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Dear Reader,

It has been seven months since I pulled onto campus for my first day as director of external relations at Notre Dame Law School. Since that time, I have spoken with and met many of you, and appreciate your warm welcome. Through my interactions with you, I have come to know that Notre Dame Law School alumni are active and involved professionals with a deep desire to make a difference in their law school alma mater. It’s heartening to see such dedication.

As I near the end of one academic year here, I have experienced several “firsts” that mark a rite of passage of sorts: my first NDLA board meeting (five days into my tenure), publication of my first Notre Dame Lawyer magazine (I hope you enjoy it), my first alumni reception in New York City (great people, great fun), and very soon, my first NDLS reunion (I can’t wait).

I am also happy to report that, with the collaboration and contributions of several of my colleagues, the Law School’s new website is up and running. I hope it will be a great resource for you. Please let me know your thoughts.

Another initiative begun this year was the creation and distribution of a monthly e-newsletter, sent to all NDLS alumni and friends with an e-mail address. The purpose of these e-newsletters is to bridge the information gap between Lawyer issues and keep you apprised of the great work of your law school. You should have already received several editions. If not, please update your address by sending an e-mail to lawalum@nd.edu.

I am energized by the possibilities that this position holds, and eager to build upon the efforts of my predecessor. To that end, your advice and feedback are vital, so please feel free to call or send me an e-mail with your ideas.

Have a terrific spring. I look forward to seeing many of you in May for Reunion 2008!

Regards,

Melanie McDonald
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In June of next year, I will complete my tenth year as dean. When I was a relatively new dean, a wonderful alumnus and generous supporter offered me what I have come to appreciate as the best analogy for the responsibilities of a dean in leading an academic institution—this is, the role of a fiduciary. A dean truly is a fiduciary—he or she is entrusted with a legacy carefully built by those who came before; charged with making that legacy come alive for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who experience the institution in the present; and responsible for preserving and building upon that legacy for the generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are yet to come.

As the oldest Catholic law school in the United States, our particular legacy at Notre Dame is a unique one. I can assure you that there has not been a day since I became dean that I have not thought about what needed to be done from the viewpoint of preserving and enhancing that legacy, not only for the students and faculty of the present time and for the current staff and alumni, but also for the future generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni we cannot know, but to whom we owe as great an obligation as that we owe to those who came before us. As my friend rightly reminded me, this is precisely what a fiduciary’s duty is. In the case of Notre Dame Law School, it is a very special privilege and responsibility with which to be entrusted.

It is also the duty of a fiduciary to know when the responsibilities of leadership should be handed off to others. I have always thought that ten years is the optimal length of time to serve as dean. It is long enough to get good work done; it is not so long as to threaten the possibility of either a lack of freshness and optimism, or to compromise the sense of joy that must be experienced for good work to flourish. Every circumstance is different, and perhaps there are circumstances in which a longer tenure might benefit an institution. That is not the case today, however, with the Law School of this great University. We stand as strong as we have ever stood, with a faculty and student body second to none, with an excellent staff, with loyal and deeply-committed alumni, with a magnificent new facility rising next to the old Law School building, and with a national appreciation for our unique role.
Let me make clear that it is not my work that has brought us to this place. I hope that I have played a useful and constructive part in it, but I know, as you do, that it is mainly the work of an extraordinary faculty and staff, of extraordinary students, and of wonderful alumni and devoted friends of the Law School—all of whom believe passionately in what it is that makes our Law School unique, and who have brought us to where we are today as we near the end of the first decade of the new millennium. It is the hard work, commitment, and joy in our common enterprise of all these stakeholders that will carry us further—much further—still.

It is with a great sense of pride in what our Law School has achieved over many, many years that I shared with the Law School community this spring my plans to complete my tenure as dean in June 2009. Announcing my intentions at this time will allow the provost to constitute the search committee for a new dean before the end of this academic year. Following a sabbatical, I expect to return to the faculty and to the classroom, where I will further pursue these themes of fiduciary duties in my corporate law classes with some of the most outstanding law students in America. I look forward to working shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the finest law faculty in the country, and I also look forward to working with what I know will be outstanding new leadership. I cannot imagine a more meaningful or fulfilling mission than continuing to be a part of the unique community we call Notre Dame.

To be sure, our law school is a complex institution with a singular role. We do not simply aspire to be the acknowledged leader among Catholic law schools, with the faith and intellectual commitments that role necessarily entails. We seek to lead the way among all American law schools, and to have an impact on the meaning and distribution of justice, on development of the law, on the conversations of humanity, on the legal profession, and on the public interest. I have worked hard during my tenure as dean to keep all these responsibilities in mind—preserving our distinctiveness as the nation’s oldest Catholic law school, while moving forward as an institution of leadership within the academy and the profession, mindful of the special and compelling insights and voices that we have to offer on the most pressing and important issues of our times, which are critical to the well-being of ourselves, our profession, and our society.

Next academic year will see the completion of the new addition to the Law School. That has been the work of many hands and the product of extraordinary generosity on the part of our benefactors. It should be a great source of pride for all of us. In a very literal sense, we will have laid the foundation on which new leadership can build to advance the Law School to the next level of excellence in achieving our singular and distinctive goal of being a premier law school, faithful to the pursuit of truth and faithful to the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Like the other opportunities with which I have been blessed during my almost 30 years at Notre Dame, my experience as dean leaves me feeling that I have received more than I have given, and that I have learned more than I taught. I thank you all for the privilege of serving. I look forward to next year, as we complete the new construction phase of our renovation, as we work hard to fund the remaining priorities in our campaign, as we continue to play our distinctive role within the legal academy, and, most important, as we continue to live, and encourage others to live, lives defined by faith, a thirst for justice, and a desire for truth.

Patricia A. O’Hara
The Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law
On Oct. 19, 2007, Notre Dame Law School buzzed with anticipation; and it had nothing to do with the fact that Notre Dame was scheduled to play USC that weekend.

In conjunction with an academic symposium, United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia talked with students and faculty during a visit to the Law School. Scalia’s visit highlighted a day-long academic conference that drew some of the most prominent legal scholars to campus.

“It was great for the Law School to have him here, and it was great for our students to have the opportunity to interact with him,” said Professor Anthony J. Bellia, Jr., a 1994 graduate of Notre Dame Law School who went on to clerk for Scalia at the Supreme Court.

The impetus behind Scalia’s visit was an academic conference hosted by the Notre Dame Law Review titled “Separation of Powers as a Safeguard of Federalism.”

The conference was organized to discuss the implications of an influential article written by Bradford R. Clark, a professor at George Washington University Law School. Drawing on themes often discussed in a constitutional law course, Clark’s article argues that certain constitutional features, such as the Supremacy Clause and separation of powers, make federal law more difficult to enact and consequently prevents excessive federal infringement on state power.

The article, written in 2001, has attracted widespread scholarly attention and informed academic work in a variety of areas. “The Law Review built a symposium around an article that has had an important impact on legal scholarship, and warranted a conference specifically considering its thesis,” Bellia said.

The symposium’s focus, combined with Scalia’s presence, attracted renowned scholars as conference participants. In addition to Scalia and Clark, the conference drew Yale professor William N. Eskridge, Jr., USC professor Elizabeth Garrett, Harvard professor John F. Manning, Columbia professor Peter L. Strauss, Georgetown professor Carlos Manuel Vázquez, and Texas professor Ernest A. Young.

Not surprisingly, Scalia’s visit was the highlight of the day. So many students expressed an interest in hearing Scalia’s lecture that the administration held a lottery to distribute tickets to his speech.

The Supreme Court Justice spoke to a packed audience in the Law School’s courtroom. He discussed many of the Court’s cases involving the Appointments Clause of the Constitution and fielded questions from students. Scalia’s comments were noncontroversial, and he responded to questions on a variety of topics, from the proper role of a Catholic judge to alleged inconsistencies in some of his decisions.

But even students who could not attend the Justice’s speech still interacted with Scalia throughout the day. Many students who lost the lottery to hear Scalia’s speech in person nevertheless filled a classroom set aside as an overflow room to hear the talk, and the Law School lounge was transformed into a reception area where Scalia mingled and chatted with students.

Scalia’s visit concluded with an evening reception in the Law School’s main reading room with conference participants, Law School faculty and staff and their spouses, and members of the Law Review. During the dinner, it was difficult to imagine that a room that featured a string quartet and cocktail tables was the same room where dozens of students study each day.

During the academic conference itself, students enjoyed watching Scalia engage in a back-and-forth with other conference participants. “As far as the conference, he was just one of the participants,” Bellia noted of Scalia, a law professor before being appointed to the bench. “It’s not often you get to see a Supreme Court Justice engage with academics like he did,” added Dave Raimer, a third-year law student who is the current editor-in-chief of the Notre Dame Law Review.

Conference participants praised students for their involvement in the conference, both in terms of organizing the event and the quality of questions posed. The event left presenters with an extremely favorable impression of both the Law School and its students. “Participants commented on the large student turnout,” Raimer said. “The questions were first-rate, and our students represented themselves very well,” added Bellia.

Organizers suggested the strong attendance was a testament to the topic at issue and the quality of the participants. “This was,” Bellia said, “the best conference that I have ever attended.”
Most law students who truly excel are self-described “law nerds” who embrace their passion for everything law-related, whether it be those painful 1L course jargon puns, to a lingering fascination with controversial court decisions, to the propensity to see potential litigation everywhere (I just slipped on those icy steps! Hmm...).

Therefore, with these obsessions as the norm in any law school, it is natural that a Supreme Court Justice is the pinnacle of the legal pecking order, and the prospect of hearing such a person speak or shaking their hand is titillating, comparable to an everyday citizen’s potential brush with Brad Pitt or Paris Hilton. This analysis explains why there was such a buzz of anticipation around Notre Dame Law School in the days preceding Justice Antonin Scalia’s visit for the annual Law Review Symposium.

The magnetic effect came from not only Justice Scalia as a person, but also Justice Scalia speaking about historical legal decisions that he had personally influenced.

Personally, I did not know what to expect from the vaunted Justice’s lecture in the morning or the reception in the afternoon—I just felt fortunate enough to obtain tickets for the events through the limited Law School ticket lottery.

Others were relegated to the overflow room, where they saw a broadcast of the lecture. It is a testament to the draw of any Justice, especially Justice Scalia at the decidedly conservative NDLS, that students trekked to the overflow room at 8:30 a.m. on a Friday.

