Revesz’s Recruits: A Professorial Pop Quiz

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1 Scott Turow based a character on this Emmy winner who had his own TV show and left Harvard Law for NYU after 35 years.

2 Who recently flew to Amsterdam to see Leonard Cohen in concert? Hint: Barack Obama used his textbook to teach his class at the University of Chicago.

3 What Argentinean turned her passion for virtual buying into research, and her passion for chocolate into what is destined to become a popular annual tasting for students?

4 He’s shy (but loves teaching), is an expert in international tax arbitration, and once slept right through his stop on an Italian train, waking up in Verona.

5 She avoids Chilean sea bass because it’s endangered, read in French before English, and studied under Dean Revesz at Yale.

6 What Arabic- and Hebrew-speaking Marshall Scholar helped set up a transitional government in Iraq and ran an intelligence analysis unit of the NYPD?

7 This “walking encyclopedia” once grew a 1 1/2-pound tomato, studied chemical engineering, and switched to law after hearing Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia speak.

8 Who edited his college newspaper and considered pursuing a journalism career before becoming a legal historian?

9 Who once lived on a commune in Woodstock, NY, was on the Harvard Crimson, and worked as a reporter before earning her J.D. and a Ph.D. in economics?

10 What Guggenheim and NEH fellow ran a program at UC Berkeley modeled after NYU’s law and philosophy colloquium, and is a witty roast master to boot?

11 Once a rebellious punker, this RTK scholar clerked at the International Court of Justice, speaks Kreyol and brought students to Yemen to investigate human rights abuses.

12 Who won funding to put his course online, dreamed of becoming a scientist in his teens, and got his J.D. when his peers were still toiling as mere undergrads?

13 Who earned four advanced degrees after his J.D., lawyered for the Israeli army, and publishes about three articles yearly?

14 What Rhodes Scholar (who came to NYU from Columbia Law) played goalie and became captain of the Yale Varsity lacrosse team, winning MVP twice?

15 Who was admitted to practice in New Zealand’s Supreme Court, turned down two Oxford chairs and left Columbia Law for NYU Law?

16 Who sang opera wearing a black gown, a purple feather mask and stilettos last spring? Hint: This former Supreme Court clerk is an expert in labor law.

17 What Guggenheim Fellow helped found positive political thinking and worked his way through college as an accountant by day, and a sax player by night?

18 Who drafted an ethics code for the Israeli army, is an expert in Jewish philosophical thought and is equally comfortable in Israel and the United States?

19 Already a U Thant Scholar as a high schooler, she won a human rights award from India’s Supreme Court for her tireless efforts to improve conditions for Dalits.

20 What Rhodes Scholar and language rights expert clerked for the Supreme Court, and auctioneered at the Public Service Auction? Hint: She also talks fast in class.

21 Whose award-winning book is required reading at two Southern universities, and was once referenced by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens?

22 Who was a former clerk for conservatives Judge Laurence Silberman and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and worked on John Kerry’s and Barack Obama’s presidential campaigns?

23 What international economic lawyer, novelist and former Canadian diplomat barged uninvited into University of Chicago seminars as a philosophy student, determined to hear Saul Bellow lecture?

24 Who banned laptops in her class, sings to her students, testified on the Hill, just quit playing softball at age 50 and came to NYU Law from its uptown rival?

25 What one-time biochemistry major has over 40 published articles and wrote the first casebook to include a hypothetical based on Martha Stewart’s legal troubles?

26 Who broke up fights in a soup kitchen as a social worker, managed a state senator’s reelection campaign and left a tax practice at Skadden, Arps for NYU?

27 Who ate in the White House kitchen during his childhood, and, before coming to NYU, had to find a new home for Reflector, his horse, as well as a brood of chickens?