An Insider's Guide to Notre Dame Law School

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Welcome to Notre Dame Law School!

On behalf of the Notre Dame Law School student body, we are thrilled to be among the first to welcome you to the NDLS Community! We know that this is an exciting time for you and – if you are anything like we were just a couple of years ago – you probably have plenty of questions about law school and Notre Dame, whether it’s about academics, professors, student life, or just where to get a good dinner. That’s why we’ve prepared the Guide.

This is called an Insider’s Guide because it has been written by students. Over the past year, we’ve updated and revised old sections, compiled and created new ones, and edited and re-edited the whole book in hopes of making your transition to Notre Dame easier. This isn’t a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know to get through law school or thrive in South Bend, but it is a great place to start. Whether you’re trying to figure out where to live next year, the best way to get to and around town, what law students do on the weekend, or which daycare is best for your kids, the Guide is a terrific resource. Please note that some information may have changed since the date of publication, so be sure to confirm pertinent information.

We all treasure our experiences here at NDLS. The professors, the students, and the staff of the Law School are unique – their warmth, friendship, and true support have made studying law at Notre Dame a pleasure! We hope that our enthusiasm will be apparent throughout the Guide. We have appreciated reflecting on our experiences here and enjoyed putting the Guide together for you. Although we know that you will receive a variety of additional information from the Law School and the University, we hope that this look at NDLS from the perspective of your soon-to-be colleagues will be valuable as you prepare to start here in August.

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAWYER

It’s Not Just Hype

On almost every piece of material you’ve likely received from the Notre Dame Law School Admissions Office, you’ve probably seen the phrase a “Different Kind of Lawyer.” What does this mean, this “Notre Dame Difference?” It is difficult to determine exactly what this phrase means until you become a part of the community. Sometimes we may be tempted to say that what makes a Notre Dame lawyer different is that he or she is an ethical lawyer. But that cannot be true, as our profession is in a sorry state of affairs if the only ethical lawyer is a “different” one. Indeed, maintaining high ethical standards ought to be a characteristic of our whole profession, not something that sets Notre Dame lawyers apart. So what exactly does it mean to be a different kind of lawyer and what is the Notre Dame difference?

Perhaps the best way to discover the meaning is to consider what the students themselves have to say.

“I was attracted to the spirit of service that is so integral to the NDLS community. It has been my experience that NDLS truly did educate a ‘different kind’ of lawyer – ethical, service minded, community focused. NDLS embodies the values I hold dear and admire.”

Sam Ballingrud
Class of 2017

“There are many reasons I chose NDLS, but the most important to me was the school’s commitment to forming a different kind of lawyer. I firmly believe that is not a marketing pitch - it is a mission statement. It affects every part of the school, from admissions to graduation and beyond. It involves education, service, camaraderie, and opportunities that are second to none. NDLS students study in London, extern in Chicago and D.C., provide aid to the indigent, team with the business school to help countries rebuild after war, contribute to human rights, and help build small businesses - and that’s before graduation! The education, opportunities and experiences NDLS provides creates lawyers who seek to improve the world, not just get jobs. And who could pass up an opportunity to make a difference in the world?”

Eric Nichols
Class of 2016

“When I applied to law schools, I was looking for a top-ranked program with an emphasis on serving the community through the practice of law. I was looking for a faculty committed to excellent instruction, as well as a community that would challenge me to achieve my potential as a person and a professional. In addition to one of the most beautiful campuses I have ever seen, Notre Dame offered absolutely everything I was looking for in a law school.”

Audrey Beck
Class of 2017

“Notre Dame encourages all students to truly live the mission of being a different kind of lawyer. In doing so, the student body has developed into a community that encourages all to make ethical and moral choices in all their work while in law school and in their career. Through the high expectations that the community imposes upon itself, the relationship between professors and students has developed into one of lifelong learning, where professors are always accessible for both questions and advice. In comparison with my colleagues at other law schools, the Notre Dame community has a high standard of ethics that has helped develop and support the extremely close student-teacher relationships.”

Anthony Kroese
Class of 2017
Okay. We’ve all heard the law school horror stories, stories of sabotage and ruthless competition. Not something that promotes the idea of law school as a community. Before I go any further, there’s something you should know, if you haven’t discovered it already...NDLS is not your typical law school. Now, this isn’t to mean that Notre Dame is not a top tier law school, attracting a high caliber of individual, student and faculty alike. But, if you’ll recall, you just spent some time reading about Notre Dame educating a “different kind of lawyer”. This “Notre Dame Difference” plays out in numerous ways, none more clearly than in the community that exists at NDLS. Students and faculty alike share a genuine concern for one another. This isn’t to say that there is no competition or that grades are not important. Instead, what it means is that the people who choose Notre Dame care more about the people than the grades, more about the community than the competition. Students recognize that when a classmate succeeds, everyone at the Law School succeeds.

“The tightly-knit Notre Dame community is not only composed of the students, staff and faculty that you see on campus but also the alumni network that is in small towns and big cities around the world. Whether it is mentoring, career advice, or restaurant suggestions, the Notre Dame Alumni network – and all of the Notre Dame family – is willing to give their time and expertise to help you succeed.”

Alexis Maguina
Class of 2017

“The sense of community at NDLS is truly top-notch. Whether you’re looking to study, catch a football game, go to dinner, or attend Mass, there’s someone in the law school that’s going to want to go with you. Coming from an undergraduate university with what I thought was an unbeatable community atmosphere, I set the bar extremely high for Notre Dame. I can honestly say that the bar has been exceeded. Not once have I felt alone while I’ve attended NDLS. From faculty to fellow students, anyone and everyone is willing to help you in any way that you may need.”

Megan Davis
Class of 2017

“Aside from loving the Catholic mission of Notre Dame, the community and support I received from the law school during the admissions process was above and beyond what I could have asked for. Based on my 1L year thus far, it is clear to me that NDLS faculty and staff continue to encourage the sense of community and support all throughout your three years in law school.”

Lauren Nottoli
Class of 2017
The experiences excerpted here are not isolated incidents. Notre Dame’s community is dedicated to seeing every student succeed both as a student and in life. The community here is deeper than just caring professors – it extends through all levels of the Law School. The sense of community comes as much from helpful and friendly secretaries and dedicated administration as from the faculty. However, this sense of community is chiefly reflected in the interactions between our students.

“What sets Notre Dame apart from other institutions is its vibrant and active alumni network. I remember it being a large feature during Admitted Students Weekend, and after only one year, I can see why. The alumni community here is always looking for ways to give back to the institution they love, frequently offering to give advice and a helping hand to current students. There aren’t many law schools that truly carry a national reputation, but NDLS does. That, in large part, is because of the amazing alumni network.”

Lavarr Barnett  
Class of 2017

“The community at Notre Dame is incredible. It can be competitive in a sense simply because it’s law school, but it is such a welcoming place that it doesn’t ever really feel that way. I have met so many great people here, and I’ve been amazed at how quickly it feels like home here.”

Sara Gordon  
Class of 2017

“The entire community at NDLS is exceptionally approachable. I have already had many conversations with professors who truly maintain an open door policy; even if I don’t really have a specific question or topic in mind, I know I can approach any professor whether they teach my class or not. Professors love talking to students and take a genuine interest in helping students develop as professionals. Students are also incredibly approachable; I have already taken many 2Ls and 3Ls up on their offers to lend advice. My fellow classmates are brilliant, yet there is a very communal aspect amongst our classmates.”

Rebekah Newman  
Class of 2017

“The community at NDLS is supportive and collaborative. Partly owing to the ethical and service minded, focus as well as the lack of a ranking system. There is a strong spirit of community in ND, a sense that we are all in this together.”

Sam Ballingrud  
Class of 2017
A Catholic Law School that welcomes all faiths

And How “Who We Are” Shapes Your Legal Education

We probably aren’t the first to tell you that Notre Dame is a Catholic university – perhaps you’ve watched a football game and seen Touchdown Jesus peering over the edge of the Stadium! Our Catholic background helps to support the foundation of what it means to be a member of the Notre Dame family. This Catholic tradition is pervasive throughout everything that happens on the Notre Dame campus in many ways.

The University was founded with the mission that its graduates would receive an education of the mind, heart, and spirit, and use their talents to serve the greater good. Although that mission is distinctly Catholic, the ideal remains completely accessible, and encouraged, to students from other faith traditions, or none at all. Students who buy into this mission – if that’s the type of lawyer they want to be and how they want to use their skills – will find a very welcoming place at the Law School regardless of their religious affiliation.

"The Catholic identity of NDLS has two distinct effects on the law school experience. The first is that the religious character of NDLS allows students and professors alike to transcend discussions of pure legality to ones of moral rightness. This shift enriches the legal scholarship and student experience of the institution. The second, and perhaps wider-reaching, effect is that the law school community is imbued with a significant amount of collegiality and openness. The Catholic disposition requires that the academic environment reflect a genuine care for and interest in the individual and his or her good. Many law schools will articulate this vision; at NDLS it is not mere lip service, but a reality."

Nicholas Schilling
Class of 2017

"At NDLS, you get the sense (a calling, if you will) that you are part of something greater than yourself – where you learn not just to represent yourself, but also Notre Dame, your faith, and the entire legal profession. Excellence is emphasized at NDLS, but so are collegiality, well-roundedness, mission, and the highest standards of ethics, moral sense, and integrity. You have sure role models for these ideals in the faculty and staff, and you’ll have many chances to develop close relationships with professors both inside and outside the classroom. This holistic, vocational approach to legal education makes Notre Dame distinct amongst law schools. I feel blessed to be here."

Michael Mercurio
Class of 2017
Notre Dame Law School is composed of two main buildings – Biolchini Hall and Eck Hall. The beautiful archway that serves as both an adjoining bridge and popular community space easily identifies the two buildings. The beautifully renovated buildings combine the University’s historic charm and tradition with the cutting-edge classroom academic technology. Our facilities were ranked the ninth Best Law School Facility in 2014 by Prelaw Magazine.

The Eck Hall of Law was completed in 2009, doubling the size of the law school, and features state-of-the-art technology in new classrooms, faculty offices, and study spaces. Keeping with the spirit of the future, the building was designed with flexibility to develop and grow alongside the needs of both students and faculty. The benefits of the innovative integration of classrooms and faculty offices has fostered stronger dialog between faculty, administration, and student body. Further, the renovation brought the addition of a new chapel below Eck Commons. With the addition of these services, Notre Dame Law School’s sense of community has been reinforced and continues to flourish.

Following the construction of Eck, Biolchini Hall was renovated in 2010. The historic building is now home to the expanded Kresge Law Library and administrative offices, including Admissions, Communications, Development and Alumni Relations. This renovated space is built upon an incredible legacy of all the individuals who have worked, taught, and studied here for the past 85 years and the many benefactors who contributed to make this new facility a reality. The historic charm of the law school’s facilities shines through the architecture of the beautifully renovated law library.

The Kresge Law Library has 26 study rooms available to law students. Study rooms are reserved through the online reservation form that can be found on the Law Library’s web page. The library seats 550 people, with 150 at individual study carrels. Whatever your preferred study habits, you will find a comfortable study place in the Library - whether it’s in the traditional, gothic reading room or in the comfy and cozy oversized couches and chairs or at a study carrel or in a study room with fellow classmates - the library consistently meets all study needs.

Although the pictures give a beautiful representation of the law school’s facilities, to actually walk on our campus is enough to render anyone awestruck. As a law student, you will be spending an ample amount of time throughout the entire campus. The law school’s premier facilities provide all the space you need to grow and develop into the different kind of lawyer a Notre Dame education provides. If you have yet to visit campus, it’s never too late to visit our Notre Dame home.
**BEFORE CLASSES START & ORIENTATION**

*Like Kindergarten – You Get to Stand in Line*

Getting organized prior to classes starting at NDLS is fairly simple. Up until (and even after) school begins, the Law School will maintain constant communication with you to ensure that you know when and where you can get everything you’ll need: parking permits, books, ID cards, etc. The Law School will also take care of registering you for your 1L classes, so no need to stress about registration! Additionally, the Law School provides a great orientation program to make sure you are prepared for that exciting first day of class. Make sure to **check your email often**, as that is how most of the information will be sent to you.

**Health Insurance**

In order to enroll in classes, you are required to have health insurance. During the summer, you will receive information about Notre Dame’s health insurance program. If you already have health insurance, you will need to send proof of insurance to Health Services. Throughout the summer you will receive several emails informing you of the deadline to submit proof. If you forget to submit proof over the summer, the University will bill you for the standard student insurance. After this time, you may still submit proof of insurance to Health Services in Saint Liam Hall before classes start or within the first couple weeks of classes. Even if you have submitted proof of insurance, make sure to check your tuition and fees statement to ensure you haven’t mistakenly been charged for the University health insurance. Student Accounts has unfortunately been known to make this mistake, but it’s an easy fix! Your account will be credited the full price of the school’s insurance policy as soon as you provide proof of insurance.

Costs for spouse and family coverage can be found here: [http://uhs.nd.edu/insurance-billing/2015-2016-rates/](http://uhs.nd.edu/insurance-billing/2015-2016-rates/). Notre Dame changes insurance providers on a regular basis and the student plan does not always include maternity benefits, so students who plan to have children while in law school may want to consider other types of insurance. Spouses who are young and healthy may find that an individual policy is cheaper and may better suit their needs than the school policy, or that employer coverage is preferable. [http://uhs.nd.edu/new-studentsparents/](http://uhs.nd.edu/new-studentsparents/).

Prescription drug benefits include a $5 copayment for generic drugs and $25 for brand name drugs. Some medications are not covered. Prescription co-pays apply only to prescriptions filled at the Notre Dame Health Center Pharmacy. After hours, prescriptions may be taken to any off-campus pharmacy. Students enrolled in the Notre Dame sponsored insurance plan will pay a certain percentage of the prescription price for medication picked up at an off-campus pharmacy. If a refill, any local Walgreens will have a record of the prescription.

Even if you do not presently have health insurance, you may elect to purchase your own comparable insurance plan instead of using the school plan. For a list of frequently asked questions for the university sponsored insurance plan, including requirements to waive out of the university health plan, visit: [http://uhs.nd.edu/insurance-billing/](http://uhs.nd.edu/insurance-billing/). Many students who are not covered by their parents’ health insurance plans elect to purchase individual plans in their home states before coming to law school. Prices and benefits will vary from state to state.
**Campus Parking**
For those living off campus, campus parking is extremely convenient. However, those living on campus or close to campus may find walking or biking to the Law School preferable to the walk from the C1 lot where most law students park. A parking decal is affordable and easy to obtain. For the 2015-2016 academic year, the parking decal cost $100. Once you have gained access to your insideND portal, signing up for a parking decal is easy – just make sure to have your license plate number and registration ready. You’ll be able to pick your permit up before classes begin at the Parking Office (Room 119 Hammes Mowbray Hall). Try to take care of this as soon as possible to avoid parking fines, though the University police are typically pretty lenient during the first week of classes. However, always make sure to avoid the bookstore lot and the circle by the Law School – they’re policed pretty heavily.

**Student IDs**
You may want to try to pick up your student ID prior to Orientation in order to save time and avoid the line of 2,000 undergraduate freshmen arriving during Orientation Weekend. You can get your ID at Card Services located in Grace Hall over the summer, though more locations may be available closer to the start of Orientation. Make sure to check your email frequently for ID information. When you get your student ID, you will have the option to get a meal plan or add Domer Dollars to your student ID.

**Computer IDs**
You may also want to get your computer set up prior to orientation. This summer, you will be issued a “Net ID” which you will use to sign in to your school e-mail and your insideND portal. Additionally, your Net ID will allow you to sign in to the computers and the printers in the Law School computer lab.

If you have a laptop with wireless internet, connecting to the on campus wireless internet is relatively easy, but you may want to take care of it before your first day of classes. If you have any trouble, you can pay a visit to the friendly Law School computer staff. The Office of Information Technology website provides resources on how to set up Wi-Fi and on-campus printing. They will also help you to connect tablets, smartphones, etc. to Wi-Fi. Visit [http://oit.nd.edu/](http://oit.nd.edu/).

For any additional technology needs, you may visit the Office of Information Technology building located between the football stadium and Hesburgh Library (also known as “Touchdown Jesus”). You can also purchase computer supplies here, like the heavily discounted Microsoft Office software. However, OIT tends to get swamped during the first couple weeks of classes, so you may be better off checking with the Law School computer staff concerning technological issues. More information about technology is on the Class of 2019 website, which is updated in late spring or early summer.

**Orientation**
Over the summer you will receive information from the Law School about the mandatory Orientation Weekend. Orientation will introduce you not only to the school, but also to your fellow classmates and some upperclassmen. Take advantage of this time to get to know the people you’ll be spending the next three years with before reading assignments and studying start to pick up. One of the best opportunities to get to know your classmates during Orientation is by participating in an optional group service project.

You may also want to take advantage of your time during Orientation to become familiar with the Law School building and other buildings around campus. Additionally, you will likely receive your syllabi and assignments for the first day of class by email during Orientation. Casebooks may be purchased from the bookstore during Orientation Weekend. Keep an eye on your ND email for any additional information.
The first day of Orientation may seem long, but it will introduce you to the Law School and prepare you for what is to come. Be prepared for a lot of interaction and information. Dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes, as you will likely be taken on a campus tour. Make sure to check the weather in case an umbrella or a jacket is needed! Also, make sure to bring some form of payment (cash, checks, credit cards) to pay for fees and/or books, and don’t forget to bring a bag or backpack for storage of any forms provided by the Law School or purchases that you may make. You may also want to bring a lock for your locker if you plan on storing books in the Law School.

You may absolutely purchase your casebooks online, but purchasing them prior to Orientation is not always the best idea. You will receive a tentative schedule on your insideND portal about a month before classes start, but you will not receive your final schedule until Orientation. In order to avoid purchasing a casebook and later having your classes (and books) rearranged, you may want to wait until Orientation Weekend to purchase any books. Some books will be the same price at the bookstore as online, and the bookstore offers a rental option, but you may also rent or purchase your books online. In order to locate the correct ISBN number for ordering books online, enter your class information on the Hammes Bookstore website at http://bkstr.com/notredamestore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials.

Another great inside tip is that Notre Dame allows you to “charge” bookstore purchases to your student account. As long as you have your student ID card, you may pay for any bookstore purchases (including apparel!) with it, and the charges will automatically show up on your student account. This is a great option, as your student account does not accrue interest, allowing you to pay off your purchases throughout the course of the semester. However, be careful—the Office of Student Accounts will not allow you simply to keep a running balance through to graduation, and may cut off your card if they suspect abuse. To be safe, you may want to bring another form of payment with you to Orientation just in case.

“One of the reasons that I decided on Notre Dame was that I did not want to feel tied down to a particular region after graduation. ND is a school with a truly national network. In my own class, there are students who want to work in almost every major city in the country. Notre Dame allows this kind of geographical flexibility because we have alumni everywhere, and they are willing to help. I truly feel like choosing Notre Dame was like choosing to become part of a family. You’ll see it right away with the kindness and helpfulness classmates share towards one another, and you’ll see it when you reach out to alumni too.”

Hans Kessler
Class of 2017
THE BIG DAY: 1L DAY ONE
Or, “What in the World Have I Gotten Myself Into?”

While the first day of law school classes may be a breeze for some, it is a stressful experience for others. Though your first day is highly unlikely to resemble the harrowing experiences of the students in the Paper Chase or 1L, your professors will expect you to be prepared for class. Some professors may use a form of the Socratic Method on the first day, while others will encourage volunteering and class discussion. Either way, make sure that you are prepared to contribute.

The best way to prepare for classes is to complete the assigned readings, develop an understanding of the material, and be prepared to answer questions about it. Though most professors will not expect you to be perfect on the first day of class, they will expect you to have done the reading so please do not blow it off. Some students find it helpful to brief their cases, which, in a nutshell, includes developing a quick summary of the facts, identifying the legal issues presented, and summarizing how the court resolved the issues and understanding its reasoning. Briefing your cases may also make your life easier when you begin outlining for exams later in the semester.

On the first day, be sure to bring your casebooks, a laptop and/or a notepad, a pen or pencil, and an ID card or money if you plan on purchasing food or beverages from vending machines or Irish Crossings (located in Eck Commons). Most professors will allow laptops, though some have fairly stringent rules regarding laptop use during class. Beware of surfing the Internet or texting during class, as doing so is considered highly disrespectful and professors will likely notice. If you prefer to take notes by hand, feel free to do so — many students do. Even if you do not plan on taking any notes by hand, you may want to bring paper to class just in case. Some professors enjoy using diagrams or tables, which may be difficult to include in electronic notes.

If you plan on using your assigned locker to store books or coats during the day, make sure to bring a combination lock. Combination locks may be purchased at the bookstore if needed. If for some reason there is already a lock on your assigned locker, please see Peter Horvath, Director of Student Services.

As far as dressing for class goes, wear whatever makes you feel comfortable. On any given day in the Law School, you will see students wearing anything from suits to sweatpants, depending on what may be going on that day. The last thing you want to worry about on your first day of law school is uncomfortable clothing, so dressing practical is a must!

In sum, don’t stress out about your first day. So long as you’ve done your assignments, your professors will be kind, understanding, and helpful. Additionally, the 2Ls, 3Ls, and Law School staff will be available and eager to assist you with any questions or problems that you may have. Make sure to relax and enjoy the first day, as it only happens once! Welcome to Notre Dame Law School!

“I would advise incoming students to enjoy their summer beforehand but to come in with the mindset that they will be studying and working as hard, if not more, than many full time jobs. Also to make sure that you take the much needed breaks for the football games.”

Chad Davis
Class of 2017
1L CLASSES

*Let the Learning Begin*

Amid all the excitement, you must not forget that your primary purpose for coming to law school is to learn the law, so classes must come first. The first-year curriculum consists of 15 credit hours in the first semester and 16 credit hours in the second semester. With the exception of a first-year elective during your second semester, each of the first-year classes is required. Your first-year classes will be demanding, but are certainly manageable so long as you put in the time and effort. The amount of time required for successful class preparation will vary from person to person. Discipline and time management are key in preparing for classes, but be sure to set aside some time to give yourself a break and participate in some activities other than studying. Anticipated course and semester hours are as follows:

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This course schedule is designed to provide first-year students with the foundation necessary for any legal career. Though you may not love every class, the material is interesting and will provide you with valuable basic legal knowledge and experience. The required first-year curriculum is also a great foundation upon which to bond with your classmates over common assignments and information.

Remember that classes should always come first, but Notre Dame has so much more to offer. If you manage your time effectively, you will be able to succeed in your classes and take advantage of the fantastic opportunities available here at Notre Dame.

**Civil Procedure**

Civil Procedure examines the procedures used to resolve civil litigation, with an emphasis on litigation in federal courts and on federal constitutional provisions also relevant in state court. Addresses jurisdictional principles and procedural doctrines involved in structuring a lawsuit; commencing a lawsuit; developing facts and narrowing legal claims during pretrial; trying a lawsuit; and determining post-trial consequences of a judgment. Also considers the extent to which state law must be applied in federal court. If time permits, explores settlement and other alternative methods for resolving disputes.

**Constitutional Law**

Constitutional Law examines the structure of our government as defined by the federal Constitution, Supreme Court precedents interpreting that document, and the traditional practice of the elected branches. Focuses on the distribution of power among the three branches of the federal government, and the division of power between the federal government and the states.

**Contracts**

Contracts presents a comprehensive study of the creation, transfer and termination of contract rights and duties.
Criminal Law
Criminal Law deals with the basic principles of American criminal law such as the definition of crime, defenses, proof, punishment, and the basic structure and operation of the American criminal justice system.

Legal Research
Legal Research is designed to introduce you to the tools and methodology of legal research and to help develop the research skills that are essential both in law school and in law practice.

Legal Writing I
Legal Writing introduces students to the world of legal discourse and provides instruction, experience, and guidance in learning to write legal documents. Emphasizes writing as a process and focuses on prewriting, drafting, and revising strategies designed to produce effective written work.

Legal Writing II (Moot Court)
Legal Writing II introduces students to techniques of appellate advocacy and requires each student to brief and argue one appellate moot court case.

Property
Property deals with the nature of and justification for the ownership of property, including land, personal property, and intellectual property. It considers which things may be treated as property, how property is acquired, and the rights included with property ownership. Much of the course considers the ownership and use of land, covering such topics as the estates system, easements, covenants, servitudes, zoning, the government’s eminent domain power, and takings law.

Torts
Torts addresses the legal rules that determine whether civil liability attaches to conduct that results in harm to others. “Tort” is most often defined as a “civil wrong.” Topics include proximate cause, negligence, assault, false imprisonment, and foreseeability.

“The faculty is incredible. I have bragged tirelessly to my family and friends about them. They are extremely approachable and friendly, but they will challenge you in a way that will prepare you to be the best law student (and eventually the best lawyer) that you can be. They are certainly not out to get you (which is what I expected law school to be like), but they want to help you in any way that they can. Learning at NDLS is an interactive, interesting experience that will challenge you and change the way you think for the better.”

Megan Davis
Class of 2017

“The faculty is excellent. All of the professors I know are brilliant and accomplished, yet friendly and approachable. I have received helpful advice from my professors on topics ranging from how to brief cases for a specific class, how to best construct outlines, to how to go about acquiring a summer job. They are there and more than willing to help with anything. And they’re funny people too—I didn’t anticipate how much laughing I would do in each class.”

Sara Gordon
Class of 2017
**HOW TO BRIEF A CASE AND OUTLINE**

*Briefing – a Daily Activity for 1Ls*

When you get to law school, most of you will be immediately hit with the terms “briefing” and “outlining.” Whether you’re familiar with these terms or not, you almost certainly don’t know what exactly they involve or how to perform them.

Essentially, briefing means breaking down the facts, explanations, holding, etc., of the cases you study in class. Understanding what legal lesson(s) a case stands for is vital because the whole course is studied through examining these cases. Once you understand the holding and the rule of law extracted from the cases you study, the law appears far simpler. Here’s a quick breakdown of how you brief cases, so you’ll be prepared to dive in on the very first assignment (which will come before your first class).

Many students have varied ways of reading cases in order to brief them. Some “book brief”, by underlining or writing terms in the book. Others utilize the practice of using different colored highlighters for different parts of the case, and then go back and write down the important elements of the case in organized categories. Lastly, some students type detailed briefs for every case after reading it.

The standard categories are as follows:

- **Case name** – This is the name(s) of the parties, and can also include the court, the docket number, the state, and the year. It’s your choice whether or not to include the extra elements.
- **Rule of Law** – What laws, case law or black letter laws, are being used in this decision? This could mean excerpts from the Model Penal Code, the Restatement, Statues, or previous decision, to name a few.
- **Facts** – The standard “what happened” in this case. Who are the parties, what is the dispute?
- **Procedural History** – Where has this case been before, and how did that court rule? Did the trial court rule for the plaintiff or the defendant, and how?
- **Issue** – What is the issue at hand in the case? This is usually phrased as follows: “Whether the defendant is liable for damages suffered even if he used proper care.” It almost always starts with “whether.”
- **Holding** – How did the court rule? And, what new law has been established?
- **Reasoning** – How did the court come to its decision on this issue?

These are just broad category suggestions. In no way are they required in every brief. Some students use more categories, others use just the most important ones: facts, issue, holding, and reasoning. The key to briefing is just to make sure you understand all elements of the case. That way, if you get called on in class, you can look down at your brief and have all the information right in front of you. Briefs can serve as a nice cheat sheet for remembering the facts and holdings of cases, but keep in mind that you won’t have the answers to your professors’ follow-up questions in your brief. You’ll have to think those out on the spot. When you outline, briefs can be useful because you have the holding and the facts ready at your disposal. Speaking of outlining....
Unveiling the Mysterious Outline Process

Outlining, or some similar activity is the way law students study and prepare for final exams. The most important thing that can be said about outlining, is that is the process itself, not necessarily the document produced - that is vital to succeeding in law school. Beyond the basic idea that an outline synthesizes all the material learned throughout the course into a coherent form, the techniques and strategies of outlining vary enormously. Some students only start ‘outlining’ two days before each final, others will have been steadily adding to their outlines each weekend over the course of the semester. Both types of people have made Law Review, but even the ones who procrastinated their way into the 48-hour approach probably wouldn’t recommend it. For those who are still tempted to try it keep these two things in mind. First, only experienced procrastinators need apply. This approach requires that you study up to 16 hours a day for two weeks straight – many can’t handle that pressure, and those who can still curse themselves for getting into such a bind. Second, both approaches ultimately take similar amounts of time. The workload is just distributed differently. The best reason to not wait till the last few weeks to start outlining is that you won’t have time to go over practice exams, work through particularly tough areas again, and review the way you’d like to. Being able to do these things can go a long way towards helping you on exam day.

Rule 1 for preparing a good outline: do your reading. If that sounds familiar, it should. Reading every page assigned, including the notes, is the most important thing you can do to have the best results on exams. It’s also a good idea to take notes while you read, either in the book margins or in a notebook. These usually aren’t the notes you’ll be putting in your outline, and don’t have to be terribly extensive, but doing so will force you to think about what you’re reading. You’ll be amazed at how much better your class notes are from the days where you thoroughly read the assignment. Having some semblance of the context really allows you to understand and participate in class.

On that note, Rule 1A for preparing a good outline: go to every class. Your class notes should be the bread and butter of your outline, and the only way to get notes that make sense to you is to go and take them yourself. Remember that it’s the professor’s version of the law that matters on the exams, so if there is a conflict between what they said and what the book or a commercial outline says, go with their version or go talk to them.

The fundamental elements that go into any outlining process are the materials you read and the materials presented to you in class. The idea is to see how they fit together and condense them in a way that makes sense to you. Ideally, you’ll want to be able to produce some kind of summary of the class that is about 25-30 pages. Some students like to use commercial outlines or, more popularly, old outlines from 2Ls or 3Ls who had the same professors and then just customize and personalize them. Two warnings about this. One, some professors don’t allow this, so make sure you know your professors policy. And two, the reviewing and relearning (honestly, sometimes it seems like learning it for the first time) required to produce an outline is where the value is. You’re doing yourself a disservice if you’re relying on another outline without going through the process yourself. (A personal recommendation that certainly isn’t a universal practice: don’t look at another outline until you’ve finished one on your own.) A lot of first-year exams are open-book, open-note which means you can bring materials you have prepared to the final. For these exams, many students like making additional materials from their 25-30 page outline. For example, you might make a 1-page ‘outline’ or chart for a particular section, or you might make a 1-2 page ‘attack outline’ that can be used to jog your memory about the topics covered in the course. The important thing is that it’s the process that counts. Outline in the way that’s going to help you make sure you understand the material.
Some tips for outlining:

- **Consider your outline as the master document for your course.** Include essentials of the course, and don’t refer to other materials repeatedly once you have included them in your outline.
- **Keep your outlines updated.** Take some substantial time to create your outline, and then simply update them on a week by week basis. It’s much easier to add a week of class as opposed to two months, right before the finals. A good strategy is to plan to update your outline after each chapter of the book covered in class.
- **Condense your outline before finals.** Take an outline filled with material and break it down to just the major parts of the course, the major doctrines. That way if you’re stuck you’ll have a few pages memorized that give you a breakdown of what you’ve learned.
- **Create your own outline.** The reason outlining is helpful is because it aids you in studying. Commercial outlines or outlines made by other students are good to see what you may have missed in your outline, but relying solely on them defeats the purpose of outlining as a review.
- **Keep it organized.** Use underlining, italics, tabs, colors, etc., to easily identify important subjects. Don’t make it a mass of bullet points; you won’t understand them later.
- **Ask for help.** The 2Ls and 3Ls have been through this process before, and are glad to help. Your questions WILL be answered—one of the reasons you decided to attend Notre Dame is the true spirit of cooperation in the Law School...use it!

**Surviving and Thriving in Law School (from students past and present)**

Time can be your dearest ally or your worst enemy. The key to success in law school is apportioning your time to ensure that you have balance in your life: your brain needs rest and your body needs exercise. Try to get into a steady routine early. Know what you need to do each week, and then plan ahead to get it done. If you want to get good grades, you have to put in the time. There’s no way around it. Remember that, to get in to Notre Dame, your classmates had to have excellent credentials as well, so in order to make yourself stand out when test time comes you need to have put forth a special effort to learn the material backwards and forwards. It may take a little while to figure out what methods and techniques work best for you, but make sure that you come in with the right mentality on day one.

It is possible to get comfortable doing the work if you find a rhythm and just follow it every day. Forcing yourself to know when it’s time to stay on the ball and hit the books will allow you have a little fun as well. What many students cut out of their lives are the hours spent sitting around watching TV, screwing around on the internet, and sadly, recreational reading. That can sound pretty terrible, but that’s the life you’ve chosen as a law student. But just like it’s important to maximize the productivity of the time you spend working, it’s also important to maximize the time you spend away from the books. There’s a lot your classmates and Notre Dame has to offer.
As the semester wears on you may start seeing people disappearing into the nether reaches of the library, never going out to bars, not even going to football games. Don't buy into the hype. It's just not necessary to be successful. There's no prize for spending the most time in the library. Notre Dame is a destination, people want to come here for a reason, and it's not the interior walls of the law library. Go out and immerse yourself in the University experience. Pep rallies, football games, hockey games, basketball games, dining halls, intramural sports, and the events at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center are all vital to staying sane. If you put in the time, the academics will take care of themselves. Don't miss out on the chance to enjoy your law school years and build life-long friendships.

"Don't let law school be the only thing in your life. Take time to remind your loved ones that they're important to you. Choose an activity that you do outside of law school that will afford you a much-need break and some sanity. Take the opportunities to attend events with your fellow students. Law school isn't all about studying. Studying is important, but building new relationships, fostering prior relationships, and maintaining mental stability are all equally as important."

Megan Davis  
Class of 2017

"When I was growing up, I wanted to go to Notre Dame because the football games were a family affair. When I was searching for a law school, I put my childhood affinity in the rear view mirror, and I tried to be as unbiased as I could. After diligently researching and visiting many different schools, I felt a special connection with Notre Dame Law School that has not yet gone away. The faculty, the students, the Catholic identity, and the academic excellence that Notre Dame provides cannot be experienced anywhere else."

Tim Dondanville  
Class of 2016
STUDY & TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS

Or the Anti-“Paper Chase”... 

One of the most important things you’ll learn during your first year is that everyone has to figure out what works best for them when it comes to studying and preparing for class and finals. What follows is a sampling of some of the things those who have been through it have found useful:

**Read Thousands of Pages and Still Be Home by Six**

*Legally Blonde* is a perfect example of everything that scares 1Ls about law school: the fiercely competitive classmates, hostile study groups, and unforgiving professors that tortured Reese Witherspoon’s character (Elle Woods). That’s in addition to the lost hours of sleep and the thousands of pages of reading into a big tangle of worry, fear, and concerns about whether or not you needed to rethink your wardrobe for law school.

