New Building
New Dean
New Era

Summer 2009
Dear Reader,

I have always been impressed by the ability of architects to conceptualize a structure and design it in such a way that it becomes a vibrant, functional, lasting building for generations to utilize and enjoy. That skillful combination of art and science is evident in the new Eck Hall of Law. It’s beautiful, and it embodies the Law School’s commitment to being a preeminent, Catholic law school.

American historian and sociologist W.E.B. Du Bois once said, “The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become.” That affirmation of the value of change certainly has applications for the Law School community right now.

From a structural standpoint, we have given up a small facility with inadequate space, but also a place with abundant, fond memories attached to it. We have done so to become nearly twice as large, technologically more advanced, and a more robust center of academic life for faculty and students, but also a place temporarily devoid of the comfort that familiarity brings.

On the leadership front, Dean O’Hara has given up her post at the helm of the Law School for a renewed role as a professor beginning in 2010–11, and her successor, Nell Jessup Newton, will be giving up the “known” as Dean of her alma mater to embark upon a new adventure at Notre Dame.

Our graduating students are giving up the structure and security of law school for a professional role that is sure to bring challenges and opportunities yet unimagined.

As an institution and a community always striving to reach new heights, we stand “ready at any moment to give up what [we] are for what [we] might become.” What we are is an outstanding law school. What we are sure to become is even better.

Regards,

Melanie McDonald
In many ways my tenth and final year as dean has been the busiest. From the memorable visit of Chief Justice Roberts in mid-September, to packing up the accumulated history of our 80-year-old building for the move in January into Eck Hall of Law, through the sabbatical site visit of the American Bar Association and American Association of Law Schools in early March, to the announcement in late March of our new dean, Nell Jessup Newton, and the dedication festivities for Eck Hall in May, the year has flown.

Over the course of the past few months, as I prepare to return to the faculty, many of you have asked me whether the closing events of my final year as dean have been bittersweet. Bittersweet does not describe at all what I feel; instead, my heart overflows with gratitude and deep joy—gratitude for the collective efforts and support of dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends who have made possible all that has transpired here over the past ten years; deep joy at seeing the fruition of our collective efforts—not just in the bricks and mortar that make up our new building, but in the people who have joined or chosen to remain part of this distinctive community we call Notre Dame.

No person deserves as many celebrations as I have enjoyed the past few months—a reception in mid-April hosted by the Law School community, which my family from California attended as a surprise; the spring board meeting of the Notre Dame Law Association marked by the hanging of a beautiful tapestry of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our new chapel as a gift to me, as well as a bench outside the front of Eck Hall from which I can sit and greet you when you return to campus; announcement at the dedication festivities of a presidential fellowship in my honor from the members of the Law School Advisory Council as part of the Eck Family Fellowship Challenge; gifts to the Loan Repayment Assistance Endowment from faculty and staff in my name; not to mention so many kind letters and messages. I am both humbled and overwhelmed. From my days as a scholarship student here at the Law School, I have tried to give back to Notre Dame. I have come to realize that it is an impossible task. Time and time again, I receive more than I give. Thus, as is often the case, I turn to the gospels to find words commensurate with what I feel. I find them in Philippians 1:3-11:

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished . . .

It is only natural that I should feel like this towards you all since you have shared the privileges which have been mine . . . You have a permanent place in my heart, and God knows how much I care for you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perceptions so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Following a sabbatical, I look forward to returning to the classroom—the venue from which I forged life-long relationships with so many of you. In the meantime, I know that you will join me in welcoming our wonderful new dean, whom I have every confidence will lead our Law School to the next level of excellence as we continue our quest to be a premier law school rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Know of my deep thanks, my prayers, and my best wishes.
Eck Hall of Law opened its doors on January 5, 2009, to the awe of faculty, staff, and students. The University dedicated the building on Friday, May 1, 2009. The celebration began with Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by blessing of the building, tours of Eck Hall, and dinner. In addition to donors and their friends and family, attendees included faculty, staff, and students as well as University officers, members of the University Board of Trustees, and the Law Advisory Council. University President, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., presided.

The building is named for the late Frank Eck, Sr., who donated $21 million—the largest gift in the Law School’s history—toward construction of Eck Hall.

While photos can’t capture the magnitude of the moment that students first walked into the Atrium or the emotion of the dedication celebration, the images on these pages do offer a window into the structural beauty that is Eck Hall of Law.

Take a look around.

Visit law.nd.edu for a video about Eck Hall.

ECK HALL BY THE NUMBERS

CLASSROOM SPACE:
- Two 105-seat lecture halls
- Two 70-seat lecture halls
- Three 24-seat seminar rooms
- Two 22-seat seminar rooms
- One computer lab
- Three skills training rooms
- 205-seat Moot Courtroom

TOTAL GROSS SQUARE FEET FOR ECK HALL OF LAW: 85,500
TOTAL GROSS SQUARE FEET FOR ECK HALL OF LAW AND BOLCHINI HALL (SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JUNE 2010): 192,000

ECK HALL GROUNDBREAKING: July 31, 2007

FACULTY AND STAFF MOVE IN: January 5, 2009

TOTAL PROJECT COST: $57,680,000
Includes expansion (Eck Hall of Law) and renovation of existing Law School (Bolchini Hall)
The main doors of Eck Hall of Law open into this stunning atrium, named in memory of Judge James J. Clynes, Jr., a ‘45 graduate of Notre Dame and a longtime supporter of legal education here.

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—Dean Patricia O’Hara

“’We are proud to be part of this historic transition.’”

—LL.M. student Joe Kubugu

Patrick F. McCartan is senior partner of the distinguished international law firm Jones Day, whose generous donation in honor of Mr. McCartan made this beautiful courtroom possible.
“This feels like a law school, and it really reflects the caliber of the learning that we have here.”

–Starr Rayford, J.D. student

Above: The St. Thomas More Chapel is located at the center of the Law School, connecting Eck Hall and Bok intimately Hall, which is currently undergoing renovation. This placement is symbolic of the central role that faith plays at Notre Dame.

Right: The sun rises on Eck Hall of Law.

Above: This is one of four classrooms in Eck Hall of Law, in addition to five seminar rooms and three skills training rooms.

Right: At more than 4,000 square feet, the sprawling Eck Commons serves as a popular study and meeting space for students, faculty, and staff.
I am often struck by the dual way in which both the Old Testament and the New Testament use the image of a building. Sometimes the reference to a building means the physical facility itself; other times the image is used to refer to a person or community. Temple or House of God can mean the temple in Jerusalem, but it can also mean the person of Christ himself or the community that is the Church. Christ is angered at the money changers in the temple for the way in which they are using the House of God; but Christ also speaks of himself as the temple who when destroyed will rise in three days. In Mark’s gospel, Jesus recalls the passage from Psalm 118 about the stone which the builders rejected becoming the cornerstone. St. Paul in Corinthians reminds us that we are God’s temple. It strikes me that this dual use of building as the physical facility itself, but also the people within the building, is very apt when we think of Eck Hall.

