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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Philly lawyer by day, legal thriller writer by night. Adam Barrist has been toiling away for several years on a novel, [The Concrete Lawyer](#), which was released in mid-December and chronicles the life of Alexander Brown, bored associate who ends up "being forced to commit dastardly out-of-character acts to save his career, his marriage, and his very life." [Click here to read an excerpt.](#) Below, Adam talks about his much-less-drama-filled life at Deeb Petrakis.



### **How long have you been in your position?**

6 years with my current firm, 9 years practicing law, total.

### **What are your day to day responsibilities?**

Representing businesses and individuals in litigation.

### **What do you like best about your job?**

Being able to obtain favorable, cost-effective results for my clients.

### **What do you like least about your job?**

Nothing.

### **How does your Villanova Law education affect how you do your job?**

VLS provided a firm foundation upon which I was able to begin my career.

### **When was the last time you were back to VLS? Why?**

3 years ago for my 5th Reunion.

### **What is your favorite and/or most vivid memory of your time at VLS?**

Meeting my bride, [Joy Barrist](#), née DeSarlo, during our 2L year.

### **If you had to change jobs tomorrow, what would you want to do?**

Be the General Manager for the Phillies!

### **What is your favorite way to spend time outside the office?**

At Citizens Bank Park, watching my beloved Phillies.