You’ll soon be relieved to learn that this portrayal of 1L year is a little over-dramatized. Unfortunately, one aspect that’s not is the amount of reading. It’s almost guaranteed that you’ll have far more assigned reading in your first year of law school than you’ve ever had before. The good news is the community at NDLS is here to help.

Most students try to make their weekdays as productive as possible. Gaps between classes are a good opportunity to grab a quick lunch with friends, squeeze in a workout, review a homework assignment, or, more likely, hurriedly try to finish the last case in your reading that put you to sleep the night before. Making efficient and productive use of your days will ideally free up your evenings for dinner, intramurals, exercise, and little relaxation. Despite your best intentions, it’s probably a good idea to expect not to do schoolwork on one day per weekend. This is especially true in the fall during football season. The more you plan ahead and find productive uses any stray half hours, the more luck you’ll have minimizing stress.

“Law school is all about discipline- study hard and prepare for each class, but don’t forget about life outside of the library. Life is too precious to live inside the law building for three years! Notre Dame is a great place with wonderful people, and you’ll miss so much if you never take a break from studying to enjoy the campus and activities here.”

Sami Lyew  
Class of 2017

**Prioritizing v. Procrastination**

It’s easy to fall into the trap of thinking you need to be doing schoolwork 24/7 with only the occasional meal or nap thrown in, and don’t be surprised when it seems like some of your classmates are doing just that. What can’t be emphasized enough though, is that the first year is marathon, not a sprint, and one the greatest risks is burning out before the finish line. Keeping up with your schoolwork is vital, but you also have to make it to the end. It’s important to take care yourself, and that absolutely includes having a little fun and maintaining a semblance of a life outside of school.
No two NDLS students have the same schedule. Some like to get to school early to get a jump on their work but others arrive just in time to get to their 9:00 a.m. class. Whatever time you get to school, you should take mom’s advice and eat breakfast (it helps you think better!). The Crossings Café in the Law School Commons opens early and has a nice breakfast selection. It also has coffee for those allergic to eating before noon. Some students like to go straight home after their last class but others like to stay in the building. Whichever their preferred environment, most students plan on doing schoolwork well into the afternoon (or evening if we’re being realistic).

One piece of advice that is universal: do your reading. Really try your best to have done your reading assignment prior to class. Aside from the terrifying possibility that you’ll be called on and not prepared, reading ahead of class really helps when it comes to understanding the material. In the event that you can’t finish the reading, make sure you take good notes in class so that you can cross-check when you get a chance to glance over what you didn’t read. The reading will take you a long time, especially at the beginning, but most students find that it gets easier over time. Don’t worry if it’s taking you an hour or longer just to get through ten pages of reading, that’s par for the course!

“Come to law school expecting to work hard and to be surprised by how much you enjoy it. Be excited and thankful for the opportunity!”

_Audrey Beck_  
Class of 2017

Again, finding ways to make spare chunks of time productive will do wonders for your schedule. One of the best feelings is when you can get through all of the next day’s reading in the time in between classes. A lot of students like the idea of trying to treat school as full-time job: work during the day and then go home in the evening to relax. You can easily find friends to take quick lunch break either in the Law School Commons or the nearby South Dining Hall. In reality, there will be weeks where a 9 to 5 work schedule won’t be enough time to get through all the work that needs to be done, but it’s not a bad mind set to start from. If you can stick to your schedule and get your work, having a few guilt-free hours to yourself most evenings is definitely possible.

If the idea of having such a strict routine doesn’t sound like such a great idea to you, that’s fine too. You are the best person to decide what’s going to work best for you. There’s no one right way. One word of warning to the habitual procrastinators and crammers out there: the work in law school takes a lot longer. So however much time you think you need to get something done, double it. At least. The bottom-line of this article is that you don’t have to go full tilt all day, every day (it’s probably not possible without burning out anyway), but to keep in mind that the more work you put off in the beginning of the semester, the more frantic and panicked the last few weeks before finals will be. The goal for your first year is to strike the right balance of getting the work done and avoiding a burnout.

“Be prepared to work harder than you have ever before. You cannot cram, the sheer volume of information you are bombarded with makes that impossible. Every single day you need to be working to comprehend and master the material. It is a sustained effort, a marathon, and most of us did not get that in undergrad.”

_Sam Ballingrud_  
Class of 2017
Trust Yourself

The best advice anyone can give you is to trust yourself. The fact that you got into Notre Dame alone means that you’re smart and capable of learning. Maybe the biggest challenge is that law school involves a different kind of learning than you’re used to. Your goal is to learn how to think in a new way while being simultaneously immersed in a lot of new terminology and procedural intricacies. This doesn’t mean you have to throw out the study habits you’ve perfected over the years, it just means you’ll have to find the right way to apply them. The work you do preparing for class, the notes you take during it, and the review you do afterwards should all be oriented towards being able to understand how the material presented by the professor fits in to the class’s overall framework. The best recommendation for what to do when physically in class is to do what makes you the most comfortable. Some students never write a single word in their books, while others will have whole cases underlined in a multi-color scheme. Some student meticulously brief each case, some brief in the margins of their books, and others don’t brief at all. The goal is to comprehend the reading and understand class discussion. You should try to find a method that will help you do those two things and stick to it. Try to ignore what others are doing, and just ask yourself if what you’re doing is working for you.

“I advise incoming students to not worry if they aren’t sure exactly what they want to do with their law degree. Some people have a pretty specific idea upon entering law school, but it seems like the vast majority of people don’t. And that’s totally fine. At some point, you’ll have to make a decision of course, but I think it’s great to start law school with an open mind and get a clear picture of how many opportunities there are out there.”

Sara Gordon
Class of 2017
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

You’re Not Unemployed... You’re a Student!

If you’re more than a year or two out of undergrad, or married, or have children, or some combination of the above, then you’re probably tired of people thinking you’re crazy for wanting to go back to school. The good thing is, we don’t think you’re crazy.

In fact, yet another upside to the whole community thing at Notre Dame Law School is that it is a real benefit to students who have additional demands on their time or who have been out of the academic groove for a while. Students, professors, and administrators alike are willing to help, incredibly understanding, and genuinely interested in the unique perspective such students bring to the classroom and the community. As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is certainly pro-family, from the plethora of cheap or free entertainment options to the “family time” hours at the athletic and recreational centers on campus. And, the lower cost of just about everything in South Bend means that students with spouses and families just might be able to make those student budgets stretch a little farther here than in the various urban meccas.

This section is devoted to the information and resources that non-traditional students in particular might find helpful. But even if you don’t meet that description, keep reading. If we’ve done our job properly, you just may discover some hidden gems of wisdom that will have you feeling like an insider in no time.

Housing

As an addendum to the overall section on apartments and housing, we recommend you hit the web or make some phone calls to verify the information in this guide. Some of the complexes may actually have three-bedroom, or bigger, units, but they weren’t originally included in this guide because they are out of the typical student’s price range. But with a spouse and a child, or two, or more, that extra space is likely more important to you than a few extra dollars to drop at Starbucks.

Most married students cannot say enough good things about Cripe Street and University Village, Notre Dame’s housing for married students. If you’re even thinking about Notre Dame, be sure to check them out. It’s tight living, but it’s one of the best deals in town. It’s all the perks of on-campus housing for dirt cheap. The amenities include water, sewer, trash, local phone service, Ethernet, an all-enclosed playground in the center of the buildings, an organic community garden, a playroom, NDSP and fire security (which lowers our renter’s insurance dramatically), and a club house that’s available to reserve. Cripe Street, one bedroom apartments for married couples without children, runs a little over $600 a month, while University Village, for couples with children, is around $500 for two bedroom apartments and $800 for four bedroom apartments. Rent includes internet, local phone service and basic cable, but does not include long distance and electricity. All of the appliances, including air conditioning and heat, are electric. There are tons of activities going on all the time: BBQs for couples without children, family campouts on the playground, Village picnics, playgroups, Rosary group, La Leche League, story time, etc. They also have a program called Parents’ Night Out each month, which is essentially free babysitting by members of the freshman class for a few hours.
Transportation is easy because of the convenient shuttle. The bus picks up residents at their doors and drops them off at the door to the Law School. Best of all, it's free. It's a great way to save on a parking pass and a walk-free way to give older relatives/visitors a tour of the campus.

Other housing options include either renting or buying a single-family home. If you’re interested in buying, check out realtor.com or similar sites listing houses for sale. South Bend boasts relatively cheap homes – there are many two and three bedroom homes for sale for about $100,000. There are also many safe, family-friendly neighborhoods that are surprisingly affordable.

If you’d rather rent, the University’s Residence Life and Housing website has a section for graduate students at http://housing.nd.edu/graduate/ that includes links for family housing. Finally, the admitted students’ website will include a list of houses available for rent or sale, usually from current or recently-graduated law students. The Admissions Office will help facilitate the passing of property from one law school generation to the next, so if you’re looking to rent, be sure to let Admissions know.

Some web sites that may be useful:
www.apartmentz.com
http://www.rentals.com/Indiana/South-Bend/
http://housing.nd.edu/graduate/

**Jobs**

There are many resources to help your spouse find a job locally. For starters, try the University itself. One of the area’s largest employers, Notre Dame always seems to have several openings, including some that are particularly appropriate for spouses of students.

One huge benefit to spousal employment with the University is the tuition concession that usually accompanies the position. While you’re looking for university employment, don’t forget about nearby colleges and universities: Notre Dame’s sister school, Saint Mary’s College; Holy Cross College; Bethel College; Indiana University-South Bend; Goshen College, and Ivy Tech. Still in the educational vein, South Bend Community Schools, Penn-Harris-Madison district, and the City of Mishawaka schools are the major school systems in the area.

If your spouse works in a health care field, there are two major hospitals in the area, South Bend Memorial and St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, which would be good starting points. And if there’s one thing South Bend has plenty of, it’s doctors of every conceivable specialty.

If there’s something else South Bend has plenty of, it’s retail space. Right next door to Notre Dame is Eddy Street Commons and the Grape Road Shopping Conglomerate, a couple miles’ worth of virtually every big box chain store known to man, as well as a good-sized regional mall (see “Shopping”) and chain restaurants galore (see “Restaurants”). Such places are always in need of additional help. Pretty much no matter where you go to law school, your spouse may need to sacrifice a little in terms of their career aspirations, just as you two agreed would be the case when you decided to embark on this path (You did have that “sacrifice today for a better future tomorrow” talk, right?)
Another option to consider is choosing a place to live where your spouse can commute somewhere other than South Bend for his or her job. For example, the cities of Edwardsburg, Niles, St. Joseph, and Benton Harbor in southwest Michigan all offer expanded opportunities for a job search if you’re willing to drive a little further.

To the east of South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen offer additional options, and to the west, Chesterton, Merrillville, and even Chicago are potentially doable. Sometimes the spouse does the commuting, sometimes the law student. Students have lived in South Bend during the week and returned to faraway families only on the weekends. Students have driven an hour (or more) each day for class and returned home each night. One student arranged his class schedules so that all his classes were on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. His only complaint seemed to be that the drive could be a bit iffy if the weather was bad.

If all else fails, check the South Bend Tribune, www.southbendtribune.com, for job listings. There are jobs here. There must be, or else they wouldn’t keep building new subdivisions.

**Spousal IDs**
The Admissions Office can help you get an ID card for your spouse. The Admissions Office has the form for you to complete, then they generate a “Spouse of Student” ndID number. After the ndID number has been generated your spouse may take the information and $5.00 cash to Card Services which is located in Grace Hall on the 4th floor. Card Services will take a photo of your spouse and issue the card. Spouses of students that have ID cards are entitled to an array of campus benefits including spousal football and basketball tickets, free admission to other sporting events and access to fitness facilities. Contact Julie Lusk, NDFS, Card Services Manager if you have any questions.

**Child Care**
As challenging as it can be to go back to a college-esque environment as a married person, in a perfect world there would be a special notation on one’s diploma for undertaking to earn a degree full-time while not only being married, but also a parent. As noted earlier, Notre Dame is perhaps one of the few places where one can study law in an environment conducive to raising children. Many of the faculty are themselves raising young families, and a number of students have rightly perceived that the family-friendly community of both Notre Dame and the South Bend-Mishawaka area, coupled with a lower cost of living, make this an especially attractive place to pull off the feat of going to school and being a parent.

And while the stars may align just right and permit your spouse to stay home with the children while you attend classes and study, the likelihood is that you will need child care in South Bend. The following is a list of just a few of the major child-care options in South Bend (read: the options this writer actually investigated for his own children). It is by no means a complete or comprehensive list. A number of other possibilities exist, from licensed pre-schools to church-run co-ops to nice neighbors who take care of kids in their own homes. As with any city, big or small, the decision of where to leave your children for several hours a day is as personal as it is important, so we encourage you to use this information as a starting point.

**Early Childhood Development Center of Notre Dame**
http://www3.nd.edu/~ecdcdnd/ 574-631-7808
The Early Childhood Development Center, or ECDC, is affiliated with the University but is officially its own organization, with a separate Board of Directors. It actually operates two facilities – one on the campus of Notre Dame, on Bulla Road right across from Fischer-O’Hara-Grace, and another on the campus of nearby Saint Mary’s College.
The advantages of ECDC-ND are location – right on campus; you must be affiliated with Notre Dame as a student, staff, or faculty member in order to qualify for the ND location; and, at the Notre Dame site, the cost is calculated on a sliding scale determined by your income (which in the case of students means it is likely to be the lowest point on the scale). The disadvantages are that, because it is an extremely popular and sought-after program, it fills up quickly – as soon as February for the year beginning the following August. But don’t despair – schedule changes and cancellations do occur, so if you’re interested, be sure to get on the waiting list just in case. Another disadvantage – they don’t enroll children under two years of age.

La Petite Academy
http://www.lapetite.com 877-620-0199/Mishawaka; 574-234-7109/South Bend
La Petite Academy is a nationally-based chain of day-care facilities. In this area you have your choice of the Mishawaka location, just off Main Street on Catalpa; the South Bend Memorial Hospital location on St. Joseph Street; or an Elkhart location. What makes La Petite Academy unique is its standardized curriculum – every location in the country works from the same basic handbook in terms of lessons and goals. You can learn more about their curriculum and how it is applied at the website listed above.

Growing Kids Learning Center
www.growingkids.com 574-273-9048/Location closest to campus
Growing Kids Learning Center is a local chain of facilities that is well-liked by its patrons. The location at Douglas and State Road 23 is most convenient to campus, unless you live closer to one of the others. The children love “Main Street,” an indoor playroom decorated like a town. They can play inside or outside the “buildings,” climb, slide, and jump about. Growing Kids is one of the few day care centers that offers late-evening care – until 11:30 p.m.

Starz Academy
www.starzacademy.com 574-259-1966/Location closest to campus
There are several locations around town, including one on Edison Road near Grape, and another on State Road 23 in Granger. A third is located on Jefferson Boulevard near Ironwood. The big feature at Starz Academy that the children love is a giant indoor play structure that enables them to climb way up high, look outplexiglass windows, and eventually climb or slide down. Think of a McDonald’s Playland, but bigger. Starz Academy emphasizes the different curricula in their classrooms, as well as their security procedures for drop-off and pickup.

Beyond these options, literally dozens of other day-care facilities exist in the South Bend area. Some elementary work on Google will turn up websites such as www.indiana.gov/fssa/2552.htm. Click “care finder (childcare)” to find inspection reports and http://www.4csindiana.org can help you find many of those other options. But of course, web searches and cold-calling can only go so far when it’s the care of your children at stake. Only personal visits to see the facilities and meet the teachers will truly suffice, and for that you kind of have to be here. Still, hopefully this information will help you use your limited time most efficiently.

A Few More Words About Children…and Insurance
Another challenge you’ll face is finding decent, affordable health care for you and your children. If your spouse can cover them (and maybe you, too) through his or her work, then you’re in much better shape. But you may find that your most obvious option is to enroll your entire family in the university-sponsored student insurance plan. While there’s certainly nothing wrong with this option and it may be all you or your spouse need, you may feel a little better knowing that your children have additional coverage. Take a look at Hoosier Healthwise. It’s Indiana’s version of the federally supported State Children’s Health Insurance Program, which means yes, it’s a form of government assistance. But virtually every student family in
University Village participates in the program, and it’s designed to help people in situations like yours. Find out more information at www.in.gov (click the Family & Health tab) and remember: everybody's doin’ it.

If you can’t or don’t want to qualify for Hoosier Healthwise, the consensus seems to be that Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the next best alternative for health insurance. Explore your options and get a rough quote at www.anthem.com.

The University also has the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center is a Full-Service medical facility that is open Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 noon. They offer routine care, urgent care as well as pediatric care. They also have lab services available, physical therapy and everything in between. Eligible spouses and children of law students may receive services at the Wellness Center. Most commercial insurances are accepted and co-payment is due upon service. The Wellness Center cannot file medical claims for Medicaid recipients, therefore visits will be on a fee-for-service basis. It is required that you verify eligibility with marriage certificates for spouses and birth certificates for children.

Another option is the BABE store. The BABE store is a great way to get stuff your kids need for free. By going to your doctor appointments when you’re pregnant, and/or taking your kids to their doctor appointments, you can earn BABE coupons. You can also earn them by attending approved parenting classes, seminars, La Leche League meetings, etc. You can use the coupons to shop at the BABE store. It's a great reward system for those who are proactive about taking care of their kids. There are at least two BABE stores in the area: http://www.qualityoflife.org/che/babe/. The stores offer clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, cribs, car seats, strollers, formula, baby bath, bottles, bibs, and seasonal things. It doesn’t take much to earn the coupons, and it doesn’t take many coupons to buy things.

**Budget Savers**

Okay, so you’re here, you’ve found a place to live, your spouse has a meager source of income to supplement your loans, and your kids are in decent day care and are adequately insured. On those rare occasions when you’re not studying, how can you and your family have a good time on the approximately eleven cents per day you can devote to recreation?

The following suggestions offer ways to make those dollars stretch – without going without:

- If you live in South Bend, get a library card, which allows you to check out educational movies for free. They also have a huge array of children’s movies, and adult fare including new releases, available for $.50 a day. Sure beats Redbox! Also, don’t forget the Kresge Library right here at the Law School has over a hundred popular movie titles available for free checkout. Granted, most of them have a legal theme to them, so they might not be the best choice for those nights you want to think about anything other than the law. But in general, it’s another free entertainment option to keep in mind.

- The South Bend Library card also enables you to check out FREE passes to the Studebaker Museum, Healthworks, and the Northern Indiana Center for History, which has a kids’ museum and a home’s tour, where you can tour the Oliver Mansion and a working-class family’s home.
There are several great parks in the area. One of the best is Rum Village. With tons of short hiking trails, a Frisbee golf course, a giant playground, and an educational nature center aimed at kids with tons of great seasonal programs, the park is well worth the drive to the south edges of South Bend. Check http://www.sbpark.org for more information on Rum Village and the other South Bend parks, including maps and lists of upcoming events.

The Rockne Memorial recreation center and the Rolfs Sports Rec and Aquatic Center offer family swim times on the weekend – no charge to ND students and their families. Also, because you are a student, your spouse can get his or her own ID card to access Rockne and Rolf.

The Notre Dame bookstore has an “AWESOME” story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. They read a story, sing songs, and do a craft.

Admiral Petroleum (on 933, aka Michigan Ave.) always has the cheapest prices around. Phillips 66 (next to the Village) is a decent second choice for gasoline.

Notre Dame Security Police has a car-seat expert on staff that can inspect your car-seat(s). Even better, they can get you a free car-seat, if you need one. The South Bend Police Department can do the same. They love it when parents get their car-seats inspected, so they will reward you with tons of freebies.

Survival Tips
We end this section with a few quick pointers on how to manage the juggling of your many responsibilities. We would not presume to declare any one way to be the way to get through law school as a non-traditional student. Indeed, part of the beauty of being a non-trad is to come up with the best solution that meets your unique needs. But there are still some things that can apply across the board – universal truths, if you will – which, in keeping with most hard-and-fast laws of nature, you may feel free to accept or reject.

If you are an older student, you've probably spent some considerable time in the workforce, and as a result, you've learned how to manage your time and developed the discipline to stay relatively focused from 9 to 5, or longer. These skills will serve you very well in law school, where the direct demands on your time are much fewer – you're only in class a few hours a day – but the workload is enough that if you stick to the 40 (or more) hour week you're already used to, you'll find you have a lot more time than you thought you would (but note this is not the same thing as “a lot of time”).

Speaking of computers, deciding whether or not to take notes by hand or on computer is a matter of personal preference. But it helps to think about this issue in terms of your past experience – did you use a computer in your job? Are you more used to writing or typing in your pre-law-school day-to-day routine? The bottom line is, don’t listen to advice that “feels” wrong to you. Only you know what will work best for you, based on what has worked best for you before.

If you want to meet other people in the same boat as you, there are several clubs and organizations at school that can help. There is a Married Students Organization and a Military Law Students Organization. The Married Law Students Organization hosts events where you can meet other students and their families.
Don’t be afraid to socialize. The married and unmarried students, the younger and older students, the students with children and the students who are children, all tend to mingle and interact almost without any regard for their demographic differences. Many non-trad students agree that the thing they found most surprising about Notre Dame was how they did not feel ostracized or segregated on account of their status. Of course, friendships form and groups solidify during the first few weeks of classes, but there is amazingly little homogeneity. As daunting as it may seem to be returning to school with “peers” who are from a few to several years younger, the bottom line is that you’re all there for the same reason. The reading, the materials, the assignments, and the workload - all are equally new and challenging and time-consuming to everyone. In the end, you find out, as happens in all good tests of character, that you have a lot more in common with one another than you ever would have guessed.

Accomplishing a law degree at NDLS, while challenging, is certainly possible as a non-traditional student - even with children. Time management becomes critical and there will certainly be times you wonder what you have gotten yourself into, but those are few and far between. It is important to let your spouse and/or child(ren) know that your time will be at a premium and there will be events that you simply cannot participate in, but the sacrifice is certainly worth the future. Rest assured - in the end it will be worth it and with a little effort and understanding, your family will too!
COMING HOME AGAIN

It Just Keeps Getting Better

After graduating with a degree from the University of Notre Dame, it may seem that many goals have been accomplished and dreams realized. However, one reward remains elusive for many Notre Dame graduates: the title of “Double Domer.” Some undergraduates know they want to be a Double Domer the day after Domerfest or their first home football game. Others need to explore beyond South Bend before committing to the “four years going on seven” campaign. Regardless of the path that brought Double Domers back to Our Lady, stepping into the hallowed halls of Biolchini is just like walking in the front door at home.

Deciding to return to Notre Dame for law school comes with perks beyond being able to call oneself a “Double Domer.” For starters, you get to say good morning to Mary each day as you walk to the Law School. And, as you open the doors to Biolchini, you know you belong and do not need to be afraid (unlike those nights as an undergrad during finals week). You can walk up the steps of Main Building without fear. On Saturdays, you are the main cheerleader as you help your peers learn the various arm motions and traditions in the house that Rockne built.

The prospect of returning to Notre Dame without the people who made undergrad so grand can be daunting. But what happens is that your home serves as a welcome resting place for those friends making pilgrimages back to campus for fall football games, spring musicals, and a mass in the Basilica (invest in an air mattress or five). On top of it all, you get to share what makes Notre Dame special with a whole new group of Domers. Your classmates will be eager for your insights into why undergrads eat Quarter Dogs or dance outside Alumni on home football game Fridays or generally act like goofballs. You will get to share those old stories while making many more new ones. More importantly, you will be conduit for sharing the wonderful traditions of Notre Dame: the meditative walks around the lakes, the many legends (of residence life, Fr. Ted, Shrek, among others), and the late night inspiration that comes with a Grotto visit in the dead of winter.
Whether you come straight through as a Double Domer or have taken a few years off before returning, embrace the community that remains. Your old professors and mentors will want to reconnect and hear stories about your challenges and triumphs. New professors will seek to guide your professional discernment – by gauging your interests and desires, as well as your gifts and talents. The places and faces that remain at Notre Dame will always welcome you back. And it’s guaranteed that as you drive back down Notre Dame Avenue for the first time as a Double Domer, Mary will be there too, welcoming you back to your home under the Dome.

**South Bend Part Deux**

As undergrads at Notre Dame, we all lived comfortably in the Notre Dame bubble. When we did leave campus it was to grab a quick bite to eat or find an SYR outfit. For the most part, undergrads are fairly far removed from the South Bend community. While there are innumerable ways to become involved in and enjoy the Notre Dame community, we often ignore the fact that there is an entire world outside the bubble. And South Bend has much to offer.

Take the opportunity to explore beyond Grape Road and Eddy Street. Adventure to the Farmers’ Market or to a new family-owned restaurant or pub. As a Double Domer, you will be ascribed with a wealth of knowledge about South Bend – what to do, where to go, and what to see. It’s up to you to live up to the expectations! If you don’t really know the area, this is your chance to do some research (the Google can help – or professors too!) and bring along new friends to experience something new. Your professors are going to be happy to share recommendations that they have acquired while living in South Bend, and if you are really good they may accompany you and some friends for a drink or a bite to eat.

With the right mindset and excitement for a second tour in South Bend, the time spent can be good for the soul. Make the most of the chance to make new friends, learn from new mentors and to see a side of South Bend (and Notre Dame) you didn’t know existed. Take the time to keep in touch with old friends, meaningful professors, and the classic sites that Notre Dame and South Bend offer. And at the end of the day, express gratitude that you get to call Notre Dame home once again and get to be one of that unique breed: the Double Domers.
Welcome to the Club

First off, welcome to Notre Dame! If you are still unsure whether Notre Dame Law School is the right place for you, please know that the student body, faculty, and administrators welcome new students to the Notre Dame family with open arms. As a transfer, you can expect a helpful and intelligent student body, a variety of law school functions and social events, a faculty who are known nationally and internationally for their legal scholarship, and hopefully a terrific football season. Further, you are able to participate in the Notre Dame on-campus interview (“OCI”) process, become an officer in a law school club or organization, and become heavily involved in the Law School community very quickly.

Within a week or two, you will start to get the hang of life at Notre Dame Law School. The student body and the faculty are extremely friendly and always willing to help. Take full advantage of the Transfer Liaison appointment by the Admissions Office. He or she was in your situation not more than a year ago and can be a very helpful source for quick answers.

General Information
In general, be sure to read the Insider’s Guide sections that pertain to activities to do prior to the start of classes and before Orientation. For activities like getting a student ID, setting up your e-mail account, getting a parking pass, and signing up for a meal plan, follow the same instructions given to first-year law students. Many of the simple activities, like getting a student ID or getting your books, can be done in the weeks prior to classes starting. Generally, you should plan on arriving at Notre Dame at least two weeks before classes start to give yourself time to move into your apartment, familiarize yourself with South Bend, ensure that you have done all the little things that need to be taken care of prior to school starting, and participate in the first round of on-campus interviews. Additionally, if you want to take Intensive Trial Advocacy, it starts the week before classes so you want to be ready for that if you are enrolled.

The To-Do-Quickly List
The biggest problem that you will face is how quickly you must act to complete a long to-do list of activities to get ready for the coming year and, specifically, the first day of class. Once admitted, a to-do list will arrive with your acceptance in the mail, and it will include a timeline establishing dates to accept admission to the Law School, a date that financial aid should be transferred from your old institution to Notre Dame, and a list of other mandatory activities, like talking to Anne Hamilton about a class schedule. The Admissions Office and administrators like Peter Horvath and Anne Hamilton will be able to assist you with any questions you have about moving to South Bend, applying for financial aid, enrolling in classes, getting your first day of class assignments, and setting up your e-mail. Further, if you want to interview during Notre Dame OCI, which begins the week before classes start, you will have to talk to Notre Dame Career Development for assistance with Symplicity. Try to stick to the dates listed on the to-do list to ensure that all the mandatory activities are completed prior to the start of classes.

Locating an Apartment and Moving
Since transfers are admitted later than first year students, getting an apartment can be a bit more difficult because many of the apartment complexes do not have vacancies. Living in the Fischer-O’Hara-Grace apartments is great because they are relatively cheap and the closest to school (they’re on school property), but the availability is very limited because they are usually filled by rising 2Ls and 3Ls and incoming 1Ls. Many recent transfer students found availability at Castle Point, Main Street Village, and the Georgetown Apartment complexes. The “Housing” section in this guide has some helpful information on local apartments too. If you cannot visit South Bend before the start of the school year to find a place to live, try
web sites like [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com) so that you can read about apartment descriptions in the area and also see pictures of the various complexes. Craig’s List is another option. The Admissions Office also maintains a spreadsheet of apartments, homes, rooms for rent, and other housing options. Check online for discounts or coupons from websites that refer you to specific apartment complexes. I received a $100 American Express gift check just for telling my complex that I was referred by a website.

Finding a place to live might depend on whether you decide to live with a roommate. Having a roommate might be a great way to get to know people. Often there are 1Ls who are still looking for a roommate. You can also contact the Admissions Office to see whether there are any other 2L transfers who are looking for roommates.

In addition to finding a place to live, depending upon what state you are coming from and how much furniture you are bringing with you, moving can become very expensive and time-consuming. If your move requires a moving truck, think about driving a Budget or U-Haul truck yourself and paying for movers to help load and unload the truck or consider hiring a moving company to load, ship, and unload your furniture. The beginning of the school year is a very busy time for movers, so moving companies will need to know about a possible move as early as possible and give you an estimate of the cost. If you decide to buy or rent furniture in South Bend, there are many wholesale retailers and furnishing stores that will deliver furniture and even set it up in your new apartment. (For more information see “Housing”).

**Class Schedule, Books, First Day Assignments**

If she does not contact you soon, contact our Registrar, Anne Hamilton, about enrolling in courses. She will e-mail you a class list. The minimum number of credits per semester is 14 and the maximum is 17. Most students take around 15 credits. In arranging your schedule, keep in mind fall semester of your second year is probably the busiest semester of law school since that’s when the bulk of your interviews will occur, the workload for upper level courses is more than first year courses, and home football games eat up entire Saturdays. Additionally, remember that you will be starting fresh GPA-wise. You want to make a strong showing first semester.

If you have problems enrolling for courses online, contact Anne Hamilton, with the classes you want and she can enroll you in the classes from her computer. If you are not sure what classes to take, contact the Admissions Office and ask for the names and e-mail addresses of current students that you could contact to discuss your course schedule. The Transfer Liaison can be a big help here. Also, remember that if you are unhappy with a class that you selected, you will have a week to add or drop a class once school begins.

Once you get your classes scheduled, hit the bookstore. Many students will buy the books online for the classes they will not drop. They are MUCH cheaper and you can get express shipping to ensure they’ll be here when classes start. Check out Amazon Student. This website has free trial, plus small fee after six months. Often you will get free two day shipping and freebies such as music downloads that are easily compatible with i-tunes. Also try Bigwords.com. This website compares buy and sell prices for books at countless websites. You may also sell back books if you are a frequent Amazon shopper. They pay shipping and give you extra dollars as amazon credit instead of cash. Most professors email the first day class assignments.
Law Review and Law Journals
As a transfer student, you are eligible to participate in the same writing competition in which Notre Dame rising 2Ls compete to obtain position on the Law Review or one of the law journals. However, by the time you are admitted, the competition is closed. If you did happen to apply prior to the due date and completed the note, you will find out around the time you hear from the Notre Dame Admissions Office.

If you do not participate in a journal during your 2L year, and you are still interested, you may apply as a rising 3L for an editorial position. You will not compete in the same writing competition for rising 2Ls. The process consists of a Bluebook quiz, resume, transcripts, and a writing sample. For the writing sample, your best shot is to submit a longer note-style piece. So if you are interested in trying to get onto a journal or the Law Review as a 3L, you should probably take a seminar class that requires a paper, or do a directed reading with a professor. You are going to have to write a longer paper to satisfy your upper-level writing requirements anyway, so you might as well get it out of the way early and try for a journal with it.

Moot Court
Moot Court programs work differently at different schools. At Notre Dame, we have Appellate Moot Court, International Moot Court, and Trial Moot Court. Students may also compete in various regional competitions without being a part of the official teams. Trial Moot Court takes place in the spring semester and is required for members of the National Trial Competition team. International Appellate Moot Court members participate in the 2L fall semester for a chance to represent the school in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition the following spring. Enrollment in Moot Court—International is a prerequisite. The Appellate Moot Court Board participates in various regional and national appellate advocacy competitions. If interested in trying out for Appellate Moot Court Board, you must enroll in Moot Court—Appellate during the fall semester of 2L year. Students write and argue an appellate brief before the current 3L Board for a spot on the Moot Court Board. Those chosen for the Board at the end of the fall write and argue another appellate brief the following spring for spots on the various teams. The Appellate Board Teams consist of one Regional Team, two Seventh Circuit Teams, and two National Teams. Board members participate in the various competitions during 3L year, as well as help judge and pick the incoming 2L Moot Court Board.

Jobs and OCI
You’re in law school to get a job. Therefore, you should take the fall interview season seriously.

As a transfer student, we encourage you to participate in the on-campus interview (OCI) program at Notre Dame. The program consists of Early Interview Week (when the majority of big law firms come) and multiple subsequent phases. It begins two weeks before classes start and concludes at the end of football season (not a coincidence). If you want to participate, you should register for a Symplicity account as soon as possible. You will receive an e-mail from the Recruiting Program Manager as soon as your deposit is confirmed notifying you that you are eligible to register. All OCI bidding and scheduling is done through Symplicity. Bidding for employers visiting during Early Interview Week begins in early July, so act quickly if you want to participate in the early OCI phases. Again, most big law firms come during Early Interview Week, but OCI is not only for law firms. Military, government agencies, public interest organizations and other businesses participate as well.

If you were admitted after bidding closes for the early phases and you want to interview with any of those firms, don’t panic! You will receive information and instructions from the Recruiting Program Manager. Incoming transfer students admitted after bidding closes receive priority for available interview slots.
Additionally, the CDO hosts off-campus interview programs in certain popular markets such as Washington D.C., New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami and Philadelphia. Bidding for the off-campus programs is also handled through SympliCity and is very similar. If your transfer is confirmed in time to participate, you will receive information from the Recruiting Program Manager.

After your transfer is confirmed, you will receive an e-mail from the Career Development Office containing instructions for getting started with a career counselor. You should schedule an appointment to have your application materials reviewed in preparation for interview season: resume, cover letter, and writing sample. A counselor will help you develop a strategy for your job search. You can even arrange for a mock interview. The career counselors can point you to the many research tools and other resources available to NDLS students.