This passage from Augustine captures the magnificence of the beams, bricks, and stones that come together in what we celebrate as Eck Hall, as well as the continuing formation that will go on for generations to come in the teaching, research, service, and scholarship of the faculty and students who will walk the halls, fill the classrooms, come together in prayer in the St. Thomas More Chapel, and socialize in the Commons of Eck Hall of Law. With its arch rising high overlooking the Main Circle and DeBartolo Quadrangle, graced on top by the statue of Christ the King, with the stone cut image of alpha and omega, and with the word “Logos” carved into its bricks, the very structure of Eck Hall serves to remind all of us who are privileged to walk its halls, teach in its classrooms, and serve God in the tangle of our minds of our call to be living stones—designed to come together to offer Notre Dame’s distinctive voice, rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, to the legal academy.

A colleague reminded me that the word “dedication” also has a dual meaning. At one level, it captures what we are doing today—celebrating with great joy the opening of a magnificent new structure; but in a deeper and more forward-looking sense, it also means a commitment; a promise to devote our energies wholly and earnestly to a purpose. It is in that deeper sense that my colleagues on the faculty and I dedicate ourselves—commit ourselves—to using the great gift of Eck Hall for the ongoing formation of our students and the creation of scholarship to advance the rule of law.
Meet Nell Jessup Newton

BY MELANIE MCDONALD

She is an accomplished scholar, a professor, dean, volunteer, and an advocate. She is also a UConn women’s basketball fan from her days at that institution’s law school, but perhaps you can forgive her for that. “A love for Huskies women’s basketball is my secret vice,” says Nell Newton, newly appointed dean of Notre Dame Law School. “I may have to go in for reprogramming,” she adds with a laugh. “But support for Notre Dame teams should not come too hard for me, since my brother, Rob Mier, founded the Notre Dame Rugby Club many years ago and, like everyone else in the Midwest, I grew up rooting for the Irish.” (Newton lived in Baldwin, Mich., and St. Louis, Mo., as a child.)

On July 1, 2009, Newton will become the 10th dean of Notre Dame Law School. “I am drawn powerfully to the mission of Notre Dame to educate a different kind of lawyer,” Newton explains. “As the premier Catholic law school in the nation, Notre Dame has an outstanding faculty with an unwavering commitment both to excellence and to the Catholic mission that created and continues to ground this great institution.” She is excited about the opportunity both to “serve and lead the extraordinary community that is Notre Dame Law School.”

Newton received her bachelor’s degree from the University of California at Berkeley, where she majored in humanities with an emphasis on ancient Greek language and literature. She went on to earn a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. There, she was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as managing editor of the Hastings Law Journal. Upon graduation, Newton taught at Catholic University School of Law and then at the Washington College of Law at American University. She began her administrative career as dean at the University of Denver College of Law in 1998, and went on to become dean of the University of Connecticut School of Law and chancellor and dean of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, before accepting the deanship at Notre Dame Law School.

Newton’s scholarly focus is American Indian law, a discipline she finds “intellectually challenging, doctrinally complex, and philosophically fascinating.” She is the editor-in-chief of the only treatise on Indian law, COHEN’S HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL LAW. Newton is particularly proud of her role in providing the constitutional underpinning for a major piece of federal legislation affecting Indian tribes and of her role in mentoring a younger generation of scholars who have made their mark in academia.

Newton became interested in working with American Indians the summer after her 1L year, when she clerked at California Indian Legal Services (CILS). “When I returned to law school as a 2L, I wrote my student comment on the mismanage-

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As someone who teaches Accounting for Lawyers and who has written extensively about auditor independence, I need to disclose immediately that I lack objectivity on the subject of this retrospective. Dean Patricia A. O’Hara, who has come to be known and loved by my family as simply “Patty,” as Patty prepares to step down from the deanship, the Notre Dame Law School community owes an enormous debt of gratitude to her. With Patty’s family—her mother, her two sisters, her brother-in-law, and her nephew—back in California where she grew up, she became a significant presence in the lives of at least three different families in South Bend over the course of her 29 years on the Law School faculty. Like the two other families before us, the Barretts have been very privileged to include Patty in many of our family’s activities. After all, she has devoted most of her adult life to serving the University of Notre Dame and, for the last 10 years, to advancing its Law School.

When I was a third-year law student, Professor O’Hara told my classmates and me on the last day of Business Planning class that, although she lived by herself, she did not live alone. With Patty’s family—her mother, her two sisters, her brother-in-law, and her nephew—back in California where she grew up, she became a significant presence in the lives of at least three different families in South Bend over the course of her 29 years on the Law School faculty. Like the two other families before us, the Barretts have been very privileged to include Patty in many of our family’s activities. After all, she arranged the blind date on which I met my wife, Kate, more than 18 years ago, proclaimed the first reading at our wedding, has devotedly fulfilled any and all responsibilities as the godmother for our youngest son, Luke; has taken the time to drop by and see or to call our children almost every week for the past 14 years; and has joined us for numerous family gatherings and celebrations. When her travels prevented her from attending a birthday gathering, she always treated the celebrating child to lunch. Truth be told, our four children not-so-secretly hope that Patty will be out of town on their birthdays because they so much look forward to going to lunch with her alone.

We are indeed privileged to know—and share with your—some fun facts about Patty. She turns 60 on August 26, 2009; her preferred gift for any occasion is a photograph; she likes to watch Notre Dame basketball, and her all-time favorite player is John Paxson; and blue tops her list of favorite colors. We also know that her refrigerator often contains only ketchup and Diet Coke. While serving as the vice president of student affairs, she read to our children on the floor under a built-in desk in our family room. As dean, she has attended T-ball games, intramural basketball games, and swim meets. She also went to great lengths—legally, but off the public record—to acquire a “Ron Paul for President” sign as a joke for our oldest son’s most recent birthday. Ten years ago, just before Patty assumed the deanship, our two oldest sons, Kevin and Wilson, prepared the following blessing for Patty, which they then illustrated. To this day, the framed blessing occupies a place on her desk.

Although three remarks did not make the authors’ final cut, they found a place as “outtakes” on the back of the frame. In response to the question, “What will Patty need from God to be the dean?” our son Wilson, then three years old, responded: “A new computer and a bicycle.” His five-year-old brother, Kevin, suggested “Lots of smartness, that’s for sure.” Kevin also suggested, “We’ll make two copies, one for Patty, and one to go straight up to God.” On the evening that Patty announced that she was stepping down from the deanship, she brought the framed blessing to our home so that she could thank the boys again for the blessing, which she referred to frequently over the past decade. She also assured her godson that she would retain her faculty discount at the bookstore.