Justice Scalia, in a word, is dynamic. After an effusive introduction by Dean Patty O’Hara, he stepped forward in a blur of energy, and stated that he was supposed to speak about the importance of structure in constitutional interpretation. He radiated intelligence and humor—and evidently did not prepare his speech. However, it was flawless. Students and academics sat in rapt attention while he analyzed cases and discussed federalism. The magnetic effect came from not only Justice Scalia as a person, but also Justice Scalia speaking about historical legal decisions that he had personally influenced. It is hard to fathom how much power the man has, and how he evidently takes it seriously and exercises it responsibly.

Supreme Court Justices wield power handily, as the last line of defense in constitutionality. They legitimately can overrule the President of the United States, the leader of the free world. But in no way do they see this weighty responsibility as an exercise of power—they see it as an exercise in fairness, in justice. Justice Scalia was not disillusioned; he was far from weary, even with the weight of the Constitution on his shoulders. He evidently enjoyed his profession, excelled at it, and his vitality demonstrated his love of the law and his love of education, embodied in NDLS at this particular juncture.

At the end of the lecture, after he thoughtfully answered some questions and eviscerated a few other inquiries, he spent the day with faculty and students. At the afternoon reception, he was like the Pied Piper: a steady stream of students surrounded him and followed him as he flitted around the NDLS lounge. Was this a testament to his popularity? Or merely a testament to the fact that all law students see the Supreme Court as a culmination of their studies and their passions? Either way, it was a day that any law student would remember forever.
Supreme Court Justice Scalia at ND Law

United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia joined several of the nation’s most prominent legal scholars for a conference at Notre Dame Law School on Friday, Oct. 19. The conference, “Separation of Powers as a Safeguard of Federalism,” was sponsored by Professor A.J. Bellia and the Notre Dame Law Review.

Conference Asks “What is War?”

Military, social, and legal scholars met Sept. 13–15 at Notre Dame to debate the meaning of war and draw critical answers from the tenets of international law. Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell served as the principal organizer of this interdisciplinary conference, which supported an International Law Association Study Committee on the Meaning of Armed Conflict in International Law, chaired by O’Connell. The committee is currently preparing a report for presentation in Rio de Janeiro in August.

Moot Court Showcase

Notre Dame Law School presented its 58th annual Moot Court Showcase Argument on Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Judge Norman C. Barry Courtroom of the Law School. All four advocates on the case were third-year law students.

The case involved the constitutionality of legislation intended to reform existing handgun and ammunition regulations enacted after a state senator shot and killed 12 of his Senate colleagues. Attorneys for the petitioners were Sherene Awad and Akia Haynes. Advocates for the respondents were Jeffery Houin and Matthew Morrison.

Alumni Reception in NYC

About 60 Notre Dame lawyers enjoyed hors d’oeuvres, drinks, camaraderie, and a presentation by Associate Clinical Professor Bridgette Carr of the NDLS Legal Aid Clinic on Thursday, Jan. 31 in New York City. The event was sponsored by the Law School External Relations Office and the Alumni Association. Many thanks to Skadden Arps partner and NDLS alum Hal Moore for helping to make the reception possible by providing a beautiful location and catering fabulous food and drink.

“Jena 6” Examined

The Black Law Students Association sponsored a panel discussion on the “Jena 6” case in which Professors Jay Tidmarsh and Jennifer Mason McAward of the Law School and Professor Richard Pierce from the Department of Africana Studies participated.

JLEPP Sponsors Symposia

The student-edited Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy held a symposium titled “Lost Innocence: Hope and Punishment in the Juvenile Justice System,” moderated by Professor J. Eric Smithburn. The Nov. 6, 2007 symposium examined the current state of the juvenile court system and made forward-looking recommendations for improvement. Panelists included a private-practice attorney, a judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, and professors of psychology and criminal justice. JLEPP’s spring 2008 symposium—“Judicial Accountability: Experiments in the States”—was held on March 12.

ND Law Holds Human Trafficking Discussion

“Katya,” a victim of human trafficking, shared her experience during a panel discussion on Nov. 5, 2007 at the Law School titled “Bought and Sold: Human Trafficking and Bonded Labor in the U.S.” Katya was lured to the United States from the Ukraine with the promise of employment and study abroad, but was forced into a life of domestic labor when she arrived in the United States. Other presenters included Bridgette Carr, associate clinical professor at the Notre Dame Law School’s Legal Aid Clinic and Katya’s legal counsel, and Katherine Dunn, a Notre Dame student who learned about the situation of human trafficking through a summer internship.
Legal Aid Clinic Hosts Client Counseling Competition

Notre Dame Law School hosted the American Bar Association Law Student Division's Client Counseling Competition for Region 7 on Saturday, Feb. 9. The competition simulates a law office consultation in which law students, acting as attorneys, are presented with a client matter. The problem prompts for this year's competition were based on issues within civil rights and civil liberties law. Krishna Thomas and Benjamin Runkle comprised this year's NDLS team. Participating teams came from schools in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. They included DePaul University College of Law, Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis, John Marshall Law School, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Marquette University Law School, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Notre Dame Law School, University of Illinois College of Law, and Valparaiso University School of Law. Marquette University School of Law took first place in the competition and went on to compete at the National Competition at Pace Law School in New York. Valparaiso University School of Law came in second, and Loyola University of Chicago School of Law came in third.

NDLS Grad Wins Seat on University’s Alumni Board

Brian Bates ’79 B.A. and ’86 J.D. of Denver, Colo., was elected to the 2008–2010 Alumni Board of Directors for Region 2.

Bates is a longtime member of the Notre Dame Club of Denver, and has received the Club’s Distinguished Service Award and its Award of the Year. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Notre Dame Law Association. Bates practices at the Denver firm Antonio Bates Bernard Professional Corporation.

ND Law Post-Doc Helps African Nation Transition to Democracy

Notre Dame Law School’s Jean-Marie Kamatali, a senior postdoctoral research associate in the Center for Civil and Human Rights, spent 16 days last December in the African nation of Burundi to begin developing a plan to train the country’s leaders on how to implement the rule of law in their war-torn country. Kamatali worked to educate leaders about many matters, from freedom of expression and refugee issues to women’s rights and involving civil society in decision making. Kamatali’s research interests include domestic implementation of international human rights norms, international criminal law, genocide, and the African regional human rights system.

ND Law Ranks Among Best for Career Prep

The Princeton Review ranks the University of Notre Dame Law School among the top 10 law schools in the nation for career preparation. The Princeton Review surveyed 18,000 students at 170 law schools, and also used school statistics provided by administrators.

Intensive Trial Advocacy

A week before the start of the second semester, 40 second- and third-year law students participated in the core component of an intensive trial advocacy course, which provides students the opportunity to develop their trial practice skills and gain litigation experiences through simulated courtroom exercises. One of the major pieces of the program’s success is that top litigators from major law firms, as well as judges and justices from across the country, come to campus to advise and coach students. NDLS’s program is always ranked among the top trial advocacy programs in the country by US News and World Report, and many applicants are drawn to the Law School for this special program. The Law School remains one of a few highly ranked law schools with a great trial advocacy program.

2007 NDLS Barristers Trial Team Wins Big

The NDLS Barristers Trial Team had an excellent showing in the 2007 National Trial Competition. The team was one of the two finalist teams advancing from Region 8 during the regional competition, which was held at the University of Illinois Law School in Champagne-Urbana, Feb. 15–17, 2007. Members of the regional team were Toni Mardirossian, Kevin Moot, Jim Paulino, Angelo Gambino, Stephan Robinson, and Patrick Salvi.

After winning the regional competition, the team placed third at the national finals in Houston in March. Placing third at nationals were Toni Mardirossian, Kevin Moot, Jim Paulino, Angelo Gambino, Stephan Robinson, and Patrick Salvi.

The National Trial Competition is one of the most prestigious law school trial competitions. It is sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association, and was established in 1975.
FUNDING THE FUNDAMENTALS

BY JEN HENGEHOLD

The University of Notre Dame is in the midst of the largest and most ambitious fundraising venture undertaken to date by a Catholic university. All told, the Spirit of Notre Dame campaign (2004–2011) seeks to raise $1.5 billion to move Notre Dame decidedly closer to the tripartite vision of University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.: that of a university that excels across the distinct but complementary arenas of undergraduate education, graduate studies and research, and Catholic character. Of the $1.5 billion total, $117 million has been allocated for the Law School.

“It takes outstanding people and a strong infrastructure to make a great law school,” says Patricia A. O’Hara, the Joseph A. Matson Dean of the Notre Dame Law School. “By this I mean superb faculty, top-notch students, and a great library and physical facility to support them.”

To date, the Law School has received more than $60 million in campaign gifts and pledges toward the $117 million campaign goal. Construction and renovation of the Law School’s physical facility is already well under way. Eck Hall of Law, the newly constructed portion of the building, will bear the name of the late Frank Eck, Sr., a 1944 graduate of Notre Dame, 1949 graduate of Harvard Business School, and former chairman of Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) of Columbus, Ohio.

The existing building will be renovated and rechristened Biolchini Hall for Robert F. and Frances Biolchini and their family. Mr. Biolchini, who received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 1962 and his law degree from George Washington University, is a member of the University’s Board of Trustees. Standing on the threshold of campus, the graceful neo-Gothic structure will be a symbol of all that the Law School expects to achieve in the 21st century.

With the new building rising from campus soil day by day, the campaign now turns its attention to endowed faculty chairs, fellowships, and loan repayment assistance for students, and library collections.

“This is where the question of momentum really comes into play,” says Louis M. Nanni, Notre Dame’s vice president for university relations. “With funding for the new building secured, we quite literally have the foundation upon which to build a better law school. Our goal now is to put into place those resources—for chairs, financial aid, the library—that will let us maximize the potential of the new facility and of the school itself.”
The Law School seeks $33.75 million to endow new professorships. Notre Dame’s prior campaign, *Generations*, saw the creation of six professorships, positions now held by some of the school’s most distinguished scholars. *Spirit* seeks to fund 11 new chairs.

That more than half of the remaining campaign goal is allocated to chairs reflects the centrality of such appointments to the Law School’s quality and reputation. Endowed chairs are the single most important tool a university has for recruiting—and retaining—gifted scholars. Consider that John Mitchell Finnis, widely acknowledged as one of the world’s leading moral philosophers and natural law theorists, credits the offer of the Biolchini Family Chair in Law with helping to lure him to Notre Dame in 1996.

“It certainly, the chair played a decisive role in bringing me to Notre Dame,” Finnis says—not merely because of the cachet associated with such a position, he explains, but because the chair endowment provides him with the financial wherewithal to pursue an ambitious research agenda and to facilitate academic conferences in his areas of interest.

Faculty are not the only constituency within the Law School subject to fierce competition from peer institutions; this helps to explain the campaign’s concurrent $17 million goal for law fellowships. With law school admissions nationwide growing ever more competitive—and tuition rising—there is more and more demand for substantial financial aid. Increased support for fellowships will allow Notre Dame to continue attracting highly accomplished students interested in the Law School’s dual mission of being a premier law school that takes faith commitments seriously.