**RELAX, You're With Friends**

Above all, get to know people, especially non-transfers. Sign up to participate in clubs at Activities Night, tailgate and go to football games, or play on one of the intramural sports teams. Within a few weeks you will love being part of the Notre Dame family. Welcome!

"The moment I learned of my acceptance as a law school transfer to Notre Dame was something I will remember for the rest of my life! What Notre Dame offers its law students is life changing! After I confirmed my transfer, the recruiting coordinator immediately began sending emails regarding recruiting events, on campus interviews, and resume drops. My assigned Career Development Officer, an Ivy League law grad, contacted me soon thereafter, offering to work with me one-on-one to improve my resume, cover letter, and application package (Tip - TAKE THE HELP!!!). 3L students emailed me to share helpful information and advice on which classes to take, their favorite professors, and the importance of networking with new classmates and ND Law alum. Before I started classes, I was interviewing for summer associate positions at large firms from across the nation. And when the initial excitement and whirlwind died down, I found myself sitting in classrooms surrounded by caring peers listening to world-class professors' present legal content from perspectives rooted deep in theory, research, and practice. The most meaningful moment though occurred at one of the orientation gatherings. As students and faculty were milling around, I found myself in the company of a well-respected professor. When I shared I was a transfer student, he looked me in the eye and said, "You deserve to be here. You're second to no one. You earned your seat. Your peers who have been here are no different than you, so don't believe for one second that you are any less qualified than they are to be sitting in the classroom." These words had a powerful impact on my self-confidence. I belonged. I was part of the family. I was ND LAW!"

* Norris Ham  
  Class of 2016
The Sources of All Knowledge Speak

Notre Dame law students are very impressed with their faculty. The professors at Notre Dame Law School are committed to establishing meaningful relationships with their students. They seek not only to develop their students’ academic and professional skills, but also to instill in their students a strong ethical foundation that creates “a different kind of lawyer.”

The Notre Dame Law School faculty is very accomplished, having served, among other things, as Supreme Court clerks, White House and government departmental counsel, associates and partners at various prestigious law firms, and successful government prosecutors. Our professors have become some of the foremost scholars in their respective fields, yet remain dedicated to being successful and effective instructors.

Though our faculty’s credentials are undeniably impressive, what sets them apart is their approachability and their willingness to help students succeed. Our professors exemplify the mission and values of Notre Dame Law School. They demonstrate what it means to be a “different kind of lawyer” and they are truly one of a kind.

I first came to Notre Dame as a professor. As a law student, I loved my educational experience, but sorely missed a sense of connection between students and faculty. Notre Dame, by contrast, offers a community unmatched by any other top-flight law school. The members of the faculty, in addition to being outstanding scholars, are devoted teachers who are committed to getting to know their students outside the classroom and to helping them prepare for their careers. This spirit of intellectual friendship also animates a student body as collegial as I have ever encountered. Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, has community and concern for the whole person built deeply into its DNA. This distinctive aspect of the Law School makes it a wonderful place for Catholics and non-Catholics alike to develop as lawyers, citizens, and human beings.

- Professor Jeffrey Pojanowski

It is an extreme pleasure to be a part of the community at Notre Dame Law School. We don’t just look at our students as people trying to pursue a career path or enter the legal profession, which are of course completely valid pursuits. We look at our students as individuals engaged in an effort to ascertain a vocation that will bring them joy and fulfillment for years to come. To effectuate this process, we push our students to think critically in the classroom about what the law is and what it should be. We believe fiercely in the pursuit of justice, which leads our faculty and students to engage in work that will better the world around us. We aren’t interested in just teaching and learning the law; we are focused on understanding the way the law impacts those around us and identifying ways we can serve others. This ethos makes Notre Dame unique amongst law schools and truly without peer.

- Professor Veronica Root
Notre Dame is a truly distinctive place with a truly unique mission. We seek to be a great university that preserves, and remains faithful to, our Catholic identity. This mission is a challenging, but critically important one, and we at the Law School play an instrumental role in fulfilling it. For better or worse, many of the most important questions in our nation become, at some point, legal questions. I feel privileged to be a part of a community of scholars that seeks to engage those questions both rigorously and completely, by fostering a debate that is both catholic (small c) and Catholic (large C).

Notre Dame also is the kind of place that fosters scholarly exchange between students and faculty. We take our teaching seriously here, and we like and respect our students. I have learned a great deal from my students, both inside the classroom and outside. This kind of interaction enables the true integration of scholarly research and teaching. Just as much of my research starts with ideas that were initially batted around in the classroom, my teaching is also informed by my scholarship. Finally, Notre Dame is a community where people care about one another. Our students rally around colleagues in need, and they understand (or, at least I hope that they understand) that the faculty are always here to help as well.

—Professor Nicole Garnett

When I joined Notre Dame in 2011, I knew I was coming to a special place. Since then, I've felt incredibly blessed to be part of such an impressive and inspiring community. We—and it's a big “we,” drawing together students, alumni, faculty, and staff—are committed to nothing less than excellence in the study and practice of law. But we strive to remember that the law is part of a broader system for governing interactions between people in order to promote their flourishing. At Notre Dame, I'm constantly reminded that the law is more than a profession; it's a calling.

—Professor Randy Kozel

As a Notre Dame law student in the 1980s, I experienced first-hand the cooperative and nurturing environment that Notre Dame Law School offers. Many of my professors, some of whom are now my colleagues, taught me much more than the law as they ably combined their professional careers, personal lives and religious beliefs, and encouraged us by word and example to do the same. Serving as a faculty member offers me a unique opportunity to combine my chosen profession with my religious beliefs and to contribute to a community that has enriched my life in so many ways. I hope that I can encourage future generations of law students to grow in faith and knowledge during their time at Notre Dame Law School. Whether in or out of the classroom, I strive to challenge these Notre Dame lawyers to keep a healthy balance among their careers, family, and faith, and to use their legal training to serve others.

—Professor Matthew Barrett
At Notre Dame, we aspire to provide a counter-cultural voice—one that affirms the dignity of the human person, the complementary relation between faith and reason, and a vision of law and lawyering that is rooted in vocation, intellectual rigor, and service. Our foundations in faith mean that our students and our faculty enjoy the freedom to pursue questions that are too often pushed “off the table” elsewhere and to strive to integrate their work, faith, family, and ideals. I’m proud to be a part of this community.

~ Professor Rick Garnett

I came to Notre Dame in 1973, having lived virtually my whole life on the East Coast, and expected to stay for two or three years before returning ‘home.’ Instead, I am now in my 37th year on the Law School faculty. In this more than quarter-century, I have found that Notre Dame is a special place. The University has tremendous resources that have enabled me to develop and mature as a teacher and scholar. My colleagues are intelligent and supportive, and the students are bright and great fun to teach. For me and my family, this is clearly now “home.”

~ Professor Joseph Bauer

Notre Dame Law School aspires to be a different kind of law school—a place that combines first-rate legal training with an emphasis on the big questions and a community that engages the whole person. We want our graduates to be the kind of lawyers who understand the power of law to shape people's lives and dedicate themselves to using their training to serve others. We aim to produce outstanding lawyers who are leaders in their fields and in their communities, and who can lead distinguished professional lives while maintaining balance. This is a challenging time in the legal profession, but we believe these values are needed now more than ever.

~ Professor Mark McKenna
Student Perspectives on the Faculty
This is a collection of a few comments about particular faculty members that we received from students, but we also heard about how Professor Velasco can be found pacing the halls at the beginning of the semester memorizing all his students’ names; how Professor Rick Garnett plays basketball with a student team each winter; how Professor Nagle has students in the Christian Legal Society to his home every semester for a barbeque; and how the research librarians will regularly drop whatever they’re doing to help students research for projects.

“My best experiences this year have been when I’ve seen professors outside of class for non-school purposes. For example a few of us went to lunch with Professor A.J. Bellia. When you make an effort to see your professors outside of class, not only are they so receptive to it but also even if they seem intimidating in the classroom, you really see how approachable they are. It’s also pretty amazing to get to hear about all the really cool things they’ve done before teaching and to get advice from some really accomplished people. Professor Bellia told us some hilarious stories, answered all my questions about becoming the lawyer I want to be, and just gave valuable advice about life in general. It was a really great experience and it reminded me that all the professors at ND are also genuinely invested in our futures.”
 -Sarah Wolfson, Class of 2017

“The faculty here are truly top-notch. They are, without a doubt, some of the most interesting, impressive, and brilliant people I have ever met. Even better, they are very approachable. My professors have always been willing to take time out of their busy schedules to meet with me outside of class. They encourage students to visit them in office hours and they like to develop relationships with students outside of class. Their passion for their students, for the law, and for Notre Dame really sets them apart. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with such incredible faculty every day.”
 -Megan Davis, Class of 2017

“Professor Alford is really friendly and open to students visiting him at all times. When I asked for internship help in international law, he reached out to all his contacts to try to connect me. Professor Alford is the best for getting you as much help as possible in the internship/job search and is really well connected because of his work before coming to Notre Dame.”
 -Esha Kamboj, Class of 2017

“Notre Dame professors genuinely care about their students, they don’t look at us as just "chairs" in a lecture hall. My criminal law professor, Professor Gurule, showed this in every lecture and every time that I met with him during office hours. He would skillfully find a solution to my questions, and he would be sure to genuinely ask how I was doing with my classes and my experience as a first year law student. While I am not pursuing a career in criminal law, Professor Gurule’s teaching style and passion for the subject created an incredibly engaging classroom experience.”
 -Tim Dondanville, Class of 2016
And Here They Are... The Professors at NDLS

In this section, we provide brief bios of every full-time professor on the faculty, which include information such as their alma maters, which courses they frequently teach, and any other interesting information we could find. In order to give you an idea as to who you may be taking class with this year, first-year courses have been listed in bold.

A complete listing of all faculty members is available at http://law.nd.edu/faculty/.

Roger Alford
J.D. from New York University. Professor Alford joined the NDLS faculty in January 2012. He teaches and writes a wide range of subject-matter areas. He has been a law clerk to Judge James Buckley and Judge Richard Allison and has practiced law in Washington, D.C. Professor Alford is well-known among students for his friendliness and approachability, as well as his eagerness to assist his students in internship and job searches.

Amy Coney Barrett
Teaches: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Federal Courts, Statutory Interpretation Seminar, Constitutional Law, Constitutional Theory Seminar
J.D. from Notre Dame. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Barrett clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. She has also practiced law in Washington, D.C. and served as a visiting associate professor and John M. Olin fellow at George Washington University Law School and as a visiting professor of law at the University of Virginia. Professor Barrett is known for her no-nonsense attitude and her incredible command of the material. Her students will tell you that she is always warm and welcoming to students who stop by her office for help.

Matthew J. Barrett
Teaches: Accounting for Lawyers, Federal Income Tax, Accounting Seminar
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Barrett has clerked for the Honorable Cornelia G. Kennedy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and has practiced law in Columbus, Ohio. He is also a Certified Public Accountant in Ohio. He is of no relation to Professor Amy Barrett. Professor Barrett is very helpful and kind to tax-challenged students and is an accounting/tax trivia aficionado.

Anthony J. (A.J.) Bellia, Jr.
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Bellia met his wife, Professor Patricia Bellia, while he was clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He has also clerked for Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Judge William M. Skretty of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, and has practiced law in Washington, D.C. Professor Bellia is rather well known for his seemingly silly tangents that tend to pepper his class with humor and demonstrate his approachable, relaxed nature.
Patricia Bellia
Teaches: Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Cyber Law, Copyright & the Constitution
J.D. from Yale. Professor Bellia has clerked for Judge José A. Cabranes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She has worked in the Office of Legal Counsel for the United States Department of Justice and served as a visiting professor at the University of Virginia Law School. Professor Bellia currently serves as Notre Dame’s faculty athletics representative to the NCAA. She has a knack for knowing her students’ names on the first day of class as has received a reputation as the fastest lecturer on the faculty.

Geoffrey Bennett
Teaches: Evidence, Introduction to the American Legal System
B.A. from Cambridge (England). Professor Bennett is the Director of the Notre Dame London Law Program. He has lectured in law at both the University of Liverpool and the University of Leeds. Professor Bennett’s areas of academic interest include cultural property, criminal procedure and the law of education, contract law and comparative law.

Gerard Bradley
J.D. from Cornell. Professor Bradley worked as a prosecutor in New York for many years and has served on the law faculty at the University of Illinois. He writes extensively on religion and the law as well as constitutional law. At Notre Dame he co-directs the Natural Law Institute and co-edits The American Journal of Jurisprudence.

Margaret Brinig
Teaches: Contracts, Family Law, Law and Economics Seminar, Alternative Dispute Resolution
J.D. from Seton Hall. Professor Brinig is a leading scholar in both law and economics and family law. She currently sits on the executive council of the International Society of Family Law and conducts extensive scholarly research in her fields of expertise. Professor Brinig is the co-founder and co-director of the Notre Dame Law and Economics Program.

Paolo Carozza
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Carozza has clerked for the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia and has practiced law in Washington, D.C. He is currently the director of NDLS' programs in international human rights law and on law and human development. His extensive writings in the areas of comparative law, human rights, and international law have been widely published internationally. From 2006-2010 he was a member (President 2008-2009) of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Douglass Cassel
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Cassel joined the NDLS faculty in 2005. His current research interests include the human rights responsibilities of transnational corporations, international law options for combating terrorism, strengthening of international human rights institutions, and the history of human rights. He has served in several prestigious positions in the fields of international and human rights law.
Christine Cervenak  
Teaches: Law and Human Development  
J.D. from UCLA. Christine works closely with Associate Dean Paolo Carozza in the Program on Law and Human Development. She is the Associate Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Program Director for the Program on Law and Human Development.

Jodi Clifford  
Teaches: Intellectual Property Law Clinic  
J.D. from the University of Virginia. Professor Clifford practiced law as a patent attorney in Cleveland, Ohio. She joined the NDLS faculty in 2011 and is the founding director of the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic.

Barry Cushman  
Teaches: Legal and Constitutional History, Constitutional Law, Trusts & Estates  
J.D. from the University of Virginia. Professor Cushman has practiced law in Los Angeles and has served as a professor of law and history at the University of Virginia. He joined the NDLS faculty in 2012. Professor Cushman teaches and writes in a wide range of areas including legal and constitutional history, constitutional law and trusts and estates. His book, Rethinking the New Deal Court: The Structure of a Constitutional Revolution, was awarded the American Historical Association’s Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law. He has also been honored with the University of Virginia’s All-University Teaching Award.

Father William Dailey  
Teaches: Administrative Law, Immigration Law, Professional Responsibility  
J.D. from Columbia. Father Dailey has clerked for Judge Diarmuid F. O’Scannlain of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and practiced in Washington, D.C. He later served as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School. Father Dailey is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. His teaching and scholarly interests are in the areas of administrative law, professional responsibility, and immigration.

Ed Edmonds  
Teaches: Legal Research, Sports Law  
J.D. from the University of Toledo. Dean Edmonds is the director of the Kresge Law Library. He has been known to make use of sports-related cases to make the study of legal research more fun.

Barbara Fick  
J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Fick has practiced law in Milwaukee and has served as a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Philadelphia. Her teaching and scholarship focus on various aspects of labor law such as employment discrimination, individual rights in the workplace, and international and comparative labor law. She is known for her demanding grading but her students learn a lot in her fascinating classes.
John Finnis
Teaches: Social, Political & Legal Thought of Shakespeare, Social, Political & Legal Thought of Aquinas, Jurisprudence
L.L.B. from Adelaide University (Australia), doctorate from Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar). Each year, Professor Finnis spends one semester in South Bend and the other semester at Oxford. Considered the world’s foremost living authority on natural law, he is occasionally described as “the smartest man on the planet.” He has published widely in law, legal theory, moral and political philosophy, moral theology, and the history of the late Elizabethan era. He is currently an adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Notre Dame.

Judith Fox
Teaches: Legal Aid, Consumer Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Fox supervises students in their work at the Legal Aid Clinic. Her clinics sections focus on debtor/creditor issues and family law. Her advocacy and research focus on issues of predatory lending, primarily in the housing market.

Nicole Garnett
J.D. from Yale. Professor Garnett is married to Professor Rick Garnett. She has clerked for the Honorable Morris S. Arnold of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and for United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She practiced in Washington, D.C. as a staff attorney for the Institute of Justice. She was appointed by President Bush to serve on the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission. Professor Garnett is described by her students as bright and funny, with a particular love for using Google maps “street view” to show properties discussed in her courses.

Richard (“Rick”) Garnett
Teaches: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Catholic Social Thought, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Death Penalty, Freedom of Speech & The First Amendment, Freedom of Religion
J.D. from Yale. Professor Garnett is married to Professor Nicole Garnett. He has clerked for Chief Judge Richard S. Arnold of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. He is a leading authority on questions and debates regarding the role of religious believers and beliefs in politics and society. He is very active in academic writing and is widely published. Only his family and his obsession with Duke basketball beat his love of teaching the law.

Jimmy Gurulé
J.D. from the University of Utah. Professor Gurulé is an internationally known expert in the field of international criminal law, specifically, terrorism, terrorist financing, and anti-money laundering. He has served in a number of high-profile public law enforcement positions, including as Under Secretary for Enforcement to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Justice Programs for the U.S. Department of Justice, and Assistant U.S. Attorney, where he served as Deputy Chief of the Major Narcotics Section of the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney’s Office. Additionally, Professor Gurulé helped train the Iraqi judges presiding over the Saddam Hussein trial. He is a demanding but brilliant professor who encourages his students to pursue criminal law with the utmost integrity.
Bruce Huber
Teaches: Property, Energy Law, Natural Resources Law
J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Huber has earned several teaching awards. He taught in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College and practiced law in Washington State. He is a fellow of the Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values and contributes to the Notice and Comment blog of the Yale Journal on Regulation. Students love the way he raps in class.

Michael Jenuwine
Teaches: Applied Mediation, Law & Psychology, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Legal Aid, Family Law Clinic, Professional Responsibility
J.D. from the University of Chicago. Professor Jenuwine served as a Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Mental Health and Disability Law Clinic at the law school of Indiana University, Bloomington. His current research and teaching interests focus on family law, child advocacy, mental health law, and interdisciplinary legal practice. Professor Jenuwine currently serves on the Indiana Board of Law Examiners. He supervises students in their work at the Legal Aid Clinic with a focus on mental health.

Robert Jones
Teaches: GALILEE, Appalachia Externship, Notre Dame Law in Chicago, Lawyerng Practice Externship
J.D. from Harvard. Dean Jones has clerked for the Honorable Milton Shadur of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and has practiced in Chicago. He serves as the director of the Legal Aid Clinic and supervises students in their work in the clinic with a focus on landlord/tenant and social security issues. He coordinates other experiential learning programs, including the Asylum Externship, student pro bono initiatives, and the GALILEE Program.

William Kelley
Teaches: Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law II, Administrative Law
J.D. from Harvard. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Kelley clerked for the Honorable Kenneth W. Starr of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, and Justice Antonin Scalia. He joined the NDLS faculty in 1995, and later took a brief hiatus to serve in the White House as Deputy Counsel to President George W. Bush. Professor Kelley's scholarship focuses on public law issues, and he has previously served as the Associate Dean for Faculty Research.

Daniel Kelly
Teaches: Property, Trusts and Estates, Remedies, Law and Economics Seminar
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Kelly has clerked for the Honorable Richard C. Wesley of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is currently a member of the American Law Institute and serves as an Associate Reporter for the Restatement (Fourth) of Property. Professor Kelly is the co-director and co-founder of the Notre Dame Law and Economics Program. His research interests include property land use, natural resources law, and trusts and estates. His passion for property law is outweighed only by his passion for his family and Notre Dame basketball. If you are in Professor Kelly's class during the spring semester, expect frequent updates regarding the status of his Bookstore Basketball team.
James Kelly, Jr.
Teaching: Community Development Clinic, Real Estate Transactions, Land Use Planning
J.D. from Columbia. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Kelly practiced in Baltimore and served as an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore and Visiting Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University. He joined the NDLS faculty in 2011. He founded and runs the Community Development Project, and supervises students in their work at the Community Development Clinic.

Dwight B. King
Teaches: Legal Research
J.D. from the University of Michigan. Professor King serves as the Head of Library research services. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty he worked at the University of Baltimore as public-services librarian and associate law librarian. He is famous amongst students for baking amazing pies that have become popular raffle items at the annual Father Mike show.

Michael Kirsch
J.D. from Harvard. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Kirsch practiced law in Los Angeles and clerked for Chief Judge Lapsley W. Hamblen, Jr. of the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C. He later served in the IRS Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (International) and worked in the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Tax Policy, where he served as the Associate International Tax Counsel. Since joining the NDLS faculty he has twice been named the Distinguished Professor of the Year by graduating classes. He has served as an Associate Dean of the Law School and has also been a visiting professor of law at Northwestern University.

Randy Kozel
Teaches: Contracts, Freedom of Speech, Legal Change Seminar
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Kozel has clerked for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, he practiced as a litigator at a large law firm and as Special Counsel to the General Counsel at General Electric Company. He teaches and researches in fields including constitutional law, federal courts, and contract law, with a particular focus on the role of precedent in legal decisionmaking. Professor Kozel is a student favorite, having recently been named Distinguished Teacher of the Year by the Class of 2014.

Jennifer Mason McAward
Teaches: Constitutional Law II, Civil Rights Law, Post-Conviction Remedies
J.D. from NYU. Professor Mason McAward has clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She has also practiced law in Washington, D.C. Professor Mason McAward is currently the Acting Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Her teaching and research interests focus on civil rights, constitutional law, and habeas corpus. She joined the law school faculty in 2005 and is a student favorite, having been named Distinguished Professor of the Year in 2007. Students describe her as sincere and passionate, making her classes a joy to attend.
Lloyd Mayer
Teaches: Federal Income Tax, Election Law, Not-for-Profit Organization, Taxation of Business Enterprises
J.D. from Yale. Dean Mayer has clerked for the Honorable Lowell A. Reed, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and practiced in Washington, D.C. Dean Mayer’s areas of research interest and expertise include advocacy by nonprofit organizations, the growing intersection of election law and tax law with respect to lobbying and other political activity, and the role of nonprofits both domestically and internationally.

Mark McKenna
J.D. from the University of Virginia. Professor McKenna teaches and writes in the area of intellectual property and is widely recognized as a leading scholar in trademark law. He has also written about design patent, copyright, the right of publicity, and the intersection of intellectual property rights regimes. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor McKenna was a member of the faculty at Saint Louis University School of Law and practiced law in Chicago, where he primarily litigated trademark and copyright cases. Students describe him as a challenging professor whose awesome hypotheticals make Torts fun.

John Nagle
Teaches: Property, Environmental Law, Advanced Environmental Law, Biodiversity and the Law, Climate Change Law, Legislation, Election Law
J.D. from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Nagle clerked for Judge Deanell Reece Tacha of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, served as a scientific assistant in the Energy and Environmental Division of Argonne National Laboratory, and worked in the United States Department of Justice in the Office of Legal Counsel and later as an environmental litigation trial attorney. He has taught at the Tsinghua University Law School in Beijing and the University of Hong Kong and has lectured on environmental, legislation, and property issues in the U.S., Canada, China, Hungary, and Malaysia. His students describe his delightful sense of humor and ability to personalize even the most arcane cases as a delightful part of taking his classes.

Sean O’Brien
Teaches: Introduction to International Human Rights Research & Writing, Human Rights Practice
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor O’Brien is Assistant Director for the Center of Civil and Human Rights. He has extensive experience in domestic and international human rights work, having practiced at a law firm in Ireland and with the Center for Justice and International Law in the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. He has also served as Chief Counsel for Immigration and Human Rights at the Center for Multicultural Human Services in Virginia.

Christopher S. O’Byrne
Teaches: Legal Research
J.D. from the University of Washington. Professor O’Byrne is a member of three American Association of Law Libraries Special Interest Sections: Academic Law Libraries, Foreign Comparative and International Law, and Legal History and Rare Books. His professional interests include copyright, disability law, and Roman law. His students describe him as an extremely approachable, friendly face that is always more than willing to help a student in any way possible. If you are in his Legal Research class, make sure to talk with him about his love for Halloween and Harry Potter!
Mary Ellen O'Connell
J.D. from Columbia. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty in 2005, Professor O’Connell was a faculty member at Ohio State University, the Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies Bologna Center, and Indiana University. She has also served as a military educator for the U.S. Department of Defense in Germany and has practiced law in Washington, D.C. Since joining the NDLS faculty she has been named a Senior Law Fellow at the Center for Theological Inquiry in Princeton, has served as vice president of the American Society of International Law, and has chaired the Use of Force Committee of the International Law Association. Her students enjoy her unique sense of humor and movie clips. But be warned: If you look down, she will call on you. If you make eye contact, she will call on you. If you sneeze, she will call on you. If you yawn, she will call on you.

Patricia O'Hara
Teaches: Business Associations, Securities Regulation
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor O’Hara joined the NDLS faculty in 1981. She served as the Vice President of Student Affairs for the University from 1990-1999 and as the Dean of the Law School from 1999-2009. She has also served the Law School Admissions Council in various capacities. Professor O’Hara returned to teaching in 2011. Her students consider her a joy to have in the classroom.

Jeffrey Pojanowski
Teaches: Torts, Administrative Law, Jurisprudence
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Pojanowski joined the NDLS faculty in 2010. Prior to joining the teaching faculty, he clerked for Judge John Roberts of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court. He also practiced law in Washington, D.C., specializing in appellate litigation and administrative-law matters. Professor Pojanowski’s scholarship focuses on statutory interpretation, the common law, and legal theory. His students thoroughly enjoy his sense of humor and approachable nature. He was named Distinguished Professor of the Year in 2013.

Warren Rees
Teaches: Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research
J.D. from Southern Illinois University. Professor Rees joined the Kresge Law Library faculty in 1997. He has worked as an assistant and associate librarian at the University of Minnesota, assistant director of the law library at Willamette University, associate director of the law library at Gonzaga University, and research librarian at Valparaiso University. His areas of academic interest include legal research and computer law. He is a fountain of research knowledge and is always willing to help 1Ls with research questions.

Honorable Kenneth Ripple
Teaches: Conflict of Law, Federal Courts, Judicial Process Seminar
J.D. from the University of Virginia. In addition to teaching as a member of the NDLS faculty, Judge Ripple concurrently serves as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (appointed by President Reagan in 1985). He currently serves on the American delegation to the 1980 Anglo-American Judicial Exchange, is a member of the American Law Institute, and has chaired the Advisory Committee on Federal Appellate Rules of Procedure.
John Robinson
Teaches: Civil Procedure, Trusts and Estates, Journal of College & University Law
J.D. from the University of California-Berkeley. Professor Robinson has served as a member the NDLS faculty since 1983. His areas of academic interest include civil procedure, jurisprudence, and trusts and estates. He has a special expertise in the law of death and dying. His sense of humor is renowned throughout the law school and his knowledge of case details never fails to impress 1Ls.

Veronica Root
Teaches: Contracts, Professional Responsibility
J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Root clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and practiced law in Washington, D.C. Her research focuses on issues related to corporate compliance. Her students describe her as approachable and encouraging, and appreciate her willingness to get to know her students through office hours or coffee meetings.

James Seckinger
Teaches: Deposition Skills, Intensive Trial Advocacy
J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Seckinger has been a member of the NDLS faculty for more than 40 years. He is recognized nationally and internationally as a top trial advocacy professor and practitioner. He has served as a faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for more than 40 years, and served as Director for 15 years. He has taught attorneys common law trial advocacy skills in several countries and is a member of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and Faculty for the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy.

Jane Simon
Teaches: Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II
J.D. from Indiana University-Bloomington. Professor Simon joined the NDLS faculty in 2006. Prior to joining the faculty, she litigated employment discrimination and intellectual property cases at the trial and appellate levels in Chicago. Professor Simon has also served as a law clerk to Judge Wayne R. Andersen in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She is the founder of a legal writing and research service, www.LawWriter.com.

Kate Singer
Teaches: Intensive Trial Advocacy, Moot Court
J.D. from Notre Dame. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty in 2000, Professor Singer worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for St. Joseph County, focusing on Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault cases. She later served as the Legal Advocate at the Y.W.C.A. of St. Joseph County. Currently, Professor Simon runs a not-for-profit enterprise called Motherhood and serves as the co-coach of the Barristers and AAJ Trial Teams.

Stephen F. Smith
Teaches: Criminal Law, Constitutional Criminal Procedure – Adjudication, Federal Criminal Law, Criminal Adjudication
J.D. from the University of Virginia. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty in 2009, Professor Smith clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and practiced law in Washington, D.C. He is known among students for his animated teaching style and unique sense of humor.
O. Carter Snead
Teaches: Torts, Bioethics Seminar, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Health Law
J.D. from Georgetown. Professor Snead is an internationally recognized expert in Public Bioethics. His research explores issues relating to neuroethics, enhancement, stem cell research, abortion, and end-of-life decision making. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, he served as General Counsel to The President’s Counsel on Bioethics. He continues to aid the Counsel as an Expert Consultant. He teaches Torts with a youthful sense of humor. However, make sure you know the facts of every case down cold and pay attention to the squibs and notes.

Jay Tidmarsh
Teaches: Torts, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law II, Complex Civil Litigation
J.D. from Harvard. Professor Tidmarsh is an expert in complex civil litigation and civil procedure, having authored or co-authored ten books (including casebooks) in those fields. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, he practiced as a trial attorney with the Torts Division of the United States Department of Justice. Funny and well liked, he is considered by students to be one of the most brilliant professors at NDLS. Make sure to keep an eye out for his awesome ties – I dare you to catch him wearing the same tie twice in one semester!

Avishalom Tor
Teaches: Antitrust Law, Behavioral Analysis of Law, Corporate Governance Seminar
Ph.D. from Harvard. Having taught and researched at various universities across the world, Professor Tor’s research focuses on the study of competition and cooperation in market settings and the legal rules and institutions that shape such market behavior. His students find his classes very interesting and unique.

Julian Velasco
Teaches: Business Associations, Corporate Finance, Securities Regulation, Mergers & Acquisitions
J.D. from Columbia. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty in 2001, Professor Velasco served as an associate professor at the Hofstra University School of Law, practiced as a corporate attorney in New York City, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ellsworth A. Van Graafeiland in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His primary teaching and research interests include corporate law, corporate governance, and fiduciary law. He is known for memorizing his students’ names prior to classes beginning. His exams are tough, but fair.

Christine Venter
Teaches: Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, International Moot Court, Gender Issues and International Law
J.D. from the University of Cape Town School of Law (South Africa), LL.M in International Law and Human Rights and J.S.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Venter is the director of the first year Legal Writing program. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, she worked as an associate for a South African law firm specializing in civil rights litigation. After relocating to the U.S., she worked for a firm specializing in international business and later did legal aid work. She is currently a member of the Legal Writing Institute, the Association of Legal Writing Directors, and is an Editor of The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.
Stephen Yelderman
Teaches: Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Copyright
J.D. from the University of Chicago. Prior to joining the NDLS faculty, Professor Yelderman served in the Telecommunication and Media section of the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, worked as a patent agent in the Silicon Valley, and clerked for the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. His research examines ways that intellectual property rights protect, impair, and stimulate competition. Professor Yelderman is excellent at presenting a technical and complicated subject matter in a way that is understandable.

"The faculty here are second to none. They are the experts in their fields, while being completely approachable and willing to help in any way that they can. It is so rare to find that combination of professionalism, expertise, and humility, but our faculty exemplifies that in all aspects."

Sami Lyew
Class of 2017

"Notre Dame’s outstanding faculty is absolutely one of the law school’s finest qualities. It’s hard not to be awed on your first day by the formidable credentials of our professors. Five of my first-year professors clerked for Supreme Court Justices! But what’s even more impressive is their dedication to helping their students succeed. The professors at Notre Dame want to get to know you. They perfectly willing to help you work through that topic from class that you’re having trouble with, but they are just as willing to grab a coffee and talk about life."

Hans Kessler
Class of 2017

"The faculty at NDLS are not only brilliant and accomplished in their own right, but amazingly accessible to even the first year law students. My faculty adviser took time out each semester to meet with us during 1L year to ensure that we were adjusting well to the Law School and to answer questions that we had about everything from the job search to balancing school work with our personal lives. I’m so grateful to the faculty at NDLS for taking time to mentor me through the (admittedly, challenging) experience of Law School."

Tom McHugh
Class of 2017

"The professors at Notre Dame make a point to develop relationships with students. Those relationships foster a community in which discussions about right and wrong flourish and professors provide guidance on how ethics inform a legal education and career."

Nicholas Schilling
Class of 2017
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

We all go to law school in hopes of getting a job, right? Well, the Career Development Office is here to help! The CDO is a special resource at Notre Dame Law School, and the counselors work hard to help you achieve success in your job search. There are so many different career paths to pursue—judicial clerkships, firms, prosecutors, public defenders, and more—and the CDO counselors come from a variety of backgrounds and possess a wealth of expertise.

Throughout the school year, the CDO conducts programming—often with lunch served!—encompassing various topics such as interviewing, networking, and building a great resume. These programs are so helpful and lots of fun!

In the fall of your first year, counselors begin meeting with students on October 15. In your initial meeting, you and a counselor will discuss your interests and career aspirations and begin plotting your career path. You will also review your resume and cover letter and receive suggestions for edits and revisions. Throughout the course of the year, the CDO counselors are always available to meet and discuss any questions you may have during your search for the perfect 1L summer job. Need to practice for your big interview? Schedule a mock interview with a CDO counselor—you will dress up like it is a real interview and the counselor will act as if s/he is your interviewer! They will ask you both the hard and easy questions, so you will surely be prepared for your real interview. Need ideas about where to apply? Ask a counselor for suggestions that align with your interests and career goals.

In the spring of your first year, the CDO will introduce the On Campus Interview (OCI) process to you and help you with initial preparation. OCI will begin in August when you return from your 1L summer job and will last for several weeks. During that time, employers from cities throughout the country will visit campus to interview students at the Law School. In addition, the CDO coordinates Off-Campus Interview Programs (OCIP) in several major markets before the start of OCI. OCI and OCIP interviews are for 2L summer jobs, which may turn into job offers following graduation. Of course, individual outreach by students to prospective employers is most important, but OCI and OCIPs can be a helpful tool in your job search. Students place bids for screening interviews typically lasting 20 to 30 minutes, and then employers contact those who they would like to offer a second round interview or “callback.” Every firm has different practices regarding hiring decisions, but the CDO is available throughout the process to assist you.

During your 1L summer, the CDO coordinates a mock interview program where they enlist Notre Dame alumni in the city where you are working to conduct a mock interview with you. As a result, you not only get a great opportunity to enhance your interview skills, but you also get to meet Notre Dame alumni in your target market.

