

RE: Hey Law/Coding the Law

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Thu 8/13/2020 10:13 AM

To: Sarah M Howie <showie2@su.suffolk.edu>

Absolutely feel free to reach out with questions/ideas.

General law school questions are fine too, though I certainly don't claim to be an expert. I just feel it's my duty as a Suffolk Law alum to help fellow Suffolk students, so I want to do so.

[REDACTED]

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From: [Sarah M Howie](#)

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:01 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Hey Law/Coding the Law

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly! I'm angered that you have already figured out my clone plan, and now I must double-back to rework my ultimate life goal.

The information you provided is very helpful. I agree the [REDACTED] "server" is merely a very large storage drive, and I don't have the coding capacity to screw with it. My boyfriend is the lead developer for an up-and-coming company that delivers operations solutions to SaaS businesses. We have a small server in our closet (I guess Hillary Clinton can be my backup clone life goal!) so I personally have the server work space for my eventual project to be hosted. But you're probably right, [REDACTED] will not just give someone money for goods and services that he doesn't understand the underlying functions.

I appreciate your offer to help brainstorm ideas for the project. Once we get into the semester, is it ok if I reach out to you with questions and ideas?

I will certainly pass along your salutations to the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (they're the only two left from the group you worked with).

Thanks again,

Sarah Howie

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors.

On Aug 13, 2020, at 9:39 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Sarah,

That is a seriously long list of commonalities we have! Let me know if you accept a part-time position at Volunteer Lawyers Project going into your 3L year, as I might have to start worrying about a potential clone situation (joking of course).

As for the project being provided for continued use at [REDACTED], I'm not sure that I ever really implemented it fully before I left. I think I ended up doing the project and getting some feedback from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and then submitted it to Professor Colarusso for a grade in the class. Beyond that (and it being archived on the course's website), I don't think I did much with it ever again, as I didn't work at [REDACTED] for much longer after that. At the time, I was working at [REDACTED] and where I work now, but I was going into the summer after 3L year, and while I couldn't afford to completely be unemployed during that time, I couldn't work more than one job with time to study.

To make a long story short, I believe the source code and the project itself should still be on the course's website archive, and I believe that is the beginning, middle, and end of what still exists in working form. The only caveat to getting it back up and running as-is would be that when I built it, it was running on a development server at Greater Boston Legal Services, as I was able to use one that Quinten Steenhuis (now a legal tech professor at Suffolk as well, so you may know the name) had for other Docassemble projects. You may need to contact him about getting that server working again if it is not, otherwise it will need a new server home [REDACTED] to be running. Additionally, the kind of server that wo [REDACTED] at program and what [REDACTED] calls a "server" are not quite the same thing, as [REDACTED]'s server is essentially just a shared storage device as far as I'm aware. It might be possible to re-work it as a [REDACTED] al server to do other tasks, but that is beyond my knowledge. The other options for [REDACTED] to use it would be to rent server space from someone like Amazon Web Services (AWS) or Microsoft Azure. Part of my decision in not continuing with it further was that I didn't necessarily believe that [REDACTED] would think it worth it to rent server space for the project (as that would require *paying* for that server space) and since I didn't know how to get [REDACTED] in-office server to host the interview (if that is possible at all), there weren't other options for continued use.

Sorry for the large info dump and for it being mostly bad news, but feel free to continue to reach out with further questions. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to me if you need other ideas for your final project for Coding the Law, as I remember that it needed to be one where you partnered with a real-world client to make something they could actually use in their day-to-day operations. I'm sure I could poll some co-workers (or come up with something myself) that might make a good project for that class.

Good luck with all your classes this semester, and say hi to both [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for me. (Also to the rest of the Hoey Law office, though I'm not sure who still works there. I remember [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from when I was there, but that was about a year ago now.)

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [Sarah M Howie](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hey Law/Coding the Law

Good evening [REDACTED]

My name is Sarah, I am a 2L at Suffolk Law and it turns out we have some things in common! I will be starting the Coding the Law course in a couple of weeks. I also work at [REDACTED] as a law clerk, same [REDACTED] email address and everything! I was talking to [REDACTED] today about this course, he mentioned that you developed your project to assist the office, which is my plan as well. I have a hunch that it would not surprise you that I didn't know you built a form automation system until today. It is not being utilized at all, unfortunately, and the office staff is still relatively technologically inept. I took a look at your project, as it is still archived on the course website, and found it quite interesting.

I was wondering if you provided the project for continued use at [REDACTED]? Maybe it's somewhere on the server or something? The office is significantly smaller now and I think it would be helpful for my day-to-day.

I was also wondering if the [REDACTED] staff had any other suggestions for systems that would make their tasks easier. I want to build something that will make [REDACTED] more streamlined, and give the people what they want.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for any ideas you can toss my way.

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