With a significant number of those students interested in issues of social justice and human rights—Notre Dame is the oldest Catholic law school in the nation, after all—the campaign also seeks $1.25 million for a related priority: the Loan Repayment Assistance Program. This program is designed to ensure that student loans do not prevent alumni from pursuing public interest work. Even with fellowship assistance, the average Notre Dame law student graduates with more than $87,000 in educational loans—a figure that does not include undergraduate student debt. By helping to subsidize the repayment of the law school loans, the Law School strives to eliminate one barrier to accepting modestly compensated public interest jobs.

Topflight faculty and students need more than the assurance of adequate financial support, however. They also want to know that their scholarly interests will find a willing partner in the school’s library. Two decades ago, Notre Dame’s law library was spotty and only modestly ranked. Fast forward through the *Generations* campaign, and the Kresge Law Library has improved substantially. The library still faces historical backfill problems, however, as well as a growing demand for electronic and digital materials in this new information age. With legal publishing costs escalating at a rate of around ten percent per year, the campaign’s $7 million goal to build law library collections will assist the library in moving beyond its current “catch-up” mode and into a position commensurate with the mission and aspirations of the Law School.

Dollar by incremental dollar, the impact of the *Spirit of Notre Dame* campaign is clear: It is solidifying the Law School’s reputation, strengthening its position as a competitor for superb legal scholars, and helping to educate outstanding students—young men and women whose contributions to the bench, the bar, the academy, and their communities will reflect Notre Dame’s distinctive voice.
Mary Ellen O’Connell: An International Perspective

How does one sustain an effective, interdisciplinary dialogue on questions as basic, urgent, and hard to resolve as those surrounding war and peace, especially those surrounding a global war on terror?

Mary Ellen O’Connell, the Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law, is helping to do so at Notre Dame and far beyond campus by bringing to bear a combination of her personal enthusiasm and her widely respected expertise in international law. Attracted by Notre Dame’s distinctive mission as a Catholic law school and by the resources for research provided by an endowed chair, O’Connell joined the faculty of the Law School in 2005 from Ohio State.

As the chair of an International Law Association study group on the meaning of war, she led the way in convening a conference on campus last fall titled “What is War?” cosponsored by Notre Dame Law School, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and Ohio State University’s Mershon Center for Security Studies. The conference brought together experts in political science, military affairs, history, peace studies, ethics, and law. Later this year, she will present a final report on the conference in Brazil.

O’Connell is also writing a book about lessons to be learned from international law in which she incorporates the insights of theologians into her legal analysis. Her ability to step forth as a legal scholar who is ready to integrate religious values into
secular arguments about international law is enhanced by her status as a chaired professor at an institution that takes the integration of faith and reason seriously. She says: “I only get to do that because I’m at Notre Dame.”

One reason for her hopefulness about international law is its strong stand for human rights and against such evils as torture, genocide, racial discrimination, slavery, and aggression. International legal traditions are informed by absolute prohibitions—“preemptive norms” grounded in natural law and resistant to modern relativism, she notes. Another reason for her optimism is the resurgence of interest in international law since the end of the Cold War and the start of the so-called War on Terror. Enrollment in O’Connell’s international law class has almost doubled in just a few years. She attributes this in part to the Internet generation’s sense of community spanning the whole world.

Of course, such a global sensibility is nothing new to Catholics, who have experienced membership in a worldwide Church and who “feel connected to everyone else,” O’Connell adds. The time is right for informed and interdisciplinary appeals to the best features of international law since the end of the Cold War and the start of the so-called War on Terror. Enrollment in O’Connell’s international law class has almost doubled in just a few years. She attributes this in part to the Internet generation’s sense of community spanning the whole world.

O’Connell supports Notre Dame’s encouragement of research that cuts across traditional academic boundaries because “interdisciplinary work can be extraordinarily profitable if everyone is focused on the same problem.” International law involves a comprehensive curriculum that will play a larger part as globalization grows and Americans become less inward-looking, O’Connell says. It can also complement research efforts in various other fields.

There is great potential at Notre Dame for interdisciplinary efforts in which the Law School will be a key player. To advance that goal, there is a short-term need for the Kresge Law Library—like many other libraries around the country—to catch up on obtaining previously shortchanged resources in international law. This need for endowed library collections stands alongside the need for endowed faculty chairs to recruit and retain distinguished faculty who can take the Law School to the next level.

“We’re trying to think the next important ideas at Notre Dame, and you can’t do that without resources,” O’Connell says. Much of the groundwork has been laid with great teaching, great students, and great library staff, she notes. “Benefactors should be proud of what we are doing together.”

Margaret Brinig: Focus on Interdisciplinary Research

As the Fritz Duda Family Professor of Law, Margaret Brinig has become one of the Law School’s newest participants in collaborations with other Notre Dame scholars in diverse academic disciplines, especially those interested in the human face of court-ordered mediation.

As the Law School’s associate dean for faculty development, Brinig seeks to facilitate and multiply the collaborative energies found throughout the law faculty. Those energies have a human face, too, seen in the interplay of shared values. She hopes the spirit of the place will attract still more faculty who are distinguished, different, and a good “mission fit” for Notre Dame.

Both of her own personal missions—encouraging interdisciplinary research that fits well with University-wide priorities and making the Law School a magnet for great teachers, scholars, and collaborators—benefit from endowment support, she says. The fruits of benefactors’ generosity can also be found in communities well-served by productive partnerships in academe.

The spring 2008 semester finds Brinig working with leading Notre Dame experts in sociology, psychology, theology, and other fields to create a research project that could help communities by making the administration of court-appointed mediation more holistic and effective.

These experts are exploring whether the crises and antisocial behaviors that pull troubled families into the legal system could be better resolved for the long term if mediators help the families to address the underlying challenges they face. These challenges might be in the areas of poverty, housing, unemployment, or psychological problems.
The first step in this study would be a survey process bold in its interdisciplinary design. The survey would inquire into such subjects as whether a family’s religiosity helps it to overcome crises and would explore how to tap into existing support systems that might buttress individuals’ hopefulness and forgiveness. The survey would also ask if it could be useful for a social worker to serve alongside a lawyer as a co-mediator.

Brinig says that this first step—which includes questions about the connections between values and the causes of distress in families—requires a team of senior scholars from various disciplines who are willing to pursue paradigm shifts with an open mind to the contributions of other fields, including the role of faith in family life.

The second step in this project contemplates research in local communities to test the survey findings in real cases. This “translational research” could offer unique learning and service opportunities to faculty and graduate students in various disciplines.

Brinig, herself, is an economist as well as a lawyer. Her recent empirical research has explored how children’s beliefs differ from their parents’ and whether parents’ and peers’ religiosity increases a child’s optimism and reduces delinquency. “All of us [on the team preparing the research model] have done a lot of work on religion in the past, but we come at it from different angles.”

This project is a good example of why a university with the interdisciplinary research aspirations of Notre Dame needs endowed chairs to attract and retain a spectrum of distinguished experts, says Brinig. “Part of it is getting scholars with vision together.” Throughout higher education, endowed chairs are playing a larger role in fostering cutting-edge research across disciplines; robust funding from endowments and grants is needed for the complex, time-consuming work aimed at real-world dilemmas.

Brinig sees this trend much in evidence at the Law School, where scholarship is becoming increasingly interdisciplinary and where distinguished law faculty can play integral roles in some of the most creative yet practical research occurring on campus. With help from endowed chairs and other benefactions, law faculty have collaborated on conferences that attract world-class participants and address the key issues of the day.

The Law School’s positive trajectory requires attracting additional scholars with the academic recognition that enables them to cross disciplines and interact with intellectual leaders around the world, says Brinig. “We’re trying to attract people who already have endowed chairs—not an easy task.”

But it is not impossible, given the unique sense of identity and shared purpose at Notre Dame Law School. Brinig, herself, is a good example. She moved from a chaired position at the University of Iowa to her current position at Notre Dame. “We all spend a lot of time with each other,” working or socializing or seeing each other’s families in parishes and around town, Brinig points out. Judeo-Christian values often reinforce those bonds, but more important than membership in a particular religion is the ability to include matters of faith in conversations and collaborations. Notre Dame is different from universities where religion is simply not “on the table” and people of faith “feel cloistered,” Brinig says.

When her faculty development duties prompt recruitment efforts, Brinig can speak with personal conviction: “I felt I was led here.” As a supportive community of teachers, she says, Notre Dame Law School “is a place where people can bloom, can lead complete, whole lives, where their teaching job flows seamlessly into their life outside the classroom.”

Endowments—especially those open to general use—are increasingly needed to retain and support the people who make the Law School a distinctive contributor to the overall life of the University. As great teachers, scholars, and colleagues oriented toward service, “the people on the faculty are wonderful citizens of the University community,” says Brinig.
G. Robert Blakey:
Freedom to Effect Legal Reform

An endowed professorship can help to generate ripple effects of legal reform around the country, says G. Robert Blakey, who has served on the NDLS faculty for more than 30 years. A leading authority on wiretapping and anti-racketeering law, Blakey helped to draft the federal Organized Crime Control Act of 1970. He received the William and Dorothy O’Neill Chair in law when it was established in 1985 as a gift from the O’Neill family. He continues to help shape the future for law students and the nation.

Blakey sums up the benefits of an endowed chair in one word: freedom. “What I set out to do was make a difference in the criminal justice system”—responding to a number of states where legislators wanted to replicate the powers of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute that Blakey drafted for the 1970 act. Financial support from the O’Neill Chair gave him research assistance and allowed him to travel to provide various groups with training and insights that proved necessary for the effective adoption of RICO and wiretapping statutes at the state level, he says.

Effectiveness is the key. The mob population in the United States has fallen sharply since RICO, thanks partly to tougher laws. Now, he notes, the nation faces a very different “gang” challenge from terrorists who must be brought to justice without eroding the broader structure of civil liberties.

The endowment support from the O’Neill chair has allowed Blakey to be an unconventional scholar, he says—not preoccupied with writing books or arguing points of law in legal journals, but using state bars and legislatures as his “laboratory” for honing and sharing his expertise on fighting crime. It is an expertise he enjoys sharing with his students at Notre Dame Law School, who come up with good questions. “If you only talk to yourself, you never get a good argument.”

Asking smart questions and going the extra mile to find and disseminate answers for the sake of justice help to make Notre Dame a Catholic research university that competes well with its best peers, says Blakey. The money spent on a world-class law school is integral to this goal, and endowments support the University’s inherently costly pursuit.