Of course, not everyone wants to work in a firm, so the CDO also helps those interested in public interest, government, and judicial clerkships. Counselors with specialized expertise in these areas are available to assist you, and the CDO will usually offer programming throughout the year that addresses these career paths as well.

Most importantly, the CDO facilitates connections and network opportunities with Notre Dame alumni. As students at Notre Dame, we have access to an incredibly strong network of alumni who seek to support one another in any way that they can. Thankfully, we have the CDO to teach us how to best utilize that network and then give back in the same way when we are alumni in a couple of years!
“The CDO office at NDLS has always been committed to helping students not only figure out what they want to do, but also helping students implement an effective plan to reach our goals. The help they offer is personalized for the individual student, reflecting their attention to detail and also how important each student’s success is to them. Our CDO is a great resource for students, and I am happy that they are here to help guide me through the stressful process of obtaining employment in the legal profession.”

Lavarr Barnett
Class of 2017

“The alumni network is also something that drew me to Notre Dame. Getting a decent job after graduation is very important, and I felt that Notre Dame’s loyal alumni network was a huge step in the right direction.”

Megan Davis
Class of 2017

“Attending Notre Dame was always a dream of mine ever since I was a young boy. That being said, I feel the opportunity to attend Notre Dame Law School was also a very good career move. A main factor in my decision to come to Notre Dame was the vast alumni network in many cities across the country. This really attracted me to Notre Dame as I know I will have many options as to where I want to practice.”

Phil Mannelly
Class of 2016

“I chose Notre Dame for the atmosphere it fosters, its national reputation, and its alumni network. I wanted to attend a law school that had a strong reputation around the country, yet still maintained a really friendly atmosphere. Additionally, the Notre Dame alumni network was especially appealing to me both for what it says about the strong community at Notre Dame and for practical and career-finding purposes.”

Sara Gordon
Class of 2017
Law school can be tough—so many activities, classes, reading, and programming with which to keep up! Even with the best planning and preparation, problems may arise at some point throughout your three years at Notre Dame, but luckily, we have Peter Horvath to help us.

Peter is the Director of Student Services, and through this role, he serves as the liaison between students and the administration. From exam conflicts to student group funding, the Hoyes Code to excused absences, academic tutoring to personal issues, and everything in between, Peter provides support behind most aspects of student life at Notre Dame Law School. He is always willing to help as much as possible.

Some problems that may come up requiring Peter’s assistance include:
- Having three exams in one day
- Breaking your leg and having trouble getting around
- Sleeping through your alarm the day of an exam

Call Peter should you ever have a problem like those above or anything related—he will do his best to help resolve the situation.

"I decided to attend Notre Dame primarily because of its values and commitment to fostering a positive environment. The sense of community at NDLS is like no other—a quality I think is owed predominantly to NDLS’ mission and values. NDLS honestly does work hard to create "a different kind of lawyer." The students are unbelievably supportive of one another, the faculty are a constant source of encouragement and assistance, and the Notre Dame community at large is ever-present. Making the transition to law school can be scary and stressful, but the community at NDLS really does make it easier. When you come to NDLS, you don’t just get an education—you get a family."

_Megan Davis_
_Class of 2017_
THE 2L AND 3L YEARS

The Rest of the Story...

One of the difficulties in describing life beyond 1L year is that there is no one experience or class schedule common to all. There are certain upper-level classes (Jurisprudence, Business Associations, a skills requirement, a writing requirement, etc.) that we all must take and we are each required to get our 90 hours to graduate, but the way we go about it varies greatly. Your 2L year is the time where you begin to develop your own style, to find your niche. As a 2L, you can go to London for a year, a semester, a summer, or not at all. You can spend a semester in Chicago or Washington, D.C. You have the opportunity to be involved in journals or Law Review, or try out for one of the legal competition teams including moot court, barristers, and client counseling. You can sign up for the legal aid clinic or the National Immigrant Justice Center externship and deal with real clients. You can concentrate on getting your required courses out of the way as a 2L and save the hands-on classes like trial advocacy, deposition skills, and moot court for later. You’ll probably be involved in one of more of the Law School clubs, and you may be an Assistant Rector in one of the dorms on campus. One of the few things you’re almost guaranteed to do as a 2L is participate in On-Campus Interviews (OCIs) in the Fall semester, which accounts for a lot of “busy” and “stress” for the typical student.

By the time your third year rolls around, you’ll probably feel like an old hand at the whole law school thing. Things will make more sense, and you will be able to see connections and begin to anticipate your professor’s next words. You’ll spend Fall semester realizing that it is the beginning of the end. Experiences such as your last first day of school, last home football game, and last Fall Ball will make the changing of the leaves seem even more poignant. Much like senior year of college, your familiarity with the system will leave you with more time to spend with your friends enjoying something other than studying. Enjoy soaking up the last, halcyon days under the Dame – and then trundle off to the library to finish that paper you put off in favor of walks around the lakes and trips to Corby’s.

Spring semester calls for the dotting of “I”s and the crossing of “T”s, as students finish up necessary obligations like registering for the bar exam, taking the MPRE (multi-state professional responsibility exam), and figuring out last steps. But there are other, more fun, elements of 3L. You’ll vote for 3L awards, attend or host 100 Days parties, order your tickets for graduation, write your last paper, pick up your academic regalia, take your last exam, receive your diploma, and finally try to figure out how to thank the people who’ve made your law school experience so special.

“I took the opportunity to participate in the Notre Dame Chicago Program during my 3L second-semester, and it felt like finishing law school four months early! Instead of sitting in a classroom, I was working in the City of Chicago Corporate Counsel’s Office, which not only provided a rare opportunity to see the inner workings of one of the largest and most complex municipal law systems in the country, but to gain valuable real-world experience, a wide variety of networking contacts, references and letters of recommendation. The knowledge and skills I learned while participating in the Notre Dame Chicago Program will stay with me throughout my career, and look spectacular on a resume. It is difficult to imagine a better way to kick start your career than saying ‘enough with studying theory’ for a semester and putting in 400+ hours of genuine legal work.”

Jason Sethen
Class of 2015
THE LONDON LAW PROGRAM

A highlight for many students’ tenures while at NDLS

The London Law Program is a unique experience offered to second and third year students. Students can choose to spend a summer, a semester, or a year living and studying in London, England.

The Second Year in London Program allows students the opportunity to spend the year immersed in London culture. The program begins in late September or early October, giving students enough time to participate in on-campus interviews and start the job hunt prior to starting the program. The program itself includes diverse assortment of course offerings, everything from Business Association and Evidence to International Trade and Law of War. The class schedule affords enough time for the students to gain cultural experiences by allowing or ample opportunity to travel on the weekends.

As an aside, when you get to your second year (if you don’t go to London yourself) you’ll see lots of new faces around the school. Take care. These may not be the First Years you take them for; they may have just returned from London. Anyone who has been for the year will tell you many things, about the travel, the students, and, most importantly, about the lasting friendships they formed with their classmates and the invaluable experience of it all.

All London programs are taught by the distinguished faculty of American and international professors, and the facilities are first rate. Our beautiful building is located in the heart of Central London – right next to Trafalgar Square. The entire second floor of the building belongs to us, housing a library and two classrooms.

Outside of the classroom and the travelling, you might also have the opportunity to intern somewhere in the city. You could work anywhere from a city arbitration firm to the US Embassy in London. No matter where, you gain a legal experience like no other.

Although the program has an international focus, students need not be planning to work in areas of international law upon graduation to appreciate the courses. In this ever-shrinking world, a lawyer working in any legal arena should be aware of the world around her, and this is just the program to provide that perspective. Don’t forget the website at [http://law.nd.edu/academic-programs/jd-study-in-london](http://law.nd.edu/academic-programs/jd-study-in-london), where you’ll even find a “Survivor’s Guide.”

“The London Program truly is a once in a lifetime experience. For a summer, six months, or a year, Notre Dame Law students are given the opportunity to live, learn, and work in one of the most well-known international cities. After spending a year studying the importance of Humanitarian Law and the nuances of Human Rights Law, gaining practical legal experience through a hands-on legal internship, and simply experiencing the hustle and bustle of everyday London life, I feel better equipped to join the ranks of lawyers seeking to make a difference in an increasingly globalized world.”

Ashlyn Anderson-Keelin
Class of 2016
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The classroom and beyond

Notre Dame Law School is found not only in South Bend or in London, but in places like Chicago, Washington, D.C., China, Ireland, Italy, and Chile. The program provides the opportunity for students to be immersed in a culture that is both different and unique, allowing students to gain an understanding of how the law functions in other legal systems.

NDLS also provides Specializations: Programs of Studies as well as Interdisciplinary Studies, The programs of study allow students to concentrate on a particular legal field, such as Business Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Global Law, Intellectual Property and Technology Law, and Public Law. The Interdisciplinary Studies include Program on Church, State and Society, Constitutional Structure, Law and Economics, and The Research Program on Law and Market Behavior. The programs may include keynote speakers, conferences, workshops and other colleges and institutions worldwide.

“Studying abroad in Milan, Italy at Bocconi during the spring semester of my 2L year taught me to think like a lawyer on an international and global scale. In today’s world legal issues across the board, from business law to family law and everything in between, have an international component that requires familiarity with legal traditions and systems other than our common law one. Taking Civil Law in Italian alongside Italian law students, and comparative business law alongside students from across Europe, highlighted differences in sources of law, legal analysis, oral arguments, and even legal education itself. The opportunity not only to participate in and learn about the legal mindset of my international colleagues, but also to research aspects of Italian law in the Italian cultural setting, was a rewarding experience that not only revealed the beautiful complexity of legal relationships to me, but also affected how I analyze legal issues today, both inside and out of the classroom.”

Felicia Caponigri
Class of 2015

“Notre Dame Law School’s mission to educate a “different kind of lawyer” is seen in its commitment to clinical and externship opportunities. I was a student extern in the National Immigrant Justice Center Externship and I consider it to be the most valuable experience I had while in law school. During the externship I represented clients on a wide range of immigration matters, including asylum, humanitarian parole, and deferred action. Under the supervision of an immigration attorney, I learned how to interview and consult with clients, write briefs in support of asylum, and file complicated applications for a range of immigration issues. The opportunity to represent client and manage their cases while still in law school was a unique and gratifying experience that served to remind me of why I went to law school in the first place – to serve clients.”

Jessica Binzoni
Class of 2015

“I knew when applying to law schools that I was interested in pursuing a non-traditional legal career in the sports industry. Notre Dame provided me the perfect opportunity to further this passion. I was originally accepted into the Athletic Department semester externship. However, when the opportunity to intern with the NCAA Government Affairs Office as part of the ND in DC program arose, the school was so supportive in helping me pursue this opportunity. It was the highlight of my law school experience, as I garnered practical skills that will be invaluable as I begin my career in this field. I recommend doing the DC program to everyone.”

Mercy Goddard
Class of 2015
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Do Something for Your Community

You can’t learn law in a bubble. Notre Dame offers a number of hands-on opportunities (class or co-curricular credit) for 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls. All the options are fantastic experiences and serve as powerful reminders that there is life outside of law books and that there is a great need for dedicated lawyers in the community around us.

GALILEE
An acronym for Group Alternative Live-In Legal Education, GALILEE is a program designed to acquaint Notre Dame law students experience public interest law outside of the classroom and to broaden students’ understanding of the legal profession through exposure to the vast and various areas of public interest law.

The GALILEE program takes for three to five days over Christmas break and students receive one co-curricular credit for participation. Students generally participate during their 1L year, although 2Ls and 3Ls are welcome as well. GALILEE provides students with the opportunity to live for a few days in the city of their choice to learn the legal needs of the urban poor, and to observe the ways in which these needs are presently met. As a result, students develop ways to incorporate their religious and ethical value systems into their future practice of law.

Clinical Programs
Students and professors in our Clinical Programs provide legal services to low income residents of the South Bend area. Students who have already completed three semesters of law school are eligible to appear in court on behalf of the clients. The clinic provides litigation services for cases in landlord/tenant law, consumer protection law, mental illness and disability law, and immigration law. There is an additional class section devoted to transactional work in which students draft Wills, Power of Attorney, and other instruments.

Intercollegiate Athletics Externship
An opportunity for 2L and 3L law students to gain practical experience in intercollegiate athletics administration by reviewing contracts; assisting in the creation and revision of departmental policy; and other compliance-related issues.

Lawyering Practice Externship
Allows 2L and 3L students to earn 3-4 credits by working during the semester while engaging in a one week class. Previous participants have externed at the prosecutors’ office, judges’ chambers or on campus offices.

Street Law
Students in their 2L and 3L years may participate in “Street Law.” Students pair up and teach practical legal issues in the areas of criminal, juvenile, family, housing, consumer, individual rights and environmental to local high school students. The law students develop the curriculum, create the lessons, and test the high school students.

Summer Legal Externship
Students may earn one unit of co-curricular externship credit for student volunteer legal work of six weeks or more during the summer months in any court, agency, or public or private law office.
**Moot Court Teams**

*Be sure to yell “Objection!”*

Many students come to law school for one reason: to be able to follow in the footsteps of Matlock, Perry Mason, and Jack McCoy by arguing cases in court. If you are one such student, or if you are simply curious about litigation, NDLS has plenty of moot court classes you can take, and teams you can join, to build your practical experience. Be sure to yell, “Objection!” at least once during class...there’s nothing like it!

**Moot Court Board**

The Moot Court program is a student run organization that coordinates intercollegiate competitions in appellate and international divisions. Established in 1950, the Moot Court program provides an opportunity for students to develop their appellate advocacy skills. The program is administered by the Moot Court Board (a group of students selected to represent Notre Dame Law School in competitions) and guided by a faculty advisor.

Students are selected to the Moot Court Board after competing in the optional 1L Moot Court Competition and receiving an invitation to join the Board based on their 1L briefs and their performance in the competition. Membership on the Board is for both 2L and 3L year. In the fall of their 2L year, Board members compete intramurally to determine placement on the Board’s various teams (National Showcase Team, ABA Team, 7th Circuit Team, and the Jessup International Team). Members receive one course credit per semester involved with the Moot Court Board. For more information, follow the Board on twitter @NDMootCourt.

*Please note: all members of the Jessup Moot Court Team must have taken the International Law course prior to the Jessup Moot Court Competition, or be currently enrolled in the course at the time of the competition. In addition to the teams featured above, consider joining a team sponsored by a NDLS student organization. The Black Law Students Association participates in the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Trial and Moot Court Appellate competitions and the Intellectual Property Society also sponsors a moot court team. Lastly, you may want to form your own moot court team and participate in one of the many moot court competitions offered around the country. Provided the team has a faculty sponsor and agrees to meet the school’s requirements, you could be eligible for funding to help defray the costs of attending the competition.*
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Change the World and Eat Lots of Free Pizza (and Subs)

While there are approximately 560 law students at Notre Dame, there are nearly 30 student organizations, and each year students form new organizations. The SBA will organize an organization fair in the Commons to visit with different student groups to provide information on who they are and what their plans are for the coming year. Most club meetings and guest lectures are held during the lunch period between classes (12:15-1:00 M-F). The clubs almost always provide lunch (predominantly pizza), so if you’re feeling particularly poor, it’s usually a great way to pick up a free lunch and learn something new. If you want to start a new club, talk to Peter Horvath in Student Services.

American Civil Liberties Union
The Notre Dame American Civil Liberties Union is the student chapter of the national ACLU. Since its founding in 1920, the ACLU has been the guardian of the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States through direct advocacy efforts in the nation’s courts, legislatures, and communities. The ND ACLU seeks to further the civil liberties through advocacy, dialogue, and education, staying ever respectful of the religious nature of the University of Notre Dame.

American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is one of the nation’s leading progressive legal organizations. Founded in 2001, ACS is comprised of law students, lawyers, scholars, judges, policymakers, activists and other concerned individuals who are working to ensure that the fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice are in their rightful, central place in American law.

Asian Law Students Association
The Asian Law Students Association provides its members with a forum for addressing their needs and expressing their concerns. Through its activities, ALSA informs its members about events of particular interest to Asian American law students and promotes the public’s awareness of Asian American issues.

Black Law Students Association
Since 1972 Notre Dame’s Black law students have been organized as a chapter of the Black Law Students Association. The purposes of BLSA are to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of African-American law students; to foster and encourage professional competence; to focus upon the relationship of the Black attorney to the American legal structure; and to instill a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black community.

Business Law Forum
The BLF’s goal is to promote interest in transactional and business law among members of the Notre Dame Community. Presentations throughout the year are aimed at bringing in speakers to the Law School from the worlds of both business and law. In the past, speakers have included General Counsels of various corporations, attorneys specializing in transactional work, as well as attorneys whose practices involve sports law. Other goals of the BLF include increasing student awareness of the opportunities that are available to them when business and the law are combined.
Christian Legal Society
CLS is an ecumenical group of law students and professors committed to reflecting Christian principles in their practice of the law. CLS invites legal practitioners and scholars to speak on topics such as social responsibility, professional success and practical advice for Christian living in the legal profession. Other CLS activities include Bible studies, service projects, fellowship activities, and seminars sponsored by the national CLS.

Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
The Notre Dame Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is committed to opposing the application of capital punishment in the United States and around the world. In pursuit of this goal, the coalition seeks to network with attorneys and organizers who work on death penalty issues as well as promote dialogue and education on death penalty issues within the Notre Dame Law School community.

Education Law Forum
The purpose of ELF shall be to provide members an opportunity to explore public and private school education law and policy issues, as well as, provide a forum to connect members with service opportunities. ELF's goals are to coordinate lectures by leaders in education law, policy, and reform, and provide opportunities for students to work with the South Bend Juvenile Justice Center as well as local high school mock trial teams.

Environmental Law Society
The Environmental Law Society is a group of students focused on increasing awareness of environmental issues in the Law School community and learning more about law and the environment. They support talks and programs at the Law School and encourage networking with legal professionals who work with the environment.

Future Prosecuting Attorney's Council
FPAC serves as a forum for students interested in working as prosecuting attorneys or in other fields relating to criminal law. FPAC also connects students with prosecuting attorneys and criminal law practitioners.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
The Federalist Society is a non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing legal scholarship through open-ended debate on a wide variety of issues and policy questions. Though the Federalist Society takes no official positions on any political or legal question, the organization and its members are guided by three principles: 1) The state exists to preserve freedom; 2) The separation of powers is essential to our Constitution; 3) It is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, and not what is should be. To this end, the Notre Dame Chapter hosts law professors, judges and policy-makers to speak and debate on various legal and political topics. The highlight of the year comes in February when law students across the country gather at the annual Student Symposium, for a weekend’s worth of panels filled with prominent members of academia.

Health Law Society
The purpose of Health Law Society shall be to foster discussion, interest, and awareness of the intersection between healthcare and law, in accordance with the Catholic mission of the University of Notre Dame, “to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.”
Hispanic Law Students Association

The Hispanic Law Students Association seeks to support all incoming law students interested in Hispanic culture and to welcome them with current HLSA members who may serve as mentors or guides. While encouraging diversity, HLSA also seeks to promote inclusiveness among all students and with other Notre Dame law clubs or ethnic law associations. Events sponsored by HLSA include an exam outlining session, mentoring, social outings, cookouts, and Latin dancing excursions. HLSA also annually awards the prestigious Graciela Olivarez Award, in honor of the first woman and first Hispanic to graduate from the Law School, to a Hispanic Lawyer or Judge.

Intellectual Property Law Society

IPLS aims to foster leadership in, promote intellectual curiosity about, and encourage dialogue on IP law. The Society challenges its members to engage educators and practitioners, as well as each other, in learning about the various areas of IP law. Active participation in the IP community is strongly encouraged, both by way of written publications and oral presentations designed to educate the student body about IP law. By hosting professionals in academia, government, and the private sector at the Law School, the group and its members seek to stay current with IP law developments and learn of available resources that may be valuable both during school and following graduation.

International Human Rights Society

The goal of the International Human Rights Society is to increase awareness of human rights abuses around the world through advocacy. The organization also seeks to enhance the practical skills of future human rights attorneys by providing opportunities to work with human rights organizations during the school year and providing funds for summer internships in human rights. Finally, IHRS works to increase the knowledge and understanding of human rights by all of Notre Dame’s future attorneys, with the understanding that human rights cross professional specialties and are essential in the practice of every sphere of law.

International Law Society

Notre Dame’s ILS is a club organized around the goal of contributing to the development of international law by fostering interest and understanding in the field. The club seeks out speakers on a variety of international law topics ranging from use of force and the Geneva Convention to international business and adoptions. The society also seeks to help students who are interested in careers as international lawyers by providing information on jobs in international law.

J. Reuben Clark Law Society

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society affirms the strength brought to the law by a lawyer’s personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law. As Law Society members we can mentor and support each other, as well as be of service and an influence for good in our community. Membership in the Law Society is multi-faith and is open to any person who shares in the values and objectives of the Law Society. Those values include: public service, loyalty to the rule of law, and appreciation for the religious dimension in society and in a lawyer’s personal life.
Jewish Law Students Society
The Jewish Law Students Society (JLSS) is an organization of law students interested in promoting awareness of Jewish cultural, legal and religious heritage; fostering dialogue on legal, political and ethical issues important to the Jewish people; and raising funds for students interested in working on causes within and beyond the Jewish community. Our recent activities have included bringing in speakers on issues of importance to the Jewish community, participating in community service and charity events, raising awareness of Jewish culture, and celebrating Jewish holidays. Membership in the JLSS is open to all law students regardless of religion or ethnicity; our activities extend beyond the Law School to include the University and local Jewish communities.

Jus Vitae
Jus Vitae is an organization founded on the belief that all human life is sacred. We seek to uphold the value of human life, from conception to natural death, through activism, community service, education and prayer. Among the events and activities our members have participated in recent years are: sponsoring pro-life speeches; conducting legal research on pro-life issues; publishing a newsletter for the Law School community; volunteering at the local care center for women; praying outside the local abortion clinic; maintaining a small library of pro-life literature, cassettes, and videos; and attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Legal Voices for Children & Youth
Legal Voices for Children and Youth promotes and enhances awareness of legal issues related to children and teenagers. The group develops educational outreach programs for the student body, provides service activities, and offers opportunities to participate in activities which enhance understanding of child advocacy law. LVCY works towards these goals by focusing on academics, service, and skills.

Married Law Students Organization
The organization’s goals are to promote family involvement and understanding in the Law School experience. Additionally, the organization exists to address the needs and concerns of married students at NDLS. Activities include tailgates, picnics, skating parties, and holiday dinners, all geared toward the whole family.

Military Law Students Association
The Military Law Student’s Association was formed to promote community among veterans and active duty personnel at the Notre Dame Law School, to promote awareness of military-related issues among the Law School community, to foster a military-related alumni network, and to provide charitable services to veterans and others living in Michiana. We are especially active in the Toys for Tots drive during the Christmas season. Membership is open to any interested member of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s Community. Prior military service is not required.

Native American Law Students Association
The Native American Law Students Association is a social organization created for the benefit and support of NDLS students. The group focuses on generating awareness of Native American issues within the Law School, actively serving the community, and fellowship by sponsoring guest speakers and providing funding for summer internships in Native American law practice. NALSA is open to all law students interested in Native American culture and legal issues.
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Hoynes Chapter
As the world’s largest legal fraternity, PAD was founded on ideals of integrity and professional service. It exists to form bonds between law students, professors, and members of the Bench and bar.

Public Interest Law Forum
PILF aims to promote awareness of and interest in public interest law. PILF defines “public interest law” broadly in recognition of the wide variety of career opportunities typically encompassed within the category of “public interest law”. PILF fundraises for summer public interest fellowships, invites speakers on public interest law topics and has worked with the administration to develop a Loan Forgiveness program for NDLS, so that public interest law can be economically feasible for NDLS graduates.

St. Thomas More Society
The St. Thomas More Society (STMS) is the Catholic law student group. Our mission is to enhance the Catholic character of the law school, but also to help law students of all faiths maintain a spiritual, social and service life in the law school. We hold lunch time talks about the Catholic faith and the law, pray together, have retreats, go to mass, but we also have social events and serve the South Bend community. Our ultimate goal is to make it easier to grow in faith at law school, not grow away from it.

Social Justice Forum
Established in 1983, the Social Justice Forum (SJF) exists to promote and encourage social responsibility within the Notre Dame Law School and to create and maintain a network of concerned individuals who are willing to work toward social justice. To these ends, students and faculty members have sponsored speakers and community service projects, proposed changes in curriculum structure and placement programs, and helped to establish the Notre Dame Law Student Sponsored Fellowship.

Sports, Communications, and Entertainment Law Forum
The Sports and Entertainment Law Forum was established to promote discussion and dialogue in the Law School community concerning the interaction between law and the sports and entertainment industries. It seeks to bring speakers to campus to discuss these topics, as well as to promote educational and professional opportunities in this field.

Student Bar Association
The Student Bar Association is the student government at the Law School; all students are considered members. The association performs various tasks related to student life, both social and academic, such as Orientation, appointment of students to various faculty committees, intramural athletics and several social functions throughout the year. More generally, the officers attempt to represent student interests in any matter of sufficient importance. At the national level, the association is a member of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.
Women’s Legal Forum
Open to all students and faculty, WLF was formed to promote discussion and understanding of legal issues affecting women and women lawyers and their colleagues, and thus affecting society as a whole. Activities include faculty and outside speakers, host panels and discussions, and participation in local community service events. WLF holds fundraisers and each year sponsors several fellowships which are awarded to students who seek summer work in public interest areas affecting women. Many professors are very generous and donate one-of-a-kind items to be auctioned off at the Father Mike Talent Show in March each year.

“Often the most under-appreciated aspect of Law School, you have to be sure that you are prepared to spend the next three years as a member of the community at that school. Notre Dame offers its students a unique opportunity to form bonds between your classmates in a friendly, non-competitive environment that’s supportive of all students. I’m proud to call myself a member of the Notre Dame community, because it’s a tradition associated with hardworking, dedicated professionals striving to achieve great things wherever their career paths may take them. That’s what I had always hoped to do with my legal career, and I know that it’s possible thanks to the education I’ve received at Notre Dame Law School.”

Tom McHugh
Class of 2017
Excuses to Stay in the Law School into the Wee Hours

Although you won’t be involved with any of the journals or law review in your first year, you will certainly hear plenty about them. A law review or journal is a legal periodical that includes articles by members of the legal community and public policy figures on a current topic of interest. Students in their second or third years have the opportunity to publish a note or case comment on a particular subject. The subjects of the articles, case comments and notes vary depending on the focus of the publication.

Notre Dame Law School has four journals. Each journal has about 20 to 25 members per class. First year students compete for staff positions on the journals during a writing competition at the end of the spring semester. For Law Review, however, the top 15 people in the class “grade on” and do not have to submit a writing sample. Ten spots are reserved for which students may compete with a writing sample. There will be a meeting near the end of your first year where the editors-in-chief will present information about each journal, and explain what the writing competition is all about. The actual writing competition is conducted after exams are completed, and you mail your submission back to the Law School. The writing competition consists of a 4,500 word, closed-universe Comment (legal research paper) on a specified topic. 1Ls may choose to apply to Law Review and all the journals, some of the journals, or just one journal. Grading is blind, and journal offers are typically made at the end of July.

“Serving on the Law Review is an excellent opportunity to work with your peers in a truly student-run organization. While producing high quality material for publication in one of the country’s top journals, Law Review members will quickly learn to be efficient and effective editors and time managers. As an added bonus, the Law Review experience fosters friendships that will last long after graduation.”

Paul Beach
Class of 2016

“Having the privilege to serve on law review is an intellectually challenging but highly rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to be a part of a team that needs your help and talent to produce one of the most revered legal journals in the country. Not to mention, you learn how to Bluebook citations properly and you come to appreciate even the finest details, which will serve you well no matter where you end up after law school.”

Megan McKeown
Class of 2016

The journals provide a great opportunity for students to improve their organizational, management, leadership, and writing skills. Second year law students serve as staff members for the periodicals, while third year students make up their editorial boards. While staff member requirements vary by journal, in general, the Notre Dame Law Journals are a fantastic way to gain legal research and writing experience, impress employers, get to know your classmates, and fulfill your upper-level writing requirement.

The Notre Dame Law Review
The Notre Dame Law Review was founded in 1925 and was known as the Notre Dame Lawyer until the name was changed in 1982. It is published five times a year by students of the Law School and 15 student notes are published. It affords qualified students an invaluable opportunity for training in precise analysis of legal problems and in clear and cogent presentation of legal issues. The Law Review contains articles and lectures by eminent members of the legal profession and comments and notes by members of the staff. Entirely student-edited, the Law Review has maintained a tradition of excellence, and its membership has included some of the most able judges, professors and practitioners in the country. Members of the staff are selected at the end of the first year of study on the basis of either academic standing or demonstrated writing ability. The editor-in-chief of the Law Review is elected by the staff from senior members on the basis of scholastic, literary and leadership achievements. The editor-in-chief, in turn, selects the other officers.

The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy
The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy (JLEPP) is unique among legal periodicals insofar as it directly analyzes law and public policy from an ethical perspective. The Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy strengthens the Law School's moral and religious commitment by translating traditional Judeo-Christian principles into imaginative, yet workable, proposals for legislative and judicial reform. Directed at both scholarly and public audiences, the Journal publishes in a symposium format and solicits contributions from distinguished scholars and prominent members of the public community. These are always interesting and stimulating events to attend.

Second-year members of the Journal spend their time “ad mining” (checking cites of the authors), and writing their own note. JLEPP is also unique because 2L members will receive three graded credits (as opposed to the pass/fail credits that members of other journals receive.) 2L members will also attend during first semester a once a week seminar on one of the two issues that will be published during their 3L year. Third-year members serve as editors and senior staff members. The Editor-in-Chief is chosen by the members of the Journal, and then he or she chooses 3Ls to fill out the rest of the positions. Third-year members receive one pass/fail credit each semester.

The Journal of International and Comparative Law
The mission of the Journal of International and Comparative Law is to provide a forum of discussion for international, comparative, and human rights law; to educate students about international legal issues; to provide open and equal access to our publications; to be economically efficient, environmentally sustainable, and immediately responsive to current events in the field of international law; and to inspire our readers to work on these issues.
The Journal of Legislation

The Journal of Legislation is published by students of the Notre Dame Law School. Of national orientation and scope, the Journal contains articles by both public policy figures and distinguished members of the legal community. In addition, it publishes notes written by members of the staff. All material contained in the Journal concerns either existing and proposed legislation or public policy matters. Some articles and notes make specific suggestions regarding legislative change. The Journal is presently one of the country's leading legislative law reviews and is a member of the National Conference of Law Reviews. Staff members are selected among students who have either written a note of “publishable quality” or completed a major research project approved by the editorial board. Journal work enables students to add to their legal education practical experience with legislation and the legislative process. These programs enable students at the Law School to influence various legislators, public interest groups and members of Congress.

“Throughout my decision-making process, various members of NDLS emphasized the school’s commitment to instilling in its lawyers an appreciation and understanding of moral and social justice considerations in all areas of the law. I know that I wanted to attend a law school that was committed to educating its students about both legal and moral principles of law. NDLS also offers an incredible array of experiential learning opportunities (Chicago, London, Galilee) through which I know I will gain invaluable experience and insight into what kind of career I hope to pursue with my degree.”

Rebekah Newman
Class of 2017
ASSISTANT RECTORS

Back to Undergrad?

Notre Dame offers a unique opportunity for its graduate students to get involved in undergraduate life. The position of Assistant Rector is open to all law students; in the 2013-14 school year 40 out of 62 assistant rectors are law students. New for the 2014-2015 year, the Assistant Rector position is available for 1L students as well as 2L and 3L. Student Affairs likes to hire law students as assistant rectors because they can provide continuity in the hall by serving a multi-year term.

Assistant rectors live side-by-side with under grads in their respective residence halls. ARs, as they are called, contract for a full-time academic-year appointment, and are provided with an apartment (fully or partially furnished), a meal plan, laundry benefits, partial tuition remission (3 credits) and a stipend of approximately $7,000 per semester.

The job of AR isn’t something to do for the perks, although the perks are wonderful. Rather, it’s a true ministry position. You are expected to give a great deal of yourself, but the returns can be immeasurable. Responsibilities in the hall include working closely with the Rector, being “on duty” two to three nights per week; supervising RAs and hall council; helping with dorm Mass; counseling residents on academic, social, and disciplinary issues; and generally being available as a resource. The exact responsibilities vary among residence halls because each rector determines how they want to make use of their assistant rectors.

"Becoming an assistant rector while pursuing your legal education may be one of the best decisions you can make during your short three years at Notre Dame. It provides you with a family of Notre Dame students right here on campus and allows you the opportunity to help undergraduates grow both professionally and spiritually. While the job duties may vary, one thing that holds true across all of the dorms is that you will learn, as I have, why this university is such an incredibly special place to receive your education.”

Megan McKeown
Class of 2016

“Serving as an Assistant Rector in a residence hall is a distinct opportunity. It gives you the chance to immerse yourself even more into the "Notre Dame family" -- you will live, dine, and study with undergraduates and take part in all the (sometimes crazy) dorm traditions such as chariot races, "Guilded Age" balls, or service events. The financial benefits are outstanding: free room and board (the dining halls are awesome), partial tuition scholarship, and a generous stipend. You even get to put legal skills you learn to practice: you will advise and counsel students on laws ranging from alcohol possession to sexual misconduct, you will mediate conflicts and write reports, and perhaps most importantly, you will be in a privileged position to make a positive impact on people’s lives. Many of your responsibilities happen at night, so it can be a great way to take a break from your law school studies. I highly recommend it.”

Michael Mercurio
Class of 2017

For those who think they might want to apply for an AR position, the best advice is to talk to current ARs, and even spend some time in the dorm with them. Applications are generally available early second semester, and interviews are held in March.
WORSHIP

Living on a Prayer, at least during finals

Not surprisingly, there are numerous opportunities to participate in Catholic services at Notre Dame, from Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to more humble celebrations of daily Mass in the dorms. Both on and off campus, however, there are also many opportunities for those not of the Catholic faith to worship. In addition to many Protestant congregations, there are three synagogues, an Islamic center, and an LDS ward in South Bend.

Online you’ll find we have included a sampling of worship opportunities on campus and in the area. The list is by no means exhaustive, and if you don’t find what you’re looking for here, please check yelp and ask around the Law School. The Campus Ministry website (campusministry.nd.edu) also contains a listing of Local Places of Worship under Interfaith Resources, as well as fuller listing of the various services on campus.

Worship at the Law School and On-Campus

There are opportunities for prayer and worship each day at the Law School. The St. Thomas More Chapel, located on the first floor, is the center of the Law School’s formal religious life. Mass is celebrated on Fridays at 12:00 p.m., as well as Sunday at 4:30 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 5:00 p.m. The St. Thomas More Society prays the Rosary on Wednesdays. The chapel is open 24/7 for students wishing to retreat for meditation and prayer.

