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Reaching Out Experiential Learning:

Notre Dame Law Students Learn Beyond the Classroom



Dear Notre Dame Lawyers,

As we prepare our students for a challenging job market, NDLS is doubly blessed to have a national group of alumni who are actively engaged with their school. Not only do you hire and mentor our students but you provide us with invaluable advice about the changing nature of law practice. Your insights and guidance have been essential to support many of our efforts over the past year.

For example, when firms began calling on law schools to produce graduates who can make the transition from classroom to practice more quickly, we listened. In January I was pleased to announce that Clinical Professor Robert L. Jones Jr. had agreed to become our first Associate Dean for Experiential Programs. In this position, he has already begun leading an expansion of experiential learning opportunities at NDLS.

One such opportunity is the NDLS Mediation Project. Led by Professor Michael Jenuwine, this project serves individuals litigating civil disputes in the courts of St. Joseph and surrounding Indiana counties. Cases include both civil and domestic relations matters, including child custody, support, parenting time, landlord-tenant disputes, contract disputes, and other matters referred by the courts for mediation.

Other initiatives expand the Clinical Law Center's transactional services to the business community. As we explain in the article beginning on page 16 of this issue, the Notre Dame Community Development Project launched this fall to assist community-based for-profit and nonprofit enterprises. This new NDLS clinic provides students with supervised legal practice experience representing nonprofits and small businesses in transactional matters, including corporate formation, tax exemption, risk management planning, regulatory compliance, and real estate transfers.

On page 15 we tell the story of the NDLS Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic, which also just opened this January. Under the supervision of director Jodi Clifford, students are gaining valuable experience in applying intellectual property law to client problems and offering assistance to local businesses and entrepreneurs.

In addition to the clinics, we have externships in asylum law, in intercollegiate athletics administration (see our story on page 10), and at the public defender's office. Dean Jones is also considering how we might provide additional opportunities for fieldwork by expanding into new geographical areas. Creating programs in other cities such as Chicago that have a substantial Notre Dame presence will enable NDLS students to take advantage of fieldwork opportunities outside South Bend.

Your advice also guided the recent expansion of our Career Development Office. We now have four first-rate and fulltime career counselors. In this regard I also am happy to note the appointment of Kevin O'Rear to the position of Assistant Dean for Career Development. Kevin is a concurrent professor at NDLS, having taught in the deposition skills course since 2004. He brings an extensive background in private and in-house practice and considerable management experience to his new position, where he will focus on strategic goals and employer outreach that will improve the opportunities for success for all NDLS students. Kevin succeeds Gail Peshel, who retired in March after many years of devoted service.

Thanks as always for your generosity and your partnership. You help us serve our students in countless ways.

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Jay Tidmarsh Named Diane and M.O. Miller II Research Professor of Law

Due to the generosity of Diane and M.O. Miller II, Notre Dame Law School has established the Diane and M.O. Miller II Research Chair in Law.

"Diane and M.O.'s thoughtful gift strengthens the ability of our senior faculty to conduct research that enhances their scholarly expertise, enriches their teaching, and contributes to the development of the law," said Dean Nell Jessup Newton. "We are extremely grateful to Diane and M.O. for their continued support of the Law School's mission."

Professor **Jay Tidmarsh** is the inaugural holder of the chair. He joined NDLS in 1989 and focuses his research and teaching on complex civil litigation, civil procedure, federal courts, and torts. He has authored seven books and numerous law review articles in these fields.

"The Miller professorship will allow me to expand my



Diane and M.O. Miller II

focus and do empirical research on the American civil justice system," Professor Tidmarsh said, noting that he is now beginning to design a Civil Justice Research Seminar in which students will be able to participate in collecting data and co-authoring articles on timely civil-justice topics.

The endowed chair will rotate among the Law School's faculty every three years.

M.O. Miller II is a 1966 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business and earned his J.D. from Tulane University. He practices law in Metairie, La., and is a member of the Law School Advisory Council. He and his wife Diane head the Diane and M.O. Miller II Foundation.



Symposium on Educational Innovation and the Law

▲ New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie delivered the keynote address at a Notre Dame Law Review-sponsored symposium on "Education Innovation and the Law" on November 18. The all-day symposium in Eck Hall's Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom featured two panels of legal scholars moderated by Professors **Patricia O'Hara** and **Richard Garnett**.

The discussions explored whether the law impedes innovation in education and considered a wide range of legal issues related to education, including the education gap, school choice, charter schools, labor issues, and the effect of the current state and local fiscal crises on public education.

The event was part of the 2011-12 Notre Dame Forum, "Reimaging School: To Nurture the Soul of a Nation," a year-long discussion of the questions that shape the national debate about K-12 education.

Professor Jay Tidmarsh was awarded the 2012 Charles F. Crutchfield Award by the Notre Dame Black Law Students Association for his commitment to diversity "both in and outside of the classroom, as evidenced by scholarship and personal example."





Professor Carozza Joins Leading Scholars for Catholic-Muslim Forum

▲ Professor **Paolo Carozza** participated in the Second Seminar of the Catholic-Muslim Forum on November 21–23, held at the site of Jesus's baptism in Jordan. Carozza was one of 24 Catholics invited to attend the seminar by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Twenty-four prominent Muslim religious leaders and scholars also attended, led by H.R.H. Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan.

The first seminar, whose theme was "Love of God, Love of Neighbour: The Dignity of the Human Person and Mutual Respect," took place in Rome in 2008. This year's theme was "Reason, Faith, and the Human Person."

"The seminar offered us a deep and challenging discussion over three intense days, in which our differences were addressed with sincerity, respect, and friendship, and in which we also found much

that unites us, particularly our common acknowledgment that the inviolable, God-given dignity of the human person demands recognition and protection," Professor Carozza said.

The Forum participants released a Final Declaration at the conclusion of the Seminar that stated matters of agreement and looked forward to continuing the dialogue "as a way of furthering mutual understanding, and advancing the common good of all humanity, especially its yearning for peace, justice and solidarity."



NDLS Students, Families Break Ramadan Fast

Thirteen NDLS students, spouses, and children broke their Ramadan fast this year with an Iftar dinner provided by Dean Nell Jessup Newton. Pictured in the group photo are, from left to right (back row) Zaki Anarwala, Kareem Salem, Sasha Ganji, Kenan Rahmani, Mansoor Ahmed, Rashad Ahmed; and (front row) Reza Anarwala, Sarah Iftekhar, Sabila Kadiruzzaman, Aisha Shah, Sana Din, Maryam Arfeen, and Lena Brinjikji.



New Director of CCHR

▲ **Professor Carozza** is director of the NDLS Program on Law and Human Development. In December 2011, Dean Nell Jessup Newton also named him director of the NDLS Center for Civil and Human Rights, effective January 1.

"For many years the Center for Civil and Human Rights has been a recognized leader in the education of human rights lawyers from around the world," Professor Carozza said. "As the challenges of seeking justice in the world grow ever more complex, Notre Dame has a responsibility and an opportunity to bring its unique intellectual and moral resources to bear even more on global problems. Beginning with the strong support of Dean Newton, the Provost, and Fr. Hesburgh, the University is committed to making the CCHR an even more prominent center for teaching and research on global justice and the common good. I am honored and excited to be a part of this effort."

Celebrating the Work of NDLS Professor John M. Finnis

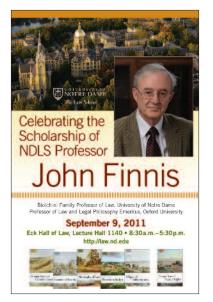
Last spring, Oxford University Press published a five-volume collection of essays by Biolchini Family Professor of Law John M. Finnis and a second edition of Finnis's masterwork, Natural Law and Natural Rights.

Oxford University Press (OUP) explained that the *Col*-

lected Essays of John Finnis brings together 122 papers, including over two dozen previously unpublished works. "Thematically arranged, the volumes provide ready access to his contributions across central areas of modern practical philosophy—the philosophy of practical reason; the philosophy of personal identity and intention; political philosophy; the philosophy of law; and the philosophy of revelation and the role of religion in public life."

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, Professor Gerard Bradley and Notre Dame Law School hosted an all-day conference at the Law School on September 9, 2011, bringing together speakers numbered among the world's foremost legal philosophers.

"In philosophy of law, Oxford University Press is simply peerless," said Princeton Professor Robert P. George. "OUP has now honored Professor Finnis in a remarkable way. It has published in five volumes his collected writings in philosophy of law, political philosophy, ethics, action theory, and religion. And it has done this



while publishing a second edition of Finnis's masterwork, *Natural Law and Natural Rights.*

"Such a decision by a publisher as eminent as Oxford University Press testifies powerfully to the originality, importance, and influence of John Finnis's work, and to the esteem in which he is held by his academic peers. Needless to say, Finnis has won this esteem by the force of his intellect and the power of his arguments, and not by validating or reinforcing prevailing academic orthodoxies. Indeed, at every level Finnis's work challenges and undermines such orthodoxies."