If keeping states and communities more secure seems too abstract a goal, Blakey, a graduate of Notre Dame, notes that the financial support of an endowed chair has an even more personal effect: “I came back here [to teach] because Father Hesburgh inspired me.” The father of eight children, Blakey has seen first-hand how Notre Dame’s investment in excellence builds lasting relationships to institutions and values, which create a security all their own: “It’s not just salaries and buildings, but also the support of family life.”
Sometimes it takes a different kind of lawyer to see injustice, victimization, or policy mistakes that too often blend into the background of America’s legal system. Diane Meyers, J.D. ’03, is in her fourth year at the Phoenix firm of Osborn Maledon. She divides her time between criminal cases and a wide variety of complex civil litigation. She also makes time, however, for two subjects of great interest to her: indigent defense and capital punishment.

Meyers is a member of the Arizona State Bar’s Indigent Defense Task Force. Public defense resources in the Phoenix area are strained, with more and more death penalty cases assigned to a small group of qualified lawyers who serve indigent defendants. Maricopa County now leads the nation in death penalty prosecutions, with about 150 pending capital cases. “It’s appalling,” says Meyers.

The Indigent Defense Task Force monitors representation in capital cases statewide. With the assistance of private law firms, including her own, the task force provides resources that help give public defenders a fighting chance. Public defenders “really rely on their law firm colleagues” to address systemic issues and provide institutional muscle, Meyers explains.

Meyers, a Double Domer, returned to her alma mater in 2006 to speak to a student organization within the Law School committed to abolition of the death penalty. She conveyed a sense of hope. Public opinion continues to shift against capital punishment, she noted. Moreover, the values and vision of law students, including those who plan to enter traditional law firm careers, can facilitate change. “Young attorneys want to do something that makes a difference,” she says, and they can—through a local bar association, through other forms of advocacy, or simply by caring enough to expend energy for the marginalized and disenfranchised.

“The moral tradition at Notre Dame, in addition to the great minds the school attracts, prompts a lot of people to care about these issues that are somewhat countercultural, like the death penalty or indigent defense,” Meyers says. Some students are...
drawn to the school from the outset precisely because of its values; others find themselves changed by their three years of study at Notre Dame. They seek out opportunities to serve in positions such as public defenders—overworked, underpaid, but true to their vision of the common good.

This is why Notre Dame Law School needs to provide financial support for outstanding applicants “at both the front end and the back end”—fellowships and other assistance to reduce the burden of tuition costs at the front end; loan forgiveness for students who pursue public service careers following graduation. Meyers, herself, received a Dean’s Fellow scholarship that was supported through a combination of University resources and endowment funds. “I was set to go somewhere else, but I got a significant amount of support from Notre Dame.”

It is equally important to invest boldly in outstanding faculty who inspire and mentor students, Meyers adds. There is a well-spring of idealism and energy in the top-notch students who apply to Notre Dame Law School: “To tap into that requires a really conscientious, devoted, intelligent faculty, and I think that’s what we have.” She particularly thanks Professor Rick Garnett for his mentoring. He and other faculty encouraged her to keep sight of her compassion for the indigent when she went to work for a law firm and to find ways to continue to pursue her concerns.

Notre Dame Law School was truly a caring community, she says. “Faculty took the time to talk with students and develop a personal relationship with them.” That sounds like the kind of fertile ground from which new generations of lawyers can spring up and share their time, energy, and talents in the public and private sector to redress injustice.

Compassion may be tested in the days ahead. “As the economy goes in one direction, prosecutions go in the opposite direction,” Meyers points out. Despite the right to counsel, funding for indigent defense can be politically unpopular and may be at risk in strained county budgets.

The call to share talent and resources applies to everyone, especially those who can offer hope to the struggling, Meyers says. Meyers is grateful for the support of benefactors who made it possible for her to attend Notre Dame, and she is now putting her law degree to work to make a difference.

Sean Seymore

Guided by a powerful personal faith that helps to unify his multiple aspirations, Sean Seymore, Ph.D. ’01, J.D. ’06, embraces the ideal of service through the life of the mind with a level of intensity that would enrich any educational institution. Seymore recently accepted a tenure-track position at the law school of Washington and Lee University. He will join the faculty there this fall, focusing his scholarship on patent law, while also teaching torts and a seminar on law and the sciences.

Seymore’s interest in science dates back to his undergraduate studies in chemistry at the University of Tennessee. After obtaining a master’s degree from Georgia Tech, he enrolled in doctoral studies at Notre Dame and received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 2001. “The Lord led me to Notre Dame,” he is convinced. Seymore won the Emil T. Hofman Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award and served on hall staff in the undergraduate residence halls.

Seymore began teaching chemistry at the university level, but one particular dimension of his scientific curiosity and service—namely, his work in the growing international field of patents—led him back to school as a student one more time. “I’ve been interested in patent law since the 1980s,” he says, and pursuing a law degree seemed like a logical next step. He had accumulated significant debt from his prior degrees, however, so he had to be careful about his path toward the future.

“I prayed about the situation,” Seymore recalls. “The Lord knew Notre Dame was my top choice.” He remembered the “sense of community” at Notre Dame and cherished the chance “to study law in the light of Christ.”
Seymore received full tuition support through the Allen Endowment Fellowship. “Notre Dame offered me the endowed fellowship, and that was it.” He began his legal studies in 2003. Among the experiences he valued at the Law School was that “faculty members are willing to have difficult conversations” about the interface of science and faith—conversations that don’t happen in many places.

Upon graduation, Seymore worked as an associate in the law firm of Foley Hoag in Boston for a year, assisting with the prosecution of patent applications in chemistry and life sciences and conducting patentability and freedom-to-operate analyses. With mentoring from members of the Notre Dame Law School faculty, he decided to enter the academy. He received a visiting assistant professorship at Northwestern University School of Law. This paved the way for his faculty position at Washington and Lee. He feels “humble and grateful” to have a chance to become a patent law scholar. Moreover, based on his past experience in the classroom, he hopes “to be an inspirational faculty member and mentor to students.”

In light of the path he has taken, Seymore understands better than most the competitive arena that law schools find themselves in today. Law schools are competing for top students, with students weighing fellowship offers, the ranking of the school, and placement statistics. These days, “having a scholarship can certainly be a deciding factor.” The same high stakes define recruitment of faculty.

Seymore notes that Notre Dame played a pivotal role in his formation. The Law School offered the hard-to-find mix that allowed him to envision a life of research, teaching, service, community, faith, and the sheer excitement of pursuing one’s many dreams with the help of good people along the way.

Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon

For some students, pursuit of a professional degree might seem little more than a safe path to a comfortable and predictable livelihood. That is not the spirit of first-year student Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon, who is a McCafferty Fellow. She possesses the same boundless, selfless sense of possibility that characterized the fellowship’s namesake. Rev. Michael McCafferty, C.S.C., a Holy Cross priest and a Law School faculty member, who still symbolizes the Law School’s lively sense of community and hope 20 years after his death from cancer at the age of 40.

Pimentel-Gannon received her undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 2005, with triple majors in economics, political science, and Spanish literature. She joined the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) following graduation and taught in an inner-city school in Dallas, Tex., from 2005 to 2007.

Pimentel-Gannon’s teaching experience helped to deepen her long-standing interest in pursuing a law degree. She views a law degree as opening a wide range of possibilities for serving people like the largely Hispanic students she taught in Dallas. Although she is only beginning her law studies, she is brimming with ideas about improving education, attempting to effect positive change in healthcare or environmental policy, or helping to address today’s contentious immigration issues.

“It’s very humbling” to receive full tuition assistance that bears the name of this beloved, dynamic Holy Cross priest, says Pimentel-Gannon. Her ambitions for service are heightened by the honor; she “will try to follow in Father Mike’s footsteps.”

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After spending two years in ACE, Pimentel-Gannon notes that “the McCafferty financial assistance is a much-appreciated blessing. Because I won’t have huge debt, working in lower-paying public interest areas will now be feasible.” She finds the Law School a tight-knit community bound together in part by students’ shared aspirations to serve others and notes, “It’s the sense of community that enables Notre Dame to educate a different kind of lawyer.”

Pimentel-Gannon also finds many role models at the Law School for her wide-ranging visions of service. “I’ve been thoroughly impressed with the accomplishments of our faculty.” They, too, reflect a variety of experiences and expertise. “No matter what my interest, there is some professor with experience in that area with whom I can talk and from whom I can get advice,” she remarks.

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KRESGE RESOURCES

Not Your Parents’ Law Library

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

Upon completion of the current construction and renovation project, the Kresge Library will occupy the lion’s share of the school’s current building. The dramatic increase in space carries with it exciting challenges to use the space wisely, difficult decisions regarding prioritizing the growth of resources, and enhanced needs for financial support to capitalize on opportunities for innovation.

“The heart of a good law school is its library,” says Thomas, who has been with the Kresge Library for 18 years. Under the leadership of Ed Edmonds, associate dean for library and information technology, a dedicated group of library faculty, professionals, and support staff members work hard to maximize the library’s effectiveness.

This is an especially dynamic time for law libraries as they seek to respond to the explosion of information, while juggling the financial challenges of providing top-notch service to outstanding faculty and students with the highest research aspirations. “It’s an exciting time to be in the information business” says Thomas.

The need to match the breadth and depth of research collections at peer institutions, coupled with the mandate to embrace an ever-growing agenda of topics that interest the Law School’s faculty and students, presents significant budgetary pressures. Spiraling inflation rates in the information marketplace and the shift from books toward more expensive electronic databases with high recurring costs tax the budget for new acquisitions.

“Our endowment funds have been really terrific in helping us make this transition,” Thomas says. When Thomas arrived in 1990, the Law Library had only six endowed collections. Today that number stands at more than 30. The library is very grateful for the growing amount of external support, Thomas says. This critically important lifeline must continue to increase amid the changes faced by Notre Dame Law School.
When the Law School was last renovated, books were the primary medium of research; other resources—primarily microfiche—were a supplementary system. Today, the situation is reversing rapidly due to the improved ability to search online products. Electronic databases take a big bite out of the annual acquisitions budget. One product, titled *The Making of Modern Law*, includes approximately 20,000 legal treatises from the 19th century. Essential to historical research, it came at an initial cost of more than $100,000, plus annual maintenance fees. An electronic version of U.S. Supreme Court records and briefs cost about $75,000. Many other databases that are standard for student and faculty use carry price tags of $10,000 annually. “This trend will grow,” says Thomas. At the same time, the library must continue to purchase hard-texts to address historical backfill problems from earlier years. “We’re trying to be responsible stewards of information,” aware of the need for a comprehensive, historical, and permanent compilation of legal knowledge, says Thomas.

