

Practice Makes Permanent

Football prepares players for life.

JARED GUBERMAN, a 2L at Nova Southeastern University—Shepard Broad Law Center, played football as a kicker during his undergraduate years at the University of West Georgia after transferring from Valdosta State University.

“I felt that even the courtroom was a place where I could shine because with being a kicker I always had all the pressure on me,” Guberman says. “Sure, no one thinks about the snap and the hold, and that plays a lot into it, but it’s all you.”

Guberman said the courtroom feels like the stadium.

“That’s where it all happens, the courtroom,” he says. “That’s why I would like to be a litigator.”

After red shirting his first year at Valdosta State, Guberman saw no action in 2005 and played in only one game in 2006. He says it was obvious the coach didn’t want to play him.

“I wish I could have played all four years, but that’s just how life is and it made me stronger and it made me who I am today,” Guberman says. “For

sure I will be a successful lawyer and I’m confident that will happen.”

Despite not playing those first two seasons, Guberman

says he didn’t give up. After transferring to West Georgia, Guberman started all 11 games in 2007 and all 10 games in 2008. Combined, he was 24-of-31 on field goal attempts (77.4 percent) in both 2007 and 2008. In the 2008 season, Guberman was also perfect on point after touchdown attempts, drilling all 13 of his tries.

For the 2007 season, Guberman was named an All-America player.

In 2009, Guberman tried his hand at professional football by playing for the South Georgia Wildcats in the Arena Football League 2.

But with his playing days behind him, Guberman says he continues to apply lessons he learned. He just applies them in new ways now.

“Being on time is a big thing,” he says, adding his coach would say being on time is actually being late. “I always like to be 10 minutes early to everything. I’m never late.”

And while it may not always seem like it, Guberman says teamwork plays an important role in law school.

“It’s not just getting the best grade, but it’s learning and really retaining this information to really make you a better person and a better lawyer in the future,” he says.

Not quitting, though, is one of the things he lives by and shares with others. Guberman runs Ultimate Kicking Academy, an organization that provides professional instruction to punters, kickers, and long snappers.

“Once you start, you have to finish,” he says. “I don’t think the teachers care about how hard you work at home, they just care—and maybe you care—only about what’s the result.”

“No one cares about if I made 30 field goals in practice that week. They only care about if I make them in the game. I always think that it is really practice makes permanent.”

As for his post-law school plans, Guberman says he has thought about being a prosecutor but has not made a decision.

“I like that route, but you never know. I’m still learning different subjects and I feel there could be other things that I do like,” Guberman says. “I wish I would know. I like maybe being a prosecutor right off the bat because trial experience is priceless and sometimes you can’t get that with a private law firm right off the bat.” ■

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JARED GUBERMAN (L) WITH BENNIE BLADES (R) (UNIVERSITY MIAMI GREAT AND EX-NFL CORNERBACK); GUBERMAN AT KICKOFF

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