Business on the Front Lines

▶ The first Notre Dame law students ever to participate in a Business on the Frontlines class are now back in South Bend after completing their foreign assignments.

The course combines classroom work with two weeks in a foreign country, with the graduate student teams consulting on specific issues identified by Catholic Relief Services. This spring NDLS student Kathleen Brogan joined the Guatemala team, LaDawn Burnett went to Ethiopia, Manasi Raveendran headed to Egypt, and Lerato Thulo traveled to Mindanao in the Philippines.

Professor Paolo Carozza heads the Program on Law and Human Development, which is partnering with the Mendoza College of Business to support this new opportunity. "We believe that law students can contribute unique and important insights to the course," he said. "Meanwhile, they will learn much from investigating



the role of business and law (and the interaction of the two) in advancing human development. The 2012 course comprised of MBA, Kroc, and NDLS students working together is making for a rich, productive learning experience and reflects real-world professional interaction among disciplines."

The classroom component of the course aims at giving students an overarching conceptual background to support their work, as well as specific country preparation.

Past projects have included designing a small business incubator in Sarajevo and creating new markets for ground nuts and soybeans in Kenya and Uganda.

Library Clock Is Right Twice a Day

▶ It's always nine o'clock at the north end of the Main Reading Room just outside Associate Dean Ed Edmonds's office. Hanging there on the wall is an old clock that hung in the U.S. Supreme Court Building from 1935 until 1989, when it was replaced during a renova-



tion and given to Professor Emeritus **Roger F. Jacobs**, who was Librarian of the Supreme Court from 1978 to 1985.

Some time after becoming director of the Kresge Law Library, Jacobs received a call from his former assistant at the Court, Emily Porter, who is still a senior member of the Library staff. "She asked me if I would like to have one of the clocks. I said, 'I would love it!" She then made the arrangements to obtain the surplus clock with a letter of authentication from the Architect of the Capitol, the official in charge of the Court renovation project. Jacobs recently donated the wall clock to the Kresge Law Library.

Expanded LRAP Program Helping More Grads Who Choose Nonprofit or Public Sector Jobs

Thanks to its benefactors, the Law School now has one of the most generous Loan Repayment Assistance Programs in the nation. Under the program, NDLS graduates who work for eligible employers in the public and nonprofit sectors and earn under \$55,000 adjusted gross income can have a percentage of their loans repaid. Those earning under \$45,000 can have their entire loan discharged for up to ten years. A big advantage to the NDLS program is that it covers both federal and private loans, while other programs cover only federal loans.

NDLS hopes to continue raising the maximum salary cut-off so that more students can benefit from the program. Recent participants have worked in local, state, and federal governmental agencies in civil, criminal, and military positions. Others are working for nonprofit legal organizations engaged in civil legal services and international human rights.

Summer Research Interns Discuss Program on Law and Human Development

Summer 2011 Research Interns with the Program on Law and Human Development (PLHD) described their experiences conducting research on "Migration, Law, and Human Development" at a Law School event November 2.

One of the interns, 2L student **Michael Hagerty**, was video-conferenced in from London.

Three of the interns (3L **Manasi Raveendran** in East London; 3L **Rachel Odio** in Chile and Peru; and Hagerty at the Arizona-Mexico bor-

der) developed case studies for PLHD that focused on the program's theme of migration. Their studies explored the role of law and justice in advancing or impeding the goals of human development in these specific human migration contexts. In addition, 2L **James Emanuel** spent 12 weeks in Amman, Jordan, as the first Association of Volunteers in International Service—Notre Dame summer intern.

The PLHD program is a focal point for international legal studies at the Law School and serves as a forum for interdisciplinary service, research, teaching, and scholarship on the role of law and justice in the development of persons and communities.









From top to bottom: Manasi Raveendran in London; Rachel Odio (left) in Santiago; Above, James Emanuel (left) in Jordan; At left, Michael Hagerty in Arizona.



Carter Snead Appointed Director of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture

▲ **O. Carter Snead**, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed the W.P. and H.B. White Director of the University's Center for Ethics and Culture by John McGreevy, I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

A member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 2005, Snead will succeed W. David Solomon, associate professor of philosophy, effective July 1.

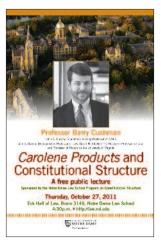
"All of us are grateful to David Solomon for his work at the center as its founding director and visionary, and his continued effort to enrich not just scholarly conversation but student intellectual life at Notre Dame," Dean McGreevy said. "We also welcome Carter Snead into his new role and look forward to the programs and publications that will emerge under his leadership."

Established in 1999, the Center for Ethics and Culture investigates ethical issues and broader cultural concerns, drawing on the intellectual re-

sources of the Catholic tradition. It supports scholarly research in ethics as well as its dissemination in the classroom and beyond through lectures, conferences, film and literature series, awards, student formation programs, and other initiatives.

Snead specializes in the relationship between bioethics and the law. He is the former general counsel for the President's Council on Bioethics, a White House advisory committee, and was the principal author of the council's 2004 report on the regulation of new biotechnologies affecting assisted reproduction, human embryo research, and genetics. He is a permanent observer for the U.S. government at the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Bioethics and serves on UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee.

Visiting Professors Shine



▶ Visiting Associate Professor Andrea M. Matwyshyn is assistant professor of legal studies and business ethics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Matwyshyn is a leading authority on commercial privacy law, corporate information security regulation, and technology law. Prior to joining the University of Pennsylvania faculty, she taught on the law faculties of Northwestern University and University of

Barry Cushman will be joining NDLS this coming fall as a John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law. Cushman is currently the James Monroe Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of History at the University of Virginia. An award-winning teacher and author and a leading legal historian, Professor Cushman will teach in a range of areas at NDLS, including legal and constitutional history, constitutional law, and trusts and estates.



Florida. Before she started teaching, she was a corporate/technology transactions attorney in private practice, counseling both Fortune 500 and start-up clients on technology law and information privacy and security questions.



◀ Visiting Associate Professor **David Schwartz** is Assistant Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he teaches patent law, patent litigation, and intellectual property strategies classes. He joined the Chicago-Kent faculty in 2009 after teaching for three years at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. From 2000 to 2006, he was a partner at two intellectual property boutique firms in Chicago, where his prac-

tice included patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secrets litigation; patent and trademark, prosecution; and intellectual property-related transactions. He began his career in intellectual property law in 1995 as an associate at Jenner & Block.



J.S.D. Graduate Brought Real-World Experience to NDLS



Above: Dr. John Cencich, J.S.D. '08; Left: On the ground in the former Yugoslavia.

by ANDREW CLARK

▶ In 2004, John Cencich was accepted at Notre Dame Law to pursue his J.S.D. studies. He spent one year in residence at NDLS and another three working on his dissertation, entitled "Crime and War: Piercing the Military Veil Through International Criminal Justice." His work explored the concept of combatants losing their lawful status if they engage in unlawful behavior, such as robbery.

Cencich brought a unique background to the task: two decades as a police officer and special agent in Michigan and Virginia, followed by four years of service with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, where he led the investigation of Slobodan Milosevic.

While writing his dissertation at NDLS, Cencich was advised by Professor Jimmy Gurulé. According to Gurulé, there was a striking quality to the novel concepts involved in Cencich's project. In Gurulé's eyes, Cencich was continuing the work that he had begun with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. This time he was just doing it on an academic level.

"When he came to law school, John had the benefit of having worked with this tribunal," says Gurulé. "He was able to take his own personal experiences and go forward with researching related issues in the field of academia. The issues surrounding the tribunal were something that John cared very deeply about and he was always interested in seeking justice for the crimes that occurred over there."



For Gurulé, having someone with Cencich's wealth of experience was an invaluable asset for the university. In particular, he says that students benefited immensely by having someone who had actually experienced the topics discussed in the classroom.

"Most J.D. students come directly to law school from their undergraduate studies, and they really don't have much real-world experience," says Gurulé.

"But having someone like John allows the students to be around someone who has been through the things they are studying. It's not like being around someone who is telling stories from second- or third-hand experience. It really enriches the classroom discussion and students benefit from his perspective. He's also able to speak from authority and tell people how things actually work."

While at The Hague, Cencich led investigations, deployed investigators to crime scenes, and ensured the security of investigators in the field. He also co-developed the prosecution theory of Joint Criminal Enterprise, which Cencich says was based on concepts established by NDLS Professor G. Robert Blakey's RICO Act. The theory extends criminal liability to those who, although they didn't physically commit the crime themselves, helped facilitate the act. Coincidentally, Cencich would be a student of Blakey just a few years later.