The Christian Legal Society hosts a regular student-led Bible study, and hosts various outside speakers during the year. The St. Thomas More Society also invites guest speakers and holds discussions on current topics of interest to Catholics in the law. The Student Bar Association has a Spiritual Life Committee who put together student run events throughout the year. This past year the Spiritual Life Committee held a much needed retreat for the law students before finals.

The Jewish Law Students Association also hosts events throughout the year that are open to the student body. Events in the past have included social events, guest speakers, and events or celebrating Jewish holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah and the Seder.

For worship beyond the law school, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is the center of Notre Dame’s religious life. The beautiful Basilica is next to the Main Building, marked by the golden dome for those who are more visual with directions. Services are held throughout the week at the Basilica, including daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. with Confession before each Mass. The Basilica is a functioning church, and parishioners gather each Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, is sung every Sunday that school is in session at 7:15 p.m. in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica; the service lasts about 45 minutes and is a great way to end the weekend. The Rosary is prayed each evening, regardless of the weather, at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is located below the Basilica, across from the lakes. The Grotto is also a haven for students needed a moment of reflection and prayer, particularly before finals.
No one should miss the opportunity to participate in services at the Basilica at least once. The Tenebrae service on Holy Thursday and the Celebration of Christ’s Passion on Good Friday are especially poignant, and services during Advent are equally beautiful. Additionally, there are many opportunities to attend Mass after home football games. It starts 30 minutes after the game in a number of dorms, and 45 minutes after the game in the Basilica and the Stepan Center, which is the building that looks like the Epcot globe near the intermural fields. For more information, please visit the Archdiocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend’s website: diocesefwsb.org.

Each dorm on campus, including the graduate housing at FOG, celebrates Mass on Sunday evening and at least one night during the week. Many law students who were undergraduates at Notre Dame enjoy going back to their old dorms for Mass, possibly because masses are usually accompanied by a small social gathering afterwards with free food provided by the Rectors. Going to the log chapel and other dorm masses is a profound way to break out of the law school bubble. The Log Chapel is a 112-year-old replica of the only building that existed on the future site of Notre Dame when Father Edward Sorin arrived in 1842. It gives you a sense of what it was like practicing faith on the Indiana frontier, and all that had to be overcome to make Notre Dame what it is today. The Log Chapel Mass is held every Tuesday at 9pm.

See Campus Ministries website, campusministry.nd.edu, for more details and a fall schedule of this and other masses on campus (click “liturgy and worship”, then “Mass”).

The Worship Directory serves as a resource to assist members of the Notre Dame community who are searching for a place of worship in the South Bend area.

- These listings are compiled by Campus Ministry from information provided by individual churches and their websites. The “Description” section under each listing offers churches the opportunity to tell you about themselves in their own words.
- IF YOU NEED A RIDE, please contact Campus Ministry to obtain a list of transportation contacts on campus. Transportation can also often be arranged by directly calling the particular houses of worship.
- This list is by no means exhaustive of South Bend area churches and places of worship, and does not constitute endorsement of any particular church or faith tradition. It is, rather, a sampling of area churches from a wide range of Christian denominations as well as a few non-Christian faiths.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Opportunities to Serve the Local Community

As someone interested in Notre Dame’s philosophy of “educating a different kind of lawyer,” you may be searching for community service opportunities in the South Bend area. And for those of you concerned with the demands of first year studies, you may find that spending a few hours in community service is a fulfilling and relaxing study break.

As you advance in your legal career, you will find that a law degree combined with your specialized training give you unique opportunities and abilities to serve the community. The one-credit GALILEE (Group Alternative Live In Legal Education Experience) course is a three-day, group-designed program of public interest and legal aid exploration in the city of your choice over Christmas break. This program, available to 1Ls, attempts to reveal some of these opportunities so that you may carefully consider the direction and pursuits of your legal career. After your first year of studies, you may participate in the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic. The Public Interest Law Forum gives law students grants for unpaid summer internship positions in legal aid and public interest. There are also a number of highly competitive, alumni-sponsored summer public interest internships throughout the country. The Career Development Office is another great resource for career direction and networking in the legal aid and public interest fields.

However, you don’t need a law degree to serve the community. Various organizations within the Law School participate in community service activities throughout the year. These activities include raising funds for disaster relief and for people in need in the South Bend and larger community, collecting clothing for the YWCA Women’s Shelter, sponsoring blood drives at the Law School, and providing Thanksgiving dinners to area families in need. The Student Bar Association’s Community Service Committee plans various service opportunities throughout the year. Providing Thanksgiving dinners for families in need, organizing coat drives, facilitating volunteerism at places like Dismas House and Robinson Community Learning Center, and various other activities are a just a few of the many ways that the Notre Dame Law community serves South Bend. If you’d rather get involved off campus, many local organizations in the area need volunteers as well. If you have questions about volunteer opportunities Peter Horvath has a listing of organizations that can use your help.
University Activities and Student Organizations

Notre Dame Law School is one of the few law schools that allow their students to completely immerse into the larger campus community. Current law students have been liturgical choir members, symphony orchestra members, assistant rectors, assistant coaches for the fencing and crew teams, involved in service organizations, and Mass volunteers. Through getting involved in the larger campus community, 1L students are able to help diversify their daily schedule beyond the typical law school schedule. Non-law related activities and people will give you an opportunity to get out of the law school sphere and experience other aspects of the Notre Dame community.

Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns

The Center for Social Concerns is a service and community-based learning center here at the University of Notre Dame. The Center provides educational experiences in social concerns inspired by Gospel values and Catholic social tradition by sending students out into various service and experiential learning placements. Check out the web site: centreforsocialconcerns.nd.edu

Student Activities Office

The Student Activities Office strives to enhance the overall educational experience of the students and serves the campus community through development of, exposure to, participation in, and assistance with intellectual, spiritual, cultural, recreational, social, leadership, and employment opportunities. The Office also fosters an environment that values differences, the freedom of expression and the holistic development of students. A full listing of student organizations (including those outside the Law School) is available online at http://sao.nd.edu

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry offers students the opportunity to serve in various lay liturgical ministries. Training is offered at the beginning of each semester for opportunities to participate at Mass in various positions (lector, altar server, usher). Once you have been trained, you will be assigned a few Masses throughout the semester. Everyone who is trained gets to serve at least once. Campus Ministry also runs RCIA and sacrament preparation classes for students and coordinates with PRE programs throughout the diocese - students can serve as teachers in either capacity. For information about assisting at liturgies, please contact Harv Humphrey in Campus Ministry. http://campusministry.nd.edu/

Choirs

There are several choirs that sing at the various Masses held on campus each week. These include the Basilica Schola, Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Notre Dame Women’s Liturgical Choir, and the Notre Dame Folk Choir. For information about Basilica Choirs, please contact Daniel Bayless at 574-631-6536.

There are also three choirs offered through the Music Department: Notre Dame Chorale, Notre Dame Glee Club, and Notre Dame Collegium. For information about the Music Department Choirs, please contact Alexander Blachly at 574-631-5105 or blachly.3@nd.edu
Graduate Student Union
The GSO exists to improve the quality of life for all graduate students at the university. For more information call 574-631-6963.

Knights of Columbus
Notre Dame features the nation’s oldest collegiate K of C council, Notre Dame Council 1477. Housed in their former-post-office headquarters, just across the quad from the Law School, the Knights have biweekly meetings and perform a wide range of charitable works off campus and social events on campus. Plus, they cook campus’s best game day food: Steak sandwiches so good they’ve been featured on ESPN.  http://www3.nd.edu/~knights/index.php

SafeWalk
Help keep our campus safe by participating in SafeWalk. SafeWalk is a program by which Notre Dame students can call 634-BLUE to have a student escort walk them from any point on campus after dark. SafeWalkers are student employees of the Security Police department, have photo ID cards and are in radio contact with the Security Police Communication Center. Hours are 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. during the academic year.  http://www.nd.edu/visitors/security-on-campus/

“The Notre Dame community is a family, from freshmen to the dining hall employees to the oldest alumni. We all share the common experience of having been connected to this great university, and the strength of that bond sets us apart from other universities. Notre Dame feels like a small, close-knit community, but with the resources and notoriety of a much larger institution. Within NDLS specifically, the community is more collaborative than competitive, which is not true of all law schools.”

Chris DeLillo
Class of 2016
NOTRE DAME TRADITIONS

A Rich History

The Notre Dame campus is full of traditions that are open to law students, but the law school has created its own complementary traditions. These one-of-a-kind traditions have helped to create a law school campus focused on providing an atmosphere specifically for law students. At the root of much of Notre Dame’s tradition is its football team. On football weekends, the campus bustles with tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world clamoring to join the traditions of Notre Dame. In order to get the most out of the Notre Dame experience, it’s important to take part in as many of our traditions as possible. For greater depth on Notre Dame traditions and some wonderful campus photos, visit [www.archives.nd.edu/ringen](www.archives.nd.edu/ringen), but here are a few traditions to help you become acclimated:

How did a school in Indiana become the “Fighting Irish?”

While the true etymology of the “Fighting Irish” is unknown, two stories endure. One suggests that while Notre Dame was leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime, Northwestern students began to chant, “Kill the Fighting Irish, Kill the Fighting Irish.” Another story suggests that one Notre Dame player chastised his teammates during a 1909 halftime in Michigan when Notre Dame was trailing by saying, “What’s the matter with you guys? You’re all Irish and you’re not fighting worth a lick.”

Law School Specific Traditions

- **Design contest for "The (Law School) Shirt"** – Each summer, Notre Dame Law School students participate in a slogan and design contest for "The Shirt." "The Shirt" is what law students wear to home Notre Dame football games. In years past, students have submitted slogans such as, "Holding Opponents in Contempt Since 1869," "The Defense Never Rests," and other legally-related puns. The designs have ranged from a football player holding a football and a gavel to Notre Dame Stadium containing a judge's bench. The student(s) who submit(s) the winning slogan and/or design that is ultimately selected receives a free shirt.

- **3L “100 Days” Parties** – Starting 100 days before graduation, the 3Ls hold parties for themselves every 10 days leading up to the final farewell. 1Ls and 2Ls also invited – we are a family, after all.

- **Fall Ball and Barrister’s Ball** – one semi-formal, one formal, both great occasions to get all dressed up for a night with friends.

- **Father Mike Show/WLF Auction** – one of the highlights of the spring semester, the Father Mike Show is a talent show of sorts, with law students and faculty strutting their stuff on stage. In between acts, the Women’s Legal Forum auctions off a number of items donated by faculty and staff. Past donations by professors include meals at their home, canoe trip, poker night and trivia night. You’ve got to see it to believe it!

- **Bowling** – Every spring ND law students come together for some good clean bowling fun (including 1Ls – yes, you will have time). Grab a group of 6-10 friends, pick a team name, make t-shirts, and come out once a week for two hours of relaxation (told you you’d have time). It can be as competitive or goofy as you like.
Other Traditions

♦ The Knute Rockne Memorial Building – Students rub the nose on the bust of Knute Rockne for good luck on their final exams.

♦ The Golden Dome – While not “enforced” it is said that only those who are alumni of Notre Dame may walk up or down the front steps of the Main Building. Those of us who have yet to earn our degrees should enter and leave at ground level.

♦ Unveiling of “The Shirt” in April – An undergrad tradition, The Shirt is worn by undergrad students and fans. Proceeds go to The Shirt Charity, Rector Fund and student organizations.

The Fight Song
The Notre Dame Victory March is easily the most recognizable fight song in all of collegiate athletics. It is a fixture at the pep rallies, marches, and football games.

Rally sons of Notre Dame:
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true:
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame
We will fight in ev’ry game,
Strong of heart and true to her name
We will ne’er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory.

The Alma Mater
After a football game, the team and the fans sing the University alma mater. This is truly one of those moments when you realize that you are not merely a student—you are part of a family.

Notre Dame, our Mother
Tender, strong, and true
Proudly in thy heavens,
Gleams thy gold and blue.
Glory’s mantle cloaks thee,
Golden is thy fame,
And our hearts forever
Praise thee Notre Dame,
And our hearts forever
Love thee Notre Dame.
ATHLETICS

Class, Brass, & Kicks (Butt)

Athletic Department

Just the mention of Notre Dame suggests images of legends - National Championships, NCAA tournament appearances, New Year’s Day Bowl Games. With colors of Navy Blue and Gold, and the occasional Kelly Green for good luck, the Fighting Irish mystique makes the University of Notre Dame’s athletic department the most storied collegiate program in the country. Its rich history is embedded with tales of heroes who have overcome overwhelming odds to lead the Irish to victory. A truly national University, the Irish sports teams are comprised of athletes from coast-to-coast, and you’re sure to find at least one “subway alumnus” in every city across the country.

Compton Family Center

This two rink, 212,000 square feet, state-of-the-art facility has served as the home of the Irish hockey team since October 2011. The arena houses the Lefty Smith rink (the main competition rink) and an Olympic rink. Coach Jeff Jackson and his coaching squad have made the Irish into a top national program, including winning the 2012-13 CCHA Championship, six trips to the NCAA tournament in the past ten years, and a trip to the 2011 Frozen Four. Season tickets are available to law students in addition to single-game tickets. For ticket information visit: http://www.und.com/student-tickets/mhockey-student-tickets.html.

Do not be fooled into thinking the arena is exclusively reserved for the hockey team though. Throughout the year, it serves as a place of recreation for the campus and surrounding community. Activities include intramural sports, drop-in hockey, figure skating, public skating, concerts, and various classes that are available for both kids and adults. Information on the activities, skate times, and ice schedules can be found at: www.und.com/sports/comptonarena.

Joyce Center

Notre Dame’s legendary double-domed home of basketball, fencing, volleyball, and swimming. Named after former executive vice-president and chairman of the Faculty Board on Athletics, Father Joyce, the Joyce Center houses Notre Dame’s athletic offices in addition to several varsity teams. It opened in the fall of 1968 and has just finished renovation. Within the past several years, the building has hosted other community events, including a U2 concert, World Wrestling Federation shows, and the Harlem Globe Trotters show.

Facilities and Teams

From legendary Notre Dame Stadium to the Joyce Center to the one-of-a-kind Loftus Field House, which boasts the finest indoor track-and-field complex not in a dome, the Irish sporting venues are about a five minute walk from anywhere on campus. Fall sports include football, women’s volleyball, cross-country, and men’s and women’s soccer. Winter sports include ice hockey, fencing, men’s and women’s swimming, and men’s and women’s basketball. Spring sports include baseball, softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s track-and-field, men’s and women’s golf, and rowing. Your student ID will gain you access to many of these sporting events free of charge and might even include a fun giveaway to the fans that attend, so check them out & support the Irish as they compete for victory!
**National Championships**

The men’s soccer team are national champions as well as the women’s soccer team. The men’s team captured its national championship in 2013, demonstrating again that championship caliber play is expected under the Golden Dome. Notre Dame has claimed over 30 team national championships. The Irish fencing team has racked up 8 national championships, the most recent being in 2011, and the women’s basketball team captured the national title in 2001. Notre Dame football has won more national championships (11) and hosted more Heisman Trophy winners (7) than any other program in the nation. The football team hasn’t captured a national championship since 1988, but expectations are high and Domers across the country are hopeful the luck of the Irish will return soon.

**Student Section**

Notre Dame students love their varsity teams, and they are some of the best fans in the nation. Well over 90 percent of the Notre Dame student body attends football games, a weekly rite of passage on the typical fall Notre Dame weekend. Standing upon the wooden bleachers in the Notre Dame student section, one can be sure to leave the stadium feeling somewhat hoarse – certainly in merriment of another football triumph.

Support for the basketball team is no less energetic. Often affectionately referred to as the “Leprechaun Legion,” the Irish hoops fans know how to show their support for the guys and gals on the hardwood. The same goes for the faithful who turn out for soccer, volleyball, hockey, and the many other competitive and entertaining athletic teams.

Regardless of the sport or season, Notre Dame athletics are a fun, unique, and special aspect of student life under the Dome.

**Pep Rallies**

The appetizer for the Notre Dame Football Weekend is the traditional Friday evening pep rally. The rally normally attracts high-profile speakers and holds an electric capacity crowd on the edge of their feet. In the past, Irish legends such as Joe Montana, Tim Brown, and Daniel E. “Rudy” Reuttiger have spoken to the fans. These rockin’ events ensure that the Irish faithful are ready to support the team on Saturday.

**Bookstore Basketball**

Some schools have Gus Macker tournaments, we have Bookstore Basketball. Bookstore Basketball, the largest 5-on-5 tournament in the world, is held in April every year. It is wildly popular (nearly 700 teams compete), and a wonderful respite before exams. It is wildly popular (nearly 700 teams compete), and a wonderful respite before exams. Law School teams frequently participate in the tournament, with mixed success. Last year, Professor Dan Kelly’s team competed well into the late rounds of the tournament (with increasing crowds of students in attendance to watch their Property Prof shoot the 3!). Their website has all sorts of fascinating information (for instance, did you know that Tim Brown participated in Bookstore Basketball and won a Heisman Trophy?). Visit [www.nd.edu/~bkstr](http://www.nd.edu/~bkstr) for more information.
Baraka Bouts

The women of Notre Dame have an opportunity to box in the Baraka Bouts. The Baraka Bouts are only a few years old. But they are just as intense and entertaining as Bengal Bouts. Visit http://www3.nd.edu/~wboxing/index.html

Bengal Bouts

“Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished.”
Dominic J. “Nappy” Napolitano

Although it is a lesser known tradition outside of Notre Dame, the Bengal Bouts represent a very important ND tradition. For over 75 years, the men of Notre Dame have fought under this mantra in the spirit of charity. The Bengal Bouts is an activity of the Notre Dame Men’s Boxing Club and is the largest amateur boxing tournament in the world. More than just a boxing tournament, though, the Bengal Bouts is a charity fundraiser for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh (thus, the “Bengal”).

The Bouts started, as so many other ND traditions, with Knute Rockne. In the early 20th century the University, strapped for cash, put the then-varsity boxing team on the chop block after a winless season. Knute stepped in, sensing an excellent off-season conditioning program for his football players. He turned the varsity team into an intramural competition. With his God-given wisdom, Knute also tied the competition to a missionary purpose, thereby ensuring the tournament’s longevity at ND.

The Law School has a strong winning tradition in the Bouts. Every year a group of about 10 students competes, and several have made it to the championship round. You’re very likely to know at least one champion during your time here. Training for novices starts late second semester. Training in earnest begins first day of undergrad classes, second semester. Whether you choose to participate and “get in the ring” yourself or not, be sure to come out and support your fellow law students when they compete! Visit http://bengalbouts.nd.edu/ for more information.
Things you should know about Notre Dame Football:

Victories

Legendary Players and Coaches
A few notables include: Knute Rockne, Lou Holtz, Ara Parseghian, the Four Horsemen, Joe Montana, Tim Brown, Paul Hornung, and Joe Theismann.

Notre Dame Stadium
The house that Knute Rockne built is one of the most hallowed stadiums in the history of college and professional sports. Although Notre Dame's enrollment is just over 11,000 students, our stadium has a capacity of more than 80,795. Don’t worry though, the stadium has been full for over 200 straight games. Although the stadium’s size is impressive, it is the history and tradition that make it such an important part of Notre Dame. Every weekend the faithful stream into South Bend and turn Notre Dame’s picturesque campus into an enormous football festival.

Movies You Have To See:

Knute Rockne: All American
In possibly his most famous role, Ronald Reagan plays George Gipp, former Notre Dame football player in this biographical picture that traces the life of former Notre Dame football player and coach, Knute Rockne.

Rudy
Rudy is the classic story of Rudy Ruettiger, an undersized Notre Dame undergraduate who fulfilled his dream of playing football for the Irish. Rudy is often considered one of the greatest sports movies in recent history. (Fun fact: Vince Vaughn has a brief role in the movie.)
Pre-Game Activities
A home football “weekend” in the shadow of the Golden Dome starts as early as Wednesday. That is when you first start to notice the many, many fans. These are not just people coming to the game; these are people on a pilgrimage to one of the meccas of American sport.

So while you start to feel the beginning of the home football weekends on Wednesday and Thursday, the festivities truly kick off on Friday at noon with the football luncheon in the Joyce Center. The luncheons are opportunities to meet with Irish coaches and players, and the keynote speaker is always Notre Dame’s head coach, Brian Kelly. By mid-afternoon the “buzz” on campus is evident: the marching band performs, the parking lots fill, and the Hammes Bookstore looks like Wal-Mart at noon on Christmas Eve as the Fighting Irish fans stock up on gear for the game.

Friday’s events culminate in the famous Friday-night pep rallies. Don’t be deceived by the title – this is not your average pep rally! The pep rallies are either on the Irish Green or in the JACC. The Irish Green opens at 4:00 PM and is free to the public. The gates to the Joyce Center (or the stadium) usually open at 5:30 p.m. and by the time the “Best Band in the Land” marches in at 6:30 p.m., the arena is packed to the rafters with 12,000 fired-up fans. The pep rallies feature cheerleaders, the Notre Dame band, the football players and coaching staff, and special featured guests. Past guests have run the gamut from Wayne Gretzky to Dick Vitale, Regis Philbin to Joe Montana, and Dusty Baker to Jenny McCarthy. After the pep rally it’s off to some of the famous sports bars around South Bend to rub elbows with alumni, fans, and fellow students. Don’t miss out on the Midnight Drummer’s Circle directly in front of the Main Building under the Golden Dome.

Saturdays are game days and they are packed with activity. Most people start their day off with a trip to the Grotto to light a candle and tour through the Basilica, where you might see the team going to Mass. After seeing the team walk across campus from Mass you might be hungry, so grab a bratwurst and a soda from one of the dozens of student-run concession stands set up on the quads or one of the famous steak sandwiches at the Knights of Columbus Center across the South Quad from the Law School. Another must see on game days is the band’s “Concert on the Steps” at Bond Hall, an hour and a half before kick-off, where you can hear the best college fight song in the land, the Notre Dame Victory March. After the concert, you can watch the inspection of the Irish Guard before the band marches into the stadium. By now it's probably time to check out the open air tailgating parties going on in the parking lots surrounding the stadium.

Game time is almost always 3:30 p.m. But the TV coverage doesn’t matter because one of the best fringe benefits of being a law student at Notre Dame is getting to buy football season tickets in the student section, often somewhere in the vicinity of the 20-yard line. So after tailgating, grab your e-ticket on your phone and ID, and head over to the stadium. Don’t forget to bring comfortable shoes – the students at Notre Dame will stand for the entire game. Several hours later, feeling tired and hopefully very happy (because Notre Dame won) you file out of the stadium and either participate in some post-game tailgating or head over to the Law School for a post-game reception. The reception in the Law School lounge for alumni and students is a great opportunity to network with visiting ND law alumni.
Timeline Of Events For Football Traditions

Friday:
4:00 p.m. ...Trumpets under the Dome
4:20 p.m. ...Warm up at the Dome
4:30 p.m. ...Notre Dame Marching Band has a practice march from the Main Building to the practice field
4:50 p.m. ...Rehearsal on Practice Field
6:00 p.m. ...Pep Rally begins
12:00 a.m. ...Drummer’s circle near the Main Building

Saturday:
6 hours before the game: .................Step off at Ricci Band Hall
2.5 hours before the game: ...............Visit from the ND Band and Cheerleaders on the Irish Green
2 hours before the game: .................Glee Club Concert on the Irish Green
1.5 hours before the game: ...............Concert on the Steps (Marching Band) – Bond Hall steps
1 hour before the game: .................Trumpets play in the Main Building rotunda
45 minutes before the game: ..........Band marches from the Main Building to the Stadium
30 minutes after the game: .............Mass at the Basilica and Stepan Center
30 minutes after the game: .............Candlelight dinner at South Dining Hall (most games)
45 minutes after the game: .............Mass at Stepan Center

The 2016 Notre Dame Football Schedule:

September 3...................at Texas
September 10.................NEVADA
September 17.................MICHIGAN STATE
September 24..................DUKE
October 1......................vs. Syracuse (MetLife Stadium)
October 8......................at North Carolina State
October 15.....................STANFORD
October 29.....................MIAMI
November 5 .................vs. Navy (location TBD)
November 12...............ARMY (Alamodome)
November 19...............VIRGINIA TECH
November 26..................at USC
The Ticket Process

Getting into the House That Rockne Built

As a Notre Dame student you are guaranteed the opportunity to buy season tickets for a seat (or, more accurately, a “stand”) at the Irish home football games. The ticket process is relatively easy and painless. The Athletic Department often revises the process, but here are the basics of the system.

To purchase a student season ticket, you must be enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student. Football tickets are delivered electronically for use as a mobile ticket on your smartphone or as a print-at-home ticket, if you do not own a smartphone. Tickets are emailed to you the week of the first home game, and you will be sent a mobile.pdf version. Both versions can be displayed on your mobile device to be scanned for entry. For those students without a smartphone, simply print the .pdf version on an 8-1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper. Your seating is based on a first come, first served basis on each game day. In other words, the longer you tailgate, the higher up you sit. Seating is general admission within the designated area for your class; graduate students are assigned sections 31 and 32 with the undergraduate Juniors. Student ticket purchases may be made with check or credit card. Prices for 2015 season were $245.00. You may request a second online ticket application to order a ticket for your spouse/child. Email the ticket office with your name, ndID and name of your spouse/child and they will make a second application available in your student account. The cost for their ticket is the same as a student ticket and you must provide a copy of your marriage license/birth certificate. Each year, the SBA creates a game day t-shirt for the law students. Purchase of this shirt is highly encouraged, partly because the motto is fine legal humor and partly because it makes locating fellow law students to sit with much easier. Past Law School gameday shirts have included phrases like “Arguing Every Bad Call since 1869,” “The Defense Never Rests,” “We Never Settle,” and this year’s t-shirt pays tribute to the Athletic Department’s new partnership with Under Armour with the phrase: “We Own This House ... in fee simple.”

On game day, enter through entrance E. The student entrance will open 90 minutes prior to kick off. Your current student ID card must be presented with your ticket. Once you have your ticket, you may want to exchange it in some way. The rules on ticket exchange are restrictive and students may not trade their student ticket unless they participate in the student ticket exchange program. Check the website at http://www.und.com/student-tickets/fb-student-tickets.html for information about the ticket exchange program.

The demand for Notre Dame football tickets, regardless of the kind of season we are having, is enormous and some people are willing to pay a lot of money for a ticket. Although you may be tempted to sell your ticket so you can afford to buy Prosser on Torts and the like, be aware of the Athletic Department’s Resale Policy. If you sell an individual ticket for more than face value, you lose ticket privileges for two years. If you sell your ticket booklet for more than face value, you lose ticket privileges for five years. Ticket privileges for repeat offenders may be permanently revoked.
Finally, Notre Dame Football is full of traditions, and student participation in cheering on the Irish is a proud one! At some time early in our 1L year, there will be a mock pep rally in which the “special guests” will teach you how to cheer on the Irish. Depending on their schedule of home games, one or two may go by before the SBA can get the appropriate guests to teach. If there is a home game prior to this mock rally, do not despair! Just do what everyone else is doing and you will catch on in no time.

**Ticketing for Other Sports**

Student season tickets for men’s basketball are handled differently, as there are only a limited number of tickets available to students. Basketball ticket rules are less strict than those for football. Individual tickets can be detached from a booklet and be used by any student with an ID so you can buy a book and share the tickets with your buddies. Tickets for games during academic breaks are much cheaper (and sometimes free), if you happen to be in town. General admission is charged at women’s basketball, hockey, baseball, women’s soccer, men’s soccer, and volleyball games, but students are admitted free with an ID. Admission is free for everyone at most other varsity sporting events. See [http://www.und.com/student-tickets/](http://www.und.com/student-tickets/) for more information.
INTRAMURALS/CLUB SPORTS
Your Chance for Physical Activity or Stop Studying and Do Something Fun

Even though you’re in law school, you can still be active! In fact, many students find that participation in intramurals can be a great way to get your mind off the stresses of law school. Generally speaking, Notre Dame has two main gym facilities: Rolfs and ‘The Rock,’ which are free to students and open most of the day. Your Student ID is all you’ll need for access to the gyms on campus. You may find that having time to get to the gym is tougher now (was it ever easy?), but there are plenty of chances to get involved in organized leagues through RecSports or even the Law School itself.

Just after the start of the academic year begins, the RecSports office runs a flag football league where students can compete for a chance to play for the championship in Notre Dame Stadium. There are graduate student and open leagues. Teams can be single sex or co-ed. Sign-up is early in the semester, so be on the lookout for fliers in the Law School and at the two gyms on campus, Rolfs and ‘The Rock.’ Flag football is popular among the Law School students, and with teams like the “Bad News Barristers”, “Torts Illustrated” and “There’s 2Ls in Football” prowling the intramural gridiron, the Law School almost always has a team in the stadium game. Join a team and help keep the tradition alive!

There are many other RecSports leagues held in the fall and winter. Soccer, both indoor and outdoor, is another law school favorite. For those students looking for a change from the norm, dodge ball, horseshoes, climbing, cycling, fishing, sailing, rugby or inner tube water polo are great options. Basketball starts after Fall Break in October, with another exciting playoff bracket. Just like in the football league, the IM basketball championship game is played where the varsity team plays – this time on the floor of the Joyce Center. Become an active member of the Notre Dame community. Click on Club Sports on the RecSports website for the exhaustive list of possibilities. http://recsports.nd.edu/club-sports/.

The spring season offers the most intramural diversity. Upon your return from Winter Break, the Law School bowling and basketball leagues await you. Ask any law student (we’ll call him “that guy”) and that guy will tell you that Thursday night bowling is one of the most popular activities during the spring semester. For basketball, the Law School has an informal league with competition among law students, mostly on week nights. Finally, once the ground thaws, RecSports offers the popular graduate softball league, among other enjoyable sports and games.

If you want any more information on any of these programs, you can visit the RecSports website at http://recsports.nd.edu/intramural-sports/. If you would like to join a fitness class, RecSports offers a variety of fitness programs to help you stay fit. You can find the fitness classes online: http://recsports.nd.edu/classes/fitness-classes/. Remember that 2L and 3L upperclassmen are also an excellent resource for questions/suggestions on how to get involved on campus, reach out and chat with the Notre Dame Law School community for further ideas and suggestions.
GROCERIES

Places to Buy Food, Drinks, and . . . Nine Irons?

The Usual Suspects

Aldi
Closest to Campus: 3410 Grape Road, Mishawaka
Other locations: 202 East Ireland Road, South Bend
3505 North Bendix Drive, South Bend
Unsurpassed for low prices, but the selection is always uncertain, and you must remember to bring your own bags and a quarter to rent a cart. But if you’re on a budget, its peccadillo’s are completely worth it. At times it is possible to get appliances and smaller kitchen gadgets for very cheap.

Costco
Closest to Campus: University Park Drive, Mishawaka (just down the road from Super Target)
Membership warehouse club with quality brand name merchandise.

Kroger
Closest to Campus: 2330 Hickory Road, Mishawaka
Other locations: 1217 East Ireland Road, South Bend; 4526 W. Western Avenue, South Bend
Typical grocery store – no bells and whistles, but the prices are fair. Be sure to get the discount card!

Martin’s
Closest to Campus: 2081 South Bend Avenue, South Bend (at the corner of State Road 23 and Ironwood)
Other locations: 7355 Heritage Square Drive, Mishawaka; 4401 Western Avenue, South Bend;
926 Erskine Plaza, South Bend; 12850 State Road 23, Granger; 314 North Ironwood Road, Mishawaka;
306 North Bittersweet Road, Mishawaka, 1302 Elwood Avenue, South Bend.
Chain supermarket local to the Michiana area. A typical big grocery store with some specialty items like sushi, a sizeable deli, and a not-too-shabby wine selection. The store at SR23 and Ironwood also houses a Starbucks outlet, has a good selection of prepared food (including excellent garlic mashed potatoes), great baked goods, and is open 6:00 a.m. to midnight. It also has a small café area that’s nice for studying. The store at Heritage Square Dr. (SR23 and Gumwood) is a 71,000-square-foot store which includes a two-story, open-concept Side Door Deli Café with seating for 188, free WiFi and a salad bar with over 70 items (and Starbucks Coffee). This new store has an excellent variety of natural and organic products as well as a large produce section. Martins-supermarkets.com

Meijer
Closest to Campus: 5020 Grape Road, Mishawaka
Other locations: 3600 North Portage Road, South Bend
The Midwest’s very own contribution to the super-store lineup. Even if you don’t buy anything, it is a must-see. You can buy a lobster, whipped cream, a nine-iron, a car battery and embroidery floss on the same trip. They also feature some self-checkout lanes – which come in handy on Sunday afternoons when everyone in Michiana descends on the place. Those of you coming from big cities will need resuscitation after seeing the prices. Best of all, it’s open 24 hours. Meijer.com
Sam’s Club
Closest to Campus: 120 Indian Ridge Boulevard, Mishawaka, next to Wal-Mart
A members-only shopping club like BJ’s or Costco. Everything is in bulk, which carries two benefits: lower prices and time savings. The hours aren’t as convenient as the other grocery stores in the area, but the saved money and time might compensate.samsclub.com/sams/

Super Target
Closest to Campus: 155 East University Drive, Granger (off Main Street in Mishawaka)
Other locations: 1400 East Ireland Road, South Bend
Another multi-service grocery/department store. Not as many extras as Meijer and Super Wal-Mart, but there is a pharmacy, photo lab and optical store as well as groceries and the usual department store fare.target.com

Wal-Mart Supercenter
Closest to Campus: 316 Indian Ridge Boulevard, Mishawaka
Other locations: 700 West Ireland Road, South Bend; 3701 Portage Road, South Bend
Wal-Mart may be the epitome of capitalism, but it’s hard to resist the low prices. Like a mini-city, it has everything you could possibly want. The locations are open 24 hours.

Whole Foods Market
Closest to Campus: 4230 Grape Road, Mishawaka
On the corner of Grape and Day Roads, this natural and organic foods supermarket. Wholefoodsmarket.com

And the Out-of-the-Ordinary

Asian Grocery Markets
Locations: Asian Food Market, 1837 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-271-5688
Saigon Market, 208 West Colfax, South Bend 574-289-7623
Mekong Oriental Market, 628 West Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart 574-522-7535
Oriental Market, 3618 Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-256-9305
Sari Sari Oriental Grocery, 231 East McKinley, Mishawaka 574-254-7274
The Indian Garden Grocery Store, 615 West Edison, Mishawaka 574-255-5600

Bamber’s Superette Food Market
Location: 1145 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend 574-287-1871
Looking for a little gourmet? Bamber’s Superette is perfect if you’re looking for imported cheeses and meats, hard-to-find European brands, and wines from all over the world. Only about three miles from campus!