As early as her youth, Patty was destined for the deanship. I’m told on very good authority that as a 10-year-old eagerly awaiting Christmas, our dean requested not Barbie or other dolls, but a thesaurus and a briefcase. As I reflect on the last 10 years at this Law School, I recall numerous accomplishments that will highlight the O’Hara deanship for years to come. Among her strengths: an unwavering commitment to the Law School’s unique mission; her dedication to Notre Dame and its founding religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross; and the integration of faith and reason into her leadership and her personal and professional lives.

The nearly $58 million Law School expansion, when completed, will stand as testimony to her ability to work with the Development Office to raise funds for the Law School. Most particularly, she leaves her taste in the design and decoration of the St. Thomas More Chapel. During her tenure, the Law School’s infrastructure has matured. Membership in the Order of St. Thomas More has more than doubled. During the last 10 years, we have welcomed 20 new regular faculty members, all with very impressive credentials, and in the process enhanced our diversity and expanded significantly the number of chaired professors. The credentials of our student body have soared. In 2001, the Law School announced a new Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which has since been significantly improved.

After a well-deserved sabbatical, Dean O’Hara plans to return to the classroom. Once again, the Barrett children, now ages 14, 12, 10, and 8, have composed a blessing as Patty begins the next chapter of her service to Our Lady’s University and its Law School:

Dear Lord,
Please bless Patty as she returns to research, to writing, and to teaching in the classroom.
Please help her to be an outstanding professor.
Help her to learn PowerPoint, to answer students’ questions patiently, and to grade exams fairly and promptly.
Help her not to get scared about returning to the classroom, working with the new dean, researching the law, and writing articles and books.
Help her to know how much you love her.
Amen.
A Tribute to: **Dean Patricia A. O’Hara**

During a Law School reception honoring Dean Patricia O’Hara’s service to Notre Dame Law School, three members of the NDLS community paid tribute to her. Below are comments from Professor A. J. Bellia, Director of Law School Advancement Glenn Rosswurm, and SBA President Katherine Kirkpatrick.

Although I learned a great deal about business associations from Patty when I was a law student, she has taught me about a much more important subject during the past nine years: how to serve Notre Dame with soulful dedication, fierce passion, and deep reverence. As Patty knows, I’m fond of using saints’ feasts to illustrate important points. When the St. Bernadette feast comes orientation, where she spoke to the first-year students and faculty alike about the value of faith and reason, a remarkable accomplishment. And like Bernadette, she has built a community that enables the most rigorous learning—to any measure—to succeed, but to exceed expectations.

That is the easy narrative of Dean O’Hara’s accomplishments to write. She faced a challenging deanship, she met the challenges with remarkable success, and she has earned our deep gratitude and high praise. Our hope for the future stands on confident ground.

As true as it is, that narrative fails to fully or fairly capture Dean O’Hara’s tenure. Such a conventional farewell narrative—noting the office-holder’s accomplishments, giving appropriate thanks and praise, and moving on to a “new” era—is not quite befitting our outgoing dean.

In truth, the final months of Dean O’Hara’s tenure have not felt like the conventional final months of a term of office. Students and faculty alike have commented during this past semester that Dean O’Hara’s tenure seems “fresh” and “invigorating,” as if it were only commencing now. The days are marked with not only pride in the past and excitement for the future, but renewal in the present. What accounts for this?

The answer is evident. For all of Dean O’Hara’s measurable contributions to the Law School, she continues to reinvigorate the spirit of the Law School in countless immeasurable ways. For Dean O’Hara, law has a purpose: to serve the well-being of all human persons. Learning, too, has a purpose: to pursue, through the tireless exercise of reason and the rich practice of faith, the reality of truth. For ten years, she has built a community that enables the most rigorous learning—by any measure—to occur in communion with the life of the Church. This is her signal accomplishment and a tremendous hope for the legal profession. Her service cannot help but continue to renew the Law School, based as it is, in enduring principles—and an abiding faith in Christ as the source and end of all human endeavor.

I have heard Dean O’Hara’s remark on various occasions that Notre Dame is primarily not a place, but a people. It is ironic that she probably will be most remembered for building the Eck and Bolchini Halls of Law. She should, of course, receive due credit for that and the many in her community, Bernadette, say, “that is the easy narrative of Dean O’Hara’s heart, however, has always been with the people who occupy the building—those who teach, and those who learn; those here now, and those in other places whose names she knows, and those she does not. The priority Dean O’Hara has placed on the people who constitute the Notre Dame Law School will be her most enduring legacy, recognized as such not only by the faculty who are not only excellent teachers and premier scholars, but visionaries of the possibilities of Catholic legal education. She has attracted students who are not only generous benefactors, but models of the best a law school can hope to achieve. From Dean O’Hara’s wisdom in building first the people who are Notre Dame, the Law School will realize authentic success long after it is attributed to her.

We wish Dean O’Hara the best for her sabbatical. But we eagerly anticipate her return to the faculty. May she know our gratitude—and our prayers for God’s blessings upon all of her endeavors.

Katherine Kirkpatrick ‘09 spoke on behalf of the student body as SBA President. She will be working at King & Spalding in New York City.

My first introduction to Dean O’Hara was when I was a prospective student pursuing the law school’s website. I remember thinking—oooh, a female dean. Fantastic. The feeling of being impressed by Dean O’Hara extended come orientation, where she spoke to the first-year class. We were all overwhelmed and thrilled by pretty much everything at that point, but I can say that after hearing Dean O’Hara, we all felt even more confident about our choice of a law school.

Without Dean O’Hara, we would not be standing in this glorious atrium.

We wouldn’t be surrounded by some of the incredible faculty and business associations from Patty when we were at Notre Dame Law School truly, the premier Catholic law school in America. We have so much to thank her for. The education we’ve all received—the caliber of that experience is due in large part to her. We know for a fact that this school wouldn’t be where it is today if not for Dean O’Hara. We know, personally, that getting to know Dean O’Hara—from the first letter I received when I was elected 1L Representative—has been a privilege.

Dean O’Hara, on behalf of the students of NDLS, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks. We feel privileged to have had you as a dean, and my only regret upon graduation is that I won’t get to take one of your classes. NDLS is lucky to have you for the rest of your career.

**Glenn Rosswurm worked closely with Dean O’Hara in his capacity as director of Law School Advancement.**

**Professor A. J. Bellia earned his J.D. summa cum laude in 1994 from the Notre Dame Law School, and joined the NDLS faculty in 2000.**
Chief Justice John Roberts addressed Notre Dame Law School students, faculty, and staff at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center during a visit to campus as a guest of the Law School and Notre Dame President John Jenkins, C.S.C., on Friday, Sept. 12. Chief Justice Roberts engaged in a conversation with Notre Dame Law School Professor William Kelley, who asked the Chief Justice questions of his own and questions submitted by students. Kelley served in the White House as Deputy Counsel to the President from 2005–2007. A reception followed at which students had an opportunity to speak informally with the Chief Justice in what was a memorable day for the Law School community.