Here are some of the changes:

- Faculty, including new faculty who bring their own areas of specialization, look to the library for historical and current information to support high-level research and policy discussions. “More of our faculty are doing interdisciplinary work,” Thomas notes. This requires increased collaboration with the Hesburgh Libraries and cooperative purchases of resources that are a win-win situation for legal scholars, as well as for faculty and students of other units at Notre Dame.

- Many Kresge patrons now have a more international focus to their research, requiring primary sources from a larger number of countries on a variety of subjects. Some of these materials can be difficult or very expensive to obtain. This international focus parallels the University goals, and is a *sine qua non* in attracting and retaining professors on the cutting edge of globalization in the legal profession.
The challenges faced by the library require reliable and flexible sources of financial support. The law library looks to endowments as a key to unlock this information for the law school of the 21st century. Discretionary endowments will play a particularly important role. “About half our endowments are geared toward specific kinds of collections,” says Thomas. These are of great value to the library. At the same time, in a world where information needs, new directions of learning, and opportunities for collaboration are emerging at a rapid pace, endowments targeted for general or discretionary use are especially valuable.

He responds to the question: “What do you see as the biggest challenges on the horizon to fulfilling our mission?”

“As Joe Thomas outlines in the accompanying article, increasing the endowment is an essential component in supporting greater reliance on digital information while balancing that use with access to traditional print resources. Responding to the cost of acquiring the information necessary to support a scholarly and prolific faculty and a vibrant student body is a great challenge. Happily, we are supported in meeting these challenges by priorities set in the University’s latest capital campaign.

Furthermore, like all great law libraries striving to be the intellectual hub of their schools, we want to create an atmosphere where patrons are comfortable and intellectually engaged in seeking and using information, thus the Law School’s capital expenditure to refurbish the library. During the period from the opening of the new Eck Hall of Law until the completion of the existing building’s renovation, we will be challenged to deliver our resources and to support research and study with limited physical space. I am confident, however, that we will meet all of these challenges to create one of the truly great law school libraries in existence today.”

Ed Edmonds
Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology

Associate Dean Ed Edmonds joined the Notre Dame Law School in 2006. During the course of his career, Edmonds has served as director of three law school libraries—William and Mary, Loyola-New Orleans, and, most recently, the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minnesota, where he was the founding director.

The availability of world-spanning, user-friendly information that empowers tomorrow’s interdisciplinary and international leaders is a perfect “mission fit” for the Law School. This new kind of support serves as a bridge between faculty and students, between the Law School and the University, between the campus and the world, and between the past and the future.
Talk to Warren Rees for a minute or two, and you feel as though you are in the presence of Clark Kent. He’s intelligent, reserved, and friendly. He’s even got the glasses.

Talk to Rees for an hour, and you learn that underneath the Clark Kent exterior is a guy with a cape. He runs marathons, pilots an airplane, and is a serious wine connoisseur. Boredom seems to be his only kryptonite.

“I have a few hobbies so that life isn’t dull,” Rees says. What an understatement.

Let’s start with athletics.

Rees has been running for about 20 years and has competed in three marathons. Last fall, he bought a road bike, and has ridden it up to 42 miles at a pop. Then there’s the cross-country skiing: Rees recently completed a 55k race in Hayward, Wis. Perhaps his next endeavor will be leaping tall buildings in a single bound. Until then, he just flies over them.

On to adventure.

“I’ve had a fascination with flying ever since I was a little kid,” recalls Rees. It wasn’t until the summer of 2001, however, that he actually took to the sky at the controls of a Cessna. “The most important thing in flying is to feel comfortable with your landing,” explains Rees. “You have to know the feel of the plane. I still get an adrenaline rush every time I come in for a landing.” Rees has logged more than 150 hours of flying time in a single-engine 1979 Cessna 172. One flight was to Eau Claire, Wis. to visit family. “I probably won’t do that again. We flew around the lake instead of over it, because if the engine stops it’s much easier to bring the plane down safely on land than on water. Having the engine stop over land doesn’t bother me. Over water, we’d be in trouble.” So instead of a non-stop, four-hour trip it, was a one-stop (for fuel), six-hour trip. “It’s just too time-consuming,” he says.

One thing Rees does not mind consuming his time is wine—learning about it, tasting it, and visiting its origins.

Last stop: refinement.

Rees became a serious wine connoisseur about five years ago. “There are so many facets to wine—how it’s made, the impact of climate and soil on the grapes, the operation of wineries as a business—I think they’re all quite interesting.”
He and his wife recently made the pilgrimage to Napa and Sonoma Valleys for three blissful days of wine tasting. “I’m a big fan of really good red Zinfandel, and you get the best in Sonoma.” When asked if he sees himself owning a winery for his encore career, he said that’s out of the question “unless there’s some rich uncle out there that I’m unaware of who wants to leave all of his assets to me.” But he would enjoy working in some capacity at a wine retailer, helping customers learn about wine and select the right vintage.

Until then, Rees—who earned his J.D. from Southern Illinois and his Master’s in Library Science from the University of Michigan—will continue to build upon his 22 years as a research librarian, 11 of those at Notre Dame’s Kresge Law Library. “One thing I love about working here is the tremendous amount of contact I have with students,” says Rees. “All research librarians here teach a legal research class, and I teach advanced legal research. It keeps things interesting.”

Dwight King, librarian and head of research services in the Kresge Law Library, hopes to keep Rees around for a long time. “We were so fortunate to steal this mellow librarian from Valparaiso Law Library,” says King. “Warren is very knowledgeable and has a great rapport with students. He’s a real asset to the department. I’ve never found the courage to go flying with him, however. I’m sure he’s a fine pilot; I just prefer to interact with him on the ground.”

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Librarian and Head of Research Services in the Kresge Law Library

Third-year law student Ben Runkle took Rees’ Advanced Legal Research class, and says he highly recommends the course. “The research strategies I learned from Professor Rees enabled me to research a topic exhaustively while still making efficient use of my time.” Runkle also shares Rees’ affinity for wine tasting, and gets together with Rees about once each month to sample and discuss various vintages. Says Runkle, “I am always impressed by Warren’s knowledge of wine and his refined palate, but I question his preference for Australian over European wines!”

As for Rees, he’s just pleased to have found a life-work balance that accommodates his hobbies and allows him to make a difference in other people’s lives.

“I love my work, but if I had to spend 60 to 80 hours a week in the office, I wouldn’t have time for these other things that are the spice of life,” says Rees. “Being on the academic calendar is a great thing. It allows me to devote time and attention to everything I love.”
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Amy Coney Barrett was a visiting member of the faculty at the University of Virginia Law School this past fall. Her article titled Procedural Common Law is forthcoming in Virginia Law Review (June 2008).

Matthew J. Barrett spoke at the Indiana Catholic Conference’s annual Legislative Luncheon in Indianapolis on Jan. 16 on the topic “‘Render unto Caesar’ in Indiana and Catholic Social Teaching on Taxation” in the context of Indiana tax reform. He also presented “Sarbanes-Oxley, Kermit the Frog, and Competition Regarding Audit Quality” as part of the symposium titled The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Five Years Later: Assessing Its Impact, Charting Its Future at the University of Maryland School of Law on Oct. 19, 2007.


Anthony J. Bellia published an article The Origins of Article III “Arising Under” Jurisdiction, 57 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 263 (2007). He also delivered a course of lectures on federalism at the University of Milan, Italy (Nov. 6 & 7, 2007), and made a presentation at the American Association of Law Schools Conference in New York City on “Federalism and Transnational Adjudication.”

Peg Brinig published From Family to Individual and Back Again, 51 HOWARD LAW JOURNAL 1 (2007), and Margaret F. Brinig et al., Vision Standards for Licensing and Driving, OPTOMETRY: JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION (Sept. 2007). Brinig also published a chapter titled The Story of Mary Sue and Junior Davis in FAMILY LAW STORIES (Carol Sanger, ed., Aspen Press), Brinig’s presentations include “Children’s Beliefs and Family Law” at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR) at Emory University. The conference,”From Silver to Gold: The Next 25 Years of Law and Religion,” took place on Oct. 24–26 and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the CSLR. She delivered other presentations at the University of Minnesota’s Midwestern Law and Economics Association meeting and at a Northwestern University Law School colloquium. Brinig gave a paper and colloquium at St. Thomas Law School and delivered an address to the Federalist Society at Case Western Law School. She also spent a week in April presenting lectures at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.


He also presented “Adapting Governance: Climate Change and the Great Lakes,” at a symposium titled A Climate of Disruption: Legal Measures for Adaptations and Mitigation, Michigan State University College of Law, Feb. 15, 2008.

In addition, Camacho is chair-elect of the American Association of Law Schools, Section on Natural Resources.

Paolo Carozza was unanimously elected chairman of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) for 2008-2009. The election was held on March 3 at the start of the Commission’s 131st regular period of sessions. Carozza—who served as first vice-chairman of the IACHR in 2007—is midway through his four-year term on the IACHR, which promotes the observance and defense of human rights in the 35 Western hemisphere nations that are members of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Carozza’s publications include:
Sussidiarietà e sovranità negli ordinamenti sovranazionali, in CHE COSA È LA SUISSIDIARITÀ 113 (Giorgio Vittadini ed., Guerini e Associati, 2007); and il traffico dei diritti umani nell’età postmoderna, in IL TRAFFICO DEI DIRITTI INSIABILI (Luca Antonini ed., Rubbettino Editore, 2007).
He edited (with Marta Cartabia) and authored the introduction to TRADIZIONI IN SUBBULGIO (Rubbettino Editore, 2008).
He also presented numerous talks: “Human Rights, the ‘Art’ of Democracy and the ‘Taste for Local Freedom’,” Lectio Magistralis given at the Nova Universitas Consortium’s Advanced Course on The Sustainability of Democracy in the 21st Century, Milan, December 2007;
“Human Rights, the Broadening of Reason and the Dialogue of Cultures,” invited lecture given in a series on “Diritti e Ragioni” at the University of Milan, December 2007; and

Bridgette Carr received a 2008 Marshall Memorial Fellowship. Carr advocates for non-citizens, particularly those who are victims of forced migration. Carr will spend three weeks this summer in Europe, working with other leaders on these issues to foster transatlantic cooperation.