Fair Trade Coffee
Location: Sacred Heart Parish Center 574-631-7508
Fair Trade is a program that pays farmers a fair wage for their products, and ensures that the products are grown in environmentally sound conditions, without any civil rights abuses. The university offers bulk coffee, and will hopefully begin offering bananas and other products soon. FTC is also available in the dining halls.
Farmer’s Market

Location: 1105 Northside Boulevard (just north of the river), South Bend  574-282-1259

South Bend has one of the nation’s largest farmer-owned market. Local farmers sell their own products in season and imported produce at other times of the year, as well as bulk spices and organic meats at killer prices. Other merchants sell antiques and crafts. The obscenely good Great Harvest Bread Company also occupies a stall. It’s open year round, during the day on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. During growing season, there are additional hours on Friday. And it’s all inside, so you don’t have to worry about the weather.  www.southbendfarmersmarket.com

Italian Markets

Locations:  Bamber’s Superette, 1145 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend  574-287-1871
          Macri’s Italian Bakery, 214 North Niles, South Bend  574-282-1010
          Oh Mamma’s Italian Deli, 1105 Northside Boulevard (located inside the Farmer’s Market)

Jaworski’s Market

Location:  58413 Crumstown Highway, South Bend  574-287-0091

Jaworski’s is your one-stop shop for specialty meats. Boar’s Head deli meats and cheeses, groceries, deer checking and processing, hog roasts, and event catering. They have been known to have the best polish sausage and jerky around! Homemade bacon available as well. Jaworskismarket.com

Organic & Natural Products

Locations:  Down to Earth, 14678 State Road 23, Granger, downtoearthindiana.com  574-271-1497
          Garden Patch Market, 228 West Edison Road, Mishawaka, gardenpatchmarketonline.com  574-255-3151
          Organic Grains & Grinds, 1105 Northside Boulevard (located inside the Farmer’s Market)
          Rose Quest Nutritional Center, 410 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, rosequest.com  574-259-5653

Mexican & Latin American Foods

Locations:  El Paraiso, 425 North Main, South Bend, elparaisosb.com  574-234-1546
          (and they have a great café too featuring $1 tacos on Wed. & Sun.)
          Super Mercado Rosales, 1518 South Michigan, South Bend  574-234-5587
          Jose and Marciela Navarro (specialty Mexican cheeses),  574-289-0333
          call Broadway Christian Church for information

Fair trade clothing, jewelry and home items

Just Goods

714 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend  574-286-5878

“Just Goods” offers clothing, jewelry and products for the home, made with respect for the workers and the environment. “Just Goods” is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  justgoods.net/

Ten Thousand Villages

214 West Cleveland Road, Granger  574-277-4900

You can purchase unique gifts and home furnishings while providing a vital, fair wage to Third World people. You can find fair trade coffee, textiles, and children’s toys here.  http://www.tenthousandvillages.com

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Housing

Yes, There are Nice, Affordable Places to Live in South Bend

This is our attempt to help you find a place to live. Honestly, finding a place to live in a city where you don’t have any connections is not easy, but we hope that this list of apartment complexes, ratings, and references will help you track down a place you will enjoy living during your three years at Notre Dame. Fortunately, housing in the South Bend/Mishawaka area is very affordable, especially if you’re used to living on the East or West Coasts.

We have tried to include off-campus complexes where a lot of law students live and others that seem like they might work for law students. There is one complex we want to warn you against. The Hillcrest Apartment Complex, while close to campus, is not known for being well-maintained. Also beware of Kramer Properties. They rent houses and there have been problems getting returns of security deposits.

Caveat emptor (we’re law students – we had to use at least one Latin phrase). Keep in mind that you should verify this information with the landlord or management agency.

Getting Started

Call Residence Life and Housing Office at 574-631-5878 and ask them to send you the informational packets on on-campus housing options. The information provided on on-campus housing is thorough and very helpful.

If you want to live on-campus, submit your application as soon as possible. Note, you must confirm your enrollment with the Admissions Office by returning your seat deposit before you are eligible to submit an application for on-campus housing. For the most part, students are able to obtain graduate housing without a problem, but a waitlist form is available for those who apply late. Keep in contact with the Housing Office if you are on the waitlist and campus housing is your first choice.

Decide what you need out of a living situation before you begin your search. Sit down and ask yourself whether you need to live alone or want to be surrounded by people, do you already have a roommate(s) in mind, what kind of hours you like to keep, what kind of study habits do you have, do you like to cook, do you have a car, how much can you afford to spend, etc. If you know what you want in a place to live, it will be a much smoother process.

Look online. Some suggested websites are:

- http://www.realst8.com (search by South Bend and Notre Dame University campus)
- www.apartmentguide.com (Click search apartments by state, once you select IN, both Mishawaka and South Bend are listed)
- http://www.apartmentratings.com
- http://rentlikeachampion.com

Good Luck! The good news is that even if you don’t like your first year living situation, you’ll probably never be there because it’s first year, and let’s face it, you live at the library! To be totally honest, almost everyone I know is happy with his or her living situation. South Bend is affordable, the people are nice and nothing is too far from campus. So don’t sweat the housing search too much and worry about more important things – like finding a bag big enough to haul around 137.5 lbs of law textbooks!
On-Campus Housing

Living on campus definitely has its advantages. Everything on campus, including the recreational facilities, dining hall, and Law School are within walking distance. It’s a great way to meet other graduate students as a 1L and feel a part of the Notre Dame campus life. There are many social, spiritual, and service options for students living on campus offered by Residence Life. Also, when going out to bars or other activities, living on campus is oftentimes convenient because many 1Ls meet at the graduate housing and take cabs from campus. And during home football weekends, you will be very appreciative of your parking spot at the Fischer and O’Hara-Grace residences.

There are two on-campus options for single graduate students: Fischer or O’Hara-Grace. The complexes are located next to each other and are a 10-15-minute walk to the Law School. Although right on campus, they are separated from the undergraduate dorms by a parking lot. The apartments are furnished so if you are coming from somewhere far away, it makes it easier not having to worry about moving furniture.

If you apply to live in graduate student housing, the University will match you up with roommates from any of the graduate programs (one roommate in Fisher, three roommates in O’Hara-Grace), but you can also request a roommate. From my experience, many 1Ls are paired up with other 1Ls. Stay in contact with housing if you are on the waiting list. Please call for current rates.

General Contact Info & Website

Office of Housing – Graduate Student Housing Options
http://housing.nd.edu/graduate/

Fischer Graduate Housing
O’Hara-Grace Graduate Housing
Cripe Street Apartments

University Village Apartments

- South Bend Transpo operates a bus which makes a loop of campus and comes through the Village at 35 minute intervals. The schedule and route are available at http://www.sbtranspo.com/routes/TRANSPO-SWEEP.pdf. The bus is free to Notre Dame students with their student ID.

- More information provided on the University Housing website at http://orlh.nd.edu/housing/graduate/universityvillage/index.html.

Off-Campus Housing

As a 1L, there are a few apartment complexes that stand out as more popular than others with law students. They include Indian Lakes, Eddy Street Commons, Main Street Village, and Runaway Bay. Following is information about these apartments and several others.

Autumn Lakes
1109 Hidden Lakes Drive, Mishawaka 46544
edwardrose.com/autumnlakes

Distance to the Law School
Located just off 331, next to Meijer, very close to shopping and dining. About a 10 minute drive to campus.
Castle Point Apartments
18011 Cleveland Road, South Bend, IN 46637 574-272-8110
http://www.cppj.com/
Distance to the Law School
About a 10-15 minute drive.

Clover Ridge Apartments
1801 Irish Way, South Bend IN 46637 574-272-1441
http://cloverridgeapartments.com/
Distance to the Law School
You could walk to campus in 20 minutes or ride your bike in 10 or so. If you have a car you’ll probably want to drive, and that will only take about 10-12 minutes door to door.

Clover Village Apartments
1710 Turtle Creek Drive, South Bend, IN 46637 574-272-8124
clovervillageapartments.com
Distance to the Law School
The closest off-campus housing, it's still a brisk 15 to 20 minute walk. On the days when you can cut through the athletic fields, you can save another five minutes. By bike it's less than 10 minutes. Incidentally, that's also about how long it takes if you drive and park in the student parking near the stadium, and then walk from there to the Law School. Any way you look at it, in terms of distance, you won't find a more convenient off-campus location than this.

The Foundry Lofts & Apartments at Eddy Street Commons
1233 North Eddy Street, South Bend 46617 574-303-6446
foundryliving.com
Distance to the Law School
Directly across the street from the main entrance, approximately 10-15 minute walk to the law school.

Georgetown
4315 Wimbledon Court, South Bend, IN 46637 574-343-1677; 888-997-3662
apartmentguide.com
Distance to the Law School
Located in a quiet residential area about 1/2 mile north of Cleveland Road. About a seven-minute drive, straight north from campus.

Indian Lakes Apartments
5726 Seneca Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545 574-277-6541
edwardrose.com/indianlakes
Distance to the Law School
Just a little over three miles from campus. About a 10-minute drive with traffic.

Main Street Village
5504 Town Center Drive, Granger, IN 46530 574-272-1450
mainstreetvillageapartments.com
Distance to the Law School/Location
4 miles – probably about 15 minutes during “rush hour.” It is technically in Granger, but very close to the shopping and restaurants in Mishawaka.

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The Overlook at Notre Dame
54721 Burdette Street, South Bend, IN 46637 574-243-1700
http://www.overlooknd.com/

Distance to the Law School/Location
Located adjacent to the east edge of campus between Twyckenham Drive and Burdette Street.
About a 15 minute walk.

The Pointe at St. Joseph
307 East LaSalle Ave. South Bend, IN 46617 574-287-2684
http://www.pointeatstjoseph.net/index.asp

Distance to the Law School/Location
A quick five-minute drive, two miles south of campus. Wouldn’t bike it as it takes you through some pretty sketchy neighborhoods. It is bordering downtown South Bend and is very convenient to many popular South Bend bars. Ready access to the river walk and the chase (for kayaking).

Riverside North Apartments
1643 Riverside Drive, South Bend, IN 574-233-2212
http://www.riversidenorth-in.com/

Distance to the Law School/Location
Approximately a five-minute drive, about two miles west of campus.

Runaway Bay
302 Runaway Bay Circle, Mishawaka, IN 46545 574-256-1350
runaway-bay.com

Distance to the Law School/Location
About a ten minute drive to campus – just west of Edison on Grape Road, near the shopping and restaurants in Mishawaka.

Stadium Club
18127 Bulla Road, South Bend, IN 46637 574-243-7530
http://ndstadiumclub.com/

Distance to the Law School/Location
About a 15 – 20 minute walk to campus and a 10 minute bike ride.

University Park Apartments
5630 University Park Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545 574-277-7730
http://www.liveatuniversitypark.com/

Distance to the Law School/Location
10 minute drive to the Law School. Near the shopping and restaurants in Mishawaka.

Williamsburg On the Lake
302 Village Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545 574-256-0237
http://www.williamsburgmishawaka.com/

Distance to the Law School/Location
About a 10-15 minute drive. Located on Main Street, about five minutes from the shopping and restaurants in Mishawaka.
**Houses and Rooms/Apartments in Houses**

If you want to buy a house, the best time to look is in the spring, and fortunately, property prices in South Bend are very good. Also check out [http://www.southbendtribune.com/classifieds/realestate/](http://www.southbendtribune.com/classifieds/realestate/). Check the Class of 2019 website for a list of houses 3Ls are interested in selling too! You can also find a local real estate agent.

Be sure to check out the Off-Campus Connector. [http://offcampus.nd.edu/](http://offcampus.nd.edu/) It is relevant information for students about moving, living and playing off-campus. The website is jointly sponsored by Student Government and Student Affairs. Their mission is to provide students with information about all that the surrounding community has to offer them and to educate and provide resources to interested students about how to transition and live off-campus.

**Renters Insurance**

The homeowner's (or commercial property owner's) insurance policy that covers the physical dwelling you are renting generally does not cover your possessions inside of the building. A renter’s insurance policy (also known as a tenant's insurance policy) provides protection for your personal property, such as furniture or electronic equipment, in case of perils like fire, theft, or wind damage from a tornado. Coverage often includes liability protection, which covers damages as a result of unintentional bodily injury or property damage to another person.

The University has established a personal property insurance program through Haylor Freyer and Coon (see [http://www.haylor.com/](http://www.haylor.com/) for more information). However, you can generally obtain renter’s insurance through your parent’s insurer. Many popular insurers, such as GEICO, Allstate, and State Farm, offer renter’s insurance. Some apartment complexes may also offer renter’s insurance and will add it to the monthly cost of rent.

**Roommates**

One helpful way to identify other law students in need of a roommate is the Roommate Identification Form (RIF), coordinated by Karen Srmek, Senior Office Assistant of Admissions. Members of the class of 2019 who complete and submit the RIF will receive an email directing them to a website where all completed RIF's of entering law students will be published. You can obtain a copy of the RIF on the admitted student website. In addition, attending an Admitted Student Weekend is a great way to meet potential roommates.
Playing Outside

Running
Whether you competed on a team as an undergrad or simply love to run for fun, there are lots of places to run and races to enter in South Bend. Running is very popular on campus, especially around the lakes. This website shows some routes around campus with the distances: http://recsports.nd.edu/assets/120171/fitness_routes_1_.pdf.

If you want to get off campus, the East Bank/Riverwalk Trail begins at the old St. Joseph High School (on the corner of Angela and Michigan) and runs along the St. Joseph River. Six miles long, this path is great for running or biking: http://www.indianatrails.com/content/east-bank-trail-%E2%80%93-south-bend.

There is another trail in progress just northwest of campus called the LaSalle trail. It starts roughly behind Dublin Village/Perkins on the other side of Indiana 933 from campus and will eventually end at the Michigan state line. http://www.sjcpublicworks.org/lasalle.html.

Several races take place on campus throughout the year, including the Domer Run (3 or 6 miles) in the fall and the Holy Half-Marathon in spring. In addition, you can find a race in the Michiana area almost every weekend. If you’re around in late May, I highly recommend running one of the Sunburst races (http://www.sunburstraces.org/). To see an up-to-date calendar of races and perhaps find some group training runs, visit Michiana Runners at http://www.michianarunners.org.

Biking
Notre Dame has a fairly large campus with student parking at the edges. Many students take advantage of the bike racks at the Law School and ride in either from home or from the parking lot. Dwight King, one of the research librarians, can often be seen in his bicycle helmet, walking into the Law School in all kinds of weather.

If you decide to take a bike to the Law School, remember to bring a lock. Bike theft is the most-reported campus crime: the local crooks will even take rusty, beat-up bikes. Campus Security offers free bicycle registration, online at http://ndsp.nd.edu/parking-and-traffic/

They also offer a “lock-up” for bike storage during the winter months, at the Stadium. And, every year there is a used bike auction where you can pick up one of the bikes which have remained unclaimed from the winter lock-up as well as any bikes that Security has “liberated” from bike racks around campus after the students have gone home for break. If you’re looking to get a bike quickly, several options are listed below.

Bike Shops
Any of these shops should have relatively current trail information as well as the department stores such as Walmart, Target and Meijer.

Pro-Form
2202 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-272-0129
http://proformbike.com
The closest bike shop to campus, at Ironwood and State Route 23. A nice high-end shop. The staff at Pro-Form is probably the most knowledgeable in the area regarding road cycling.
Albright’s Cycling and Fitness
2720 Lincolnway West, Mishawaka  574-255-8988
http://albrightscycling.com
About 15-minutes from campus by car. Less expensive than Pro-From and still a good shop.

Outpost Sports
1251 North Eddy Street, South Bend  574-855-3201
www.outpostsports.com
Has some mountain biking equipment.

The Avenue Bicycle Shop
2716 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend  574-855-2453
http://theavenuebicyclestation.com/  574-855-BIKE
This is an awesome bike shop and a great place to pick up a cheap bike for riding around campus! They also do inexpensive repairs and tune-ups and have a small bike park behind the store with a few ramps.

Mountain Biking & Trails
The local trail in South Bend is in Rum Village Park and consists of about four miles of winding single track created by mountain bikers with the blessing of the City. Difficulty depends on how fast you ride - some narrow stretches and tight corners make this a fun diversion, especially since it is only a 15-minute bike ride or five-minute drive from campus. To get there head south on Indiana 933 (Michigan Ave.) and turn right a mile or so past downtown on Ewing. There is a sign on this corner pointing to Rum Village Park and Nature Center. The trails in the main part of the park are off limits to bikes, so go past the park and turn left on Gertrude. The entry to the ride area is on your right a few hundred yards up. The City is pretty serious about controlling erosion in the area, so if the sign says it’s closed, as it frequently is in wet weather, don’t ride. If you get caught, you risk confiscation of your bike, and telling the cop you are a law student isn’t likely to help your cause. Rum Village Park is also home to the local Frisbee golf course.

If you are ready for an awesome mountain bike ride check out the Outback Trail at Imagination Glen Park in Portage Indiana. Portage is located on the southern tip of Lake Michigan and is only about 45 minutes from campus. The single track trail meanders through the woods for over 10 miles and draws visitors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. The trail is available for races and other events, such as the Mid-Week Mountain Biking Madness and Mountain Bike Time Trial. Visit the Outback trail website at http://www.outbacktrail.org/.

If you have time to get away for a few hours there are more riding options. Southern Michigan has a few rides, though you’ll probably notice the topography is still pretty flat. T.K. Lawless County Park in Cass County is about an hour away and has a little over ten miles of trails for mountain biking. To get there, take Indiana 933 north towards Niles and turn east on MI 60. Shortly after Vandalia turn right on Lewis Lake Road and then east on Monkey Run Street. There is a sign for the park on MI 60. Parking costs a couple of bucks. If you find out why they call it Monkey Run Street, let us know.

If you are not looking for single track there are a couple of good trails for family cycling in the area, including a Rails to Trails path that runs from Kalamazoo to South Haven in Southwestern Michigan, and a bicycle trail at Potato Creek State Park. There is also a trail running from Holland, Michigan, up the coast of Lake Michigan to Grand Haven (about 23 miles).
**Road Biking**
If you’re into riding on the road, and have a road bike, get in touch with the ND Cycling Club. The club’s website is blogs.nd.edu/cyclingirish/ their email address is bike@nd.edu. The website may not show it, but this is a committed group of cyclists. That said, the group is relaxed and friendly and eagerly welcomes newcomers. The club leads group rides of about 30 miles, six days a week in the fall. The rides include riders of mixed abilities, and vary from 15-22 m.p.h. The club's main focus is racing in the spring. The club races in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference, which includes schools such as Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State, Illinois, and Indiana. Club members race 6-8 weekends during the spring at different schools throughout the region, all on the University’s AMEX. The races are divided by ability level, so rookie racers can also get a taste of the action.

*More resources on biking in Michiana*
http://bikemichiana.org: resources, news, observations and ideas about bicycling in the Michiana area
http://mbabike.com: Michiana Bicycle Association, sponsors weekly rides and special events.
www.outbacktrail.org. Outback Trail, Portage, IN, Mountain Bike Trails. 45 minutes from campus.

**ND Triathlon Club**
http://recsports.nd.edu/club-sports/coed-club-sports/coed-triathlon/
The Notre Dame Triathlon Club is focused on providing training for individuals on campus to help them prepare for triathlon competitions. This club is open to all students of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross, and encourages all who are interested in getting in shape and meeting new people. For upcoming triathlon events and competition, as well as merchandise and ways to support the club, contact ndtri@nd.edu.
HEALTH CARE

At some point in your three years in South Bend, the cold winters, lack of sleep, high stress levels, and the endless diet of pizza from the student club meetings will wear down your immune system, making you susceptible to one of the hundreds of germs being carried around by your classmates. Of course, this naturally unhealthy environment is also one where you can’t afford to take time off for extended rest and recuperation. When you do become ill, then, it’s important to get treatment quickly. Luckily, there are several convenient options.

Notre Dame Health Services

Located a few buildings north of the Law School in the St. Liam building, the University Health Services offer a wide array of medical services. The walk-in clinic is open 24/7 during the academic year, and appointments with physicians are available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The best part? They have free flu shots and excluding fees for any laboratory tests and X-Rays, the services are free with your student ID. The pharmacy is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but if you call in your prescriptions in advance, you can get them at the front desk after hours.

Keep in mind that Health Services has now instituted a nurse appointment system where all patients are set to see a nurse regardless of whether they request to see a doctor. If you are going to the clinic for something that requires a doctor, such as getting a prescription, make that clear when you call the clinic. Health Services will also drive you and pick you up from the hospital if necessary, during certain hours.

Notre Dame Wellness Center

The Notre Dame Wellness Center is an innovative onsite medical facility that is available for the spouses and children of law students. Operated by Take Care Health Systems and a Walgreens Company, the Wellness Center provides a full suite of health services, delivering patient-centered, quality care in a state-of-the-art facility. The Pharmacy, operated by Walgreens, is a full-service pharmacy offering prescription services and private consultations. Please note you must provide proof of dependents eligibility such as a marriage certificate for your spouse and a birth certificate for your child.

There are many more medical facilities in the community that include two major hospitals and dozens of immediate care facilities.

Pharmacies

If you do not carry Notre Dame Health Insurance (AETNA) you may have your prescription(s) filled at any local pharmacy. We have listed the locations that are open 24 hours. These pharmacies also carry basic over the counter drug and toiletry needs.

CVS: Several locations in South Bend and Mishawaka
2210 East Edison, South Bend OPEN 24 HOURS 574-472-3234

Walgreens Drug Stores: Several locations in South Bend and Mishawaka
1010 East Ireland Road, South Bend OPEN 24 HRS 574-299-0154
On Campus Locations:

Walgreens Pharmacy:
107 Saint Liam Hall, Notre Dame
574-239-3847
FAX: 574-232-4839

Walgreens Pharmacy hours are: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and they are closed for lunch between 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. University Health Services under Walgreens management is able to accept private insurance and process insurance claims. In order for Walgreens to file your insurance directly and honor your co-pay amounts, you will need to provide your prescription card or a copy of your card at the time of purchase. You can pay for your prescription at the time of service using cash, check, credit card, HSA account, and even DOMER DOLLARS. The pharmacy also accepts Medicaid for students and dependents. For convenience, Walgreens offers an “Express Pay Account”. This allows you to enter and store your insurance information and a form of payment online confidentially in the Walgreens system. They do carry a limited supply of over the counter meds and you can register for text message alerts and electronic Rx refills. Visit their website for more information http://uhs.nd.edu/services/pharmacy.

Walgreens Pharmacy:
100 Wellness Center, Notre Dame (corner of Wilson and Bulla)
574-271-5622
FAX: 574-271-0430

Pharmacy Hours and Location Hours: Monday-Friday: 7:30 am to 7:30 pm *Saturday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm *Football weekends only: Closed Saturday, open Sunday 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For dependents of Graduate Students - The Wellness Center Pharmacy is a full service pharmacy that provides more than just prescriptions - it offers patients many counseling and cost-saving services, including: 90-day prescription fills/refills without penalty (an alternative to mail-order), discounted over-the-counter medications (includes many discounts greater than other Walgreens locations). $0 copays on insulin and oral diabetes medications when diabetic supplies and medications are both filled/refilled on the same day, free medication well-check: a private consultation with a pharmacist to review drug interactions, identify lower-cost alternatives, and maximize the effectiveness of drug therapies.
**CARS**

**Driver’s License**
To obtain an Indiana Driver’s License, applicants must visit an Indiana license branch (BMV), pass both a written test and a vision test, and give proof of identity. The proof of identity requirement is extensive; the BMV requires one primary document (such as a U.S. passport), an additional primary document or a secondary document (such as an out-of-state driver’s license), proof of social security number, proof of Indiana residency, and evidence of U.S. citizenship or lawful residency. For a full list of what constitutes acceptable forms of these documents, visit the BMV website [in.gov/bmv](http://in.gov/bmv) and click on the “New Indiana Residents” link in the left-hand column.

**Vehicle Registration**
To register cars in Indiana, the vehicle owner must visit an Indiana license branch, present the vehicle’s Certificate of Origin or out-of-state title, and give proof of insurance and social security number. All students who change their state of residence to Indiana must also change to an Indiana Driver License and register their vehicles in Indiana within 60 days. However, students are permitted to live in Indiana without changing their legal residence to Indiana. Out-of-state students who keep residency in their original states do not have to change their driver’s licenses or register their vehicles in Indiana, but must keep their home state driver’s licenses and registration up-to-date.

**International Students**
Foreign nationals are not required to obtain an Indiana Driver License, but must have an out-of-country driver’s license and an international driver’s license to drive in Indiana.

**Getting Around South Bend**
Driving around South Bend and Mishawaka is fairly straightforward. The towns themselves are essentially laid out in a grid, so once you learn the major cross streets (Grape Road, Douglas Road, Edison Road, Cleveland Road, McKinley Avenue) it is easy to get a bearing as to where you are. The key road to know is Edison Road aka Angela Boulevard in South Bend – this is the road that runs along the south side of Notre Dame’s campus.

With traffic, it will take no more than 10 minutes to drive from several of the apartment complexes in Mishawaka (Indian Lakes, Williamsburg on the Lake, Main Street Village) to Notre Dame’s campus. The majority of chain restaurants and grocery stores, located around Grape Road and Main Street in Mishawaka, are within 10 minutes of Notre Dame. Another important thing to note is that Notre Dame’s campus and the majority of apartment complexes in South Bend and Mishawaka are located between Exits 77 and 83 off the Toll Road and it will take you no more than 10 minutes to get to either exit.

Driving into downtown South Bend is a bit tricky as the roads do not remain parallel and often change names. This can be frustrating. Another important road “change” to know is that State Road 933, also known as U.S.-31 or Dixie Way, becomes Michigan Street and then forks and becomes Main Street in South Bend. It sounds confusing but don’t worry, you’ll learn this drive quickly.
Auto Repair

Many locations around South Bend and Mishawaka. We have listed businesses that have a great reputation.

Rock Auto Service
314 Fort Street, Niles, MI (approximately 15 minutes from campus)
Solid, dependable service at a value price. Highly recommended and affordable. All the repair and maintenance work is performed by an ASE Master Certified Technician with over 26 years dealership experience. 10% discount on labor for ND students. [http://rockautoservice.com/](http://rockautoservice.com/)

M. D. Lillie Auto Service
51081 Indiana State Route 933, South Bend
Good reviews. 10 minutes from campus.

Auto Body Shop

Karl Weis Auto Body Shop
52073 State Road 933 North, South Bend
Located between Darden and Brick Road, Karl Weis has been serving the South Bend area over 75 years. Full service collision repair shop offering free estimates anytime during business hours. Open 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. [http://www.karlweisbodyshop.com/](http://www.karlweisbodyshop.com/)

Devreese Body Shop
1314 Portage Avenue, South Bend
Located near the intersection of Portage Avenue and West Angela Boulevard. 10 minutes from campus.
VOTER REGISTRATION

Registering to Vote
To be eligible to register to vote in Indiana, you have to be an Indiana resident and live in your precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election. To register, fill out the Indiana Voter Registration form, which is available on the State of Indiana elections website (in.gov/sos/elections). The form will also tell you where to mail it back—just make sure it is returned 29 days before the election in which you want to vote.

You can also register to vote in person at the county clerk’s office, any BMV license branch, or public assistance office.

Once you’ve registered, you should receive your voter registration card in the mail. If you don’t receive it within 30 days, call the St. Joseph County voter registration office at 574-235-9521.

First Time Voters
When registering to vote, you will have to present information that confirms your address. A number of documents are okay as long as they contain your name and address—such as an Indiana Driver’s License or other photo ID, a utility bill or bank statement, a government document (i.e., a passport), or a paycheck. If you do not provide one of these documents at the time you register, you will be required to present one when you vote for the first time.

Voting In Person
To vote in person, you must present a government-issued photo ID. This is in addition to the documents that confirm your address as a first time voter, discussed above. A government-issued photo ID includes Indiana drivers licenses and U.S. passports, but not your Notre Dame ID card. If you do not have an acceptable photo ID, you can get an Indiana State ID card free from the BMV.

Voting Absentee
All registered voters can vote absentee-in-person at the county election board (the County City Building in downtown South Bend), beginning 29 days before Election Day. You don’t even need a reason to vote early—you just show up and vote! Again, make sure to bring your photo ID.

To vote absentee-by-mail you must have a specific reason you will be absent from the county for the entire day, have a disability, be at least 65, have official election duties outside of your precinct, be scheduled to work for the entire 12 hours the polls are open, be confined due to injury or illness, be prevented from voting for religious reasons or you are a participant in the state’s address confidentiality program. If, for some reason, one of these applies to you, you may fill out an Application for Absentee Ballot, available at in.gov/sos/elections.
BARBER SHOPS & HAIR SALONS

Because You Have to Look Good for Those Interviews

There’s no shortage of hair salons in the area and prices generally start around $30, but can run over $60 for a haircut by the most experienced stylists at some salons. As for the guys, let’s face it: real men get their hair cut by a barber. Salon prices tend to run around $16 at all the local shops. Listed below are a few shops within walking distance.

Barbers

Armando’s Barber Shop
1639 Edison Road, South Bend
At the corner of Edison and 23. Armando’s has a reputation for cutting the hair of the “big wigs” at Notre Dame including past football coaches. Within walking distance of campus.

Barber Shop
Lafortune Student Center, Lower Level
Cuts for men $13. Open Tu. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you need a quick, classy and convenient cut, look no further than Frank Franko, the barber in the basement of LaFortune. Go in a day in advance (or the morning of if you’re not picky as to time), and write your name down in Frank’s appointment book. Frank always has a good perspective on what's going on with ND football and is a big boxing fan.

Hair Salon’s

Nicholas J. Salon & Spa
1251 Eddy Street #108
nicholasjsalonandspa.com
Spacious and clean. Aveda hair colors, make-up, skin care and aromatherapy. Haircuts start at $30 for women and $18 for men.

University Salon
LaFortune Student Center, Lower Level
Full service salon. Haircuts start at $24 for women and $16 for men.
Mon. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
**Campus ATMs (28 Total)**

*Get some cash*

http://treasury.nd.edu/assets/137083/atm_map_july_2014.pdf

Compton Family Ice Arena (2 locations)
Operated by NDFCU.

Decio Hall
Accessible from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operated by NDFCU.

DeBartolo Center for Performing Arts
Operated by NDFCU.

DeBartolo Hall
Operated by NDFCU.

Football Stadium
In service during football games only. Operated by NDFCU.

Grace Hall
Accessible from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operated by NDFCU and 1st Source Bank.

Hammes Mowbray Hall
Operated by NDFCU.

Hammes-Notre Dame Bookstore
West side of the building in the west entrance. West doors are kept locked, so you need to walk through the Bookstore. Access limited to Bookstore hours. Operated by 1st Source Bank.

Hesburgh Library
In the basement. Available only when library is open. Operated by 1st Source Bank and NDFCU.

Innovation Park
Operated by NDFCU.

Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center (2 locations)
1. Gate 10 facing parking lot C1. 24-hour access. Operated by NDFCU.
2. Concourse limited to building hours. Operated by NDFCU.

LaFortune Student Center (4 locations)
1. Main floor by telephones. 24-hour access.
2. Lower level by elevators. 24 hour access. Operated by NDFCU and 1st Source Bank.
3. Coming Soon – Bank of America
4. Coming Soon – JP Morgan Chase
Legends
  Operated by NDFCU

Main Building (the Dome)
  In the basement. Accessible from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operated by NDFCU.

Mendoza College of Business
  Operated by NDFCU.

Morris Inn
  Operated by 1st Source Bank

North Dining Hall
  24-hour access. Operated by NDFCU. This is also the ATM within shortest walking distance to graduate student housing.

Rolf’s Sports Recreation Center
  Operated by NDFCU.

Reckers
  Next to the entrance for Reckers on the south side of the South Dining Hall. 24-hour access. Operated by NDFCU and 1st Source Bank. A very short walk from the Law School.
COPIES

Where to Go to Get Resumes Copied and Printed

ArtCraft Printers, Inc.
2213 South Michigan Street, South Bend 574-234-8464
artcraft-printers.com
They offer full service printing and design work.

FedEx Office (formerly Kinkos)
LaFortune Student Center (on-campus) 574-631-6671
2202 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-271-0398
52991 State Road 933, South Bend 574-271-6939
fedex.com
Three locations—one on campus, one at the corner of Ironwood and State Road 23, right behind Starbucks, and one at the corner of Michigan and Cleveland. Open 24-hours. It’s very expensive, but convenient—offers many options, including self-service. You can also ship your copies all over the world.

Insty-Prints
129 South Lafayette Boulevard, South Bend 574-289-6977
instyprintssouthbend.com
Across from the County-City Building and near the courthouse downtown.

Notre Dame Law School
Free printing in the law school on the 3rd floor in the computer lab.
Computers are essential to law school. We can’t imagine what typing 60-page law review notes with hundreds of footnotes or even moot court briefs on a typewriter was like. You will be frustrated enough if you have to type your bar application on a typewriter during your third year to make you forgive any problems you have ever had with a computer.

The overwhelming majority of students bring a laptop to class to take notes/surf the internet/chat. Most students also use their laptops for exams. Most professors allow students to use laptops during class to take notes, but it’s usually not a good idea to hide behind your screen when you are answering a question. The entire building has a wireless computer network and supports both Macs and PCs. Laptop users can even print directly to the printers in the computer labs from anywhere in the building.

The Law School works out a great deal every year with a major computer manufacturer to provide sale-priced notebooks to its students. Generally there’s the “cheap model” (read “everything you need”) and then the “expensive model” (read “nice, but not necessarily what you need”). For the most up to date information, please check the website at http://law.nd.edu/library/technology-services/.

One thing to note is that the law school does not support the Macs as in-depth as it will a Windows machine. Although the OIT service center is an authorized Apple repair shop, it is known to have extended wait times throughout the year. There is an Apple Store at the University Park Mall. Regardless of which laptop you choose to buy, it is highly recommended that you add a three-year warranty. Students tend to have weird things happen to their computers during the semester.