In recent years, discussion of accountability for corporate directors has emphasized market solutions and shareholder self-help through voting and selling. However, there is another important tool for holding directors accountable: enforcement of fiduciary duties. What role will fiduciary duties play in the future of corporate law? What role should they play? What is the relevance of the recent financial crisis and ongoing financial scandals in shaping the contours of corporate governance?

A distinguished group of scholars considered these issues at Notre Dame Law School on March 27. The symposium was organized and hosted by Professor Julian Velasco, and was made possible through the generosity of Robert T., ’74 J.D., and Ann Therese Darin Palmer, ’73 B.A., ’75 MBA.

The keynote address was given by the Honorable Myron T. Steele, Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court. Other participants included:

Margaret Blair, Vanderbilt University Law School
Richard A. Booth, Villanova University School of Law
Lisa L. Casey, Notre Dame Law School
Deborah A. DeMott, Duke University School of Law
Lisa M. Fairfax, University of Maryland School of Law
Brett McDonnell, University of Minnesota Law School
D. Gordon Smith, Brigham Young University Law School
Larry E. Ribstein, University of Illinois College of Law
D. Gordon Smith, Brigham Young University Law School
Robert B. Thompson, Vanderbilt University Law School
Julian Velasco, Notre Dame Law School

The Future of Fiduciary Duties in Corporate Law Symposium

Chief Justice Visits NDLS
Currently, Kelley teaches constitutional law and administrative law and focuses his scholarship on public law issues. “I think it’s important to the future of the American legal and political culture that people think hard about American constitutional law, particularly matters of constitutional structure,” says Kelley. “To that end, I try to do my part to teach others and pursue scholarship in this area.”

Kelley also serves as associate dean, with responsibility for coordinating special projects. Most recently, he oversaw construction of the Eck Hall of Law. “My role was largely that of conduit between the Law School and the University architect’s office and contractors,” explains Kelley, who fielded questions from faculty, staff, and students, and helped keep critical phases of construction on track. “Everyone involved was outstanding to work with. It took a heroic effort on the parts of many to open for classes less than one-and-a-half years after breaking ground.”

Kelley says that this past couple of years as an associate dean have been a real education for him. “I’ve learned a lot. As a member of the faculty, you can’t fully appreciate how much work is done by administrators. A whole lot goes on here that doesn’t involve teaching and research.”

Kelley enjoys spending downtime with his family, and revealed a penchant for golf, reality television shows, and cooking. While he’ll admit he’s no Iron Chef, he says he’s not bad in the kitchen. “If you ask those who have tasted my cooking—and many of those people work in the Law School—they’d tell you, ‘yes, he can cook, at least a little.’”

When it comes to the Law School’s recipe for enduring success, Kelley can name a couple of major ingredients: “As we progress, I see a larger faculty, all of whom are dedicated to pursuing the distinctive Catholic mission of the Law School and the University from a variety of intellectual perspectives, and a student body that continues to be among the best anywhere, consisting of good people who will leave here and go into the world to do great things. There is no limit to how good we can get.”
Bringing Down a Dictator

BY MELANIE McDoNALD

In any human story, there are elements of verifiable fact mixed with matters of personal perspective. At that intersection of perception and reality lies an individual’s own truth, different from any other.

This is Juan Guzman’s truth, as told to Melanie McDonald during a visit to the Law School on Nov. 14, 2008.

“ ... I do feel that way,” said retired Chilean Judge Juan Guzman when asked if he felt like a veteran of war, despite never having worn a military uniform. That perspective is understandable, considering Guzman has seen the remains of brutally tortured men and women and endured the wrath of a nation when he indicted Chile’s then-president, Augusto Pinochet, on charges of kidnapping and murder.

“I don’t regret it,” says Guzman, who gives the impression of being a modest, kind, and content man. “I have the sensation of being a very happy judge.”

While Guzman will go down in history for investigating, indicting, and prosecuting Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet on human rights violations, it is forthcoming about his initial support of the former military leader. “I offered a toast when Pinochet’s coup [of democratically elected Salvador Allende] succeeded in 1973,” says Guzman. “You see, under Allende, the economy suffered terribly, and there were shortages of food and goods. He was a Marxist, too, and people worried that he was trying to bring communism to Chile.”

It didn’t take long for Guzman to realize he had made a “terrible mistake” by endorsing Pinochet. “The very same day that Pinochet rose to power, I felt the iron claw of the dictatorship,” remembers Guzman. Strict mandatory curfews were put in place, and soldiers used violence as a means of enforcing rules. One month after the coup, the massacre known as the Caravan of Death scarred this South American nation.

“Instead of granting Pinochet and his regime immunity under the amnesty law, Guzman dug through volumes of doctrine to find a prosecutorial loophole. The answer: kidnapping charges. ‘Kidnapping is a continuing crime. If a person disappears, there is no end to the crime, unless they reappear in your living room one day, or they are found dead. Since kidnapping extended indefinitely beyond the date of amnesty, I could indict without fear of being overturned by the Supreme Court.’”

After three years of investigation, Guzman indicted Pinochet in 2001 on kidnapping and murder charges. This was an unpopular move, as Pinochet enjoyed great support among most Chileans for bringing economic prosperity to the nation and saving the country from Marxism.

Guzman says it didn’t take long for many people to realize that Pinochet was not the man they thought he was. “He became viewed as a kind of Chilean Hitler,” he explains. Pinochet died in Santiago, Chile, in December 2006 at the age of 91 without a single conviction for human rights violations, but with a seriously eroded reputation and time in jail and under house arrest as his legal battles unfolded.

While Guzman is glad to have had a role in bringing down a dictator and bringing justice to victims’ families, he doesn’t want that to be his only legacy. “I’m 69 years old, and I hope I continue to be useful for my country. I hope that I can still serve my people... I pray for that.” Guzman is also a budding author and is putting the finishing touches on a novel that he plans to publish next year. The book is titled MUTUEL, and tells the story of a young woman who was kidnapped and tortured during the Pinochet regime. “Even though the character is fictional, I did not invent a single thing that happened,” says Guzman.