Cencich is now Director of the Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research at California University of Pennsylvania. The institute consults and trains law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and coroners in different methods of investigation and forensic science. It's a crucial education, Cencich says. "You never want innocent people to go to jail. But you never want guilty people to go free, either." ND



World War II Grad Helps Homeless Vets

by PAUL W. SMITH

▶ The Japanese fighter bomber screamed out of the clouds and dove sharply toward the stern of the aircraft carrier USS *Essex* off Okinawa. Antiaircraft batteries let loose with everything, but to no avail, as the kamikaze dropped its bomb into the ship's screws before slamming into its starboard side.

Officer Robert L. Miller and the rest of his 16-man command on one of the Essex's stern anti-aircraft batteries were tossed around like so many matches on that April day in 1945. The bomb threw shrapnel and debris water up into the battery, consuming the sailors in the bomb's concussion. Broken bones and scrapes for most, contusions for Miller, and Purple Hearts for all.

The medal presented by the nation to those wounded in battle was among the first honors for the young naval officer and 1942 Notre Dame graduate—many would follow in professional and public life. But perhaps none was more meaningful than the one that likely will be among the last.

Now 90, Miller, J.D. '47, was presented with the 2011 Rev. William C. Corby, C.S.C., Award during the second quarter of the 2011 Navy game. Flanked by commanders of Notre Dame's three ROTC programs— Navy, Air Force, and Army—and Elizabeth "Dolly" Duffy, ND '84, executive director of the Alumni Association, the former St. Joseph Superior Court judge stood in dress blues as he received a thunderous ovation.

"That's the most overwhelming thing I've been through. Eighty thousand people and I believe every single one of them stood up and cheered. It was awesome," said Miller, pausing, looking here and there as if to find words. "I can't really describe that feeling ... nothing within the human commander, he was active in veterans' issues as a lawyer and judge. He served as legal advisor to the St. Joseph County Commanders Council, comprised of the lead-

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Robert L. Miller, J.D. '47

language is of sufficient detail to get that out."

The Corby Award is presented by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association to alumni who have distinguished themselves in military service and dedication to serving their country. The award is named for the University's third president, a celebrated military figure who served as chaplain to the Union Army's Irish Brigade during the Civil War.

Miller, recovered from his wounds at Okinawa, was back aboard the *Essex* when the Japanese surrendered in August 1945. Time in the Naval Reserve as he earned his law degree on the G.I. Bill following the war was followed by his recall to active duty during the Korean War.

Since then, Miller has never quit giving of himself. During his time in the Naval Reserve before his retirement as a lieutenant ers of each of the county's roughly 20 veterans' organizations.

Upon seeing a photo in the local newspaper of a homeless veteran sleeping on the street in a coffin-like box, Miller was moved into action once again. His granddaughter, events coordinator at the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, provided ideas.

"She was telling me about the great numbers of homeless veterans ... and they wanted me to help," Miller said. "That was the first flashpoint to set up Miller's Vets."

Founded in 2009 to assist impoverished military veterans—what Miller calls DOL, or down-on-their-luck, veterans—his Center for the Homeless initiative provides vets with housing, military uniforms, bootcamp type refresher training, and a sense of purpose and hope. Giving the veterans pride in their past military service, Miller



Left: The Robert L. Miller Sr. Veteran's Center at 747 S. Michigan Street in downtown South Bend.

Below: On the field for the presentation of the 2011 Rev. William C. Corby, C.S.C. Award: left to right: Lt. Col. John Polhamus, U.S. Army; Col. Andrew Cernicky, U.S. Air Force; Dolly Duffy; Lt. Cmdr. Robert L. Miller, Sr., USNR; Capt. Clarence Carter, USN.

has made them regular fixtures in military parades and services, as well as community events in the South Bend area. The organization—under the auspices of the homeless center—provides military funerals at no cost for homeless veterans and burial in Miller's Vets Garden of Peace on the grounds of a South Bend retirement home.

The founding commanding officer of the homeless veterans group, Miller stepped down earlier this year and handed command over to retired naval officer Dan Walsh, ND '84. A few short months later, on Veterans' Day, the Robert L. Miller Sr. Veteran's Center was dedicated at the Center for the Homeless just south of downtown South Bend. Miller hopes the veterans' center and organization bearing his name will be a launching pad for Miller's Vets chapters across Indiana and then the entire country. He sees local chapters of Notre Dame alumni clubs serving as the catalysts, just as the St. Joseph Valley Notre Dame Club did in South Bend. The Alumni

Association has given its blessing to ND Clubs' involvement, and Miller is certain of a bright future. He calls Notre Dame "probably the most singular source" of vital support for the Homeless Center and, in turn, Miller's Vets. He is quick to point out that Louis Nanni, ND '84, M.A. '88, vice president for University Relations, was once the Center's executive director.

"Without Notre Dame, the Center for the Homeless would not even be here today," Miller said. "And without that center there wouldn't be a Miller's Vets. It's just a seamless fit. It comes down to what we as Notre Dame people believe in."

His hopes for the future are simple. He wants to see the "first export," the first chapter of Miller's Vets established outside South Bend.

"We have hundreds of veterans in this country who are trying to exist under the poverty level," Miller said. "They're hard to find, but we're going to find them. Then



they are going to have Miller's Vets ID cards to use in the local communities. I'm sure local businesses will help them. I'm sure that if they know they are dealing with a DOL vet, they'll help."

His belief in his fellow citizens is resolute.

"If we can identify all of the DOL vets in South Bend and go from there and get them ID cards, we can thank them and we can help them, and when required, give them full military honors and burial," Miller said. "That is the ultimate, and there isn't a patriotic American that wouldn't want to see that happen." ND



Intercollegiate Athletics Externships ATEAM EFFORT

by ELLEN HUNT

Rachel Newsted (ND '08, J.D. '11) isn't concerned that her love of college basketball may get in the way of her job as a lawyer. "I can be at a college basketball or football game, but I'm also at work," said Newsted, who has been compliance coordinator at Syracuse University since August.

Newsted, who was the men's basketball team manager during her Notre Dame undergraduate years, was the first Law School student to take advantage of a new externship in intercollegiate athletics administration. Begun in fall 2010, the externship is a collaboration between the Law School and the university's Department of Athletics. It accepts up to six law students per semester; they attend seven classes per semester and work part-time in the Athletics Department, receiving two credit hours for the unpaid externship. Besides attending every-other-week lectures by a variety of faculty and senior administrators in Athletics, each student works four hours a week in the compliance office under the supervision of senior staff.

"This is a different kind of experiential learning opportunity," said Ed Edmonds, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, who co-directs the program. "This is a program working within the University as opposed to a lot of externships that would take students to prosecutors' offices or get them involved in litigation."

For almost 25 years, Edmonds has been teaching courses in sports law, although he said a better term is "legal regulation of the sports industry." In addition to professional sports, the field covers a broad spectrum of legal issues in intercollegiate athletics. "If we host the NCAA regionals and a spectator gets hurt, that could be a liability issue under the area of event management," he said. "We have to be concerned about everything from health issues—such as a student-athlete having cardiac arrest during practice on a hot day-to illegal commercial endorsements or students not maintaining GPAs or being overpaid for part-time jobs."

The National Collegiate Athletic Association includes 1,000 member institutions with 400,000 student-athletes competing in 23 sports for 88 national championships. According to the NCAA's website, its most important areas for compliance with regulations are academics, commer-

cialism, diversity and inclusion, rules enforcement, the playing rules-rules that govern competition-and recruiting. Penalties for noncompliance can be steep, as the 2010 sanctions against the University of Southern California, upheld on appeal in May, demonstrate. That case primarily involved agent and amateurism violations by former USC football star Reggie Bush and former men's basketball player O.J. Mayo. The school suffered a variety of penalties, including a two-year football postseason ban, a one-year basketball postseason ban, loss of titles, and scholarship reductions for football and basketball.

In an NCAA Division I school like Notre Dame, with 28 teams ranging from football to fencing, the compliance office provides a good training ground for law students. Students deal directly with issues as they occur, said Edmonds. And the rules are changing all the time.

"Last year one of our students helped work on the policy for transgender athletes," Edmonds said. "The NCAA has had to address the issue of somebody who was a biological male participating in a sport for females. Although this issue had been addressed in the Olympics, all of a sudden NCAA member institutions had to decide how to make a determination as to who can play on what team." One of last year's

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students, Beth Mihalik Ziegler (J.D. '11), recently co-authored a paper with NDLS third-year T. Isadora Huntley, "It Got Too Tough to Not Be Me: Accommodating Transgender Athletes in Sport," that will be published by the *Journal of College & University Law.*

Students in the externship program focus largely on issues of compliance with NCAA regulations and with federal laws such as Title IX. Edmonds and Jill Bodensteiner, who is associate athletics director at Notre Dame and also a lawyer, designed the program. When Bodensteiner, who previously worked in Notre Dame's general counsel's office, took the job in Athletics in 2009, she and Edmonds began laying the groundwork for the program.