For those who don’t have a laptop or a computer at all, the Law School has a small computer cluster. There are also high speed laser printers available for student use. Computer clusters are sprinkled around the campus and, of course, are available to you as a Notre Dame student. Because you have your own private account on the University server, you are able to access work saved to the “N:” drive from anywhere, on campus or off, which is especially handy. One word of caution, however: if you choose to print in a “remote forum” (say, at the main library), printing will be charged against your student account. Another great service is Box. It allow students to host their files in the cloud so that they can remotely access them from anywhere with an internet connection. So, basically the N: drive is not just accessible on campus. Information about it can be found here http://oithelp.nd.edu/shared-file-space/box/faq/. Similarly, but with much less space, students can use Google Drive. Drive works because ND uses Gmail and all the Google apps, and allows students to access it right from their email. A nice feature of Drive is that you can install the application on your computer and when you upload files from a different computer (such as in the library) they automatically sync with your personal computer. I think this is used more (I've seen clubs use it for sign-up sheets) but is only 5GB compared to Box's 50GB.
You will get free access to Westlaw, Lexis and Bloomberg when you arrive on campus (enjoy them...they’ll never be truly free again). Westlaw and Lexis are powerful legal databases that provide access to just about any legal source you can think of (except the one you need at 2:00 a.m. the night before a paper is due). Both provide training, competitions to encourage use, and free printing. The Lexis and Westlaw printers in the Law School can be selected from the company’s internet sites and are available from anywhere, including off campus. Lexis and Westlaw also provide employment opportunities for 2Ls and 3Ls as student representatives. In addition to handing out points, the reps get extra training in using Lexis and Westlaw – and then hang out at the lab, ready, willing and able to answer all your research questions.

If you have computing questions, the Law School has several onsite computer experts and they’re incredibly helpful. Contact Eric McCartney (mccartney@nd.edu, 574-631-9793) or Dan Manier (manier@nd.edu, 574-631-3939), Director of Law School Technology, for assistance. Campus-wide computing assistance is available through the Office of Information Technology, 370 Information Technology Center, oit.nd.edu, 574-631-5600 or 128 DeBartolo Hall, 574-631-8111.
EATING ON CAMPUS

Located in the Law School Eck Commons, the “Crossings” is open daily to serve the needs of your taste buds. It offers daily soup selections, along with a daily lunch special. Also available are breakfast sandwiches, deli sandwiches, salads, desserts, and an extensive selection of coffees and other beverages. It’s most popular at lunch (especially on rainy days when no one wants to leave the Law School). On most days, if you’re planning on having a calzone or picking up a danish for breakfast, stop in early or they’ll probably be out.

The commons area is a great place to see people, watch TV, check your e-mail, nap, or read The Observer (Notre Dame’s daily newspaper). The commons is usually full of activities from arranging Thanksgiving baskets for needy families to Westlaw and Lexis displays offering free goodies.

The “Crossings” is not the only on-campus eatery; there are nine other “express” options for lunch, serving sandwiches, salads, pasta, and other quick, often portable, victuals. They include Café Commons (in Mendoza College of Business), Au Bon Pain in Hesburgh Library and Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Café de Grasta (in Grace Hall), Café Poche (in Bond Hall/Architecture), Decio Commons (in the Decio Faculty Building), Waddick’s (in O’Shaughnessy Hall), Warren Grille (at the golf course), ‘a la Descartes (Jordan Hall of Science), Kitz Kafe’ (Stinson-Remick Hall of Engineering) and the Bookstore Café (in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore). There are also many options after hours at the Huddle in LaFortune Student Center such as Subway, Burger King, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and LaFun Ice Cream. See the online map for locations. Some eateries are open late into the night (4:00 a.m. on weekends) while other close by dinner time. See the hours of operation for each location.

North Dining Hall and South Dining Hall are located on the North Quad and South Quad, respectively. They offer a variety of all-you-can-eat-but-not-take-out food at every meal. You don’t need a meal plan to eat there, but it is a lot cheaper if you have one. The daily menu is posted at http://food.nd.edu/places-to-eat/dining-halls.

Huddle Food Court in LaFortune Student Center includes five food sources: Burger King, Subway, Starbucks and Huddle Mart (think: convenience store with a deli counter, salad bar, and ice cream cones) upstairs and Taco Bell and Pizza Hut downstairs. Also downstairs: the credit union, the barber shop, the hair salon, the travel agency, the print shop, the design shop, the florist, and the arcade, so you can multitask at lunch.

Varying in formality and price and menu, there are four restaurants on campus. Rohr’s and Sorin’s, located in the Morris Inn, gets the prize for high-end and doesn’t garner a lot of student business (probably because they don’t take FlexPoints). Legends of Notre Dame which is located just south of the stadium, on the other hand, is both pub and restaurant, and thus more welcoming to students (and not just because they accept FlexPoints). On the south side of South Dining Hall, Reckers is the only 24-hour eatery on campus and, as such, is very popular with students at all hours of the day and night. It is close to the law school and affordable.
Meal Plans, Domer Dollars and Flex Points

Meal Plans allow you to eat a specified number of meals per semester at the dining halls only. Unused meals will expire at the end of the week or the end of the semester depending on what plan you purchase. Grad students can pretty much tailor a plan to their needs by building your-own plan with many options. If you plan on eating at one of the dining halls, it’s more economical to buy a lot of meals. Just make sure you use them – because they will expire. For updates, check [http://food.nd.edu/meal-plans-card-services/grad-student-and-non-resident-off-campus-undergraduate](http://food.nd.edu/meal-plans-card-services/grad-student-and-non-resident-off-campus-undergraduate). However, not many law students purchase a meal plan. Most will buy lunch from the Crossings in the law school or bring their own lunch. The law school has microwaves and refrigerators in the basement for students to save their food throughout the day.

Domer Dollars can be purchased on a dollar-for-dollar basis and can be used in a wide variety of ways on campus. In addition to food purchases, you can buy stuff at the bookstore, the copy shop and other services on campus. For those living on-campus, one of the most useful features of Domer Dollars is that they can be used to do laundry or to purchase items from the vending machines in residence halls. Unlike meal plans and Flex Points, Domer Dollars do not expire but continue on your account for as long as you are a student here. If there is a balance when you graduate, you’ll get it back. One drawback of Domer Dollars is that you have to actually purchase them and can’t just charge them to your student account. For more information check the website [http://food.nd.edu/meal-plans-card-services/domer-dollars](http://food.nd.edu/meal-plans-card-services/domer-dollars).

Flex Points can also be purchased on a dollar-for-dollar basis and used for food at (almost) any campus restaurant. You can have Food Services add Flex Points to your card and charge it to your student account. Flex Points roll over until the end of the spring semester when they expire. It’s easy to use them up, though, if you are approaching the end of the semester with a balance remaining – just treat your buddies to a cool drink at Legends or stock up on 20-ounce colas at the Huddle. One advantage of Flex Points, at least if you have a weakness for shopping in the bookstore, is that you can’t blow all of your lunch money on the latest ND apparel.

(Mostly) Free Food!

Quarterdogs
The existence of quarterdogs is a little-known secret even amongst the undergrads, and only a very few law students – mostly Double Domers – have been able to take advantage of this phenomenon. Every day at midnight in LaFortune, the Huddle sells its hot dogs for twenty five cents each until they run out. Trust me, there are few things greater than getting four hot dogs for a dollar in the middle of an all-nighter at the Law School. Onions, mustard, and ketchup are available to round out your dawgin’ experience.

Coleman-Morse Center (Co-Mo)Also known as the “free pop” building (or free soda, or free coke), the home of Campus Ministry provides free popcorn and free carbonated beverages. Technically, though, you're supposed to leave a quarter for your first cup.

Law School Lunch Meetings
Pizza and Jimmy John’s are available about three times a week to anyone willing to attend the lunchtime meetings. Once in a while Chipotle’, Chick-fil-A are also served. Don’t worry, 25 percent of everyone else at the meeting is also there just for the food.
LIQUID REFRESHMENTS

This is an Irish School, After All

A great deal of the University social scene happens in bars. Even if you don’t drink, you should be prepared to visit with your friends at one (or more) of these places occasionally. If you do drink, you should know that this is a town that takes their drinking very seriously. (It’s kind of a dichotomy, though. You can’t buy liquor from a grocery (or similar) store on Sunday in the state of Indiana. Good thing Michigan is only 10 minutes to the north.) Italics denote current 1L trends as of publishing. Yes, you do actually have time to go out and enjoy some good times with your classmates.

BarBici
1233 North Eddy Street, South Bend
Located at Eddy Street Commons, BarBici is a new restaurant created by the owner of Hacienda. This Italian eatery supports good health and uses fresh ingredients. They offer Greenbush beer that is made by a local brewery in Sawyer, Michigan.

Bar Louie
6501 Grape Road, Suite 1100, Mishawaka
Located in the University Park Mall, this hip but pricy restaurant and bar has an extensive specialty cocktail list as well as a wide assortment of beers and wines. They also offer a full menu and late-night dining.

Between the Buns
1803 South Bend Avenue, South Bend
A friendly, neighborhood sports bar since 1985. Great burgers and fried foods! TV monitors in each booth to watch your favorite sports or news programs. Trivia on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Bloody Mary bar on Saturdays 9 AM before the game.

The Blarney Stone (Formerly Library/Finnegan’s)
113 East Wayne Street, South Bend
This bar has been known in the past for its numerous name changes and the ease with which undergrads were able to gain entry using questionable identification. The current version (Blarney Stone) has gained popularity among two groups, law students and athletes. It is not uncommon to see members of the football or basketball team in the mix here. Thursdays and Football Fridays

Brothers Bar & Grill
1234 North Eddy Street, Suite 125, South Bend
Nicest, newest bar in town. After opening on Eddy Street in 2011, Brothers became the "go-to" establishment for a lot of the law school. Solid beer selection and great bar food during the day. At night, the best drink specials near campus, good-size dance floor and Top 40 hits. No cover for students. If you like to live dangerously, check out Mason Jar Mondays.
C.J.’s
236 South Michigan Street, South Bend
The best burger in the area, hands down. C.J.’s is a place to catch lunch or dinner, a drink and listen to live music. Anytime for burgers
574-233-5981 cjs-pub.com

Club Fever
222 South Michigan Street, South Bend
One of South Bend’s only true “night clubs.” This club features a mixture of locals, undergrads and grads dancing to the latest music. Thursdays
574-234-5200 clubfever.biz

Club LaSalle
115 West Colfax, South Bend
The classiest place to get a drink in South Bend and the only true cigar bar. Located above the LaSalle Grill, business casual dress is recommended most nights. A great place to catch live jazz on the weekends. They have a large humidor and personal cigar boxes you can rent.
574-288-1155 clublasalle.com

Corby’s Irish Pub
441 East LaSalle, South Bend
Corby’s is the quintessential Notre Dame bar and has been featured in the movie Rudy. Corby’s has several pool tables and a great outdoor area. The bar is packed to capacity during home games and is a huge hit with most law students. Corby’s also has arguably the best post-bar BBQ right outside its doors, on Football Fridays they bring out the big grill. Fridays/Saturdays
574-233-5326

Evil Czech Brewery
3703 North Main Street, Mishawaka
Offers a variety of hand-crafted brewed beers, high quality food, sourced from local farmers, Lightnin’ Lunch – endless small plate buffet, and daily specials.
574-855-3070 evilczechbrewery.com

Fiddler’s Hearth
127 North Main Street, South Bend
Arguably one of the best bars in South Bend. Fiddler’s Hearth features the best Guinness in town, cider on tap, good Irish-pub fare and lots of good music. Popular every night of the week, especially with law students looking to enjoy a relaxed evening out, it tends to get very packed on Friday and Saturday nights. Wednesday night is open mic night and has featured the musical abilities of several law students. Try their Sunday Brunch while listening to live music too!
574-232-2863 fiddlershearth.com

Finnie’s Next Door
233 South Main Street, South Bend
The newest addition to South Bend’s bar line up, Finnie’s Next Door. Finnie’s ND has a fresh atmosphere that aims to provide a relaxed bar feel in a clean setting. Check out this bar for the TVs or the bar games upstairs, this new spot is sure to become one of the law school’s favorites.
574-404-6100 finniesnextdoor.com

Granite City Food & Brewery
6501 North Grape Road, Mishawaka
A Midwest chain that opened a location in the University Park Mall this summer, Granite City offers an extensive food menu as well as a wide variety of beers including in-house microbrews. They also have a Sunday brunch.
574-243-0900 gcfb.net
Legends of Notre Dame
University of Notre Dame; legendsofnotredame.org

The on-campus bar/nightclub, formerly known as Senior Bar. Though the bar has the best collection of bottled beers in the area, it also features the worst service. Your experience may include a 30-minute wait for your drink followed by a visit by the waitress informing you that they are out of whatever you ordered. Sign up for their weekly newsletter to keep on top of what bands are playing there every week.

Linebacker Lounge ("Backer")
1631 South Bend Avenue (walking distance from campus)
All roads lead to the Backer! The Backer tends to get packed every Friday and Saturday after midnight. The Backer is a true Jekyll and Hyde bar which may be empty prior to midnight and standing room only thereafter. The floor is sticky, the temperature is extreme, and the fun is unlimited. It is well known and loved for nonstop playing of 90’s music. There is a cover, but in exchange you receive a ticket good for one drink. The house specialty is a long island ice tea - well worth the cover. It is almost impossible to get into on football weekends. The Backer is truly a Notre Dame Institution.

Madison Oyster Bar
129 North Main Street, South Bend
madisonoysterbar.com
Right next to Fiddler’s Hearth, it is one of the few three floor bars in South Bend. The food is good and they have a large selection of drinks. Don’t forget the third floor bar (faster drinks) and pool tables.

Main Street Pub
2046 South Bend Avenue, South Bend
mainstpub.com
With a full menu and numerous TVs, it is a good place to watch a game. Watch out for large crowds during major sporting events and a really smoky atmosphere.

Martha’s Midway Tavern
810 West 4th Street, Mishawaka
themidwaytavern.com
According to Professor Rick Garnett, if anyone likes live blues music, the Midway Tavern is the place to be. Unfortunately, they do allow smoking.

Maury’s Pat’s Colonial Pub
901 West 4th Street, Mishawaka
Near downtown Mishawaka. ND Fight Song played here frequently.

Mulligan’s Bar & Grill
1705 South Bend Avenue, South Bend (near campus)
mulliganssouthbend.com
Mulligan’s was opened by a couple from Florida and describe themselves as “the biggest Irish fans ever” – they haven’t missed a home game in 20 years. Laid-back and usually catering to an older crowd, it has become a popular hangout for law students. They also offer food before 10 p.m. Thursday is country night.
Oaken Bucket  574-289-1616
1212 South Ironwood, South Bend
Not too many people know about this place, but they make one of the best burgers in the area. It is about a 10 minute drive from campus, but it is definitely worth the trip, especially if you are looking for food along with your drinks!

O’Rourke’s  574-251-0355
1044 Angela Boulevard Suite 103, South Bend  orourkespubhouse.com
An authentic Irish Pub new to the Eddy Street Commons. Features daily specials.

South Bend Brew Werks  574-334-0356
216 South Michigan Street, South Bend  southbendbrewwerks.com
Located in downtown South Bend, the SB Brew Werks has 10 taps, 5 of which rotate and 5 house beers including a Black IPA, Amber, Wheat, Oatmeal Stout and Smoked Porter! They offer gourmet grilled cheeses, pastas and flatbread pizzas made from locally sourced ingredients.
## RESTAURANTS

*Everything from Fine Dining to Late-night Dives with Local Flair*

Some Social Suggestions . . .

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### American

The restaurants listed below are considered Notre Dame specialities. They are unique for our area. However, South Bend has no shortage of chain restaurants or fast-food restaurants.

**The Backstage Grill**

222 South Michigan Street, South Bend  
574-232-0222

Attached to Club Fever, this is a “music and sports-themed restaurant.” Sometimes the performers at Fever will eat there before their shows. Also, with their $5 lunch specials, it’s a good place to get lunch in downtown South Bend. Free wireless.

**Bar Louie**

6501 North Grape Road, Mishawaka  
574-277-9100

Located in the University Park Mall, this hip but pricy restaurant and bar has an extensive specialty cocktail list as well as a wide assortment of beers and wines. They also offer a full menu and late-night dining.

**Between the Buns**

1803 South Bend Avenue, South Bend  
574-247-9293

A friendly, neighborhood sports bar since 1985. Great burgers and fried foods! TV monitors in each booth to watch your favorite sports or news programs. Trivia on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Bloody Mary bar on Saturdays 9 AM before the game.

**Brothers Bar & Grill**

1234 North Eddy Street, Suite 125, South Bend  
574-287-2767

Nicest, newest bar in town. After opening on Eddy Street in 2011, Brothers became the “go-to” establishment for a lot of the law school. Solid beer selection and great bar food during the day. At night, the best drink specials near campus, good-size dance floor and Top 40 hits. No cover for students. If you like to live dangerously, check out Mason Jar Mondays.

**Café at the Overlook**

54721 Burdette St., South Bend  
574-271-3727

Within the Overlook at Notre Dame this café has breakfast (all day) lunch and dinner. Unique updated dishes in seasonal offerings and culinary concoctions you will love!
Cheddar's
4919 North Main Street, Mishawaka
Handmade, high quality food at a reasonable price.

Doc Pierce’s
docpierces.com
120 North Main Street, Mishawaka
Steaks, shrimp, burgers and sandwiches in downtown Mishawaka. Outdoor dining available. Reasonable prices - daily food and drink specials. Under same ownership as the Emporium.

East Bank Emporium
eastbankemporium.com
121 South Niles Avenue, South Bend
A multi-level restaurant overlooking the St. Joseph River and the East Race waterway. Casual and fine dining, including prime rib, steak, and seafood.

Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que
famousdaves.com
6402 North Grape Road, Mishawaka
Halfway-decent chain BBQ place. They have six different Bar-B-Que sauces at the table for you to try.

Flat Top Grill
flattopgrill.com
6501 North Grape Road, Suite 1130, Mishawaka
Great location at University Park Mall. Create your own tortilla bowl and they stir fry it! Open for breakfast Saturday and Sunday's; endless options. They offer a student discount!

Granite City Food & Brewery
gcfb.net
6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka
Connected to the University Park Mall. Casual dining with an on-site brewery.

Houlihan’s
houlihans.com
4240 North Main Street, Mishawaka
One of the nicer chains in the area, featuring private wine boxes belonging to local and regional VIPs. Also offers a delicious weekend brunch.

Legends of Notre Dame
legendsofnotredame.org
On campus (Just south of the stadium) 54801 Juniper Road, Notre Dame
Impressive selection of domestic, import and local beers. A little pricey for the quality of the food, but the location can’t be beat. Local and up-and-coming bands perform many weekends.

Le Peep
lepeep.com
127 South Michigan, South Bend
Voted best breakfast in South Bend, according to their own materials. It’s definitely worth the honor. Great lunch options too.

The Mark Dine and Tap
themarkdineandtap.com
1234 Eddy Street, Suite 111, South Bend
The most unique, gourmet and upbeat dining establishment with a vibrant big-city appeal. They provide the highest-quality options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and desserts in the area. (Same owners at Uptown Kitchen)
Main Street Grille  
112 North Main, Mishawaka  
mainstgrille.com  
574-254-4995  
Casual but upscale with an adjoining art gallery.

Maury’s Pat’s Colonial Pub  
901 West 4th Street, Mishawaka  
mauryspatspub.com  
574-259-8282  
This “pub” is really a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Lots of Notre Dame paraphernalia.

Morris Bistro  
211 North Michigan, South Bend  
morriscenter.org/bistro.html  
574-245-6085  
Located on the lower level of the Morris Performing Arts Center. Open for lunch and two hours before performances at the MPAC.

Mulligan’s Bar & Grill  
1705 South Bend Avenue South Bend (near campus)  
mulliganssouthbend.com  
574-277-5666  
Mulligan’s specializes in deli sandwiches and has a full menu including hamburgers and steaks.

Nick’s Patio  
1710 North Ironwood, South Bend  
nickspatio.com  
574-277-7400  
Open 24-hours! American cuisine, good service, close to campus for those late-night study breaks.

Old Country Buffet  
5540 Grape Road, Mishawaka (Wilshire Plaza)  
oldcountrybuffet.com  
574-277-7077  
Not for the small of stomach. For sheer volume of food for the money, nothing beats the OCB. The salad bar is quite good, as are the multiple-drink refills and the ice cream bar. There are different entrées for every day of the week, and during Lent, they have fish fry Fridays.

O’Rourke’s  
1044 Angela Boulevard Suite 103, South Bend  
orourkespubhouse.com  
574-251-0355  
An authentic Irish Pub new to the Eddy Street Commons. Features daily specials.

Rocky River Tap & Table  
1032 East University Drive, Granger  
rockyriver.com  
574-272-5458  
Local farmers, brewers and winemakers are featured in this casual restaurant. They offer everything from entrees including steaks, snacks and organic smoothies. The tap features some of the best breweries in the country as well as wines from the local area and the West coast. Open daily at 11:00 a.m.

Rohr’s  
Located off the lobby of Morris Inn  
rohrs.com  
574-631-2018  
A casual pub that is a nice gathering spot for drinks and conversation. They offer a lunch time buffet as well as dinner entrees. Endless drink specials and a wide variety of beer, and wine. Open daily until 1:00 a.m. and the weekends until 2:00 a.m.; serving food until midnight.

Uptown Kitchen  
7225 Heritage Square Drive, #208, Granger  
574-968-3030  
Serves breakfast all day. They serve dinner Wednesday through Saturday.
Asian, Indian and Mediterranean Food

Bowl of Pho
5626 Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-247-5750
Vietnamese specialties. Do you want to broaden your horizons beyond kung pao whatever and sweet-and-sour who cares? Try Bowl of Pho Vietnamese in Cuisine in Mishawaka (in the shopping center across Grape from Steak-N-Shake). Their pho, Vietnamese beef noodle soup, is the best you'll find in South Bend. Pro tip: Get your rare steak slices brought separately and cook them in the broth. Doctor your soup with sriracha, hoisin sauce, bean sprouts, cilantro, basil, and jalapenos to taste. They also have good bahn mi and rice combination plates.

Café Gulistan  cafegulistan.com
13581 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Michigan 269-469-6779
Middle-eastern/Mediterranean cuisine. Worth the 40-minute drive!

Cambodian Thai
229 South Michigan Street, South Bend 574-289-2877
This tiny restaurant has a wide selection at affordable prices.

Elia’s Wi-Fi Mediterranean  eliascuisine.com
2128 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-277-7239
Great falafel, tabbouleh and lentil soup! Open Tuesday through Saturday.

Golden Dragon
1733 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-272-888
Their sign reads: “We Delivery!” which makes ordering out from one of their three locations that much more enjoyable.

Hana Yori of Japan  hanayori.com
3601 Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-258-5817
Japanese steakhouse and sushi bar. They cook at your table - make reservations, especially for dinner.

Hi-Ho Restaurant
611 West McKinley Avenue, Mishawaka 574-259-7161
Cantonese, Chinese and American.

Ho-Ping House
303 South Dixie Way, South Bend 574-243-3366
Combination of both traditional and contemporary Oriental styles. Cocktails, beer and deserts.

J.W. Chen’s  jwchens.com
1835 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 574-271-2777
Amazing homemade Chinese food. The only downside: the restaurant is very small so there can be a long wait. The food is definitely worth it. If you’ve never been there before, Jean, the owner, will sit you down and explain everything on the menu! They also have take-out.
Khun Daeng-Thai Kitchen  
302 East Russ Avenue, Mishawaka  
574-259-0735  
Another fabulous restaurant that looks like a house from the outside. Don’t be put off – go inside and treat yourself to the best Thai in the area. Pad Thai is good, curry is very good. Great menu overall, and they will modify for vegan palates or to suit your spiciness preferences.

Mandarin House  
2104 Edison Road, South Bend  
574-287-4414  
Many recommend the lunch specials.

Matuba Japanese Bar & Restaurant  
2930 McKinley Avenue, South Bend  
574-251-0674  
Typical Japanese offerings including sushi. The sushi chef is friendly and enjoys chatting with students, although service can be pretty slow especially during peak times.

Seoul Garden Korean and Japanese Restaurant  
1025 West McKinley, Mishawaka  
574-255-6960  
Great selection and good prices.

Siam Thai Restaurant  
211 North Main, South Bend  
574-232-4445  
Small and quaint, but terrific food. Wide array of dishes and desserts as well as the full selection from Republic of Teas. The Pad Thai is superb – try it spicy!

Soho Bistro  
7225 Heritage Square Drive, #290, Granger  
574-272-2292  
Soho Bistro offers Japanese fare including teppanyaki and sushi, although the restaurant has gotten mixed reviews from students regarding the quality of the sushi especially given the Chicago-esque pricing of most of the offerings.

The India Garden  
615 West Edison Road, Mishawaka  
574-255-5600  
An excellent and affordable lunch buffet, offered every day of the week, is the best way to get started.

Sunny’s Korean Garden  
512 South Spring Street, Mishawaka  
574-255-5274  
Receives many recommendations from the Professors Garnett (try the Princess Chicken).

Toyo Grill  
620 West Edison Road, Mishawaka  
574-254-9120  
Definitely one of the better sushi spots in town, Toyo also offers a wide variety of Japanese food. Located in the St. Andrew’s Plaza strip mall next to Bonefish Grill and Cold Stone.
**Italian**

**Bruno's**
2610 Prairie Avenue, South Bend  574-288-3320
131 South Michigan Street, South Bend  574-234-2222
   Famous for pizza, but offers amazing pasta dinners. This family-operated restaurant is a must. You may even get to meet the owners Bruno or Rosa when you are there. We recommend the luncheon all-you-can-eat pizza and pasta buffet too.

**Carmela's**
214 North Niles, South Bend  574-280-4824
   Connected to Macri’s Deli this restaurant has great food. Awesome atmosphere and very relaxing. Styled after an outdoor bistro. Super nice waiters and it is not crowded. Try the House Zin!

**Cosimo & Susie's**
2446 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka  574-258-4911
   May look like a dive from the outside, but it has received praise for authenticity. Cash only.

**Papa Joe's Casa De Pasta**
1209 Union Street, Mishawaka  574-255-0890
   Classic old-school family joint. Only open on Friday and Saturday nights. Large portions and cozy atmosphere. You feel like you’re being served by family when you go to this restaurant.

**Papa Vino's**
5110 Edison Lakes Parkway, Mishawaka  574-271-1692
   Great food, but almost always crowded. Italian with a funky twist. Don’t eat for days before going here, or you’ll be crying because it smells so good but you just can’t fit any more in.

**Parisi's**
1412 South Bend Avenue (SR 23)  574-232-4244
   A parent favorite on football weekends. They advertise that you can see the Dome from your table. A bit pricey for the quality, but hey, it’s tradition. Isn’t everything else here?

**Polito's**
401 North Hickory Road, South Bend  574-243-5385
   A well-kept Michiana secret serving excellent pizza and pasta. Best vodka sauce ever! Across the street from Town and Country Shopping Center.

**Reggio's**
1213 East Jefferson Boulevard, Mishawaka  574-255-0588
   Eat on red-checkered tablecloths at plastic tables & chairs. The owners like to come out of the kitchen and socialize with their guests. Big Italian laughs are in store for you here.

**Rocco's Pizza**
537 North St. Louis Boulevard, South Bend  574-233-2464
   A Notre Dame favorite. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.
Sunny Italy Café
601 North Niles Avenue, South Bend 574-232-9620
Yet another small, family-owned Italian restaurant. Like the others, it receives excellent reviews for authenticity. Checkered tablecloths and loud waiters. You’d think you were in Italy for all the choices here in Michiana, except it can’t possibly snow this much in Italy.

Villa Macri
225 Toscana Blvd., Granger 574-277-7273
A unique upscale restaurant in Toscana Park with a versatile menu and attentive service in a comfortable atmosphere. (Same owners as Macri’s Deli).

Mexican

El Paraiso
425 South Main Street, South Bend 574-234-1546
There is a taqueria located in this Mexican grocery just a short walk from the St. Joseph County Library downtown. You have to try the guacamole. Great prices and dollar tacos on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Fiesta Tapatia
119 West McKinley, Mishawaka 574-258-4202
Great homemade salsa and fresh chips.

Hacienda
http://haciendafiesta.com/
5836 Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-277-1318
706 Lincolnway West, Mishawaka 574-259-8541
3903 Portage Avenue, South Bend 574-273-3843
4650 Miami, South Bend 574-968-0609
The granddaddy of casual Mexican restaurants in Michiana. The food is wonderful (for a quick Mexican chain), the atmosphere fun and the prices incredibly low. They are famous for their wet burritos. Plus, they’ll give you a sombrero on your birthday. Your South Bend experience just isn’t complete until you’ve tried Hacienda.

La Esperanza
1636 North Ironwood Drive, South Bend 574-273-0345
Where to go for authentic Mexican food. A quality restaurant located close to campus with excellent prices. The trout and pork chops are excellent, as are the desserts.

Mazatlan Authentic Mexican Restaurant
507 East McKinley, Mishawaka 574-259-4430
Inexpensive lunch and dinner specials.

Tacos El Aguila
2208 West Western Avenue, South Bend 574-287-1537
A little off the beaten path, but the best tacos and burritos in town. Turn down Western from Main Street and once you start to think you've gone "too far" you'll see a white shack with an inflatable bouncy castle out front (they also sell those). You'll know you've arrived. You can get a Mexican Coke and a cabeza burrito that is ironically the size of your head for cheap! Muy authentic.
Irish

Fiddler’s Hearth  
127 North Main Street, South Bend  
fiddlershearth.com  
574-232-2853  
Best bangers and mash in town. If you don’t eat sausage, there’s tons of other delicious and authentic food on the menu. They frequently have live music and an open-mike night, which is usually pretty fantastic. Seating is community, so you’ll probably get to know your neighbors. A final plus is that since it’s also a bar, they’re open pretty late. The Sunday Brunch is great and the live music is so enjoyable!

Bakeries & Breakfast

Yes, there’s more to breakfast than just coffee. Stick your library cup in the dishwasher and venture out to one of these finds for real morning food.

Bamber’s Superette  
1145 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend  
574-287-1871  
Very European and eclectic. Wonderful breads and pastries...but get there early on Saturday morning before the chocolate danishes sell out!

Blondie’s Cookies  
6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka  
blondiescookies.com  
574-277-7970  
Located in University Park Mall. Super awesome cookies when you crave something homemade and sweet.

Breadsmith  
2022 South Bend Avenue, South Bend  
breadsmith.com  
574-273-9130  
Amazing breads, not far from StudeBagels. Closed Sundays

Country Bake Shop  
51318 State Road 933, South Bend  
574-277-0703  
Quality baked goods at an affordable price.

Dainty Maid Bake Shop  
231 South Michigan, South Bend  
daintymaid.com  
574-232-8219  
We recommend the gingerbread men.

Einstein Bros Bagels  
einsteinbros.com  
2019 South Bend Avenue, South Bend  
574-272-2622  
Hammes Bookstore, Notre Dame Campus  
574-631-7163  
Two locations. Hammes Bookstore on campus and by Martin’s grocery store on SR 23. This is more than just bagels. Snacks, Egg and Anytime Creations, Healthy Choices salads and wraps. This is a drive-thru as well!
Farmer's Market Café  
1105 Northside Boulevard, South Bend  
574-282-1259

It is like you have stepped back in time when you enter this Café and eat at their counter! Breakfast is served all day but they have great burgers and other diner items. Try the vegetarian market burger. You won’t be disappointed! The market also has the Oh Mamma's Italian Deli. You can also check out the vendors in the indoor Market after you eat. The Market and Café are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Le Peep  
127 South Michigan, South Bend  
574-288-7337

If you're downtown one morning looking for a place to eat, look no further than La Peep. A Midwestern chain with a special focus on the local community, the breakfast crowd at La Peep draws in working professionals, lawyers and judges from the nearby courthouse. They put a whole pot of coffee and a carafe of water at your table. Awesome omelets and Eggs Benedict, and they always have tasty specials. Their staff wear Eat Like A Champion Today shirts, and they just might let you buy one if you can do a dance that will impress them.

Macri’s Italian Bakery  
214 North Niles, South Bend  
574-282-1010

Considered by these authors to be the best bakery in South Bend. Good bread, terrific danishes. If you want to impress your family or friends with a terrific desert, try the cannoli or cheesecake. Not open on Sundays. Their wedding cakes have a terrific reputation.

The Original Pancake House (Bibler's)  
1430 North Ironwood, South Bend  
574-232-3220

Ritual stop for many after Sunday Mass. Pancakes from around the world, omelet specialties, more breakfast choices than you knew existed. Try the apple pancake – you may as well be eating dessert.

Perkins's Restaurant and Bakery  
423 South Dixie Highway, South Bend  
574-272-0655

Serving breakfast, lunch dinner, snacks and desserts. Open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday.

StudeBagels  
1801 South Bend Avenue, South Bend  
574-277-4440

Did you know that Studebakers were once manufactured in South Bend? You can grab breakfast or lunch here!

Uptown Kitchen  
7225 Heritage Square Drive, #208, Granger  
574-968-3030

Located in Toscana Park. Serves breakfast all day. They serve dinner Wednesday through Saturday.

Victorian Pantry  
12743 Heather Park Lane, Suite 108, Granger  
574-271-7881

Serves a variety of breakfast, lunch, and dessert pastries, coffee, soup, salad, and other lunch items. It offers a decent selection of vegan and vegetarian lunch options and also offers catering services.

West End Bakery  
414 West 7th Street, Mishawaka  
574-255-1267

Best Belgium bakery in the area – cash only.
Coffeehouses

Ah, caffeine. . . it may be one of your closest friends over the next few years. But remember to get it in a “library-approved” container so you can take it with you wherever you go in the Law School.

Barnes & Noble Café barnesandnoble.com
6501 North Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-247-0864
Lots of tables for studying with good lighting as another bonus. Just stay away on “game night” when flocks of kids squawk upon the place. Located in University Park Mall.

BIGGBY Coffee bигgby.com
1130 East Angela Boulevard, Suite 101, South Bend 574-234-7181

Indulgence Pastry Shop and Café indulgencepastryshop.com
3622 Edison Road, South Bend 574-232-2955
Freshly made danishes, croissants, homemade cookies, and unique desserts. They also serve light lunch and dinner.

Main Street Coffee House mainstreetroasters.com
102 North Main Street, South Bend 574-232-5333
Great locally-owned coffee shop in downtown South Bend. Free wireless.

Quincy’s Café and Espresso
1631 Edison Road, South Bend 574-273-0159
A warm and inviting café. Organic espresso and teas as well as gluten free and vegan selections. Gourmet food options including sandwiches, wraps, salads, soups, bagels, muffins & cookies. Live performances from local artists.

Starbucks starbucks.com
LaFortune Student Center 574-631-6902
52991 SR 933, South Bend (Drive-thru) 574-271-1337
2202 South Bend Avenue, South Bend (Drive-thru) 574-277-3684
More locations all over town. Most are drive-thru for the law student on the go!

Desserts

Cold Stone Creamery coldstonecreamery.com
620 West Edison, Suite 116, Mishawaka 574-213-5250
It’s pretty cool (pun intended). Go see for yourself.

