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Law Admissions: Random?

Ever wonder how the top schools really pick their law students? Places like Yale and Harvard have interesting ways of selecting future students which may surprise you. According to Dean of Admissions Asha Rangappa at Yale Law School, it's best to get your application in either very early or later since applications that arrive in the middle may get lost in the shuffle in terms of importance. The dean picks around 50 to 80 applicants who are superior and then goes on to the rest. Out of, say, 3,500 applicants, she picks 1,000 who have potential and passes them on to faculty members for the final selection. Yale relies only on "faculty readers," while other schools may have other options. If it sounds a bit subjective and random, that's because it is, but there's not really any way around it, according to the schools.

University of Virginia School of Law Gets New Dean

A University of Virginia law professor has been appointed University of Virginia School of Law's new dean. Paul G. Mahoney became part of the faculty in 1990 and will begin in his new position July 1. The 49-year-old corporate law expert will be the 11th dean of the law school. John C. Jeffries Jr., who is Mahoney's predecessor, initiated a \$150 million "fundraising campaign" to improve certain conditions and recruitment processes.

OCU Law Team Finishes Moot Court Competition in First Place

Oklahoma City University Law School students competed in the 16th annual National Native American Law Student Association moot court competition recently. One of the school's three teams took first place in the competition, which was held in Phoenix. More than 65 teams from schools around the country competed.