Heard in Class

No matter which way the liability runs, no one likes to die.  – Richard Epstein

Yeah; I can’t really say that I’m familiar with the secured transaction patterns of the Amish.  – Randy Picker

Universal asexual reproduction would be risky.  – Richard Posner

You don’t know the name of your high school mascot?! You were made for the University of Chicago Law School! Go ahead, tell us how to take a square root manually. I love you – that’s wonderful!  – Saul Levmore

I called on you because the answer is “who the hell knows?” and you seemed to be in that kind of mode.  – Lisa Bernstein

It is one of the sad truths of the legal profession that half of all lawyers are worse than average. There’s just nothing you can do about that.  – Frank Easterbrook

If someone tells you that they have a hot stock tip, you should laugh at them. It’s like saying you saw a unicorn.  – Todd Henderson

Diane Wood: And why couldn’t the case go forward?
Student: I guess it was just a procedural problem...
Wood: Wait, JUST a procedural problem? How could you say that, after all we’ve been through together?

Student: As Superman said, flying still is the safest way to travel.
Eric Posner: Well, for him.

I have distributed to you a chart that is so complicated that each time I look at it I can’t figure out what I was doing, but then each time I look at it more closely I say, “Aha! That is really helpful.”  – Bill Landes

If you can eat it, drink it, or it sits on your lap, you can only deduct half.  – Joseph Isenbergh
I feel that our conversation [about extortion] has been bad. I fear that you will misconstrue it as a set of instructions. – Thomas Miles

Euthanasia is not a lifestyle. – Bernard Harcourt

Not to single out a country, but we should really aspire to be more like Russia. You NEVER know what their courts are going to do; it’s always something crazy. Gotta stay out of them. Gotta write good contracts. – Anup Malani

There’s always good money to be made in stealing from other people. – Julie Roin

When you discover prior art as a patentee’s attorney, you have two choices. Give the art to the PTO, or bury it, start up the document shredders, and probably get disbarred. I recommend the first choice, because you get paid either way. – Jonathan Masur

Ketchup kills. I’m sure we can find some American that died from ketchup. Everything kills. – Omri Ben-Shahar

The single best source of information for prosecutors is ex-girlfriends. – Emily Buss

Now I was alive when Brown was handed down. Though barely – I was two. So of course I got the opinion immediately and went to work. – David Strauss

Rent-A-Center is like the cilantro of Supreme Court opinions. You know how people just love cilantro or hate cilantro? – William Hubbard

People never share the same email address, unless they’re a really annoying newlywed couple. – Lior Strahilevitz

A publicly traded corporation is sort of like a polygamous marriage. – Mary Anne Case

In a way, your answer was better than mine, except that mine was right. – Richard Helmholz

Seoul is only about 30 miles from the DMZ. It’s as if you had a hostile Communist regime over in Naperville. – Tom Ginsburg