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A man in a pinstriped suit and tie stands on a waterfront, leaning on a railing. The background shows a large body of water under a cloudy sky.

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MARTIN BINGISSER TRAINS FOR 2008 OLYMPICS

Law students find many ways to blow off steam during school. Third-year student Martin Bingisser relaxes by throwing around a 16 lb. steel ball—and he’s good at it. Bingisser is currently

ranked 17th in the United States for the hammer throw, a track and field event, and his sights are set on competing in the Olympic trials this summer.

“What is remarkable about Martin is that he has balanced a successful legal career with an incredible athletic career,” said Professor Scott Schumacher.

Schumacher, an expert in tax law, worked with Bingisser last summer on an academic article that was published in *Tax Notes*, a weekly magazine for tax professionals. The legal career he refers to is Bingisser’s work with McKee Nelson in Washington, DC, a highly respected tax firm that works with Fortune 500 companies, and Baker & McKenzie in Switzerland last summer.

Balancing his time throwing the hammer on the field and studying law is something Bingisser has become accustomed to:

“Both are satisfying and a lot of work, but they complement each other. After studying for six hours, nothing is better than going to train and work up a sweat to burn off the stress.”

As a UW undergraduate, Bingisser, who grew up in Bellevue, WA, earned two NCAA All-American honors as well as two ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American honors.

Bingisser feels confident about his chances to compete in Eugene, OR, this summer at the U.S. Olympic trials, where only the top 24 competitors in each event are invited to compete. He threw 67.70 meters (222 feet, 1 inch) last June at the NCAA Track and Field Championship, his personal best.

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