

Edie; my guide dog, Vixen; and I, decamped to our weekend house near the Shenandoah Mountains. We're enjoying the rural life enormously."

Chuck Bingaman writes: "The past month has been one of the worst, most disheartening times of our lives and of our democracy. While reading too many newspapers and watching far too much CNN (and bits of FOX) news, we are also trying to take positive steps to recapture our democracy. We'd be interested in action steps others are taking to protect our democracy."

Bringing up the rear is your loyal scribe, **Terry Feiertag**. Judy and I have been in lockdown since March 9 in our high-rise apartment in Chicago. Venturing out for a ride or walk is like running a medieval gauntlet to use the elevator to get out—hat, mask, wraparound sunglasses, and disposable gloves. I look like the old guy going out to rob the local savings and loan.

These Class Notes are courtesy of the invaluable and essential assistance of my long-suffering wife, Judy.

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This report, submitted in July 2020, is extraordinary for several reasons. We are now in our fifth month of COVID-19 shutdown. Awareness of racism and its consequences is heightened with potentially productive results. And our favorite law school has just announced a seminar entitled "Legal Issues in Game of Thrones," featuring Walter J. Blum Professor of Law David A. Weisbach. Seriously? What would Wally Blum's response be? Tax aspects of the Lucy/Desi split? While you ponder that, here are updates from our classmates.

Bill Achenbach reports: "I think I previously reported that I sold my financial advisory practice to a larger firm in 2007 and began on a multiyear glide path to retirement. The 'multi' part of that turned out to be about 10 years, with the first few years still

relatively active, and the last several increasingly tending toward 'of counsel' status. Then that firm sold itself to an even larger firm (sound familiar?), and any apparent nod toward retaining vestiges of institutional memory (like me) disappeared virtually overnight."

Jim Baillie reports: "The murder of George Floyd has been close to home in several respects. The murder itself and most of the rioting occurred within a few miles of our home. Many of the small businesses or social service nonprofits that were destroyed or very severely damaged are our clients, through the business law pro bono work of our firm and of a separate business law pro bono organization I formed nearly two decades ago when I was president of our state bar. In a perverse way I was glad to see the rioting. It was overdue."

Vince Blasi reports: "I found online teaching surprisingly congenial last semester. The Socratic method actually worked better for me that way because I felt more connected to the one student I was talking with as the other 95 students looked on than typically is the case in a large classroom. Plus, the students were more relaxed and intellectually venturesome in our Socratic exchanges in the comfort of their own living spaces, even though they knew that their classmates were watching online."

Bill Bowe reports: "The good news from Chicago is that social distancing seems to have really worked this spring. Public school shootings were down 100 percent. The bad news is that a lot of homeschooling parents were killed here."

"On a more serious note, by April the coronavirus quarantine was driving me nuts, so for a change I thought I'd try to do something useful. I had registered a domain name in the '90s, but had never used it. Over the decades I had also made a hobby out of organizing and digitizing my large collection of family photos and videos."

"So it turns out the Time of the Coronavirus wasn't entirely a waste of time for me, as wbowe.com now serves as a media and genealogical resource for my entire extended family."

Steve Boyers reports: "I still find myself billing about 20 hours per month, which means I'm doing 30 hours of legal work per month. I never did figure out how

to bill for every hour. Maybe some of our esteemed classmates can help me with this matter even at this late date. I sense a complacency setting in."

Frank Cook reports: "I have been working from home for several years so that isn't a change. I did cancel a cruise and my Pacer tickets. A few years ago, I created a fund in the dean's office to support programming in civil rights and ethics. It is relevant to current events if you want to pitch in."

"Remembering Zimring frantically waving his hand to reply to Sharp raises the question: who said fewer things you understood, Zimring or Sharp?"

Gene Dye: "Since you ask, I hope that you all find it somewhat ironic that, here we sit, fiftysomething years after our student period, listening to the new Bob Dylan album, watching on the news the eruption of demonstrations against racism and discrimination, and worrying about government ineptitude and distortion in dealing with national crises."

Chuck Gordon: "Gee and I are comfortable and healthy. Though unlike many of you I will not be able to remember the name of a case in about two years. Fortunately, we see our grandkids several days a week. But no Wizards games and we cancelled our Danube cruise. My Hollywood niece, Andra Gordon, produced a film now available on the internet, *Castle in the Ground*. However, as perhaps a few others of you know, retirement eliminates one's influence in your field of expertise. Perhaps my expertise is slipping, like my memory of case names."

Laura Hoguet: "In the aftermath of 2016, I came to understand that my faith in the verities of our youth (the First Amendment, the rule of law, democracy, freedom, progress . . .) has withered away. Fortunately, the hopefulness I once felt for in the society at large I now find in private life. My husband, three daughters, and eight grandchildren are all anyone could wish for. I think of Bob looking after me when I had the virus in April, bringing food trays to our guest room wearing mask and gloves (now we both have antibodies,

hurrah). Cleaning the apartment (glad to be able to do it!) and making all the meals (versus all those lunches in our favorite neighborhood spot) proved not to be so bad after all."

Jim Knoll: "Our life in Oregon continues despite the virus threats and the travel restrictions. While Portland has many opportunities for outdoor hikes within blocks of our townhouse, we are finding the neighboring area shrinking. We continue to search for new trails and hope that the state will open up a bit so that the Cascade trails become available. While I think about fully retiring, I continue to mediate cases for at least one more year."

Art Massolo: "Karen and I, who love to travel, should have been on our way to Denmark to catch our fourth Norwegian fjord cruise . . . but forget Europe; for that matter forget cruising anywhere. For the first time in three months we saw our two grandsons (ages 18 and 20), who are awaiting news from their colleges on how the fall semester might begin. We hope to reopen in August with everyone on campus. Both in-person and remote teaching methods will be used."

David Minge: "The horrific death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police and the dramatic aftermath have challenged our state and much of the world to address entrenched, dysfunctional dimensions of American life. Effective responses are difficult to define and harder yet to implement. A divided legislature quit and went home."

"Classmate **Jim Baillie**'s law firm is receiving deserved kudos for its pro bono services in helping minority businesses recover from the protests and damage. This legal activity is largely due to the public service ethic that Jim built into the firm over his decades of leadership."

"Classmate **Fred Morrison** is gradually cutting back on his teaching and scholarly activity at the University of Minnesota Law School. He has served as the interim dean on two occasions and been a visiting professor and constitutional consultant at locations around the world."

"Since retiring from the judiciary, I have been volunteering with environmental initiatives. My family is well, social distancing in the North Woods."