Surely his readers will be hoping for a happy ending.
In CHRISTIANS IN THE AMERICAN EMPIRE, Professor Vincent Rougeau argues that orthodox Christianity, properly understood in its intellectual and historical context, is much more supportive than is generally understood of many of the political and legal ideas championed by “progressives” in American politics. Using Catholic social teaching and its secular philosophical antecedents as his point of departure, Professor Rougeau explores how key assumptions underlying Catholic thinking diverge from many of the ideas animating American law and public policy in areas like poverty relief, immigration, and redress for racial discrimination. He also develops an understanding of Christianity as a natural partner for international human rights and a foundation for a legal cosmopolitanism that transcends nation-state boundaries.

Oxford University Press describes the book this way:

What does it mean to be a Christian citizen of the United States today? This book challenges the argument that the United States is a Christian nation, and that the American founding and the American Constitution can be linked to a Christian understanding of the state and society. Vincent Rougeau argues that the United States has become an economic empire of consumer citizens, led by elites who seek to secure American political and economic dominance around the world. Freedom and democracy for the oppressed are the public themes put forward to justify this dominance, but the driving force behind American hegemony is the need to sustain economic growth and maintain social peace in the United States.

This state of affairs raises important questions for Christians. In recent times, religious voices in American politics have taken on a moralistic stridency. Individual issues like abortion and same-sex marriage have been used to “guide” many Christians into voting Republican or to discourage them from voting at all. Using Catholic social teaching as a point of departure, Rougeau argues that conservative American politics is driven by views of the individual and the state that are inconsistent with mainstream Catholic social thought. Without thinking more broadly about their religious traditions and how these traditions should inform their engagement with the modern world, it is unwise for Christians to think that pressing single issues is an appropriate way to actualize their faith commitments in the public realm.

Rougeau offers concerned Christians new tools for a critical assessment of legal, political and social questions. He proceeds from the fundamental Christian premise of the God-given dignity of the human person, a dignity that can only be realized fully in community with others. This means that the Christian cannot simply focus on individual empowerment as “freedom” but must also seek to nurture community participation and solidarity for all citizens. Rougeau demonstrates what happens when these ideas are applied to a variety of specific contemporary issues involving the family, economics, and race. He concludes by offering a new model of public engagement for Christians in the American Empire.

Professor Rougeau’s teaching interests are in contract and real estate law, as well as family law and religion. He teaches first year contracts, real estate transactions, and seminars in Catholic social teaching and immigration and multiculturalism. He is a member of the bar of Maryland and of the District of Columbia. Before entering the academy, he practiced law at the Washington, D.C. office of Morrison & Foerster from 1988–1991.

Heather, M.T., and Katherine are lighting the way for the hopes and dreams of those who will come after them. Through the hardships we all face, the spirit of giving in Notre Dame never fails. Who will you light the way for today?
GALILEE in New York City

BY JOSEPH SCHUSSLER, ‘11

D uring this past Christmas break, I had the opportunity to participate in Notre Dame Law School’s GALILEE program in New York City with a group of seven other first-year students. GALILEE, an acronym for Group Alternative Live-In Legal Education, is a program that gives law students an opportunity to travel to a major city and meet with legal professionals working in the interest of the urban poor. GALILEE was valuable in increasing my understanding of public interest law and the different environments in which lawyers work. Besides New York City, groups also coordinated trips to Austin, New Orleans, Chicago, Washington, D.C.; and Tulsa.

Having one semester of law school under my belt, I have some knowledge of the law but a limited familiarity with legal practice. GALILEE gave our group a glimpse into the day-today work environments of law firms, prosecutors, legal aid attorneys, and even lawyers at the United Nations.

Each institution emphasized how its practice served the common good while at the same time being professionally rewarding, and it was notable how much pride each place took in its own particular niche.

Our group visited the United Nations Office for Legal Affairs, the New York City Bar Justice Center, the Urban Justice Center, and the friars White & Case and Jenner & Block, and prepared and served lunch at a neighborhood mission operated by a Catholic religious order, the Fraternité Notre Dame.

At the United Nations, we talked with Annemeth Rosenboom, who works in the treaty section of the Office of Legal Affairs, one of five sections in the office. We learned about this office’s work recording the ratification of treaties and registering treaty documents, and the opportunity to tour the General Assembly building. At the two firms we visited, we met with attorneys responsible for coordinating the firms’ pro bono practice. James Stillwaggon, the pro bono coordinator at White & Case, highlighted the extent to which it was possible to take on meaningful pro bono work as a young associate in a law firm. He explained that all first-year associates get a pro bono assignment the first day on the job, that the firm places no limits on the total amount of hours for pro bono work, that all these hours counted toward the firm’s internal requirements; and that pro bono assignments were often some of the most exciting work carried out by the firm.

At the New York City Bar Justice Center, we spoke with six attorneys about their work, which included advocating for the homeless, helping neighborhood entrepreneurs creating small businesses, and handling consumer bankruptcy and immigration cases.

At the Urban Justice Center’s offices, we spoke to the center’s founder, whose work involves aiding clients in navigating the complex regulatory and administrative systems surrounding veterans’ benefits, welfare, public housing, and immigration.

We stopped by the office of John Branco, a 1978 NDLS alum and bureau chief in the New York County District Attorney’s Office. Branco discussed his work prosecuting criminal cases and enjoyed giving our group a Socratic grilling session on current legal issues in New York.

Of the seven calls we made during GALILEE, the most memorable one for me was our group’s service project at Fraternité Notre Dame’s mission in East Harlem. Along with the two French nuns who manage the mission, we prepared and served helpings of rice, vegetables, potatoes, pasta, and ham for more than 50 people. We also placed food in individual containers to be distributed to families later as part of the mission’s food pantry project. One nun said, “People see our name and ask us all the time if we are associated with the University of Notre Dame.” Seeing the time and effort these two nuns put into providing hundreds of needy people with meals every day of the week made me more than glad to share a name with them. GALILEE was helpful in framing my plans for the upcoming summer and beyond. I gained a new perspective on public interest law as attorneys spoke to us about their education, career backgrounds, observations about changes in their practice, and the challenges of balancing work and family life.

At this point, I consider GALILEE to be one of the most exciting work carried out by the firm.

The Protective Order Project

BY KATHLEEN PORTMAN, ’09 (WITH MEGAN MATUSKA, ’10)

A s students on the path to becoming “a different kind of lawyer,” many of us seek ways to be a different kind of student. The Protective Order Project is one way that a small group of us are quietly making a small difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors in our community, even without the much-coveted bar card.

The Protective Order Project was born out of a unique partnership between the Law School’s Pro Bono Project and the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County (FJC). The FJC is an15

amazingly diverse resource offering civil, legal, medical, and social services to survivors of domestic violence, all under one roof. This “one-stop-shop” is a centralized effort to protect survivors, and it provides a remarkable transformation from the previously fragmented and uncoordinated services of the past. The FJC, one of only 15 collaborative centers nationwide, was opened with a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. The Law School’s involvement with the FJC began in the spring of 2008 with 20 student participants, including me.

