

# CASUAL CONVERSATIONS

## STUDENT



### HANNAH APONTE

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#### What is your hometown?

Belchertown, MA

#### Which student organization(s) have you been involved with at Maryland Carey Law?

Some include the *Maryland Journal of International Law* (editor-in-chief); Latinx Law Students Association (president); OutLaw (co-chair); and National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group (co-founder).

#### What has been your favorite course/topic of study at this point in your law school career?

I have really enjoyed every course I have taken so far.

#### What is one personal or professional goal that you are currently working toward?

I just started my summer position, so I am hoping to make an impact in that environment and learn as much as I can.

#### Name something that people would be surprised to know about you (a “fun fact”).

I was a pretty serious basketball player until I went to college. I am 5’2”, so I think that would surprise a lot of people.

#### What is your most memorable moment at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

During 1L Orientation, we had a session to discuss *Storming the Court* by Brandt Goldstein. I made a comment about Mr. Goldstein’s portrayal of women in the book. Someone who became a close friend heard my comment, and she told me that is when she knew we had to be friends. I like knowing such a small moment led to one of my most valued friendships.

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

My girlfriend and I enjoy walking along the Inner Harbor and ending up at Federal Hill Park.

#### What is your hometown?

Baltimore

#### Who inspires you?

People who make unimaginable sacrifices to pave the way for future generations. People like my mother and my grandparents. People who continue pushing knowing that the fruits of their labor will not be realized in their lifetimes. People who are always brave, because they have to be.

#### What was the last book or article that you read?

*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*

#### What do you like most about Baltimore?

That it is unquestionably the greatest city on the planet!

#### What has been your most memorable moment of teaching at Maryland Carey Law thus far?

Most memorable was the effort so many

of my students put into showing up every day [for online classes], learning from and leaning on one another, being vulnerable through sharing personal experiences, and finding creative ways to connect coursework to what was happening in the world.

#### Regarding your time as a law student, what words of advice would you give your younger self?

Share your voice as many times and as often as possible. Your personal experiences of trauma and struggle only make you a stronger advocate; they are not a weakness.

#### Where do you enjoy traveling for vacation or spending time to unwind?

Whenever I can I love traveling to various countries on the African continent. My last international trip before the pandemic was to Ghana.

## FACULTY



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

### STAFF



#### JENNIFER POLLARD '03

BS, Towson University  
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#### What is your hometown?

This is a tough one. My dad is a minister, so we moved every couple years. I grew up predominantly in small towns in Western Pennsylvania but moved to Maryland and went to high school in Frederick County.

#### Who inspires you?

People who follow their passions while treating others with kindness.

#### What is one goal you are currently working on (personal or professional)?

Teaching kids kindness through Little Loving Hands, a side project I do that teaches kindness through crafts that kids make and then donate to charities.

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

The student interaction. Because the student body is constantly changing, my work is constantly changing and adapting to each

new class, but the joy in helping someone on the path to fulfilling his or her dreams stays constant.

#### Name something that people would be surprised to know about you (a “fun fact”).

My house was hit by an F4 tornado as a kid.

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

In my current phase of life, I'd say seeing a show at the Hippodrome with the family (with dinner at one of Baltimore's great restaurants before the show).

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

I wanted to be a pediatrician when I was a kid but gave up that dream when I realized I didn't enjoy the sight of blood!

#### What is your hometown?

Prince George's County, Maryland. I have lived and traveled around the world but feel that I am part of something important here.

#### Who inspires you?

My 20-year-old daughter. She helps me see the world from a very different perspective.

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

Still trying to learn something new every day.

#### What is one of your proudest accomplishments in your career?

Seeing Prince George's County lead every jurisdiction in Maryland in job growth for six consecutive years.

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

Think of your law degree as an entry to multiple career options, not just the

traditional practice of law, but as a powerful skill set for public service at the local, state, or federal level.

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

*Reynolds v. Sims*. One person one vote applied to state legislatures. There is still work to be done, of course, but this decision changed how Americans were governed at the state level to an unmeasurable degree.

#### What was your favorite course or topic to study in law school?

Constitutional Law with Professor Quint. It is probably the only course I took from which I can still quote multiple cases by name.

### ALUMNUS



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