

Evidence

The Times They Are A-Changin'

Casting an amused look at how different a law student's world was in 1968 compared to 2014. BY VICKI SANDERS

To find out how much law school has changed in the last half century, *BC Law Magazine* went on a research mission, scouring old records, surveying the innards of students' backpacks, and, most notably, tapping the memories of Professor Sanford Katz. Why Professor Katz? Because he's retiring after forty-six years at the Law School. What better authority than he to jumpstart our inquiry into BC Law, past and present? This visual representation of our findings, placed in the context of the social, cultural, political, and professional realities of 1968 and 2014, spans Katz's tenure and alerts us to the impact of diversity and technology on learning.

THE AGELESS PROFESSOR KATZ'S JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

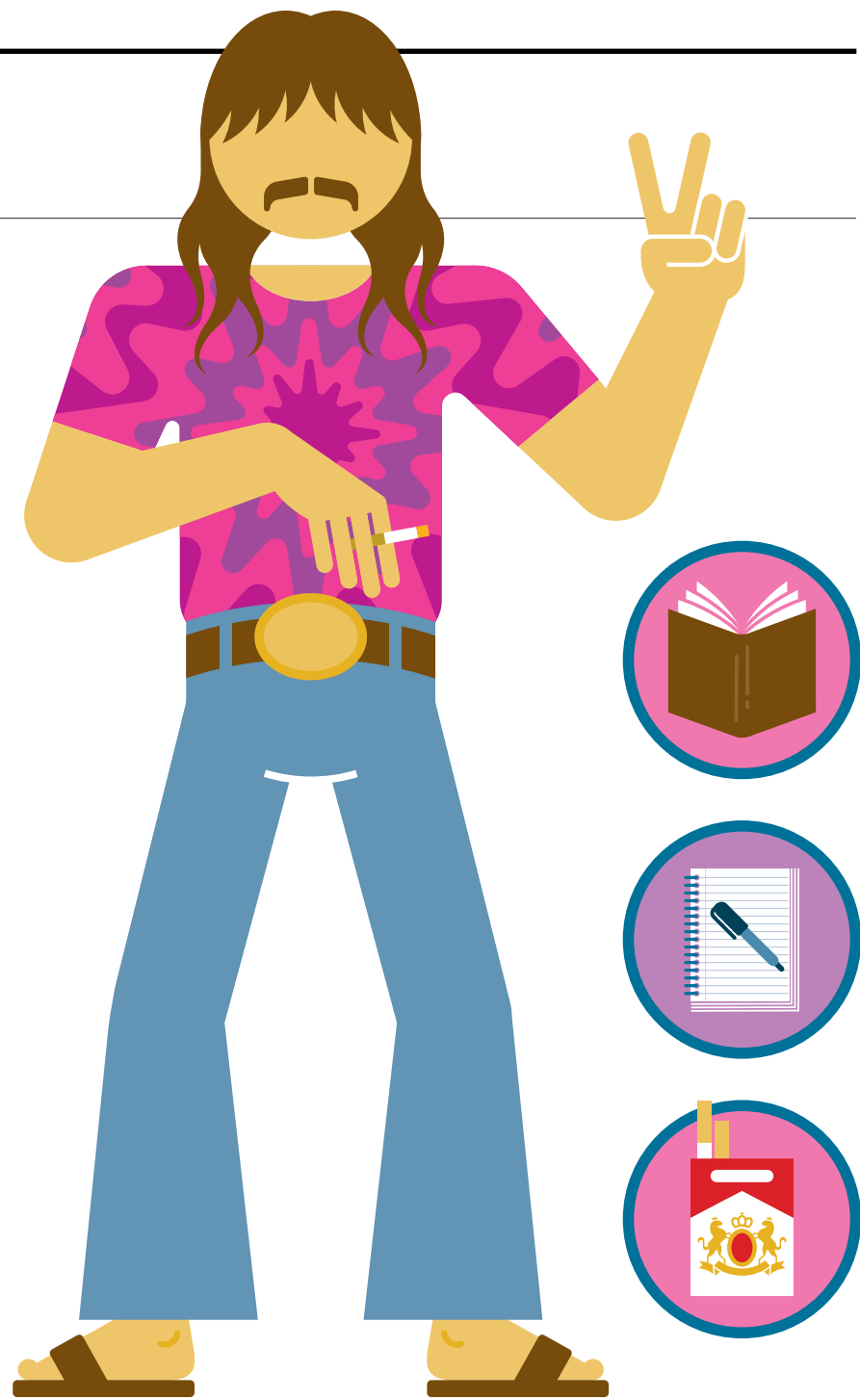


When Professor Sanford Katz, now on the eve of retirement, joined the law faculty at Boston College in 1968, he was thirty-five years old and a new dad. His office was in More Hall, he paid 35 cents a gallon to gas up his green Plymouth Valiant, wrote on a manual typewriter, used carbon

paper to make copies, and generally found students to be more radical than they are today. In his legal specialty of family law, palimony, no fault divorce, and gay marriage were unheard of.

In today's classroom, students expect more from their professors. "There's no more going in and emoting with lofty thoughts," Katz says. "You've got a syllabus to follow and you'd better follow it." Students are graded on a curve. The curriculum is increasingly tailored to job opportunities, and professors must be responsive to market realities. The days of ivory tower academics are numbered, he says.

Still, he took his role on the appointments committee seriously. "My legacy is having added truly great scholars to our faculty," he says. And some things remain fundamentally unchanged, he observes: "Our students have always been special, wonderful people."