The Protective Order Project gives law students the opportunity to interview clients, prepare protective order petitions, and make small group presentations on legal matters, and research topics with an eye toward training other attorneys and law enforcement officers. Students who are certified legal interns will also be able to assist pro bono attorneys at clients hearings. While all of this gives you the general idea of what we do at the FJC, the best way to illustrate the Protective Order Project is to walk you through a “typical” day.

Many of our clients learned of the FJC through referrals from other agencies or by word of mouth. Either as walk-in clients or scheduled appointments, our survivors come to us by bus, by car, or by foot, all seeking help from the wide variety of resources available at the FJC. Some clients are in the midst of an emergency and flee to our building for protection from a relentless assailant outside. It is in these situations that the power of the FJC comes alive. In one such situation, we were able to provide the client with safe harbor, set up an immediate police interview, counsel her about ways to stay safe, and provide her with resources for the future.

When we are not dealing with an emergency, the process begins when one of our intake advocates conducts an initial interview to determine what services the client would require and whether a protective order is needed. If the client is in need of a protective order, she then participates in an intake interview, this time with an ND law student. During the school year, law students working with the Protective Order Project generally work in pairs, listening and taking down the client’s story and obtaining the information necessary to complete the petition and supplemental documents. One student will take detailed notes and the other will be the primary interviewer, asking questions, eliciting a narrative, and clarifying details. Once the client interview is over, the team meets and completes the petition and any other related court documents. A final meeting is conducted with the client, this time making sure that the petition accurately and faithfully represents her story and circumstances. The client then signs the petition and, in most cases, files the petition with the court.

While the paperwork for protective orders has been carefully designed to be accessible to pro se litigants, many of our clients still have questions about the consequences of filing for a protective order. We provide reassuring and informative answers to all of our clients’ inquiries.

Another part of leading the client through petition involves explaining different outcomes and options for relief that she could request, and helping her plan for a hearing where she would have to stand face-to-face with her abuser in court.

Each client’s situation is unique and poses different legal questions about the appropriateness and type of relief requested in the petition. It is a valuable learning experience to have so much client contact and to see how legal actions and petitions can make a positive impact on a person’s self-confidence and safety. However, the Protective Order Project represents much more to law students than a mere application of our legal education. It represents a shared commitment to the members of our community and our dedication as members of Notre Dame Law School to becoming “a different kind of lawyer.”

What is also not depicted in the process is the reward a law student receives by sitting face-to-face with a survivor of domestic violence. The power of the law is revealed when it enables a woman to protect herself and her family from an abusive situation. Such a feat is a marvel to witness, and it cannot but change the life of the law student who helps to make it possible.

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ESTIMONY STUDENT PERSPECTIVE
2009 Barristers

The 2009 Notre Dame Barristers Trial Team made it to the semifinals of the Chicago Regional of the National Trial Competition, Feb. 5-7. Congratulations go to David Roberts, Jeff Caiffs, Tom Burnett, Jason Hauser, Drew Haase, and Sean Lyttle (pictured above from left to right).

Jessup Moot Court Team

Tim Sullivan, Laura Rawski, David Davis, and Jessica Kim (Alternate: Jessica Bruck and Lindsay Hawley) competed in the Super Regional Round of the International Moot Court Competition in February. Although the team did not advance, Laura Rawski received an award as one of the top 15 oralsists out of more than 100 competitors.

Pro Bono Trip to Appalachia

Six 2L and 3L students engaged in pro bono work in Appalachia over spring break, March 8-14. The Law School’s Pro Bono Program organized the trip in conjunction with the Appalachian Seminar of the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns. Students worked with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalReD)—the umbrella legal services organization for Eastern Kentucky—to plot a new type of legal services delivery to low-income clients: one-day clinics in various counties to draft wills and powers of attorney.

Chilean Judge Guzman and Ambassador Williamson Speak at NDLS

On Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, Notre Dame Law School’s Center for Civil and Human Rights (CCHR) hosted the Honorable Juan Guzman, the retired Chilean judge who became internationally famous for being the first judge to prosecute former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet on human rights charges, and Ambassador Richard Williamson, President Bush’s special envoy to Sudan. See page 22 for more on Juan Guzman.

Client Counseling Competition

Each year, the Law School sponsors an intraschool competition as part of the ABA Client Counseling Competition. Teams of two students interview a client about a particular legal issue, eliciting the facts of the case and counseling the client on possible options. Jamie Padgett and Kyle Smith of the 2008 competition won the Notre Dame intraschool contest—judged by a combination of law professors, local attorneys, and counselors—and went on to compete in the regional event at Marquette University Law School against 12 teams from schools in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. They advanced to the semifinal round.

Moot Court Showcase

Notre Dame Law School presented its 59th annual Moot Court Showcase Argument on Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom of the Eck Hall of Law. All five advocates on the case were third-year law students.

The case involved the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Act as the bases of a complaint against the town of San Teresa. Attorneys for the petitioners were Andrew Hudan, Kathleen Puritan, Gabriel Bradley, the Honorable Jerome A. Holmes, the Honorable Patricia S. chicotz of the U.S. Federal District Court for Minnesota.

Intensive Trial Advocacy

Jan. 5, 2009, began a working opportunity for students to develop their trial practice skills and gain litigation experience through simulated courtroom exercises. The bi-annual Intensive Trial Advocacy program brings top litigators from major law firms, as well as judges and justice from across the country to campus to advise and coach students. Notre Dame Law School alumni, Notre Dame undergraduates, law students from other institutions; and attorneys without a connection to Notre Dame participate as mentors to ND Law students. Volunteer lawyers and judges come from major firms and judicial benches across the United States and Canada.

Second- and third-year law students are eligible to enroll in the course, which always begins a week before the start of each semester.

Intensive Trial Ad participants continue to meet once a week throughout the duration of the spring semester. During that time, each student acts as a trial lawyer in two trials—one jury trial and one judge trial—and also serves as a witness or observer in one jury trial and one judge trial.

NDLS’s program is ranked among the best trial advocacy programs in the country by US News & World Report.

Pictured above from left to right: Andrew Hudan, Kathleen Puritan, Gabriel Bradley, the Honorable Jerome A. Holmes, the Honorable Patricia S. chicotz of the U.S. Federal District Court for Minnesota.

Student Groups Host Immigration Symposium

The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics, and Public Policy (NDJLEPP) in conjunction with the Hispanic Law Student Association, presented a symposium on Immigration on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, in the Law School Courtroom. Featured speakers were Dina Francesca Haynes, a professor at the New England School of Law; Michelle R. Bump, an attorney with the American Immigration Lawyers Association; and Patricia Gilsinn, Immigration Attorney in the Los Angeles area. Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., moderated the symposium in one jury trial and one judge trial.

