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## IN MEMORY OF GABBY HANNA: ALUMNI NOTE

Gabrielle Hanna was an integral part of the 2017–2018 Editorial Board of *Washington Law Review* and was an incredibly talented lawyer. Gabby pushed everyone around her to think more clearly and be better. On the Editorial Board, she always stood her ground when she knew something was not right and was a voice for making *Washington Law Review* a more rigorous and equitable publication. In the classroom, she was always ready to participate with a cogent answer or compelling comment. She excelled at everything she put her mind to.

Every contribution Gabby made to *Washington Law Review* improved it. Most importantly, she was a wonderful person to be around. I recall many long hours in the *Washington Law Review* suite copyediting new issues with Gabby. She knew the Bluebook rules by heart, was a master of grammar, and always knew how to lighten our spirits when the long hours stretched into the night. Rereading her student Comment,<sup>1</sup> I am struck once again by the clarity of her writing and her ability to inject style into legal scholarship. Gabby's writing reveals her sharp mind and her clear passion for the subject matter. I know her clients benefitted from that same diligence and passion.

Walter Pater once wrote that “[t]o burn always with [a] hard, gemlike flame . . . is success in life.”<sup>2</sup> Gabby embodied this spirit better than anyone I know, and she will be sorely missed. The legal profession has lost one of its best and brightest. We have lost a generous and inspiring friend.

Alex D. Pearson  
Editor-in-Chief, 2017–2018 Editorial Board  
December 2, 2022

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1. Gabrielle J. Hanna, Comment, *The Helicopter State: Misuse of Parens Patriae Unconstitutionally Precludes Individual and Class Claims*, 92 WASH. L. REV. 1955 (2017).

2. Walter Pater, *Conclusion*, in *SELECTED WRITINGS OF WALTER PATER* 58, 60 (Harold Bloom ed., 1974).