Bodensteiner had several reasons for wanting to develop an externship in Athletics. "First, I've seen an increased interest by our law students in combining legal background with athletics," she said, "and I think we should do whatever we can in this economy to bolster their career goals.

"Second, this program is such a natural combination—it can allow one of the best athletic departments in the country and one of the best law schools to do great things for each other," she said. "I trust the way Notre Dame Law School educates students on ethics. How nice to have 12 law students graduating every year who do compliance the right way, to have Notre Dame graduates out there in this profession."

Her third reason, she said, is that the externs have become an integral part of her office's workforce.

The program's focus on compliance not only serves a need for the Notre Dame Athletics Department, it's a good entrée into intercollegiate athletics for new lawyers. "Sports law is an awfully difficult industry to break into," Edmonds said. "It's tough to break into a job in sports because the competition is fierce, and places can ask for several years of prior practice. But in in-



Rachel Newsted, ND '08, J.D. '11, the men's basketball team manager during her Notre Dame undergraduate years, was the first Law School student to take advantage of a new externship in intercollegiate athletics administration.

tercollegiate athletics, there are jobs in compliance for entry-level attorneys."

Edmonds said that more lawyers are currently working in athletics departments, and not necessarily as attorneys. At Notre Dame, in addition to Bodensteiner, Notre Dame's athletic director, Jack Swarbrick, is a lawyer, as is Missy Conboy, senior deputy director of Athletics. This reflects a new trend in the industry. "In the past, athletic directors were typically exfootball coaches, but as the whole area has become more complex, the types of people going into it are different," Edmonds said. While it's not the norm for lawyers to head up athletics, it is happening more frequently. "Someone like Rachel, starting out in compliance, may end up in a very different role and even have an opportunity to become an athletic director," he said.

The program is aimed at students who have a solid interest in athletics, like thirdyear Claire Leatherwood, an extern in the fall 2011 semester. Sports have been important to Leatherwood since her first year in high school. As an undergrad at Yale University, she was on the cross-country and track teams. And now, in addition to her legal studies at Notre Dame, Leatherwood serves as a volunteer assistant track coach and cross-country coach with the women's teams. "I love all athletics, especially at the collegiate level, so the externship is a great way to combine my twin interests in law and sports," she said. Although it is still early in her externship, she said she has already learned that there's a lot more to compliance than she realized when she was playing sports. "When I was an undergrad, it seemed that the rules were pretty hard-and-fast," she said. "I hadn't considered that this was very new in terms of law. It's still a growing and evolving area, especially in compliance, with regulations on recruiting and extra benefits."

Compliance Covers a Broad Range of Issues

"I think there's a general misconception about what NCAA compliance is," said Bodensteiner. "Most people assume it's that we're trying to keep envelopes of cash out

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of athletes' hands. The vast majority of our work has little to do with those 'extra benefits' rules." The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institution employee or a "booster" to provide a student-athlete, or the student-athlete's relative or friend, a benefit that is not generally available to other students and their relatives or friends and is not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Notre Dame has 730 student-athletes, 70 coaches, and an athletic department staff of nearly 300. According to the NCAA rules, Division I members must offer at least 14 sports (at least seven for men and seven for women, or six for men and eight for women) and must sponsor at least two team sports for men and for women, and must have participating men's and women's teams in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Only about 120 students at Notre Dame are on full athletic scholarships, which means the remainder have a variety of financial aid packages, all of which must be monitored to ensure compliance with NCAA rules. "We have very complex arrangements with our campus financial aid group," Bodensteiner said. "We also work with the registrar and with academic services to make sure that every semester our student-athletes are up to snuff."

Academic eligibility is a "huge chapter" of compliance, she said. "And it's not just GPA. They have to have declared a major before they can compete in their junior year, they can't be under-enrolled— everything they do has some NCAA implication. The breadth of what we do is what surprises the law students."

Besides having to immerse themselves in a constantly changing rulebook—which currently runs to 500 pages—externs also deal with athletes and coaches, said Bodensteiner. "We have dozens of studentathletes coming into our office every day, so the externs are interacting informally with them on a regular basis."

"I was pleasantly surprised by the work of the compliance office," Newsted said. "You're constantly talking to people, whether it's coaches or student-athletes or other people, financial aid, admissions, academic services. You're monitoring student-athletes and educating everybody who comes into contact with the Athletics Department."

Bodensteiner said students may come in to ask if acceptance of a certain job will jeopardize their eligibility. "They keep us posted about new cars, and ask questions about whether they can coach a child for money. (They can, with restrictions.) They continually are keeping us updated," she said.

Newsted said that being a good compliance officer requires strong interpersonal skills as well as legal knowledge. "You have to be able to communicate the rules effectively to different groups of people," she said. "Everyone might need it explained a little bit differently to understand how it affects them. And you have to be able to talk to people and businesses outside the university."

Networking is an important benefit of experiential learning programs, such as the Athletics externship. Students have an opportunity to show their capabilities to work supervisors, who can vouch for the student's ability to colleagues in the industry who may have job openings. That's exactly what happened with Rachel Newsted. She was working in the compliance office the summer after graduation from Law School, when the opening at Syracuse was posted. Bodensteiner recommended her to a colleague there.

"The externship definitely helped me so I could jump into this position and get going," said Newsted. "There is no way I would be employed in compliance without that externship, those connections with that office, and the base of understanding that I acquired in my time in the Notre Dame Compliance Office."

"Rachel is a good example of how the system should work," said Bodensteiner.

In her new job, Newsted continues to use the skills she developed at Notre Dame. "We have monthly rules education with coaching staffs," she said. "Right now I'm sending out an educational mailing to area businesses that might come into contact with student-athletes. We have to explain to them that you can't give athletes a free car, a free meal, or a discount that you wouldn't give to just anyone off the street. They want to befriend the athletes because they're big fans. They think the star quarterback might be someone some day. We try to explain that by doing that they are jeopardizing the eligibility of the studentathletes."

Intercollegiate Legal Issues Becoming More Complicated

In recent years, the need for legal advice in intercollegiate sports has increased, as changes have occurred in everything from game contracts between colleges to television deals. "In the old days, the game contract between, say, Notre Dame and Michigan State would be a handshake deal between two athletic directors," said Edmonds, but now contracts are a necessity.

And since 1984, when the NCAA lost an antitrust lawsuit (NCAA v. Board of Regents) against the Regents of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Georgia Athletic Association (both members of the College Football Association), conferences have been able to negotiate their own television contracts. Consequently, some schools have moved from one conference to another in search of more lucrative television deals, the most recent being Syracuse University and the University of Pittsburgh, who announced they were leaving the Big East and joining the Atlantic Coast Conference. "Previously, the conferences did not have contractual language about what would happen if you decided to leave the conference," Edmonds said. "They used to heavily regulate how much schools could make on games, but now that has changed."

Besides academic requirements and prohibitions on gifts, the NCAA has rules and regulations about recruiting studentathletes. Only designated coaches can do that. Like many NCAA regulations, the



"In the past, athletic directors were typically ex-football coaches, but as the whole area has become more complex, the types of people going into it are different," said Ed Edmonds, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, who co-directs the program.

rules are there to "try to level the playing field," said Edmonds. "Schools with more money might be able to have more coaches out recruiting, so they have to limit the number who can do that."

In addition to compliance with the ever-changing NCAA rules, Notre Dame has to ensure compliance with Title IX, the 1972 law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities that receive or benefit from federal financial assistance. Schools must show that they are providing athletic participation opportunities proportionate to the student enrollment, or demonstrating a continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex, or full and effective accommodation of the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

"You have to make sure that your financial aid and the treatment of athletes is not different," said Edmonds. "You can't, for example, give all your men's teams the prime times of day and the prime facilities to practice and the prime venues. You have to make sure that you are counting correctly, recording, and monitoring what's going on in terms of financial aid. If all of your women basketball players were not getting full scholarships but your men were, you'll have issues with that, so you need to be looking at all these things."

Interpreting all the regulations and advising coaches and players on how to follow them requires excellent legal and interpersonal skills. "So often part of the function of the compliance office is to give advice," said Edmonds. "A lot of this is risk management: What are the best legal practices? What can we do to make sure that our athletes are in the safest environments, that our coaches know how to deal with injuries, when to clear a player to go back into a game or to go back to practice. A lot of times a compliance office is your internal legal advisor, helping to guide those decisions."

"The misconception is that we are the police," Bodensteiner said. "I speak with externs early, to impart my notion that we are here to help our student-athletes and our coaches succeed. If they don't think that, we will have an adversarial relationship. We are trying to build a culture of advocacy and support."