Doug Cassel wrote several articles:
The Inter-American Court of Human Rights, IN VICTIMS UNISENCE: THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA 151–156 (2007), Due Process of Law Foundation;
Los Juicios Militares en Estados Unidos a la Luz del Derecho Comparado, in PANORAMA INTERNACIONAL SOBRE JUSTICIA PENAL: PROCESO PENAL Y JUSTICIA PENAL INTERNACIONAL 17–23 (2007), Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México;
Las Mejores Prácticas para el Procesamiento Judicial de las Violaciones de Derechos Humanos, in LOS CAMINOS DE LA JUSTICIA PENAL Y LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS 167–74 (2007) Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; and
Jose Padilla Brings Torture to Trial: Can a DOJ Lawyer be Held Accountable for Advocating the Inhumane?, IN THESE TIMES (2008).
He also delivered the following speeches and presentations:

"Los Deberes de Chile de Dejar Sin Efecto la Ley de Amnistía en Su Aplicación a Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad," in Seminario Internacional, Justicia, Derechos Humanos y el Decreto de Amnistía, sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme, the Ford Foundation, the International Center for Transitional Justice, and the Regional Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Santiago, Chile, December 2007;

"Conferencia Extraordinaria," La Eficacia de los Derechos Humanos Internacionales de Protección de los Derechos Humanos, and Derechos Humanos y Lucha contra el Terrorismo en el Derecho Internacional y en los Estados Unidos de América, in IV Master en Protección de los Derechos Humanos, Universidad de Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares, Spain, November 2007;

"El Derecho a la Verdad en Transiciones a la Paz," in II Foro Internacional de Derechos Humanos: Verdad y Paz en Colombia, Universidad de Ibagué, Colombia, October 2007;


In addition, Cassel has served as counsel in the following cases:

For 25 former United States Diplomats as Amici Curiae in Boumedine v. Bush and Al Odah v. United States, Nos. 06-1195 and 1196 in the United States Supreme Court, 2007. Cases were orally argued in December 2007; judgment expected soon;

For petitioner in Brewer-Carías v. Venezuela, before Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, petition filed January 2007 (involving denial of due process and politically motivated, false charges against leading Venezuelan dissident). Case is pending;

For Gómez Paquiuyauri family in Gómez Paquiuyauri v. Peru, before Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 2006 (involving compliance with reparations judgment of the Court, in case of torture and murder of two brothers); and

For certain prisoners in case of Hugo Juarez Cruzatt et al. v. Peru, before Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 2005 to date, Judgement on Merits, Nov. 25, 2006 (involving military massacre of unarmed prisoners). Case is now at compliance stage.

**Alexander L. Edgar** (adjunct faculty) participated as a panelist at the following programs:

The ICLEF Advanced Individual Bankruptcy Chapter 7, 11, and 13—The Masters Series last June in Angola, Ind., where he presented “Civil and Criminal Enforcement, Debtor Audits, the Means Test, and Credit Counseling under Sec. 109 (h) of the Bankruptcy Code”; the U.S. Department of Justice Region 10 Chapter 7 Panel Trustee Conference in Indianapolis last September, where he presented “Case Administration—the Role of the U.S. Trustee and Case Trustees” and “Consumer Bankruptcy Two Years After BAPCPA” in October in South Bend, where he delivered a talk titled “Ethics in the Real World.”

Edmund Edmonds delivered a presentation at the Cooperstown Symposium over the summer in Cooperstown, N.Y., based on his article titled The Great Dodgers Pitching Tandem Strikes a Blow for Salaries: The 1966 Drysdale-Koufax Holdout and Its Impact on the Game. The article will appear in THE COOPERSTOWN SYMPOSIUM ON BASEBALL AND AMERICAN CULTURE: 2007–2008 ANTHOLOGY.

Other presentations include:

"Earl Toolson and His Legacy in Baseball’s Labor History" at the 15th annual Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball in Tucson, Ariz. on March 15, 2008;

"A Historical Analysis of Baseball’s Single-Officer Salary Arbitration System" for the Notre Dame Law School Continuing Legal Education program on Oct. 20, 2007;


Edmonds also published and co-edited (with Thomas Kettleson and William Manz) CONGRESS AND SPORTS AGENTS: A LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THE SPORTS AGENT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST ACT (SPARTA), William S. Hein & Co.


**John Finnis**, in the first week of October, addressed the Thomas More Society at NDLS on “Modern Natural Law Theory,” gave a public lecture on “The Audacity of Shakespeare’s Non-recusant Catholicism” at ND for the Shakespeare and Catholicism series organized by the Center for Ethics and Culture, and gave the opening address called “Universality, Personal and Social Identity, and Law” at the Congreso Sul-Americano de Filosofía do Direito held jointly with the Colóquio Sul-Americano de RealismoJurídico, at Porto Alegre, Brazil. He also addressed the students
and faculty of the Federal University in Porto Alegre on Natural Law and Natural Rights.

Judy Fox spoke at South Bend Memorial Hospital’s Predatory Lending Community Plunge about the impact of predatory lending on the community. The event was held Nov. 1. Memorial Hospital hosts a community plunge each year on a topic that adversely affects the community. The idea is to bring experts in contact with other community leaders to educate them about the problem and begin to work on solutions.

At the end of November, she appeared on WNIT’s Michiana Speaks program on predatory lending, and served as a panelist at Indiana Legal Services’ Access to Justice Conference in Indianapolis. There, she spoke on collaborations between private attorneys and legal services attorneys, primarily in the area of consumer law.


She also presented “The Order-Maintenance Agenda as Land Use Policy” (draft book chapter) at Emory Law School, Faculty Workshop Series, Feb. 12, 2008, and “No Taking Without a Touching? Reflections of an Armchair Originalist” at the Bernard Siegan Memorial Conference on Economic Liberties, University of San Diego School of Law, Nov. 16, 2007.

In addition, Garnett was Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, USC Gould School of Law, Oct. 1–5, 2007.


He was a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at USC Gould School of Law, Oct. 1–5, 2007, and delivered a Hesburgh Lecture on “Religion and the Public Square” to Notre Dame alumni and students of Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania in October 2007. Garnett was the Chair for the Section on Law and Religion at the 2007 American Association of Law Schools (AALS) meeting. He was named chair-elect for the Section on Constitutional Law, and was appointed to the AALS Nominating Committee. Garnett also presented a paper at the program of the Section on Law and Religion called “The Supreme Court’s Hands-off Approach to Religious Doctrine.”

Garnett also participated in the following panels:

- The Supreme Court: Past and Prologue—A Look at the October 2006 and October 2007 Terms, Constitution Day symposium, Cato Institute (Sept. 17, 2007);
- The U.S. Supreme Court: Its Recent Term and Its New Justices, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Aug. 30, 2007); and
- Church and State: Separation Anxieties, a Dan Rather Reports program at Princeton University.

Garnett was an invited speaker at a conference called The Contributions of William H. Rehnquist to American Constitutional Jurisprudence sponsored by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions held in February 2008 at Princeton University.

Jimmy Gurulé lectured at the Michigan Judicial Conference in August on “Unfunding Terror: The Legal Framework to Deprive Terrorists of Funding.” In March 2008, Gurulé delivered a lecture on “The International Legal Framework to Deprive al Qaeda of Funding and Why It Is Failing” before the Chatham House, London’s leading think tank and home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Michael Jenuwine testified before the Bowser Commission of the Indiana Senate concerning proposed legislation dealing with the death penalty applied to persons with mental illness.

M. Cathleen Kaveny presented “Priest, Prophets, and Kings: Religion, Morality and Law in a Pluralistic Society” at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR) at Emory University. The conference, From Silver to Gold: The Next 25 Years of Law and Religion, took place Oct. 24–26 and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the CSLR.

Michael Kirsch published Taxing Citizens In a Global Economy, 82 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 443 (2007).

Donald P. Kommers won the prestigious Berlin Prize from the American Academy of Berlin. An authority in the field of comparative constitutional law, Kommers will spend a semester in Berlin next year to complete a research project on Germany’s constitutional culture. The prize is a residential fellowship for advanced study in the arts, culture, and public affairs. The Academy bestows between 10 and 20 awards each year worldwide.

Lloyd Mayer presented “Public Benefits, Private Benefits, and Charities” at The American Association of Law Schools (AALS) annual meeting, New York City, on Jan. 5, 2008 as part of a panel on “The Participation by Nonprofits in Democracy” cosponsored by the Section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process and the Section on Nonprofit Law and Philanthropy; at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. on Mar. 19, 2008 as part of a paper presentation series; and at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign on April 9, 2008 for a faculty workshop.

Mayer also presented “The Pulpit, the Pew, and Politics” at Boston College Law School on March 18, 2008.

Mayer published Grasping Smoke: Enforcing the Prohibition on Campaign Intervention by Charities, 6 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 1 (University of North Carolina School of Law, 2007); The Much Maligned 527 and Institutional Choice, 87 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 625 (2007); short version published at 58 EXEMPT ORGANIZATION TAX REPORT 21 (October 2007); and What is This “Lobbying” That We Are So Worried About? 26 YALE LAW & POLICY REVIEW (2008).


Jennifer Mason McAward will publish Congress’ Power to Block Enforcement of Federal Court Orders, 93 IOWA LAW REVIEW (May 2008).

Daniel R. Murray (adjunct faculty) was named the “Catholic Lawyer of the Year” in September by the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago. The guild presents the award annually to an attorney in the Archdiocese of Chicago who has served as a role model in the profession for the Catholic faith through dedication to public and community service. Murray is a partner at Jenner and Block in Chicago.

Christopher S. O’Byrne published Introducing Law Students to Nonlegal Databases, 17 TRENDS IN LAW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY 27 (2007).
Mary Ellen O’Connell published The Nicaragua Case, Preserving World Peace and the World Court, in INTERNATIONAL LAW STORIES 339 (John Noyes, et al. eds. 2007); and The Ban on the Bomb—and Bombing, Iran, the U.S. and the International Law of Self-Defense, 57 SYRACUSE LAW JOURNAL 497 (2007) (with Maria Alveras-Chen). She also testified before the House Judiciary Committee during a forum on international law and the United States in November; participated in a working group on international law and theology at the Center for Theological Inquiry at Princeton Theological Seminary in September; organized an interdisciplinary conference on the meaning of war, held at Notre Dame in September; served as the opening speaker for an international symposium, The “Responsibility to Protect” (R2P): Progress, Empty Promise, or a License for Humanitarian Intervention, sponsored by the Development and Peace Foundation in Bonn, Germany; and participated in The Responsibility to Protect and the International Criminal Court: America’s New Priorities in December at Northwestern University School of Law.

Vincent Rougeau participated on a panel titled “Religious Pluralism and Critical Multiculturalism” at Seattle University’s March 7, 2008 program on Pluralism, Religion, and the Law. On April 7, 2008 he was a panelist at the Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Conference at Boston College. The panel was titled “Scholarship Through the Lens of Faith: Who is Your Audience and How Should You Best Reach Them?” On April 21, 2008 Rougeau presented a talk at the Fordham Law School Institute on religion, law, and lawyer’s work titled “Globalizing Justice: Solidarity and Participation: True Justice for the Poor.” He will present a paper as part of a conference in June sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California. The conference The True Wealth of Nations is a conversation among academics in law, theology, economics, and philosophy. Rougeau will also be teaching in the Summer London Program June 23–July 30.


