interned at a labor law firm and the Welfare Law Center. I participated on the National Moot Court team and was a Production Editor for the Journal of Constitutional Law. After graduating, I

clerked for in the Eastern District of Virginia, and am currently a second-year associate practicing Labor and Employment law at a D.C. law firm.

Derek D. Smith, '00. After Harvard, I attended Oxford University on a Keasbey Scholarship and earned a D.Phil. in International Relations. Yale Law School was next, after which I clerked for Judge Randolph on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. This fall I will start as an associate at the Washington, DC office of Latham & Watkins.

Adam S. Hickey '99: I'm an Assistant United States Attorney (federal prosecutor) in New York City. After college, I went to law school, clerked for two judges, and worked for a law firm for two years before joining the United States Attorney's Office earlier this year.

Nicola McKinney, '99: I took a year out after graduation to pursue a sporting ambition, and then went to London School of Economics in UK and obtained a masters in International History/International Relations, which I completed in 2001. I then enrolled in an English law degree course for graduates (so I was able to complete it in 2 years instead of 3), which I finished in 2003. Following this I completed the professional schooling in England required to be a Barrister (2003-2004), worked as a paralegal for a short time, and undertook my pupillage (similar to US articles); I am now a practising Barrister in England (and also in The Bahamas), and spend my days in court in a wig and gown!

Rebecca Hughes Parker, '99: I definitely underestimated the utility of my experience as a government major. When I graduated, I thought the usefulness of courses like Gov 10 would be quite limited. I was wrong.

After college, I worked in television news for two years, and my thesis, which was about political communication on the internet, turned out to be very useful. I had studied broadcast news and the emergence of the internet, and how it changed political journalism. The lessons I learned were in the back of my head all the time as I produced news packages.

Later, in law school, I found myself repeatedly thinking about courses such as Justice, and drawing on the knowledge I developed at Harvard. Government sections, where lots of intelligent and articulate students raised the level of discourse also prepared me for being called on in class at law school (though I don't think anyone is really prepared for that!)

I am currently having fun as a litigator at a big firm in Manhattan, living in the city with my husband and twin daughters. I have found myself considering the philosophers I

encountered while studying government. Though I do like my job, it does seem raising my girls while working presents a Hobson's choice - something I would really like to help change.

Apart from my career, in my daily life, understanding American politics and history informs my choices, and enhances my experience as an American citizen. The foundation for that knowledge was built in the government department.

Valerie MacMillan Brader, '98: Following my time at Harvard, I worked for Governor Batt of Idaho as the staff assistant for natural resources. I then spent two years on the Rhodes Scholarship, earning two masters degrees: a Masters of Science in Environmental Change and Management, and a Master of Studies in Historical Research. Washington, D.C. was my next stop, where I was an award-winning environmental consultant to various federal agencies by day and a law student at Georgetown by night. After my marriage to Dr. Ted Brader (Ph.D. Gov't 1999), I moved to Michigan and finished law school, emerging with my J.D. magna cum laude. I clerked for U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens until this past February, when I joined the law firm Bodman LLP. Judge Feikens, with the consent of all parties, became my first client, appointing me under the Special Master rule to assist in a complicated case involving the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. I have had several publications in the legal and scientific press on environmental issues.

Nicola (Grunthal) Rosenstock, '97: Since graduating from the College, I have worked for the Special Commissioner of Investigation for New York City Schools, the National Labor Court in Israel, and now as a lawyer in the Investment Funds Group at White & Case LLP. At every interview I have had since graduation, I have been asked about my senior thesis (regarding the ways in which political changes in Cuba have shaped its Jewish community over time). It has been a source of fascination to all my interviewers and a topic about which I can speak enthusiastically and endlessly. My time at Harvard and in the government department in particular, much more so than law school, gave me the ability to read critically and write persuasively. I don't think that it ultimately matters what you study, as long as you delve into a concentration and learn it well. That will provide you with the skills you need to master any future subject matter.

Aram Schvey '97: As Litigation Counsel at Americans United for Separation of Church and State, I use the skills I learned as an undergraduate on a daily basis. From drafting legal briefs to thinking out litigation strategies, Harvard prepared me well for a legal career. But the best part of a Harvard education is the way in which it prepares one for any number of legal jobs. Before joining Americans United, I taught international human rights at Fordham Law School, worked at an international law firm, and clerked for two federal judges. In each instance, the skills I honed in the Government Department -- critical reading, writing, and thinking -- have been essential.

Rachel Geman '93: I practice plaintiff-side complex and class action litigation. In English this means I represent people who weren't properly paid at work or who were victims of unfair business practices or discrimination. A number of policy and political issues arise in my professional life, *e.g.*, I taught a course in 'workplace rights and international business' that was as much 'Gov XX' as it was law. Finally, although I admit I was too intellectually desultory in college to hunker down and write a thesis, I do in fact enjoy research and writing. If you do not -- putting aside One L and Elle Woods and even serious questions about the route to a meaningful life -- you probably will not enjoy the kind of litigation you are most likely to end up doing. Feel free to email me if you want to discuss plaintiff-side or employment law at rgeman@lchb.com.

Jon Ekdahl '64: Undergraduate education/government concentrator [AB class of 1964] was entry to graduate studies in economics [MS Econ LSE class of 1965] and then law school [JD Harvard class of 1968] leading to a career practicing law [initially in private practice as a partner with a large national law firm [8 years--Sidley Austin], then in-house general counsel for a private sector global professional services firm [25 years--Andersen Worldwide] and then, following a short retirement and currently, as general counsel for a national not for profit trade association of professionals [7 years--American Medical Association].

Allan B. Goldman, '58: I graduated from Harvard College in 1958 with a B.A. magna cum laude in Government. The next two years I was on Active Duty as an Officer in the U.S. Navy, followed by three years at Harvard Law School (J.D. 1963). After four years as an Associate, I became a partner in the Los Angeles, California lawfirm Wyman, Bautzer, Rothman & Kuchel in November, 1967 and served as Managing Partner or Co-Managing Partner of that lawfirm until mid-1988. In March, 1991, I joined the Los Angeles office of what is now the lawfirm of Katten Muchin Rosenman, and served at various times as Acting Managing Partner, Administrative Partner, and Head of the Litigation Department. Among a number of community activities, I have been the Chairman, President and CEO of several non-profit educational, health and religious organizations, and I have been involved at the highest levels of U.S. Presidential and Senatorial campaigns as well as California Gubernatorial campaigns. For many years I have been included in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in the West.