That is a lesson that Newsted has learned well. Asked what's the best part of her job, she said, "It's knowing that what I do behind the scenes—helping kids through the recruiting process and keeping them eligible across the board of academic progress and financial aid—is an essential part of making sure that those kids end up on the field or on the court for games." **ND**



by DICK DAHL

THE NOTRE DAME CLINICAL LAW CEN-TER expanded its transactional services to the business community in January with a new Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic headed by intellectual property lawyer Jodi Clifford.

The clinic, which received seed money from Dean Nell Jessup Newton to fund its first three years of operation, gives students an opportunity to work with clients on intellectual property issues and develop skills that will be valuable when they launch their own careers.

"Students get great experience, and clients get the benefit of pro bono assistance from the clinic," said Clifford. "It's beneficial to both sides."

Clifford said students are involved in a range of activities that are typical of intellectual property law practices: patentability opinions, provisional patent applications, trademark clearance searches, trademark registrations, and technology licensing.

The clinic includes a classroom component in which students learn substantive intellectual property law and develop core lawyering skills, such as interviewing and advising clients, through a combination of seminar, discussion, role-playing, and simulations. Clifford also works with the students individually or in small groups to analyze and review client projects. Clifford comes to Notre Dame after ten years as an intellectual property attorney, most recently at the Cleveland law firm of Thompson Hine, LLP.

"I've always been interested in higher education," she said, "and when I saw the posting for this particular job, it just seemed to have everything. My background is engineering, so I have a great deal of practical, problemsolving experience. The benefit of working in a clinical environment is that you get to combine the teaching experience with the practical side of the law. So it is a good fit for me."

The clinic has had success in attracting a variety of clients, including a solo inventor

working out of a garage, as well as young entrepreneurs launching a start-up based on sophisticated computer technology.

"There's more IP activity in South Bend than you might think," she said. "To begin with, a good amount of work is generated just by the University and faculty who have projects outside their responsibilities at Notre Dame. There's also Innovation Park, a local technology incubator. I've met with contacts there, and there is good potential for the clinic to assist their clients as well." The clinic launched in January with a pilot program involving four students. In the fall of 2012, Clifford anticipates that six to eight second- and third-year students will join the clinic.

Based on her experience as a patent attorney in a large firm, Clifford says the clinic experience will provide a valuable advantage for students interested in transactional law.

"While many students go all the way through law school without ever having worked in a business environment, law firms are increasingly looking to hire people who have really good experience," she said. "It is a huge transition going from



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being a student in a classroom to being responsible for a client. It is a change of mindset, a change in the way you conduct yourself. Especially in a tough job market, being able to demonstrate that you can take what you learned in the classroom and apply it in the real world is invaluable."

While Clifford's primary focus now is growing the clinic from this spring's pilot program, her longer-term challenge will be to come up with ways for the clinic to fund itself after the three-year grant expires.

Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, recently allocated \$450,000 to the clinic from gifts made to the President's Circle by University benefactors to further develop and sustain the clinic.

Clifford said the president's investment gives her a sense of confidence as she looks to the future.

"The good news is that Notre Dame is a terrific school with a fantastic alumni support system," she said. "We plan to show that our clinic students are helping the community and getting such good experience working with real clients that people will be willing to donate and support our work." **ND**



CLINICAL LAW CENTER Launches Community Development Project

by DICK DAHL

In 2010, University of Notre Dame alumnus Brendan Maher had just launched a new venture to foster the conversion of socially innovative ideas into forprofit enterprises when he learned of an intriguing program designed to spur greater involvement of parents in their children's educations.

That program, No Parent Left Behind, was three years old and the creation of UND faculty members Joyce Long and Stuart Greene, who had identified low parental involvement in children's educations as a serious problem. They launched NPLB, attracted grant money to develop a program and curriculum, and have had their program replicated throughout the South Bend Public Schools system.

Meanwhile, Maher's new venture, called FISH (Fellow Irish Social Club), was seeking clients for its "inaugural social venture incubator class," and NPLB looked like a perfect candidate because it had a socially innovative product—its curriculum—that might be sold to other school districts. NPLB joined the FISH incubator class as a nonprofit and began the process of developing a saleable product.

Which is where the Law School's Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic and its brand-new Community Development Project (CDP) enter the picture. The purpose of the CDP is to provide transactional legal assistance to community-based for-profit and nonprofit enterprises. Maher heard about the clinic and told Long and Greene they should contact its founder, Prof. James J. Kelly, Jr., who had just joined the Law School faculty after directing a similar clinic for seven years at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

"We contacted Jim, and the reason we did was because we knew that if we were going to be marketing our services around the country, we were going to need our curriculum copyrighted and our name trademarked," Long said. "We're also looking to them for help on how to create a contract if we get hired by other school districts."

The advantage, she said, is a huge saving on cost.

"Before we became a nonprofit, when

we were just searching out the possibilities of how our curriculum might get copyrighted, I went to see an attorney. So I know this is very cost-effective for us."

Of course, the main purpose of the clinic is to provide valuable experience for students.

Six students, divided into two groups of three, work in the clinic and are allowed under Indiana law to perform legal work as long as they are supervised by law faculty. Each student has one client and shares a second client with another student. All students have ongoing contact with Kelly through both case supervision and weekly class sessions.

"The students actually do the legal work that needs to be done," Kelly said. "It's not just observing issues and writing a paper; it's actually writing articles of incorporation, drafting contracts, preparing deeds—those kinds of legal deliverables a transactional attorney brings to an organization to create value."

In the case of NPLB, the assigned student legal intern is Michael Ten Broeke, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., who called his clinic work thus far a "great hands-on experience."

"I anticipate in the near future I'll be able to deliver the copyright for the original curriculum materials as well as a

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trademark for their logo," he said. "And, hopefully, I'll be able to draft a licensing agreement or sales agreement, depending on what the future holds."

But being a transactional attorney with a client organization calls for more than deliverables. Kelly points out that attorneys also have an advisory role with clients that calls for a certain set of social skills, which is also part of the clinic training. This kind of preparation can include roleplaying, in which the student speaks to a mock governing board.

"It involves public speaking and the need to sometimes teach about certain aspects of the law so that their clients can understand how bylaws work and how they can go about really taking charge of their own governance," Kelly said. "Or it might be about managing their real estate or managing their fund-raising."

Once the student is up to speed, Kelly said, it's important to step back and let the student fly a bit more in his or her dealings with the client.

"One of the strongest ways to send a message to the client that the student is responsible is to not have me there at all," he said. However, he does have client sessions videotaped "so that I can see the body language, hear everything, and even have the students watch that videotape to see how their preparation helped them achieve their goals or where it came up short and what they might try later on. Then I have them write up an evaluation of that and give them comments after I've seen the videotape."

Kelly draws from his strong background in community-development law. From 1994 to 1999, he represented tenants and tenants' groups in New York City for the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. "I was basically a landlord/tenant attorney, but I also did welfare advocacy around landlord/tenant litigation," he said. "It was very much a typical legal-services job."

Then he moved to Baltimore, where he

represented small nonprofits that were trying to improve their neighborhoods. He was executive director of Save A Neighborhood, Inc. and served as legal consultant to Baltimore's Project 5000, which sought to help neighborhood groups acquire title to 5,000 vacant lots and abandoned houses.

He turned to academia in 2004, as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore School of Law. He was also director of the school's Community Development Clinic, where he and his stu-



Michael Ien Broeke, seen here with UND faculty member Joyce Long, calls his clinic work thus far a "great hands-on experience" and says his experience working with CDP and his client, No Parent Left Behind, has only strengthened his career aspirations.

dents continued some of the neighborhood-revitalization work that had become his passion—and in the process they achieved some significant accomplishments.

"Something that took some time was legislation that students worked on in the early stages to create permanently affordable home-ownership opportunities in Maryland," he said. "We also helped a community land trust acquire 19 vacant properties that have been transformed by the community from derelict lots into a beautiful community garden with a lovely labyrinth and other green-space features a real oasis in that inner-city area. That community now has permanent legal control over that beautiful space, thanks to the work the students did."

Kelly sees legal clinics as providing a great symbiosis between community improvement and educational development —"It can be a great learning experience AND the work gets done"—and he anticipates the same kinds of results in South Bend. In February, he was asked by Pete Buttigieg, South Bend's new mayor, to cochair a task force on abandoned housing in South Bend. Kelly arrived at Notre Dame last summer, but had taken earlier trips with part of his agenda devoted to locating clients for the clinic. For the first semester, there were nine.

"We're looking for both nonprofits and for-profits that reflect community empowerment and sustainable growth, whether it be a particular neighborhood dealing with vacant-property issues or something else that has kind of an entrepreneurial aspect to it. Likewise, our small businesses either come from communities that have been typically shut out from the business world, or they are businesses that are consciously trying to create some kind of public good—a social entrepreneur, if you will. We have a fair mix of those clients and we hope to see a lot more as the project becomes better known."