Thomas L. Shaffer was honored by the Volunteer Lawyer Network and Indiana Legal Services as they presented the first “Professor Thomas L. Shaffer Award of Exceptional Service Pro Bono Publico.” The award—which will now be issued annually during the organizations’ Pro Bono Attorney Recognition Luncheon—went to Mr. John Peddy cord, a partner at May, Oberfell & Lorber. Peddy cord is a 1971 graduate of Notre Dame Law School. In September and October, Shaffer and students from the Legal Aid Clinic delivered presentations on wills, trusts, powers, and health care agencies to groups at Little Flower Catholic Church, the University’s Robinson Center in South Bend, and to students enrolled in the series Taking Charge of Your Life at the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend. Shaffer also delivered three presentations for the legal ethics program, Legal Ethics in Indiana: Critical Issues on the Agenda on Nov. 7 in South Bend. Shaffer’s publications include A Search for Balance in the Whirlwind of Law School: Spirituality from Law Teachers, 51 ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL 1191 (2007); The Gift of Milner Ball, 41 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 903 (2007); Foreword to the Symposium on Aging in America, 21 NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS, AND PUBLIC POLICY 295 (2007); Trust in Democracy: Anabaptists, Italian Americans, and Solidarity, 21 JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION 413 (2006); and Roman Catholic Lawyers in the United States of America, 21 JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION 305 (2006).


O. Carter Snead published Neuro-imaging and the “Complexity” of Capital Punishment, 82 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1265 (2007). He also moderated a panel at the American Association of Law Schools in New York City in January called Legal and Ethical Implications of Recent Developments in Neuroscience.

Jay Tidmarsh (with NDLS alum Stephen Robinson) published The Dean of Chicago’s Black Lawyers: Earl Dickerson and Civil Rights Lawyering In the Years Before Brown, 93 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1355 (2007). He gave a talk titled “Conditions and Reasons in Rule 23” at Loyola Chicago School of Law and DePaul University College of Law. He also spoke at George Washington University Law School and Cincinnati Law School on “Rethinking Adequacy of Representation.” Tidmarsh also coauthored an amicus brief on behalf of a group of American law professors urging the Supreme Court to hear Goss Int’l v. TKS, Ltd., a case involving an American company facing a clawback action in Japan.

Julian Velasco published Taking Shareholder Rights Seriously, 41 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS LAW REVIEW 605 (2007). He also participated as a commentator at the fifth annual Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and the Law at Villanova University School of Law on Sept. 21, 2007.

STAFF NOTES

Carla DeVelder, director of career services, delivered a panel presentation at the American Conference Institute’s meeting on Summer Associate Program Development. DeVelder addressed an audience of law firm recruiters.

Julie Foster, assistant director of the Career Services Office, accepted a position as dean of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs at Sierra Nev. College in Incline Village, Nevada.

Therese Hanlon, administrative assistant in the External Relations Office, was named manager of programs and events for the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Heather M. Moriconi, assistant director of the Admissions Office, served as a presenter at the Law School Admission Council Forum in New York City on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2007. The topic of the presentation was “How to Apply to Law School.”
If you’re reading this article, chances are you are a member of the Notre Dame Law Association. The NDLA was founded in 1948. It is an organization of more than 8,000 Notre Dame lawyers throughout the word. Its members include all graduates of Notre Dame Law School, University of Notre Dame alumni who have graduated from other law schools, members of the NDLS faculty, and members of the NDLS Advisory Council. Best of all, membership is free!

The NDLA’s mission is to further the mission of the Law School by advising the dean in matters respecting students, curriculum, programs, resources, and other areas in which the dean may request assistance; recruiting, advising, and promoting the candidacies of excellent students for the Law School; mentoring, advising, and promoting students and graduates of the Law School in their efforts to secure employment opportunities; and otherwise assisting and promoting the Law School.

The NDLA is governed by a 22-member board of directors. The board’s membership includes 16 regional directors who are elected to three-year terms; one at-large member who has graduated from the Law School within the last 10 years; appointed representatives for Asian-Pacific Alumni, Black Alumni, and Hispanic Alumni; and two current Law School students (including the president of the Student Bar Association). The board meets twice a year—one in the fall and once in the spring.

The board’s primary focus is assisting the Law School in admissions, career services, and public interest. The regional representatives contact every person from their region who is admitted to the Law School to welcome the person to the Notre Dame family and to answer any questions they might have. Members of the board also represent NDLS at law school fairs at colleges and universities throughout the country.

The board assists the Career Services Office in many ways. At each of its meetings, the board spends time with NDLS students to provide them with career-oriented advice on life in the “real world.” In addition, board members often assist NDLS students in finding employment in a particular city or a particular area of the law. A committee of the board works closely with Law School faculty to assist students who are seeking judicial clerkships.

The board’s Public Interest Committee works to raise funds and to find employment opportunities for the Summer Stipend Program. This program provides a stipend for NDLS students who work in a private or governmental public interest agency during the summer. Last year, 101 NDLS students received funding through this program.

The board has adopted an awards program to honor outstanding Notre Dame lawyers. Descriptions of the five different awards are available on the NDLA section of the Law School’s website. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards, please let us know by sending an e-mail to lawalum@nd.edu.

Each year, the NDLA hosts a reception at the ABA Annual Convention. This is a great opportunity to renew old NDLS acquaintances. I would encourage you to attend. I also strongly encourage you to attend our Law School reunions on campus. Those who do are never disappointed.

The NDLA board is here to serve you. If you have an idea or suggestion, or if you are interested in running for a position on the board, please let us know. The e-mail address is lawalum@nd.edu.
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John Gilligan, ’43 B.A., former Governor of Ohio and former NDLS faculty member, was presented with the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce’s Great Living Cincinnatians Award.

1950s
Otto Hilbert, Sr., ’54 B.A., ’56 J.D., of Colorado Springs, Colo., passed away Feb. 2, 2008 at Pikes Peak Hospice. He enjoyed a 50-year career in the legal profession and was heavily involved in the Notre Dame Club of Colorado Springs.
Ron Mealey, ’54 B.S., ’56 J.D., was named an equity partner in the law firm of Scura, Mealey, Stack, Wigfield & Heyer LLP.
Karl Jorda, ’54 M.A., ’57 J.D., was inducted into the IP Hall of Fame Academy in recognition of a lifetime of service and an outstanding contribution to the development of intellectual property law and practice.

1960s
Marvin J. Him, ’61 B.A., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Joe Pichler, ’61 B.B.A., former CEO of the Kroger Company, was presented with the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce’s Great Living Cincinnatians Award.
Frank P. Doheny, Jr., ’62 B.A., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Eduardo E. Malapit, ’62 J.D., passed away at Wilcox Memorial Hospital in Hawaii on Aug. 27, 2007, at the age of 74.
Alvin J. McKenna, ’66 J.D., of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP’s Columbus office, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Clifford A. Roe, Jr., ’67 J.D., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Thomas Curtin, J.D., ’68, was selected by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to chair the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Court (a three-year term). He was also nominated for a third term as the New Jersey State Delegate to the American Bar Association.

Vincent B. Stamp, ’69 J.D., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.

1970s
John J. Dawson, ’71 J.D., of Quarles & Brady LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Louis A. Stahl, ’71 J.D., of Quarles & Brady LLP, was recently recognized by peers for his 35 years of litigation experience and was named a “Local Litigation Star.” He was also included in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Harry L. Henning, ’60 B.B.A., ’71 J.D., of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP’s Columbus office, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Michael P. Scopelitis, ’71 J.D., was recognized at the Indiana State Bar Association’s annual meeting, where he received the 2007 Civility Award for outstanding respect and professionalism in the courtroom.
James D. Friedman, ’72 J.D., was selected as president of the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Inc.
Christopher R. Schraff, ’72 J.D., of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP’s Columbus office, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Barbara A. Mentz, ’73 J.D., has joined the National Arbitration Forum’s national panel of independent and neutral arbitrators and mediators.
John R. Burns, III, ’74 J.D., was recently appointed to co-chair the American Bar Association Section of Litigation’s Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Committee.
Jonathan Ries, ’74 J.D., was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Lynda E. Roesch, ’75 B.S., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Paul R. Mattingly, ’75 J.D., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.

1980s
Alcides Avila, ’80 J.D., recently left Holland & Knight to start Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP.
Tony Kahn, ’80 M.B.A., ’80 J.D., has been elected to White & Case LLP’s new Executive Committee. Kahn is a corporate and financial services partner with the firm in New York.
John E. Selent, ’80 J.D., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Carolyn Short, ’77 B.A., ’80 J.D., has been nominated by the White House to be Judge of the U.S. District Court. She will replace U.S. District Judge Gene E. K. Pratter on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania bench.
Charles M. Roesch, ’81 B.B.A., of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Kathy Brickley, ’82 J.D., was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Bob Clemen, ’82 J.D., was honored for his 25 years of service in law at the Indianapolis Bar Association’s “Milestone Reception: Honoring Those Who Have Practiced Law for 25 Years and 50 Years.”
Gregory A. Sobkowski, ’79 B.A., ’82 J.D., was elected to the board of governors of the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) representing District 1.
John C. Greiner, ’83 J.D., was awarded the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists Award for Best Defense of the First Amendment for his contribution to “Lead’s Dangerous Legacy.”
Michael G. Cumming, ’84 J.D., was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.
Thomas D. Lupo, ‘82 B.A., ‘85 J.D., has joined Williams, Montgomery & John, a Chicago trial law firm, as a partner after 14 years as a partner at Seyfarth Shaw.


Kevin E. Griffith, ‘82 B.A., ‘86 J.D., of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP’s Columbus office, was among those recently selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.

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Mark Miller, ‘86 J.D., of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP’s Houston office, has been named to the Texas “Super Lawyers” list for 2007.

Juan Carlos Bermudez, ‘87 J.D., has joined Adorno & Yoss, the nation’s largest certified minority-owned law firm, as a partner in the firm’s Governmental Affairs practice group.

John G. Farnan, ‘87 J.D., was elected president of Elder Law of Michigan, Inc.

Joseph McGarry, ‘86 B.B.A., ‘89 J.D., recently started as a senior accountant with Hawkins Ash Baptie & Co. in Winona, Minn. He specializes in tax work.

1990s

Fred Fresard, ‘90 J.D., was elected co-managing partner of the Detroit office of Bowman and Brooke LLP.