LRAP Enhancement

The Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) was recently enhanced, thanks largely to a growing LRAP endowment. Now, the LRAP can provide substantial benefits to program participants.

The application deadline is Nov. 1 for funding during the 2010 calendar year. This applies to the classes of 2005–2009. In short, these are the changes: The income ceiling was raised to $54,000 (from $50,000). The percentage of monthly law school debt payments covered by the program also increased significantly. Finally, LRAP loans will be forgiven much more quickly. One third of LRAP loans will be forgiven after a single year of public service work, and the program loans will be fully forgiven after just three years of public service work.

Those changes should more than double the total annual benefits paid by LRAP; and they should make public service work more feasible for more graduates.

Contact Cathy Roemer, program administrator, with questions: croemer@nd.edu or (574) 631-6241, or visit law.nd.edu.

2008 Barristers Go to Nationals for Second Straight Year

The NDLS Barristers Trial Team showed great skill in the 2008 National Trial Competition. The team was one of two finalist teams advancing from the regional competition, held at the Daley Center in Chicago in February 2008, to nationals. Members of the regional team were Annahla Perera, George McDonnell, Drew Haase, Kyle Smith, Nicole Tlachac, and Joseph Fiorino.

Competing at nationals were Kyle Smith, Nicole Tlachac, and Joseph Fiorino. NDLS Adjunct Assistant Professors Joel Williams and Kate Singer, NDLS ’97, coached the team.

The National Trial Competition is one of the most prestigious law school trial competitions and is sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association. It was established in 1975.
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND HONORS

Matt Barrett published an article in the Journal of Business Ethics and Law on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Joseph Bauer presented a paper at the American Bar Association's annual meeting on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Tricia Bellia published an article in the Virginia Law Review on the regulation of the insurance industry. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Gerard Bradley published an article in the Michigan Law Review on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Peg Brining published an article in the Journal of Business Ethics and Law on the regulation of the insurance industry. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Paulo Carozza published an article in the Journal of Business Ethics and Law on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Ed Edmonds presented a series of lectures on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Barbara Fick presented an article in the Journal of Business Ethics and Law on the regulation of the insurance industry. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Nicole Garnett published an article in the Journal of Business Ethics and Law on the regulation of the insurance industry. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Vincent R. Johnson, a visiting scholar at St. Mary's University in Texas, presented a paper on the regulation of the insurance industry. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Don Krommer earned the prestigious Berlin Prize Fellowship from the American Academy in Berlin. The award is bestowed for periods of 10 and 20 years and each year worldwide, Krommers is currently carrying out a seminar in Berlin to compile a research project on Germany’s constitutional culture. On April 22, he delivered a lecture at the University of Heidelberg on “German and American Constitutionalism: Contrasting Values.” On April 30, he delivered the lone feature reading of him as part of his residence, titled “German Constitutionalism: A 60-Year Assessment.”

John Nagle presented the following: “The Philosophy of BioLaw” as the Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Law at the Florida State University College of Law, October 2008.


“Humanity and Environmental Law” at Boston University School of Law, October 2008.

The keynote address on China’s response to climate change at the International Environmental Law Conference for Multilateral Environmental Agreements at Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, February 2009.


“The Three Responses to Pollution” for a faculty workshop at the University of Wisconsin College of Law, February 2009.

“Controlling the Politics” as the Snyder Chair Lecture at Calvin College, March 2009.


Marcia Landgrave’s forthcoming book is titled “Measuring the Effectiveness of the State’s Treatment of Children in Foster Care” (University of Chicago Press, 2009).


Vincent Rougeau spent the 2008–09 academic year working on a second manuscript, as a Senior Fellow of the Martin Center for Legal Studies at the University of Chicago. He has been exploring the interactions between cosmopolitan philosophy and Catholic social teaching as a way to reframe the role of religion in multi-faith, pluralist democracies. His Senior Fellowship at the Center is dedicated to the March 29, 2009. It was titled “Religious Citizens, Pluralism, Democracy, and Catholic Social Teaching.”


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Looking Back...and Ahead

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The new expansion of the Law School’s physical facilities will take your breath away. Remember the excitement of the first day of class, or the chance encounters with classmates who turned into lifelong friends, or a special litigators (and others taking Trial Ad) to test their advocacy skills. And the Commons, which is over the archway and the chapel, is the lively student lounge that now bridges the old building (also soon to be transformed) with the new.

And to whom does the credit go when something this magnificent takes shape in the heart of campus? Surely to Father Jenkins and the rest of the administration who knew that an expansion was necessary if our Law School were to continue as a nationally recognized institution. To the faculty, students, some of whom have already graduated, who deserve ample credit for dealing with a building that had grown cramped in recent years and for steadfastly putting up with the many inconveniences of a massive construction project. And, of course, to the late Frank Eck, Robert Bolchini, their families, and all of you alumni who have so generously contributed to this critical project. Thanks and kudos to all of you.

But I want to single out one person for praise, one who surely would prefer that I didn’t: the one person who has had as profound an impact on this project as anyone. She is Dean Party O’Hara, who stepped down at the end of this school year.

Dean O’Hara has often said that the challenge of being one of the nation’s premier law schools while maintaining our Catholic mission is not for the faint of heart. Getting this expansion has been monumental. It is bright and big and as bold as the vision she has steadfastly put up with the many inconveniences of a massive construction project. And, of course, to the late Frank Eck, Robert Bolchini, their families, and all of you alumni who have so generously contributed to this critical project. Thanks and kudos to all of you.

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The Notre Dame Law Association Board of Directors presented Dean Patricia A. O’Hara with the prestigious St. Thomas More Award at a dinner following their spring meeting. The plaque reads:

The Notre Dame Law Association Presents The St. Thomas More Award to Patricia A. O’Hara, April 24, 2009. For her distinguished and extraordinary service, leadership, and achievements as Dean of the Law School, and for her uncompromising integrity and loyalty to conscience.

The award is named for St. Thomas More, who has been the model for Catholic lawyers for centuries. Thomas More was chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII and followed the principle, “Do what is right, cost what it may.”

Only two others have received the St. Thomas More Award: Patrick McCartan, B.A. ’56, J.D. ’59 and Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.

On Oct. 3, 2008, the Notre Dame Law Association (NDLA) Board of Directors presented awards to three Notre Dame alumni for their distinguished service to the University, the Law School, and the profession.

Award recipient John Crowley
(left) and NDLA Board President
Greg Shumaker.

John Crowley, a 1992 Law School alumnus, received the Edward Murphy Award “for embodying the high moral and religious values Notre Dame represents, for devotion to faith and family, and for exhibiting professional excellence.” After two of Crowley’s three children were diagnosed with a debilitating and often fatal disease, Pompe Disease, he went on to lead a biotechnology company that would focus on developing treatments for Pompe. His efforts are the subject of a Pulitzer-prize winning author, and a movie about the struggle to save his children is in the works.