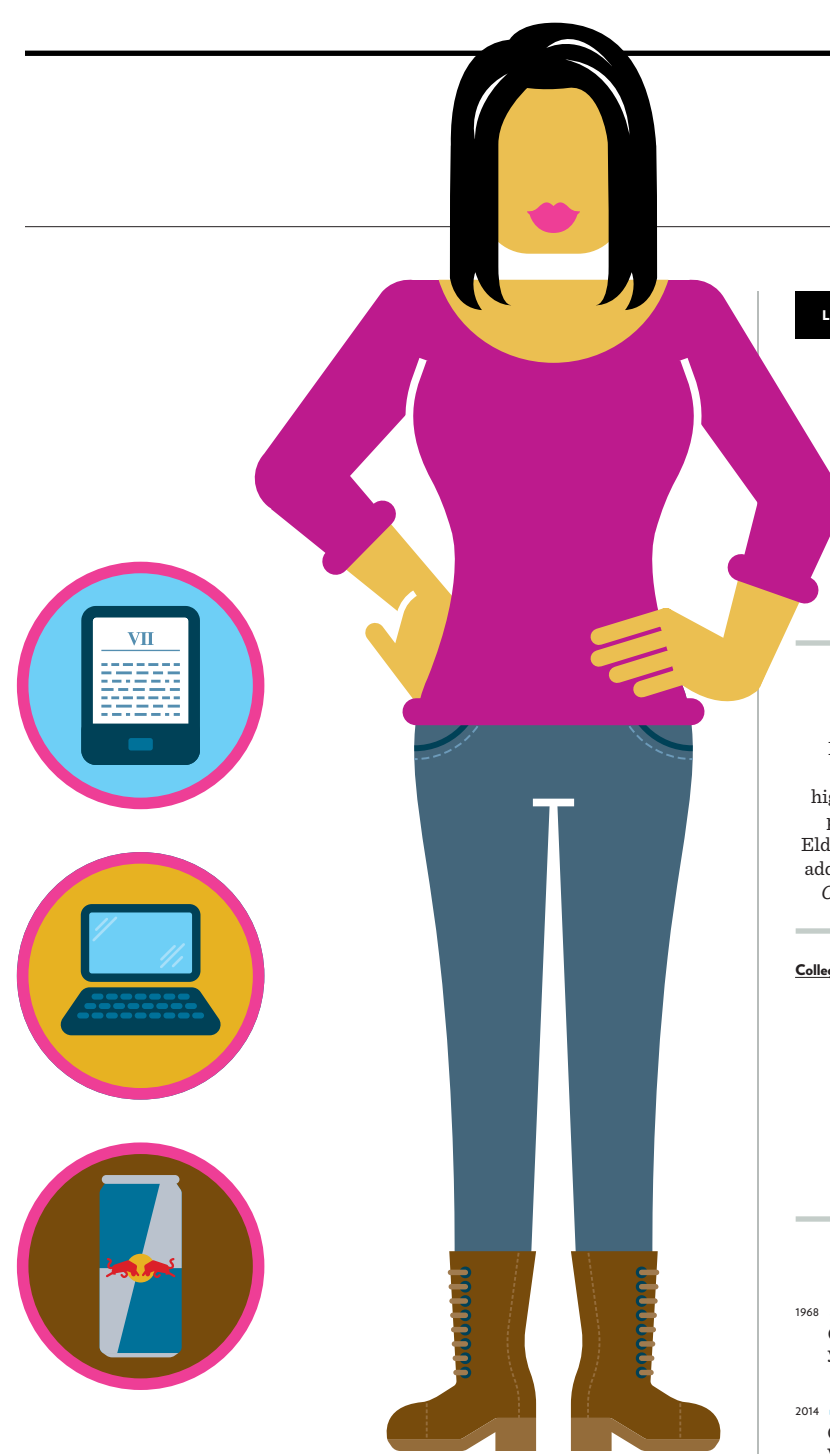


LEGAL PROFESSION

Law Firm Size 1968 100 20 US firms had 100 lawyers or more 2014 1,000 At least 20 law firms exceeded this mark	Law Firm Salaries 1968 \$10,000 2014 \$135,000 Median large firm salaries	Women in Law 1968 4.8% of lawyers and judges are women 2014 33% of lawyers and judges	Judicial Salaries 1968 \$30,000 DISTRICT JUDGES 2014 \$199,100 DISTRICT JUDGES 1968 \$40,000 CHIEF JUSTICES 2014 \$255,500 CHIEF JUSTICES
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Supreme Court Decisions

1968 *Terry v. Ohio; Tinker v. Des Moines; Epperson v. Arkansas; Flast v. Cohen; US v. O'Brien; Duncan v. Louisiana*
 2014 *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby; McCullen v. Coakley; McCutcheon v. FEC; Schuette v. BAMN; Riley v. California; ABC vs. Aereo*



CULTURE

Popular Films 1968 Planet of the Apes 2014 Dawn of the Planet of the Apes	Hit Music 1968 "Hey Jude" THE BEATLES 2014 "Happy" PHARELL WILLIAMS	Cost of Living 1968 \$130 2014 \$1,896
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Social Media → 1968 Landline telephone, letter, Western Union 2014 Smartphone

LAW SCHOOL LIFE

Cost of Tuition 1968 \$850 2014 \$46,790	Most Useful Teaching Tool 1968 Blackboard THE WALL-MOUNTED KIND 2014 Canvas and Blackboard Learning managements systems THE ELECTRONIC KIND	
Contents of Student Backpack 1968 Pack of cigarettes; spiral notebook; highlighters; ballpoint pen; Soul on Ice by Eldridge Cleaver (book); address book; <i>Corbin on Contracts</i> ; <i>Sui Juris</i> 2014 Laptop and charger; smartphone; Chapstick; highlighters; water bottles; Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn (on Kindle); earbuds; Red Bull; three-ring binders	Full-Time Faculty 1968 22 2014 55	
Colleges + Universities Represented 1968 126 2014 126	Full-Time Faculty 1968 99% Men 1% Women 2014 58% Men 42% Women	Students 1968 95% Men 5% Women 2014 53% Men 47% Women
Courses 1968 38 Courses, plus 8 first-year classes 2014 242 Courses, plus 7 first-year classes	Clinical Programs 1968 Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau , cornerstone of Law School's new clinical education program, opens; handles 160 cases in its first semester 2014 Center for Experiential Learning opens	
Volumes in the Library 1968 81,203 2014 252,359	Deans 1968 ROBERT F. DRINAN, SJ pushes to nationalize BC Law 2014 VINCENT ROUGEAU pushes to internationalize BC Law	
Alumni Association Members 1968 2,900 2014 13,258	Campus 1968 More Hall 2014 Newton Campus	