

# CASUAL CONVERSATIONS



## RILEY ALDRIDGE

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**Hometown:** Boone, North Carolina

**Who inspires you?**

My mother, a single mom, for raising four girls and showing resilience and grace through the process.

**What is one goal you are currently working on?**

Training towards a 10K and eventually a half marathon.

**What is the best part about working at Maryland Carey Law?**

Working with prospective and incoming students and learning about the impacts they are making in their communities, even before entering law school.

**Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.**

I moved to Ireland on a whim after graduating from college.

**What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?**

Sandlot in Harbor Point for beach volleyball.

**What was your dream job as a kid?**

Becoming a dentist.

**What is your favorite TV show?**

Gilmore Girls. It's a classic.

**Hometown:** I'm originally from Havertown, PA, but now I'm from Cockeysville.

**Who inspires you?**

Anyone who is willing to put themselves out there for what they believe, whether it's risking their careers, jail time, or societal judgment. A few examples are Tarana Burke, Bree Newsome, and Megan Rapinoe just to name a few.

**What is one goal you are currently working toward (professionally or personally)?**

Professionally, to continue increasing access to justice for women in this state. Personally, after 17 half marathons, I'm training for a full (which I've now put out there to the universe, so I have to complete it!).

**What is your best memory of Maryland Carey Law?**

I was part of the infamous "Basement Years" so I would say everything that came with that. Sharing lockers, dark/musty conditions, being crammed in together, all the things that we complained about at the time that really brought us together to be an incredibly close and resilient class.

**Do you have any advice for recent law school graduates?**

Follow through, follow through, follow through. As an employer and mentor, my biggest frustration is when I give my card to someone or extend an offer to help them in some way and then never receive the follow-up communication. You can go to a thousand networking events, but nothing will come of them if you don't follow through.

**Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?**

Rebecca Bunch from *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*—it's a romantic comedy/drama musical about a feminist lawyer, so I feel like she gets me.

**What book(s) are you currently reading?**

I'm looking forward to starting *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman. The work we do can be emotionally exhausting, and so my reading preferences tend to skew towards escapism; the more magic, witches, supernatural, the better.

**What is your favorite Supreme Court Case of all time?**

That's a tough question for a lawyer, and I think the answer always depends upon what is happening out in the world. Right now I'd say it's a tie between *New York Times v.*



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## GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND CAREY LAW COMMUNITY



### VISHAL HEMNANI

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**Hometown:** Silver Spring, MD

**What student organization(s) have you been involved with at Maryland Carey Law?**

- Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Team
- Business Law Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)

**What is your favorite Supreme Court case of all time?**

*Frigalment Importing Co. v. B.N.S. International Sales Corp.*, otherwise known as the “Chicken Case.”

**What is one goal that you are currently working toward?**

Traveling to every continent. I’ve already done North America, Europe, and Asia.

**Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.**

Even though my heritage is 100% Indian, both of my parents were born in Indonesia. Home for me is Jakarta, Indonesia.

**What is your best moment at Maryland Carey Law thus far?**

Winning 1st Place in Mediation Advocacy as part of the ADR Team at the FINRA Securities Dispute Triathlon in New York.

**What is your favorite TV show?**

Mad Men.

**What is your favorite place to visit in Baltimore?**

Vaccaro’s in Little Italy for their amazing cannolis.

**Hometown:** I was born in Webster City, Iowa and grew up in both Michigan and South Korea.

**Who inspires you?**

My mentor from law school, Professor Lea Brilmayer. I learn so much from her humor, warmth, and intellect. She’s also an amazing cook.

**What is one goal you are currently working toward?**

I’m trying to eat healthier. I’ve been trying everything ranging from Blue Apron and Hello Fresh to Factor 75. I am also trying to cook more often, and trying not to deep fry everything.

**What book(s) are you currently reading (or have you recently read)?**

*The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck

**What is your favorite place on campus?**

I love the faculty library. I like to grab a Nespresso and relax in a comfy sofa.

**What is your best memory of teaching at Maryland Carey Law thus far?**

I loved inviting friends to come as guest lecturers! Just this past year, I’ve had folks come from law firms including Hogan Lovells, Hunton Andrews, Orrick, Venable, and Williams & Connolly, and an in-house lawyer at JP Morgan. It’s a great way for students to learn about how the law operates in the real world.

**Who is your favorite fictional lawyer?**

Annalise Keating from *How to Get Away with Murder*.

**What is your favorite Supreme Court case of all time?**

My “favorite” (only because it gives law professors a lot to write about) is *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*, 561 U.S. 247 (2010).



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