One of the first clients at CDP was Consejo Grafico, a network of print workshops formed to advance the legacy of Latino



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printmaking in the United States. The clinic student working with that organization is Cristina Calvar, who said the organization is contemplating several possible changes, including whether to become a nonprofit or whether to seek a relationship with a sponsor.

Her experience working with Consejo Grafico has "exceeded my expectations," she said. "I've studied corporate law and I've studied poverty law, but getting handson experience is something entirely new."

She said more students should seriously think about working in any of the Legal Aid Clinic's seven project areas that interest them.

"It's easy to just stay isolated with your studies," she said. "But I think this is a perfect example of how Notre Dame tries to emphasize to students that they need to put themselves in their own community to understand the existing realities so that when they graduate and they do practice, they will understand what's going on and how they can appropriately react to it."

Ten Broeke, meanwhile, said his experience working with CDP and his client, No Parent Left Behind, has only strengthened his career aspirations.

"In addition to the clinic, I'm also taking the not-for-profit corporation class," he said, "so those two in conjunction are establishing a very solid foundation upon which I can hopefully work for notfor-profit corporations at a local level in order to make a difference in my community." ND REACHING OU

PROFESSOR PATRICIA L. BELLIA:



by DENNIS BROWN

IN 2011, THE IRISH TOPPED THE LIST of all bowl-eligible teams in the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate (97 percent) and African-American Graduation Success Rate (100 percent); the ND program continues to set the standard for academic excellence among FBS football programs. Key to that success has been Professor of Law and Notre Dame Presidential Fellow Patricia Bellia.

Since joining NDLS in 2000, Bellia has become well-known to students for teaching popular courses in administrative law, constitutional law, and cyberlaw, and to colleagues for being among the faculty's top scholars (she has published numerous articles on Internet law and separation of powers and is the co-author of a leading cyberlaw casebook).

Perhaps less well-known is that she is in her third year as the University's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA and chair of the University's fifteen-member Faculty Board on Athletics. The Board ensures that the University's athletic programs operate in consonance with its educational mission. Among other things, it monitors data on the admission, academic progress, and graduation rates of student-athletes and assesses the effectiveness of institutional support for student-athletes.

Bellia graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in government. As a Harvard undergraduate, she played varsity tennis and served on the executive committee of the Harvard-Radcliffe Foundation for Women's Athletics.

"My hope is that my experiences give me a good sense of both the challenges and rewards of pursuing excellence in academics and excellence in athletics," Bellia said when she was named Faculty Board chair in 2009.

"When I first arrived at Harvard, I was convinced that I couldn't play a sport and still perform well academically. I

didn't play on the tennis team during my freshman year, and I soon found out that the opposite was true; that I couldn't perform as well academically without playing a sport as I could with one.

"I hadn't realized the ways in which playing a sport helped me to focus, to study efficiently and to stay healthy. I also missed being part of a team working toward common goals."

Before attending Yale Law School, she worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, serving as an editor for *Foreign Policy* magazine and co-authoring a book on self-determination movements.

y At Yale, she served as editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal, executive editor of the Yale Journal of International Law, and stug dent director of the Immigration Legal

> Services Clinic. Upon her graduation in 1995, Bellia clerked for Judge José A. Cabranes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court. Before joining the Notre Dame faculty, she worked for three years as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice.



To recognize Professor Bellia for outstanding contributions to the academic performance of Notre Dame student-athletes, ND athletics director Jack Swarbrick surprised her with an honorary Monogram at the Notre Dame Football Awards Show in December. Joining Swarbrick on stage for the presentation were Monogram Club president Dick Nussbaum, executive director Beth Hunter, Bellia's husband, A.J., and daughters, Kate and Molly.

NDLS TRIAL AND MOOT COURT TEAM REPORT



62nd Annual Moot Court Showcase: This year the court was comprised of Hon. Raymond M. Kethledge (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit), the Hon. Martha A. Vazquez (U.S. District Court of New Mexico), and Professor Randy J. Kozel. The advocates were Caitlin C. Sikes, Aaron J. Stoll, and Guy J. Thompson (for petitioners) and Joshua L. Bennett, Joseph M. Callaghan, and Michael A. Erbele (for respondents).



Immigration Law Moot Court Team: Ryan Raybould and Caitlin Shetter made it to the finals and placed fifth out of 22 teams in the UC Davis Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition.



BLSA Mock Trial Team: Regional champions Alvin Adjei, Steven Baugh, Colin Diamond, and Topher Regan.





NDLS American Association of Justice (AAJ) Regional Champions: John Burke, Mauri Miller, Nicole Cabezas, and Brian Salvi.

Jessup International Moot Court Team (Manasi Raveendran, Sabila Kadiruzzaman, Sana Din, James Emanuel, Emily Nickles, and Professor Christine Venter), which advanced to the quarter final rounds.



Scaling New Heights

by ROBERT D. YATES

▶ RICK GARNETT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, SCARED OF HEIGHTS. That's unfortunate when you find yourself 2,000 feet below the summit of the Grand Teton, setting out in the darkness at 3:00 a.m. to scale the 13,770-foot peak in the northern Rockies.

The pragmatic reason for climbing by the light of lanterns is to reduce the chances of rock fall—which means literally what it says. As the sun warms the mountain, snow and ice start to melt and rocks move around and tend to fall.

But for Garnett, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Professor of Law, the darkness was just fine. "At night, you can't see how much empty space is around and below you," he said. "I'm scared of heights, and it is easier for me to move and focus and breathe!—when the dark is hiding the drop-offs. But, that's one of the reasons to climb, to overcome fear."

Garnett climbed "the Grand" in July 2010 with his former student, Andy Woltman, J.D. '06, now an associate in the Chicago office of McGuireWoods, a large international law firm.

"The Grand Teton is such an iconic, beautiful mountain," Garnett said. "It was a reach for me. I had not done very much real rock-climbing before, but pushing myself to try had real pay-offs. It was a rush."

There was an added dimension to their climb. The day before they started, a freak lightning storm struck the mountain, stranding 16 climbers and killing one, a young climber who was knocked off the mountain and plunged to his death. All the other stranded climbers were rescued.

Climbing the Grand Teton with Woltman was "a great opportunity, and a wonderful time," Garnett said. "It was exhilarating, and, adding in the rock climbing, it was, frankly, scary. You learn to trust your equipment, and trust the guides," he said. "These are experienced, talented people. The guides are teachers, and the climb was an education."

And also a time for prayer and thanksgiving. "On these climbs, I am struck by, and so grateful for, the beauty of the setting and surroundings. This beauty is a revelation. It tells us something about God, I think." He added, "When I'm climbing—to pass the time and also to focus and calm my nerves—I say rosary after rosary, thinking about family and friends."

So what is a middle-aged law professor doing in the mountains?

Garnett grew up in Alaska, traveling to the town of Talkeetna several times.

"That's the staging town for climbing Denali," he said. "I was curious about, and attracted to, high-altitude climbing. I was intrigued by the people from all over the world who had come to climb Denali.

"I had been wanting to climb Rainier, and a year later, I bit the bullet and started training. It was difficult for me—really hard—but rewarding, and addicting," he said. And since that climb, he climbs once or twice a summer.

"I enjoy being out in the natural beauty, I enjoy the challenge—the discipline, the difficulty of climbing, the need for concentration to do it safely," Garnett said.

There is so much more to climbing than the physical climbing itself. Garnett has found that the people he meets in his climbs add depth to the experience.

"I really enjoy the camaraderie—the bonds and friendships that form—with the people who do this," he said. "I admire the guides especially. They've taken a different path from mine, and they teach me a lot. I respect the way they integrate their love for adventure with a passion for teaching and sharing great moments with others."



Above: Rick Garnett on Mt. Shaksun in the northern Cascades; Below: Andy Woltman at the Grand Teton.

Woltman, too, loves the camaraderie. He and Garnett attempted another, more difficult route on Mt. Rainier together in July 2008, and found themselves confined high on the mountain in their small tent for almost a day, without sleep, by a raging storm. "When you spend 18 hours in a tent," Woltman said, "you really get to know someone. There can be a lot of stress when you don't know when a storm is going to pass. But you're in your tent in a beautiful place—that's where your mind clears of distractions.

"There's an element of peace and simplicity in the mountains plus challenges that are different from anything else in my life."

Following the storm, Woltman continued on to the summit of Rainier, while Garnett chose not to ascend. "Everything pushes you up, but you run into trouble when people aren't feeling right and still climb," Woltman said. "It is difficult to stop just short of any summit. Rick did the admirable thing."

This past summer, Garnett climbed Mt. Shaksun in the northern Cascades. "I tried three years ago, but bad weather put a stop to that. This year, we had great weather; the scenery was incredible."