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Max L. Siegel, ‘86 B.A., ‘92 J.D., was presented with the Rev. Arthur S. Harvey, C.S.C., Award for his outstanding accomplishments in the entertainment and sports industries. Max recently made history as the highest-ranking African American executive in NASCAR.

Henry Alford, ‘93 J.D., has been appointed to Middleton Reutlinger’s management committee in Louisville, Ky.

William W. Matthews, III, ‘93 J.D., a partner in the Corporate & Securities Department of the law firm of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Banzburg & Ellers, has been elected to the board of trustees of LaSalle University.

Gilbert Perez, ‘93 J.D., has recently been named president of the Association of Family Law Professionals.

Walter Saurack, ‘95 J.D., has been named partner with Sattlerle Stephens Burke & Burke LLP in New York, N.Y.

Michael Jay Wilson, ‘95 J.D., of Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson, P.C., was recently elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Matthew J. Duchemin, ‘96 B.A., has been named partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP.

Richard Holzheimer, ‘96 J.D., has been named partner with Reed Smith LLP in Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Kopp, ‘96 J.D., is currently serving in Iraq as a judge advocate general (JAG) lawyer for the 300th Military Police Brigade of the U.S. Army Reserves, based in Inkster, Mich. His family asks that we all keep him in our prayers.

William J. Weber, ‘96 J.D., has been named partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Baker & Hostetler LLP.

Lynn McGuire, ‘97 J.D., has joined the law firm of Butzel Long in Ann Arbor, Mich., as a senior attorney.

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Robert Alter, ‘99 J.D., now works as a foreign service officer for the State Department. His first assignment is in the Economic Section of the U.S. Embassy Baghdad. He will be in Iraq until August 2008, and his family asks that we keep him in our prayers.

Bill Grady, ‘99 J.D., has returned safely from Afghanistan after deploying there in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to an Army command responsible for helping the Afghan military improve its systems and methods in its war with al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Kurt G. Rademacher, ‘99 J.D., has been named partner with the international law firm of Withers LLP in London. At the start of this year, he and his wife relocated to Hong Kong, where he serves as the resident partner of Withers Hong Kong.

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2000s

Debra M. Doyle, ‘00 J.D., has been named a partner in the Private Client Practice of Jenner & Block.

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Danette Bailey, ‘05 J.D., is currently attending NYU for her LL.M. in international legal studies. She plans to graduate in 2008.

John M. Bradley, ‘05 J.D., of William A. Bryant American Inn of Court in Washington D.C., was selected to represent the American Inns of Court as a 2008 Pegasus Scholar. He will spend six weeks in London in barristers’
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Stephen H. Thomas, ’06 M.A., was chosen by the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana to receive the 2007 Civility Award in recognition for his outstanding respect and professionalism in the courtroom.

Crystal R. Willis, ’06 J.D., and her husband are pleased to announce the arrival of their fourth child, Ian Alexander, born Jan. 26, 2007. Willis recently finished a state court clerkship and began a federal clerkship in Reno, Nev., and is a new member of Bruce R. Thompson Chapter, American Inns of Court.

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Notre Dame Law School alumni continued their support of the Admissions Office recruitment and enrollment activities this past year. Their generous support helped prospective students appreciate the strong bond that exists between the alumni, students, faculty, and staff. They served as representatives of the Law School, sharing their personal stories, career paths, and experiences with future NDLS students. By assisting with law fairs and forums, hosting luncheons, and writing letters, alumni helped to increase students’ awareness of our dual mission of education and service.

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FRANK E. ECK, a University of Notre Dame alumnus, benefactor, and advisor, died Dec. 13, 2007, in Columbus, Ohio, of complications from open heart surgery. He was 84.

“With the passing of Mr. Eck, the University and the Law School lose one of our giants,” said Notre Dame Law School Dean Patricia O’Hara. “An endowed library collection in chemical engineering, the Eck Tennis Pavilion, Eck Baseball Stadium, Eck Visitors’ Center, and Eck Hall of Law stand as concrete testaments to his legacy; yet no building can capture the breadth of his spirit, the depth of his commitment, or the transforming effect of his generosity on Our Lady’s University.”

A 1944 graduate of Notre Dame, Eck was chairman of Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) of Columbus. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering and had served on the College of Engineering Advisory Council since 1984. After serving in the U.S. Navy in the latter stages of World War II, Eck attended Harvard Business School and earned a master’s of business administration degree in 1949. He worked for more than 20 years in the petrochemical industry, and then joined ADS in 1973 as vice president for sales and marketing. He soon was appointed president of the firm and took it from a small regional manufacturer serving the agriculture market to the world’s largest producer of plastic drainage pipe used primarily in the civil engineering industry.

Eck’s contributions to Notre Dame have totaled more than $35 million. The most recent, a $21 million gift in 2005, is underwriting the current construction of the Eck Hall of Law, which includes a second building for the Notre Dame Law School and a multipurpose facility in a neo-Gothic archway that will link the new structure to the existing building. The gift was the fifth largest in Notre Dame’s history, the largest ever to the Law School, and one of the largest in the history of American legal education.

“All of us look forward with great anticipation to the opening of Eck Hall of Law in a year, but I do so now with sadness that Mr. Eck’s wide smile will not grace us that day,” said Dean O’Hara. “In faith, however, I know that he will be present—not just that day, but for generations to come as members of the Law School community walk the corridors, fill the classrooms and offices, and relax together in the commons of the building that will proudly bear his name.”

“I am extremely grateful for Mr. Eck’s incredible generosity to the University as a whole, and to the Law School in particular,” said Frank Julian, a 1982 graduate of Notre Dame Law School and current president of the Notre Dame Law Association. “The numerous campus facilities that exist because of Mr. Eck’s benevolence will significantly benefit students, faculty, alumni, and visitors of Our Lady’s University for several generations. He was truly a ‘Notre Dame Man.’”

A longtime supporter of the Irish football, baseball, and tennis programs, Eck was made an honorary member of the Notre Dame Monogram Club in 1988. Eck is survived by four children: Candy; Kelly; Frank Jr.; and Daniel.
JUDGE JOSEPH J. BARR died on Nov. 10, 2007, at the age of 88. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a liberal arts and a bachelor of laws degree in 1942. Barr served with the United States Marines during World War II. Wounded in the Pacific, he was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz and also received the Purple Heart. In a letter to the Law School, Barr’s son James P. Barr remembered his father as someone “respected by many for his wisdom, humility, honesty, and integrity.” Barr was admitted to the Illinois Bar Association in 1946, and began work as the Wood River, Ill., city attorney and the attorney for the village of Roxana before his election as a probate judge of Madison County, Ill., in 1950. Barr went on to the circuit court in 1957, and retired from judicial office in 1982. He continued to practice law until 1990. Barr was a lifetime member of the Wood River Council Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

OTTO HILBERT of Colorado Springs died on Feb. 2, 2008 at the age of 75. Hilbert, a 1954 Notre Dame undergrad and 1956 Notre Dame Law School grad, enjoyed a law career that spanned 50 years. He began as a Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force for six years, and then spent the balance of his career in private practice in Colorado Springs. Among his many professional accomplishments, Hilbert received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado in 2004. Hilbert was an All-State football player in Indiana and played football for the University of Notre Dame.


VICKY MOORE, who served the Law School for many years in the Irish Café, died on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007. Moore had battled colon cancer for years. A beloved and well-known figure at the Law School, Moore and her family received a very special gift in the summer of 2003 from the Law School community—a much-needed and well-deserved vacation to Disney World. The fundraising effort for the trip was spearheaded by the class of 2003.

TIMOTHY RYAN AHER (2L)
The University of Notre Dame mourned the untimely death of Timothy Ryan Aher, a second-year law student from Brookfield, Conn., who died on Sunday, Feb. 17 in Ilford, England, a suburb of London. The Notre Dame community gathered Feb. 19 for a Memorial Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Rev. John J. Coughlin, O.F.M., and Professor of Law, offered these reflections at the service:

“As a student in first-year Legal Ethics, Tim wrote a paper on Saint Thomas More in which he described the role of the attorney in the following words: ‘More’s example… is to make the best honest argument one can. . . [A]dvocacy in hope, guided by truth and uncorrupted power, provides an alternative to reliance on power. . . ’ Tim’s commitment to a hope-based advocacy was evident during a summer internship in New York City where he assisted people with HIV-AIDS with their various legal problems. Although Tim was neither a Catholic nor, from what I know, a person of obvious religious convictions, he was a man with a deep and refined spirit that led him to devote his considerable intellect to service for some of the most poor and powerless of our society. In my opinion, Tim’s example represents the best of what it means to be a law student at Notre Dame.”

A service for Aher was also held at the University of Notre Dame London Law Center in London on Feb. 20. Several of his friends contributed to a eulogy, which was presented by Aher’s friend and second-year law student Manish Antani. Below is an excerpt from the reflection.

“Tim transcended trends, cliques, and ideologies. A quote by James Fredericks illustrates Tim’s approach to friendship: ‘The vitality of a relationship is not in the enjoyment of similarities but in the honoring of differences.’ We will remember Tim for being brilliant, giving, accepting, and good-humored. He was a good person and a good friend, but Tim would want to be remembered for how he made us feel—how he brought joy into our lives through his wisdom and his laughter, and perhaps even more importantly, how he has brought awareness to us through his tragic death.”
**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008**

5:00–6:00 p.m.
Reception: DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Hosted by the Alumni Association

**FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008**

6:30–9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast: North and South Dining Halls

10:00–11:30 a.m.
CLE Ethics Lecture by Robert L. Jones, Jr., Clinical Professor and Director of the Legal Aid Clinic, “The Challenge of Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity”

11:00–1:30 p.m.
All-Class Opening Luncheon: South Dining Hall

1:30–3:30 p.m.
CLE Ethics Lecture by Professor Thomas Shaffer and Professor Michael Jenuwine, “Fighting Over the Pickle Crock: Mediation in Estate Planning”

5:00–5:45 p.m.
Mass for Law School Alumni: Grotto

6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reception and Class Photos: Joyce Center Concourse

7:00–9:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program: Joyce Center Concourse

**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

9:00–noon
Law School Open House and Continental Breakfast

9:30–10:30 a.m.
CLE Ethics Lecture by Professor Charles Rice, “Natural Law”

Afternoon
Individual Class Gatherings and Other All-Class Activities

7:15 p.m.
University All-Class Banquet or Individual Class Dinners

The University will be offering various activities for all-class reunions throughout the weekend. The Alumni Association Reunion Weekend 2008 packet will be sent at a later date and will include detailed information. Updates will also be available at reunion.nd.edu.

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**Mass of Thanksgiving**

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REV. DAVID T. LINK
DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS
NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008
10:00 a.m.
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