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame Law School alumni is generosity—of spirit, time, and resources. Their assistance to the Admissions Office is invaluable. Again this year, they have helped us enroll an exceptional class, the Class of 2011, characterized by an outstanding variety of personal and professional experiences and accomplishments in addition to academic excellence. NDLAs graduated the true spirit of the famed Notre Dame alumni network as they hosted luncheons and receptions, contacted accepted applicants, represented the Law School at various law school fairs and forums, and helped prospective students gain a better understanding of the value of a legal education from Notre Dame Law School.

If you would like to participate in alumni volunteer activities for the Law School Admissions Office, please contact Patricia Cavanaugh, Alumni Coordinator, at (574) 631-9019 or pcavanaugh@nd.edu.

To learn more about the Notre Dame Law Association or to make a donation, visit law.nd.edu/alumni/notre-dame-law-association.
1960s

Jeff Keyes, B.A. '68, was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota on April 23, 2008. He previously practiced law at Briggs & Morgan, P.A., in Minneapolis.

1970s

Christopher Schaff, '72, was named one of Ohio’s leading natural resources and environmental attorneys by Counsels USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

John R. Burns, '74, a partner at Baker & Daniels LLP in Fort Wayne, has been elected to the American Board of Certification board of directors for a three-year term. The ABC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the public in making informed decisions in choosing bankruptcy and creditors’ rights counsel, as well as improving the quality of bankruptcy and creditors’ rights law bars.

Michael O’Connell, '74, a former judge and veteran lawyer in Louisville, was appointed in August to fill the post of Jefferson County Justice in Kentucky.

Jonathan Riea, '74, was named by Best Lawyers in America for 2009 as one of the best attorneys in the country in the areas of medical malpractice law and product liability litigation.

Dean A. Calland, '79, was named to The Best Lawyers in America 2009 for his work in environmental law.

1980s

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Michael J. Allen, '85, of Connors & Roth, P.A., was named to the board of directors of the Legal Network Alliance, a global alliance of carefully selected, multidisciplinary practices, independent law firms.

Elizabeth Sotyl Murphy, '85, was named secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mary Anne Finch, B.A. '86, J.D. '91, is the 11th person to be named to the board of directors for Northrop Grumman Corporation.

1990s

Christine L. Meyer, '91, recently joined the Phoenix, Arizona, office of Brewer & Brook LLP as an associate. She focuses on all areas of business and commercial law.

Margot Fisher Reagan, '91, has been appointed to the Superior Court for St. Joseph County, Ind., by Governor Mitch Daniels.

Katheryne accurate, '91, was appointed a principal at Miller Canfield.

2000s

Pamela L. Cox, '00, a partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borum, LLP in Chicago, earned the Certified Licensing Counsel (CLC) credential. The CLC designation distinguishes licensing professionals who have demonstrated their experience and proficiency in licensing and the commercialization of intellectual property.

Matthew W. Hoyt, '00, was offered a full-time job at Baker & Hostetler LLP. He is a member of the employment and labor group in Columbus, Ohio, and concentrates his practice in employment litigation and immigration matters.

Christine Good Hamm, '03, was named a partner at Hussling Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City, Mo.

Christopher Riley, '03, was named a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis.

Jan M. Reddend, '02, has joined Miller Canfield as an associate. He represents banks, financial institutions, and commercial lenders in the real estate, corporate, and intellectual property.

Jeremy Gayed, '04, is practicing law in Fort Wayne, Ind., at Barrett & McNagay, LLP. He previously practiced in Chicago for two years and served as a federal law clerk in Alaska for the Honorable William S. Duffey, Jr., for two years.

Mary Kate Griffin, B.A. '04, has joined Miller Canfield as an associate. She focuses on all areas of business and commercial litigation in the Detroit office.

Courtney L. McConnell, '05, recently joined the San Francisco office of Jackson Lewis, practicing employment litigation.
Kristie Forbin, ’08, recently wrote an article about lawyer ethics and alternative dispute resolution that was accepted for publication by the Georgetown Journal on Law and Economics, Vol. 22, 2008–09. The article is titled “The Lawyer’s Duty to Decide: How the Modern Lawyer Should Be and How the Modem Lawyer Can Get There: How the Professionalism Paradigm Funded by a Lawyer’s Ethical Obligation to Inform Clients about Alternative Dispute Resolution Carve the Lawyer’s Space at Self, Sense of Vocation, and Sense of Service. Forrin writes on First Amendment law, policy for The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Washington, D.C.

Cameron Paredes, ’06, and her husband, David, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Cecilio Paredes, on July 2, 2008. John C. Pettit III, ’06, joined the San Francisco office of Baker & McKenzie LLP as an associate. Cataldi Carter, ’07, was one of 31 people chosen for the Broad Residency Program. The Broad Residency is a management development program that places talented early-career executives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors in full-time, paid positions at the top levels of urban school systems across the country. Broad residents work to improve management practices of urban education systems so that critical resources can be pushed down to the classroom. Carter is with Seattle Public Schools.

Andie Normile, ’07, was hired as an associate in the Litigation Department in Houston of the law firm of Brackey, Finkelstein, and Dallas in Fort Lauderdale. Dallas returned to the law firm of Brackey, Finkelstein, and Dallas from 1977 to 1980, when he was a litigation partner of the firm. He also was a partner of Sowers and Associates. In 2005, he became a senior partner in Sowers, Nicosia and Associates in Miami, Fla. Sowers was a skilled trial attorney who concentrated on medical negligence litigation. His legal experience included more than 30 years of practice in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was the senior partner of Sowers and Associates. In 2005, he became a senior partner in Sowers, Nicosia and Associates in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he continued his litigation practice until his death.

Peter W. Thomton, professor emeritus of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, died on Jan. 30, 2009 in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was 90 years old. Dean/Rev. Peter, Thomas, James, and John, all of law, Thornton was a member of the University of Notre Dame. "I know many alumni who would drop by Pete’s office on visits back to campus to ask him to reprise his theatrical delivery of the holding on personal jurisdiction in the famous 1945 Supreme Court case of International Shoe v. Washington. He and his beloved wife, Kitty, were warm hosts on behalf of the Law School on many occasions over the years."

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Sara Covel, ’08, has joined Varnum’s corporate law practice group in Rapid City, Mich.

Greg Lohmans, ’08, and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their first child, Evan, into the world on the same weekend Greg Garl, J.D. ’08, was having a birthday weekend for our family, one that I think we will never top! Michael B. Readl, B.A. ’05, J.D. ’08, joined Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department of the Chicago office.

Edward Selheimen, ’08, joined the Houston office of Thomason & Knight LLP in the Real Estate and Banking Practice Group.

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