For both of them, the ultimate goal is Denali. "I always have my eye on Alaska," Woltman said. "Denali is the big goal."

And for Rick Garnett as well: "I dream of climbing Denali."



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LT. CMDR. ROBERT L. MILLER, SR. '42, J.D. '47, has received the 2011 Rev. William Corby, C.S.C., Award for his distinguished military service. He is a former Superior Court judge and a Naval officer in World War II who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in the battle of Okinawa. After earning his law degree, he remained involved in veterans' issues. He founded "Miller's Vets" in 2009 to assist impoverished veterans, giving them housing, military uniforms, "boot camp" refreshers, and chances to participate in parades and community events. (See story on page 8.)



PAUL TITUS, J.D. '60, counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Pittsburgh, Pa., was noted as "Pittsburgh Lawyer of the Year for Appellate Practice" by *The Best Lawyers in America, 2012.*



THOMAS CURTIN, J.D. '68, received the William J.

Brennan, Jr. Award from the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey at its annual dinner June 21. The award is given to an outstanding lawyer whose contributions to the law are recognized by the association as deserving of special and unique recognition.

ROBERT M. GREENE,

J.D. '69, received the Root/Stimson Award in recognition of his extensive community service to Buffalo, N.Y., and Haiti. He is a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP.



JAMES D. FRIEDMAN, J.D. '72, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He specializes in Banking and Finance Law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

CHRISTOPHER SCHRAFF,

J.D. '72, has been elected as a fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He is a partner in the Environmental Law Practice Group at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, in Columbus, Ohio.

JOHN W. UBINGER, JR.,

J.D. '73, a senior vice president with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for enhancing and furthering the practice of environmental law.

ROBERT C. WEAVER, JR.,

J.D. '75, an owner at Garvey Schubert Barer in Portland, Ore., has been named a 2011 Oregon Super Lawyer. He focuses his practice on White Collar Criminal Defense.

TOMAS F. GAMBA, J.D. '76,

a partner at Gamba & Lombana, P.A., in Coral Gables, Fla., was included in *The Best Lawyers in America,* 2012, in Medical Malpractice Law. He was also elected 2011-2012 President of FLABOTA, the Florida chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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TIMOTHY J. HOWARD, J.D. '76, of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, was recognized as one of Illinois's outstanding business lawyers by *Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition* (not Michigan, as erroneously reported in last spring's edition). He has also been named to *Super Lawyers Business Edition 2011*.

STEVEN L. OWEN, J.D. '76,

a shareholder at Foster Swift Collins & Smith P.C., in Lansing, Mich., has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is recognized in three practice areas: Banking Law, Financial Services Regulation, and Real Estate Law.

DEAN A. CALLAND, J.D. '79,

a founding shareholder at Babst Calland in Pittsburgh, has been named by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top lawyers in Pennsylvania for 2011 in Environmental Law.

JUDGE DAVID CAMPOS GUADERRAMA, J.D. '79, has been nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the

Western District of Texas.

RAYMOND MARVAR,

J.D. '79, has received the 2011 Recovery Resources' Community Challenge Exemplar Award. The Exemplar Award recognizes community members' service to the mission of drug and alcohol prevention services in high school. He is counsel at Tucker Ellis & West LLP in Cleveland and serves as general counsel for Premier Physicians Center.

MARK G. OLIVE, B.A. '76,

J.D. '79, a partner at Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey in Minneapolis, has been named to the first-tier list compiled by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He was recognized for his work in the area of Workers' Compensation.

PATRICK S. SCOTT,

B.A. '76, J.D. '79, a specialist in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency Reorganization Law at GrayRobinson, P.A., in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.

ARTHUR A. VOGEL JR.,

J.D. '79, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He specializes in Environmental Law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee. He was also selected for inclusion in the *2011 Chambers USA*.

SPOTLIGHT

> Inspired by the NDLS team that won the 2011 Bookstore tournament, and amused by the trophy inflation over the decades, BRIAN HARRINGTON, J.D. '74,



captain of the first Law School team to win the tournament, shows off the 1974 Bookstore trophy. Brian notes that the inscription on his trophy doesn't even mention Notre Dame. "In fact," he says, "on the back of mine, someone had written in pencil the price (\$6.70)."



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> PATRICK A. SALVI,

J.D. '78, was presented with the 2011 Career Achievement Award by Cook County's *Jury Verdict Reporter* and Law Bulletin Publishing Company. The award is presented to lawyers who have secured at least five Illinois civil jury verdicts of at least \$5 million (not counting



settlements and bench trials). An Adjunct Professor of Law at Notre Dame, Patrick is the managing equity partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, the Waukegan, Ill., firm he established in 1982.

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TIM ABESKA, J.D. '82, a partner in the South Bend office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, was named a Distinguished Barrister by *Indiana Lawyer*. One of 15 attorneys across the state to receive the honor, Abeska was chosen based on his professional accomplishments, as well as his demonstrated leadership within the legal community.

FRANK JULIAN, J.D. '82,

was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the College of Mount St. Joseph. He currently serves as vice president and tax counsel for Macy's, Inc.



JOHN C. GREINER, J.D. '83, a partner at Graydon Head, has been named as the "Cincinnati Best Lawyers Litigation— Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year" for 2012. KIP A. PETROFF, J.D. '83, has released his first book, *Battling Goliath: Inside a* \$22 Billion Legal Scandal.

DAVID P. PUSATERI, J.D. '84,

a partner at McGuire Woods LLP in Pittsburgh, has been appointed deputy managing partner, overseeing the firm's corporate practice.

LLOYD W. GROOMS, J.D. '85,

a shareholder at Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., in Minneapolis, has been named to the firsttier list of *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He was recognized for his expertise in Environmental Law and Government Relations Law.

DENNIS M. BARNES, J.D. '86,

a partner at Barris, Sott, Denn, & Driker, PLLC, has been selected for inclusion on the 2011 Michigan Super Lawyers list in Business Litigation and Insurance Coverage.



KEVIN E. GRIFFITH, B.A. '82, J.D. '86, a partner in the Columbus, Ohio, office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, has been ranked among the top attorneys in Ohio in Labor and Employment by *Chambers USA*.

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> TIMOTHY G. NICKELS, B.A. '79, J.D. '82, managing partner of Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago, has received the Patriotic Employer Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a U.S. Department of Defense national committee.



ESGR Committee Member Terrence Benshoof presents Tim with the Patriotic Employer Award. They are joined by Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP associate Ewa Dabrowski, a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, who nominated Tim for the award.



DIANE M. HALLER, J.D. '86, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* and in the *2011 Chambers USA*. She specializes in Real Estate Law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Phoenix.

EDWARD F. KELLY,

J.D. '87, has been appointed an assistant chief immigration judge, after serving as senior counsel and chief of staff in the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review.

MICHAEL FANTOZZI,

J.D. '88, a member in the Corporate and Securities Section at Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., in Boston, has been recognized as a 2011 Massachusetts Super Lawyer.

MARY ELLEN SCHILL,

J.D. '88, a shareholder in the Wausau, Wis., office of Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., has been reelected for a threeyear term on the firm's board of directors.

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CHARLES P. REED, J.D. '90,

is currently serving as president of the New Haven County Bar Association in Connecticut. He is also the managing partner of Loughlin FitzGerald P.C.

RONALYN K. SISSON,

J.D. '90, has joined the Bucks County regional law firm, Curtin & Heefner LLP, in Morrisville, Pa. She focuses her practice on Business Formation and Counseling, Commercial Law, Litigation, and Employment Law.

MARTY LOESCH, J.D. '91,

L.L.M. '92, has been promoted from general counsel to chief of staff for Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire. Before joining Gov. Gregoire's staff, Marty was director of intergovernmental affairs for the Swinomish Indian tribe.

RANDALL D. ROYBAL,

J.D. '91, has been elected as president of the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel, the international association of judicial disciplinary agency directors, counsel, prosecutors, and investigators, with members from the United States, Canada, and Israel. He is the executive director and general counsel of the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission.



KATHERYNE L. ZELENOCK,

J.D. '91, a member in the Troy, Mich., office of Dickinson Wright PLLC, was named by *Chambers USA* as a "Leader in Their Field." She was recognized for her experience handling large-scale commercial mortgage loans, as well as the restructuring and workout of financial arrangements.

JOHN F. CROWLEY,

J.D. '92, will return fulltime as chairman and chief executive officer of Amicus Therapeutics following his completion of temporary active duty with the U.S. Navy Reserve. He previously led the company as president and CEO from January 2005 through February 2010, and as chairman and CEO until April 2011.

MICHAEL J. WHITTON, B.B.A. '89, J.D. '92, was

named one of the nation's top 10 golf industry attorneys by *Golf Inc.* magazine in its June 2011 issue. He serves as managing partner of the San Diego office of Troutman Sanders LLP.



GILBERTO PEREZ, J.D. '93, has achieved board certification in Marital and Family Law by the Florida Bar, and opened his own practice in January 2012.

ERIC JENSEN, J.D. '94,

currently a visiting assistant professor at Fordham University School of Law, has accepted a tenure track position at Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School.



JULIA B. MEISTER, J.D. '95,

was elected president of Cincinnati Area Senior Services, (CASS), an organization delivering essential services to Cincinnati seniors. She was also recently elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, (ACTEC), a nonprofit association of lawyers, whose members have made substantial contributions to the field of trusts and estates law through writing, teaching, and bar leadership activities. She is a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP in Cincinnati.

LANCE A. LAWSON,

J.D. '96, has joined the Charlotte, N.C., firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. He concentrates his practice on intellectual property, with a focus on patent infringement.

BRAD WISKIRCHEN, J.D. '96,

has been named as the new director of the Salt Lake City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He is chief executive officer of Keynetics, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Kount, Inc., and ClickBank, Inc.

MICHELLE (INOUYE) SCHULTZ, J.D. '97,

has been promoted to vice president and senior litigation counsel of Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.



CHRISTOPHER BOPST, J.D. '98, has joined the Buffalo, N.Y., firm of Goldberg Segalla as a partner in the firm's Business and Commercial Practice Group and Construction Practice Group.

JOHN MICHAEL, J.D. '98,

has been selected as the Cleveland Cavaliers' new radio play-by-play announcer. Prior to a broadcasting career, he practiced law as a trial attorney.

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DARON THREET, J.D. '00,

has joined Holland & Knight as a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. His practice focuses on the permitting, development, and regulation of conventional and renewable energy and other infrastructure projects.

JOSEPH A. TOMAIN, J.D. '01,

has been hired as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

MICHAEL HAYS, J.D. '02,

and his wife, Jenni, announce the arrival of their son, Tobin Li. Toby was born July 27, 2009, in Yunnan Province, China, and came home to Elkhart, Ind., in June 2011. Big brothers Seth (age 9) and Eli (age 7) traveled to China with their parents to meet their new brother and accompany him home.

CONOR DUGAN, J.D. '03,

a U.S. Department of Justice attorney, recently represented the United States in oral arguments as amicus curiae in the Ninth Circuit case, *Khatib v. County of Orange*. The court, sitting en banc to review an earlier Ninth Circuit panel decision, ruled 11-0 in favor of a Muslim woman's right to bring a lawsuit accusing her southern California jailers of violating her religious freedom by ordering her to take off her head scarf in a courthouse holding cell.

BRENDAN LOWREY, J.D. '03,

an associate in the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight LLP, has been selected for inclusion in Texas Rising Stars^{*} 2011 by Thomson Reuters. The list was published in the April 2011 issue of *Texas Monthly*.



BERNARD M. JONES II,

J.D. '04, has been appointed as a member of the Board on Legislative Compensation for the State of Oklahoma. He is currently Associate Dean for Admissions and External Affairs at Oklahoma City University School of Law.

RABEH M.A. SOOFI, J.D. '04,

has joined Crone Hawxhurst as an associate. The Los Angeles-based firm focuses on business litigation.

ASHLEY A. FEDERER,

J.D. '05, has joined the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris LLP as an associate in the Trial Practice Group.

SPOTLIGHT

> Our spring 2011 issue misidentified these '06 alumni as '96 alumni. Sincere apologies.

ROBERT BARNHART, J.D. '06, has moved from his own practice to the Death Penalty Division of the Ohio Public Defender's Office.

RICHARD CARDILLO, J.D. '06, has left Skadden Arps in New York and moved to Austin, Texas, where he is working in the Corporate and Securities Group at Jackson Walker.

AMIR HASSAN SADAGHIANI, J.D. '06, who serves in the Orange County District Attorney's Office in New York, married Elizabeth Kalafat on Aug. 28 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Great Falls, Mont. NDLS '06 classmates attending included best man VINCENT KALAFAT, groomsmen BAIRD ALLIS, GEOFF GISLER, and DAVE GUEVARA, and guests MARCI GUEVARA and ALLISON HOLLABAUGH.

SARAH TROUPIS, J.D. '06, began working in September at the Troupis Law Office, her father's new practice in Madison, Wis.

Several **NDLS** '06 alumni also welcomed newborns in the last half of 2010. JASON BROST and his wife, Anne Marie, had their first child, Henry Peter, on Oct. 14. **KRISTOPHER RITTER** and his wife, Amy, had their fourth child, Philip Archer, on Sept. 28. **LENORE VENDERZEE** and her husband, Sean, of South Bend, welcomed their second son, Finn McCloskey O'Brien, last fall. Lenore is still in South Bend, working on her Ph.D. in Peace Studies and Political Science.



PATRICK KILBANE, J.D. '05, Of Counsel in GrayRobinson's Jacksonville, Fla., office, was recently recognized as Florida Trend's Legal Elite. This distinction honors attorneys in Florida who have been voted by their peers as being the state's legal

leaders. Patrick, who focuses his practice on Family and Matrimonial Law, was also recently selected as one of the Jacksonville Business Journal's 40 Under 40. He was also included on the 2011 list of "Florida Rising Stars" in Super Lawyers Magazine.

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JANE S. HAHN, J.D. '06, an associate in the Chicago office of Howard & Howard, has been listed in *Illinois Rising Stars 2011* in Business Litigation.

SEAN SEYMORE, PH.D. CHEMISTRY '01, J.D. '06,

has been appointed Associate Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University Law School. He has also been appointed to the Program in Science, Technology and Society at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Associate Professor in Spring 2012.

CORDELL CARTER,

J.D. '07, is currently director of public policy at Business Roundtable. Cordell is responsible for Education, Innovation, and Workforce initiatives.

DEREK MULLER, J.D. '07,

currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State, has been hired by Pepperdine University School of Law.

ANDREW MURPHY, J.D. '07,

has joined the Minneapolis law firm of Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP. He focuses his practice in the areas of General Commercial and Employment Litigation. He has also served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law at Notre Dame, teaching fundamental litigation skills.

KATHRYN BARRETT, J.D. '08,

has joined the Litigation Practice Group of the Denver law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as an associate. Before joining the firm, she was an associate at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in New York, where she focused her practice on patent, trademark, unfair competition, labor and employment, and business litigation. She has experience in luxury consumer goods, medical devices, children's toys, biotechnology, and travel services.



JENNIFER ROMANCZUK,

J.D. '09, has accepted a position as an associate general counsel at Remy Cointreau USA in New York City.

LINDSEY BRAZYS, J.D. '10,

has joined the firm of Sanders Pianowski, LLP, in Elkhart, Ind., concentrating her practice in Business Law, Real Estate, Creditor Rights, and Litigation. She previously interned with a patent firm in Chicago, working on a range of intellectual property legal issues.



SARAH C. HODGE, J.D. '10, has joined Podvey, Meanor, Catenacci, Hildner, Cocoziello & Chattman, P.C., in Newark,

N.J., as an associate in the litigation department. Her practice is focused on Commercial Litigation.

ELIZABETH L. ADAMS, J.D.

'**11,** is an associate at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, in Baton Rouge, La.

MEGAN K. MEYER, J.D. '11,

is an associate with the Cincinnati firm of Finney, Stagnaro, Saba & Patterson Co., LPA, where she concentrates in Real Estate and Business Law.

VERONICA DE ZAYAS, J.D. '11,

has joined the firm of Carlton Fields as an associate in its Miami, Fla., office. She practices in the firm's Insurance Practice Group.

IN MEMORIAM

THE UNIVERSITY'S ALUMNI FILES REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DEATHS:

- Cornelius T. Ducey, Sr., J.D. '42
- Thomas F. Bremer, J.D. '46
- Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stewart, Sr., J.D. '47
- James A. Smith, J.D. '48
- Samuel E. Molter, J.D. '49
- Vincent C. Scully, Jr., J.D. '49
- William T. Huston, J.D. '51
- Hon. Charles J. Perrin, J.D. '51
- Robert D. LeMense, J.D. '55

- William F. Quirk, J.D. '58
- Lawrence M. Mandyck, J.D. '62
- David A. Hosinski, J.D. '63
- Donald E. Schonhoff, J.D. '69
- Richard L. Swartz, J.D. '72
- William A. Imparato, J.D. '73
- Richard M. Goehler, J.D. '82
- Dennis A. Chamberlain, J.D. '90
- John E. Rooney, J.D. '95
- Jacqueline E. Bayley, J.D. '02





Law classes ending in 2 or 7 will celebrate reunion May 31–June 2, 2012. To register, visit reunion.nd.edu. See more Reunion 2011 pictures in the alumni photo gallery at law.nd.edu.





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