Kilwins Chocolate’s and Ice Cream kilwins.com
1044 East Angela Boulevard, Suite 101 574-234-1212
A nationwide confectionery and ice cream shops. Homemade fudge, truffles, milkshakes, etc. The Toasted Coconut Ice Cream is awesome! Next to O’Rourke in Eddy Street Commons.

Let’s Spoon Frozen Yogurt letsspoonfroyo.com
1635 Edison Road, South Bend 574-342-5847
Create your own dish and pay by the ounce. On State Road 23, east of campus.
Ritter’s
3921 North Main Street, Mishawaka 574-255-8000
One of the best-kept secrets in South Bend – located on Main Street between Day and Edison. Their famous frozen custard tastes great in the late summer heat.

The South Bend Chocolate Company
122 South Michigan Street, South Bend 574-287-0725
Make sure to stop by the Chocolate Company for dessert and specialty coffee drink. Serves chocolates, coffee, and desserts; in addition to lunch and dinner items.

Urban Swirl
7130 Heritage Square, Suite 440, Granger 574-387-4035
Healthy, yummy yogurt with over 14 flavors on tap and 65 topping to choose from.

Yesterday’s Food and Spirits
12594 State Road 23, Granger 574-272-7017
Best dessert in town. You can carry out dessert all day.

Fine Dining

So it’s Valentine’s Day and you’re out with your honey. Or you have to take a suit out for a business dinner. The fine dining choices below guarantee a high score.

Café Navarre
101 North Michigan Street, South Bend 574-968-8101
The ambiance of this restaurant is one of a kind. Café’ Navarre offers French, Italian and Spanish Cuisine as well as top shelf wines. Open for lunch Monday through Friday and is open every evening for dinner at 4:00 p.m.

The Carriage House
carriagehousedining.com
24460 Adams Road, South Bend 574-272-9220
Open Tuesday through Saturday evenings. The Carriage House is the only restaurant in the area, outside Chicago, to receive the AAA Four Diamond Award. Caveat emptor: the unmatched high rating means equally unmatched high prices. Although, now you can eat in the garden and choose entrees in a more affordable price range.

Corndance Tavern
mishawaka.corndance.com
4725 Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-217-7584
Seasonal menu. Good place to go when you don’t want to eat at the “South Bend” chains.

East Bank Emporium
eastbankemporium.com
121 South Niles Avenue, South Bend 574-234-9000
Located downtown on the river. Full glass wall allows multiple seating levels to take advantage of the view. Inexpensive compared to other nicer restaurants.

LaSalle Grill
lasallegrill.com
115 West Colfax Avenue, South Bend 574-288-1155
Very good food, very expensive prices. After dinner go upstairs and try Club LaSalle for a surprisingly chic little bar that will often host some good jazz and a full humidor.
Main Street Grille
112 North Main Street, Mishawaka
mainstreetgrille.com
574-254-4995
Artistic atmosphere. A wide range of foods for lunch and dinner.

Temper Grille
1213 East University Drive, Granger
web.tempergrille.com
574-273-0443
Food with an attitude. Unique dishes, tapas style menu. Hops, Malts & Barley’s. Also featuring the wine of the month. Must be 21 to dine in the restaurant or on the patio.

Tippecanoe Place
620 West Washington, South Bend
tippe.com
574-234-9077
The old Studebaker Mansion provides great atmosphere. You can choose to eat in the library, the parlor, or any number of individual rooms. Prices are fairly high, but the food is wonderful – try the highly recommended Sunday brunch for an exceptional value. A good place to have your parents take you when they’re in town for a game.

Yesterday’s Food and Spirits
12594 State Road 23, Granger
yesterdays-granger.com
574-272-7017
You may want to save this for when the parents are visiting, or when you’re planning an important romantic event, because it’s fairly expensive. However, it’s beautiful, and worth every penny. Be sure to get reservations. Make sure to get dessert because it is the best in town.

Pizza – Dine In or Delivery

Barnaby’s
713 East Jefferson, South Bend
southernbarnabys; barnalypsizzamishawaka
574-288-4981
3724 Grape Road, Mishawaka
574-256-0928
Pick your table, circle your toppings, and walk the card up to the counter. Then they’ll call your number when the pizza’s ready. It’s a simple enough system once you figure it out, but on your first visit it might seem a little confusing. Once you’ve mastered the pizza system, come back for the Beef Bar—made-to-order burgers and other variations. The Mishawaka branch makes the best pizza in town. Dine In only

Bruno’s
2610 Prairie Avenue (the original), South Bend
brunospizza.com
574-288-3320
202 West Edison Road, Mishawaka
574-256-9000
They make the best New York style pizza. At the original restaurant, all you need is the all-you-can eat pizza and pasta buffet bar! Dine In and Delivery

Marco’s
52750 North State Road 933; South Bend
marcos.com
574-243-1122
Delivery Only

Pizza King
146 Dixieway South, South Bend (Roseland)
pizzakingsouthbend.com
574-277-2020
Indiana Tradition! Crowd pleaser since 1956. The proof is in the taste. Dine In/Delivery
Rocco’s
537 North St. Louis Boulevard, South Bend
A Notre Dame favorite. They accept all major debit and credit cards. Closed Mondays.

Saylor’s Pizza
52154 Indiana 933, South Bend
Dine In/Delivery, $5 larges

Pizza – Take and Bake

The Upper Crust
316 West Cleveland Road, Granger

Delivery

For those nights you wish to stay at home and have dinner delivered, consider ordering through the Dine-In Delivery Service: dineinonline.com. Many area restaurants make it possible to have their food delivered right to your doorstep for a nominal fee!
MOVIES

Where to Find the Silver Screen

The law library has a collection of law-themed movies which you can check out. South Bend also has all the usual suspects in movie rental places (Blockbuster, Hollywood Video, Family Video). But sometimes you’ll really want to get away from the real world. Where better than at the movies? Here’s a sampling of some of the nearby theaters.

Movie Theaters

AMC Showplace 16
amctheatres.com
450 Chippewa Avenue, South Bend 888-262-4386
This theatre is a bit farther from campus, maybe 15 minutes, but another nice place to catch a flick.

Cinemark 6
cinemark.com
6424 North Grape Road, Mishawaka 574-277-8691
$1.50 Evenings and Friday/Saturday before 6:00 p.m.
$2.00 Friday and Saturday nights
$1.00 on Wednesdays

Cinemark Movies 14
cinemark.com
910 West Edison, Mishawaka 574-254-9689
This is the closest theater to campus, just down Edison, before you get to Grape Road. Also close to restaurants and shopping.

Vickers Theatre
vickerstheatre.com
6 North Elm Street, Three Oaks, MI 269-756-3522
Not into mainstream movies? Check out the indie/art films at Vickers. They also have a silent film festival in mid-August, if you are in town then. Only a 35-minute drive!

Wonderland Cinema
wonderlandcinema.mooretheatres.com
402 North Front Street, Niles, MI 269-683-1112
This theatre is less expensive and it is newly renovated and nice. Located in downtown Niles on the St. Joseph River it has very reasonable prices and free popcorn specials. All shows before noon are $2.50, between noon and 6:00 p.m. $4.00 after 6:00 p.m. $5.00. Also has the Wonderland Café which features Boar’s Head deli meats and cheeses.
**Drive-In Movie Theaters**

**Five Mile Drive-in Theatre**

![Image of popcorn in a bucket]

fivemiledrivein

28190 M 152
Dowagiac, MI 269-782-7879

This drive-in is only about 30 minutes north. It is equipped with concession and bathrooms; shows two movies Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May to September. Four dollars to get in and there is a playground (but it cannot be used during the movie). Bring a blanket or lawn chair or listen in your car. A small battery operated radio works great to listen to the movie FM 87.9 or AM 530. You can check the movie times at wndu.com or call for showings.

**Tri-Way Drive-in**

tri-waydrive-in.com

4400 North Michigan Road, Plymouth, IN 574-936-7936

Want to be really retro? Try going to the nearest of Indiana’s drive-in movie theaters. Yep, we said drive-in. The drive-in season at Tri-Way runs from April to September, which is why you’ll find more information in the Summer in the South Bend Tribune.

**On-Campus Film Venues**

**Student Union Board:** [http://sub.nd.edu/movies/](http://sub.nd.edu/movies/). Tickets are only $3. All movies are shown in the theatre in DeBartolo Hall (a classroom building, not to be confused with the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center).

**ND Cinema:** [http://performingarts.nd.edu](http://performingarts.nd.edu) Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center is the only THX certified cinema in the state. This is a 200-seat facility. Tickets are only $3 for students.
Dedicated and opened in the fall of 2004, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) is a fabulous addition to campus culture. The 150,000 square foot building has over 170 rooms, including the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, the Patricia George Decio Theatre, the Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Concert Hall, the Chris and Anne Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, and the Michael Browning Family Cinema.

The 2015-16 performance schedule includes Hamlet, Lulu, Sykylight, Third Coast Percussion, Axiom Brass, Kola Owolabi, The Magic Flute, Turandot, Madama Butterfly, Nathan & Julie Gunn with the The Gesualdo Quartet as well as ensembleND and the Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. There are also many Opera’s and dance performances throughout the school year. Student tickets are always available at a discounted price to any of these events. DPAC is a great opportunity to experience the arts without even having to leave campus!

The Browning Cinema runs the PAC Classic 100 every school year, which plays a classic movie on the big screen every weekend. Classic films offered during the 2015-16 season include: Jafar Panahi’s Taxi, The Day After, Merchants of Doubt, Aladdin, and Wall-E. Student tickets are only $3.00! DPAC also occasionally plays sneak previews of upcoming movies.

For more information, see http://performingarts.nd.edu/.
You Don’t Want To Be The Only Law Student Who Can’t Bowl

Each spring semester, the Student Bar Association organizes the Law School bowling league. The league typically runs from January until mid-April when we enter the final stretch of the semester and finals. There are as many teams as there are lanes, and teams usually have five to 10 members; team names often have a legal flavor to them. Scores are based on the top four scores in the same game by any four members of your team. At least 100 law students (and most of the time, many more) participate during these busy weeks. The scores range from people who score less than 25 to those who own their own bowling balls (one lights up as it speeds down the lane) and regularly make 200. It’s really less about bowling and more about having a little fun with your classmates. Of course, there is some friendly competition; after all, we are law students. The following list of bowling alleys is nowhere near all-inclusive, but these are the most familiar haunts for most law students.

Chippewa Bowl
225 West Chippewa Avenue, South Bend
Chippewa Bowl is about ten minutes south of campus, across the street from the Showplace 16 Theater. Rock-n-Bowl Fridays from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Chippewa Bowl has daily specials that frequently change, so be sure to call ahead and see what great deal you can get.

Strikes and Spares
5419 North Grape Road, Mishawaka
This is the area’s newest bowling alley and is conveniently located on Grape Road, along with everything else. It’s a little smaller than other places, but smoke-free, which is a major plus. Also features "College Night" on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to close, with $7.95 (including shoe rental) all you can bowl.
GOLF

What the 3Ls You Never See in Class are Doing

Miniature Golf

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<th>Putt-Putt Fun Center</th>
<th>With three courses and 54 holes of fun, in addition to a games room and snack bar, this could be just the break you need. But if you have more serious golfing in mind, check out the courses below.</th>
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Hackers Golf and Games

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<th>Hackers Golf and Games</th>
<th>18hole mini-golf, go-karts, slow/fast pitch softball and baseball batting cages, driving range, arcade, pro shop and snack bar. Just over the state line in Niles, this is a great place to unwind for a couple of hours. Golf lessons are available with Tony Polizzotto.</th>
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<td>3019 South 11th Street (State Road 933 in Indiana)</td>
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Indiana Courses

9-Hole Notre Dame Course

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<th>Price: $7, $9 on weekends, but only $3 during winter season</th>
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<td>State Road 933 &amp; Dorr Road</td>
<td>Twilight Rate: YES</td>
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<td>Notre Dame, IN 46556</td>
<td>Cart Rate: Believe me, you don’t need a cart</td>
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<td>574-631-6425</td>
<td>Yardage: Short</td>
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Distance from Campus: On campus

Driving Range: NO

Par: 35

Pro Shop: Not Really

Warren Course

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<th>Warren Course</th>
<th>Price: $22, $28 on weekends (student prices)</th>
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<td>110 Warren Golf Course</td>
<td>Twilight Rate: $20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notre Dame, IN 46556</td>
<td>Cart Rate: $20 per rider</td>
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<td>Warrengolfcourse</td>
<td>Yardage: 6744</td>
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<td>574-631-4653</td>
<td>Accepts tee times 14 days in advance</td>
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Distance from Campus: Across Douglas Road

Driving Range: YES – $9 large bucket, $5 small bucket

Par: NONE

Handicap/Slope Rating: 71/122

Pro Shop: YES
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<td>Blackthorn</td>
<td>6100 Nimtz Parkway</td>
<td>8 miles</td>
<td>$42, $52</td>
<td>$39 after 3 pm</td>
<td>$29 after 5 pm</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>71.3/129</td>
<td>7136</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Accepts tee times 14 days in advance</td>
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<td>Elbel</td>
<td>26595 Auten Road</td>
<td>21 miles</td>
<td>$25, $30</td>
<td>$8 on weekends</td>
<td>$16 for round, $8 for half-round</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>68.3/108</td>
<td>6700</td>
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<td>Erskine</td>
<td>4200 Miami Street</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>$13, $18</td>
<td>$8</td>
<td>$16 for round, $8 for half-round</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>68.5/120</td>
<td>6098</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<tr>
<td>Studebaker Park</td>
<td>718 East Calvert</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>$8 (9 holes), extra $4 for all 18</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>$10/per 9 holes</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1898</td>
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Juday Creek  
14770 Lindy Drive  
Granger, IN  46530  
judaycreek.com  
574-277-4633  
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<td>Twilight Rate: $12 after 6:30, $7 after 7:30</td>
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<td>Par: 72</td>
<td>Cart Rate: $11-$16</td>
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<td>Handicap/Slope Rating:</td>
<td>9 Holes: $15, $17 on weekends</td>
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<td>Pro Shop: No</td>
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**Michigan Courses**

Brookwood Golf Course  
1339 Rynearson Road  
Buchanan, MI  49107  
golfbrookwood.com  
269-695-7818  
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<th>Distance from Campus: 15 miles</th>
<th>Price: $26, $31 on weekends</th>
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<td>Twilight Rate: $12 all you can walk</td>
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<td>Par: 72</td>
<td>Cart Rate: $9 (9 holes), $14 (18 holes)</td>
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<td>Handicap/Slope Rating: 70.0/124</td>
<td>Yardage: 6418</td>
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<td>Pro Shop: YES</td>
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Hampshire  
29592 Pokagon Highway  
Dowagiac, MI  49047  
hampshire36.com  
269-782-7476  
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<th>Distance from Campus: 25-30 miles</th>
<th>Price: $16, $20 on weekends</th>
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<td>Twilight Rate: $10 (4pm), $12 on weekends (3pm)</td>
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<td>Cart Rate: $11</td>
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<td>Handicap/Slope Rating: Original – 71.0/123; Dogwood – 69.2/122</td>
<td>Yardage: Original – 6645; Dogwood – 6179</td>
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<td>Pro Shop: YES</td>
<td>Two 18 hole courses</td>
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Plym Park  
401 Marmont Street  
Niles, MI  49120  
269-684-7331  
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<th>Distance from Campus: 13 miles</th>
<th>Price: $15, $18 on weekends (all day walking)</th>
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<td>Par: 36 for men   Par 38 for women</td>
<td>Cart Rate: $11 per 9 holes</td>
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<td>Handicap/Slope Rating:</td>
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AREA ATTRACTIONS

Where to take/send your visiting relatives when they are driving you crazy

Although Indiana is the “Crossroads of America” (as Professor Rick Garnett would say, the place you go when you’re trying to get somewhere else), the Michiana area, as it’s commonly called, does have many things to do. Sure, there aren’t any amusement parks, but there are dozens of wineries in Michigan, two nuclear power plants (surprisingly fun to tour), museums in South Bend, parks, bike trails, rivers, and of course, beautiful Lake Michigan with its countless nearby beaches. Picturesque towns and antique shopping centers abound. The City of South Bend has developed an awesome website, including interactive maps, for your reference. The City of Mishawaka has an informative website as well. If you can’t find something to do, you’re just not looking hard enough.

East Race Waterway
126 South Niles Avenue, South Bend
This is the first artificial whitewater course in North America. Opened in 1984, the raceway hosts national and world-class whitewater slalom races. The waterway brings Olympic winners and national champions to South Bend each session. Recently, they even hosted the Olympic whitewater qualifying trials. If you have your own kayak and are a member of the East Race Whitewater Club, you can experience year-round whitewater rafting in the heart of South Bend. Anyone can raft down the East Race in the summer too (for a fee)! Open June to August (Saturdays 12:00 to 5:00 pm., Sundays 12:30-4:30 p.m.). Rafting is $5 per person; Kayaking is $15 a day.

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
13988 Range Line Road, Niles, MI
Fernwood is a great place to get your gorgeous greens. The gardens have flowers and plants blooming at all seasons. They decorate the gardens for the holiday season with lights and exhibits. During Christmas, there is live music in some of the pavilions. As romantic evenings go, it’s tops. Open April through November – Admissions $7 per person.

Hacker's Golf and Games
3019 South 11th Street, Niles, MI
They’ve got miniature golf, batting cages, go-carts, a driving range, arcade games, and billiards. Unfortunately, they’re only open from about April to the beginning of October. Their hours vary with the weather.

Madeline Bertrand County Park
3038 Adams Road, Niles, MI
Located just over the Indiana state line, this park offers a public area of natural beauty along the St. Joseph River. Trails lead through pine and oak forests offering opportunities for hiking and bicycling. Trails are groomed and lighted for cross-country skiing in winter and ski rentals are available. One of the park’s most unique and popular features is a challenging 18-hole-Disc Golf course. Covered shelters, and indoor lodge, scenic picnic areas, and children’s playground structures make this a favorite location for family and group outings.
Morris Performing Arts Center  
211 North Michigan Street, South Bend  
Located in downtown South Bend, the Morris hosts the Broadway Theater League, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, and the Southold Dance Theater. They bring in lots of big name acts, like Jersey Boys, the Nutcracker Ballet, Stomp, Bring it on – The Musical and West Side Story. It is also conveniently located next to three of the best restaurants in downtown South Bend.

Niles Haunted House- Scream Park  
855 Mayflower Road, Niles, MI  
Open during the months of September and October, this 44-acre facility boasts a haunted house, hayride, corn maze, and more. The Haunted House is typically $12; however, $30 will gain you access to all five attractions. All proceeds are donated to local charities.

Northern Indiana Center for History  
808 West Washington Street, South Bend  
Besides the frequently changing exhibits, which range from the History of Women in Sports to International Christmas Trees, the NICH boasts a beautiful botanical garden and is a favorite spot for weddings and parties. Part of the NICH is the Copshaholm mansion, one of the former Oliver family homes. During the Christmas holiday, the Center and the mansion are decorated beautifully - worth the price of admission alone. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission ranges from $5-$8, depending on how old you are and what you want to see.

Potawatomi Greenhouse and Conservatories  
2105 Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka  
Feeling blue in the middle of winter? Check out these lovely conservatories full of plants and flowers. There is even an Arizona Desert Dome. Admission is only $3!

Potawatomi Zoo  
500 South Greenlawn, South Bend  
The oldest zoo in Indiana has been in operation for over 100 years. It is home to over 400 animals, birds and reptiles. Especially fun in the summer, it also has special programs for kids of all ages. Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from end of March through Thanksgiving weekend. Admission is $6.50 - $8.50.

Shipshewana  
Shipshewana is a town, founded by the Amish, with beautiful stores and rolling hills just east of South Bend. You can also take buggy rides, make cheese, and learn the history of Amish culture at their local museum. The main attraction, though, is the flea market. Not only is it huge (more than 1,000 vendors), it’s the only place in Indiana you can find fake Burberry purses for $1, and Amish-built furniture for affordable prices. Sadly, the main flea market is only open from the beginning of May to the end of October, but the town has lots of other stores and auctions to keep you busy.
Silver Beach on Lake Michigan
101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan
Silver Beach County Park has extensive play areas including a water pad, guarded swimming, volleyball, pier fishing, half-mile barrier free walkway and picnic shelters. It also hosts outdoor concerts in the summer and features an indoor carousel, and a museum that highlights the history of Silver Beach. Be sure to eat at Silver Beach Pizza located in the Train Depot and wave back to the Conductors and passengers on the trains.

South Bend Chocolate Factory
3300 West Sample Street, South Bend
Factory tours of a chocolate factory. All you can eat chocolate fountain. Is there any more to say? Basic tour is free; Inside Scoop tour is $4 per person.

South Bend Cubs
501 West South Street, South Bend
In the spring and summer months, you can take a trip to Four Winds Field and watch the Class A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs play baseball in downtown South Bend. Belly Buster Mondays: $15 (includes game ticket and all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, peanuts and popcorn).

South Bend Regional Museum of Art
120 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend
The SBRMA changes exhibits frequently, and showcases both well-known and local artists. They also have special programs and classes. Open 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is a $5 donation that goes to supporting art in the community.

St. Patrick’s County Park
50651 Laurel Road, South Bend
With almost 400 acres, St. Patrick’s features wooded trails, pond, and St. Joseph River frontage; activities include hiking, canoeing, hayrides, cross-country skiing, winter inner-tubing, and picnic sites. Call the same number for information on all the county parks.

Studebaker National Museum
201 South Chapin Street
South Bend is the home of the original Studebaker factory, but now all that’s left is the history of the famous car maker. The museum has a new beautiful new location; it is attached to the Northern Indiana Center for History. Go just to see the car hanging from the ceiling. It is open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. (last tickets sold at 4:30 p.m.). Admission is $5-8.

Warren Dunes State Park
12032 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, Michigan
Also known as “Tower Hill”, this beach has sand dunes that are a must to climb. The park features life-guard swimming, picnicking, over 300 campsites, nature trails and cross-country skiing. It is located close to I-94. Approximately 45 minutes from campus. A great time in summer or winter!
SHOPPING

From Quick Fix to Deluxe Get-Away

University Park Mall
Mishawaka, IN
universityparkmall.com

Located at the intersection of Grape and University in Mishawaka, the University Park Mall offers stores where one could find almost anything, from new running shoes, to books, CDs and DVDs, to hip clothing for the semi-formal dance and Thursday night bowling. The mall is anchored by department stores such as J.C. Penney’s and Macy’s, but includes a variety of specialty stores, highlights of which are listed below. The food court also offers many options at a low price as well. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.


Besides the stores located inside the mall, there are a number of strip malls close by. Stores in these strip malls include: Target, Marshall’s, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond, TJ Maxx, Kohl’s, Home Depot, Meijer, Burlington Coat Factory, Michael’s, Hobby Lobby, and JoAnn Fabrics.

Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets
601 Wabash Street
Michigan City, IN
http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=18

Although one might guess this mall is located in Michigan, this is actually not the case. Located in a small community, the shop, and the city get their name from being on the corner of Lake Michigan, but in fact are still within the state of Indiana. About 45 minutes from Notre Dame (via Interstate 80/90), the outlet mall makes a perfect Saturday afternoon study break for anyone looking for great deals on premium brand products. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. in the winter), Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Stores include: Ann Taylor Loft, Bath and Body Works, Burberry, Coach, BCBG Max Azria, Donna Karan, Eddie Bauer, Gap Outlet, Guess, Harry and David, J. Crew, Jones New York, Nine West, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger, Ultra Diamond Outlet, and more.
Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, IL  
themagnificentmile.com

Although certainly not as convenient as the University Park Mall, or Lighthouse Outlet for that matter, Chicago offers another world of shopping. The Magnificent Mile is known as the premier shopping area in Chicago and one of the top in the world. Odds are, if it exists, you can find it here, though you may end up paying a few extra pennies for it. Department stores include Bloomingdale’s, Nordstrom’s, Nieman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Macy’s. Some stores are located in their own buildings, and there are five shopping centers as well. Other specialty stores include: Banana Republic, Gap, Burberry, Benetton, Louis Vuitton, Giorgio Armani, J. Crew, Gucci, Ralph Lauren, Hugo Boss, and Coach. For a full listing of stores, locations, hours, as well as nearby hotels and other attractions see the Magnificent Mile website.

Of course, Chicago offers much more than the Magnificent Mile for shopping. Also see www.chicagotraveler.com/chicago-shopping.htm

Circle Center Mall  
Indianapolis, IN  
circlecentermall.com

Located in downtown Indianapolis, Circle Center Mall is the ultimate get-away for shoppers. It includes over 100 stores, spanning two city blocks and boasting four floors of shopping paradise. The directions for getting there are simple. Take U.S. 31 South to downtown Indianapolis (via Meridian); the mall will be on the right, between Washington and Georgia. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For a complete listing of stores, locations, restaurants, and area attractions see the Circle Center Mall website.

ROAD TRIPS

Getting Out of South Bend

Do you have the time? Actually, we’re not asking if you have the time to leave the Bend for a break – we know you’ll want/need to eventually – but rather we’re trying to help make sure you get there in good time. To compare the time in South Bend to your time, please review the website worldclock.

Chicago

You may want to get away from South Bend every once in a while. Fortunately, the Windy City is less than two hours away and offers more to do than you can imagine.

Getting There

It’s really easy to get to Chicago. If you’re driving, just hop on the toll-road (80/90) and take it west. You can either stay on 90 which takes you over the Skyway and into the city from the south side (great if you want to go to a White Sox game), or you can get off and take Lake Shore Drive. This provides one of the most scenic views around and takes you minutes from downtown. Be sure to bring money for tolls. Also, if you don’t feel like driving, the South Shore train leaves from the South Bend airport and can take you right into downtown. It is $10.75 each way, less on the weekends. See www.nictd.com for schedules and rates.

Shopping & Dining

In a city of three million people, there are more places to shop and eat than you can imagine. One of the places you will probably want to check out is the stretch of Michigan Avenue, more commonly known as the Magnificent Mile (check www.themagnificentmile.com for more info). Aside from shops and restaurants, the Mag Mile also is home to great architecture. In addition, while you’re there, don’t forget to stop at Water Tower Place (835 North Michigan, 312-440-3166). Inside the building is an eight-story mall with over 100 shops and dozens of places to eat.

Another place to check out is State Street. The best time to do this is around Christmas. I know that you will have finals looming over your head, but it’s hard to beat the beauty at this time of year. There’s a chill in the air, the trees lining the street are all decorated and lit, and don’t forget to see the windows at Macy’s (Formally Marshall Field’s) at 111 North State. People come from all over just to see how they have decorated them for the season. Don’t forget that you can shop there too (usually after you’ve secured a summer job).

If you make your trip while it’s still warm outside, check out the beaches. North Avenue beach will probably be the most popular choice and the busiest. Afterwards, try visiting Navy Pier (just look for the 150-foot high Ferris wheel . . . it’s kind of hard to miss). They have all kinds of shops and restaurants, an IMAX theatre, and on certain nights they have fireworks shows. Call 800-595-7437 for more info.

These are just a few of the things you can do in Chicago. For more choices as far as restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and more, try www.chicago.citysearch.com.

Sporting Events

Chicago is a sports town; that’s all you really need to say. There are the Bears and the Bulls – and the Blackhawks, the Cubs and the White Sox. While you may not be a fan of any Chicago teams, you can still go and see your favorite teams play against them. And by watching the fans go after, then lose, then regain a home-run ball hit into the stands, you will be ready to talk about wild animals in Property (trust me, it will make sense come spring semester).
Cubs’ games in the summer and fall are good times. Wrigley Field is always full. If you’re going for the game, anywhere is a good seat, but if you’re going for atmosphere, try getting bleacher seats. Be warned though – bleacher seats are the most popular and tend to sell out the fastest.

**Museums and Other Attractions**

Yes, Chicago has a cultural side too. If you’ve got the time, check out the “Museum Campus” on the lakeshore. The Museum of Science and Industry, 773-684-1414, the Field Museum 312-922-9410 (look for the really big dinosaur skeleton), the Shedd Aquarium, 312-939-2426, and the Adler Planetarium, 312-922-7827, are all located next to each other. And if you’re into art, the Art Institute, 111 South Michigan, 312-443-3600, with its famous bronze lions guarding the steps, is a must.

Other areas of interest include the Civic Opera House (home to the Lyric Opera), the Second City comedy club (which has come to campus on occasion), the Steppenwolf Theater Company, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Brookfield or Lincoln Park Zoos (the Nation’s oldest free zoo).

**In Closing**

Chicago offers a wealth of experiences if you’re looking for a weekend of fun, or just a day away from the books. The list above is by no means all-inclusive . . . in fact, it only covers part of the city and doesn’t even begin to discuss what the suburbs have to offer.

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**Indianapolis**

Indianapolis, Indiana’s capital and largest city, is located about two and a half hours south of South Bend. Although Indianapolis does not have as many attractions and sights as Chicago, it’s definitely worth making at least one visit there during your law school career.

**Getting There**

There’s really only one way to get from South Bend to Indianapolis – by car. Just follow U.S. 31 south for about 130 miles. Once you get to Indianapolis, U.S. 31 becomes Meridian Street, which will take you into downtown. With the exception of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the airport, just about anything of interest in the city is either in the downtown area or on the city’s north side.

**Shopping & Dining**

Indianapolis has six major shopping malls that are located throughout the city. The two most well known malls are Circle Centre Mall (located downtown, see Shopping for more information) and The Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing (located on the north side near the intersection of 86th Street and Keystone Avenue). The north side neighborhood of Broad Ripple (located near the intersection of Westfield Boulevard and College Avenue) is home to some of Indianapolis’ best ethnic restaurants, including several French, Greek, and Indian establishments. Broad Ripple also has several nice shops and nightclubs. The Jazz Kitchen (5377 North College Avenue) is Indianapolis’s premier jazz venue for local, regional, and national talent. For blues, you’ll want to visit The Slippery Noodle Inn (372 S Meridian Street); also Indiana’s oldest bar (est. 1850). Both offer full menus in addition to some great music. [www.simon.com/mall/circle-centre](http://www.simon.com/mall/circle-centre) (317) 636-1600, [www.simon.com/mall/the-fashion-mall-at-keystone](http://www.simon.com/mall/the-fashion-mall-at-keystone) (317) 636-1600.


Sporting Events
Indianapolis is best known throughout the world for auto racing. Three of the biggest races in the world take place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (located near the corner of 16th Street and Georgetown Road on the city’s west side) – the Indianapolis 500 (IRL race in late May), the Brickyard 400 (NASCAR race in early August), and the U.S. Grand Prix (Formula One race in mid-September). Although each race draws hundreds of thousands of spectators, getting tickets to any of these events should not be too difficult.

Indianapolis also has a number of major professional sports teams including the Indianapolis Colts (NFL), the Indiana Pacers (NBA) and the Indiana Fever (WNBA). The Indianapolis Indians, the Triple-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, plays ball at Victory Field in downtown Indianapolis. If you end up working in downtown Indy for the summer, be sure to take advantage of at least one of the Indians’ day games – Victory Field is incredible and has been recognized as the Best Minor League Ballpark in America by Sports Illustrated. Victory Field, Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts) and the Bankers Life Fieldhouse (home of both the Pacers and the Fever) are literally within walking distance of each other. Indianapolis is also known as the amateur sports capital of the world, hosting numerous college and amateur championship events, including the NCAA Men’s Final Four in 1997, 2000 and 2010. It also hosted the 2012 Super Bowl (XLVI).

Museums and Other Attractions
The Indianapolis Children’s Museum (located at the corner of North Meridian and 30th Street) is the largest children’s museum in the world. Besides numerous hands-on and regular exhibits, the museum also has an IMAX theater. There are several attractions in White River State Park (on West Washington Street, just west of the Statehouse), including the NCAA Hall of Champions, the Eiteljorg Museum (collection of Native American paintings and artifacts), and the Indianapolis Zoo. Our Hoosier editor also notes the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the Circle was the first in the country to honor the common soldier, and that the Statehouse is magnificent.

Michigan City
Michigan City, Indiana, is home to both Indiana’s maximum-security correctional facility and the Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Center. We recommend visiting the latter. Lighthouse has a terrific variety of outlets spread out in a pedestrian mall. 601 Wabash Street, Michigan City, IN (219) 879-6506.

Getting There
There are several variations on this route to the outlet stores, but this is the easiest way to get there. Take I-80/90 west to Michigan City (exit 39). Drive north on US 421/ Franklin Street for nine miles to Sixth Street, which will take you through downtown Michigan City. Turn left on Sixth Street and go about two blocks to the Outlet Center. It takes about an hour to drive to Michigan City from South Bend. You can also take the South Shore Line from the South Bend Airport. The train stops at 11th Street, which is six blocks south of the Outlets. A shuttle meets selected trains.

Shopping
There are more than 120 outlets at Lighthouse (see Shopping). Law students have been known to get incredible deals on suits for interviews from Brooks Brothers and Hart Schaffner & Marx. There are also numerous housewares outlets with much better prices than you can find in South Bend. If you have a long list of basic things you need to furnish your apartment in South Bend, a trip to Michigan City may be worthwhile. A good time to make this trip would be right before Orientation, especially for those who do not have suits. (You will need one during the first few weeks!)
SUMMER IN SOUTH BEND

Enjoy the Sun!

Between local law firms and research positions, quite a few law students will find themselves staying in South Bend for the summer. For those transplants to South Bend, there is actually quite a bit going on in the area during the summer. Below are some of my favorites. The Student Bar Association usually organizes a list of students who will be residing in any given city, including South Bend, so you can meet up with your peers and go explore.

South Bend Cubs Minor League Baseball Team
southbendcubs.com 574-235-9988

South Bend is home to one of the Chicago Cubs minor league teams. Home games run from April through August. Four Winds Field hosts a splash pad and fun zone for the kids as well as several beer gardens for the adults. They also run promotional events throughout the home schedule.

Sunburst Marathon
sunburstraces.org

The Sunburst offers something for both the serious runner and the casual fitness enthusiast. Opportunities include not only a marathon but also a half-marathon, 10K, 5K, and fun walk. Sunburst also sponsors the traditional pre-race dinner and race day festivities. Races begin in downtown South Bend and historically finish on the 50-yard line of the Notre Dame Stadium. The event takes place the first week of June. $80 for the Full Marathon, $70 for the ½ Marathon, $30 for 10K, $25 for 5K, $20 for fun walk and $15 for families to walk.

East Race Waterway
sbpark.org/parks/erace.htm 574-235-9372

The East Race Waterway is a 1500+ foot long artificial whitewater course operated by the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department. The Waterway routinely hosts national and world-class whitewater slalom races but is also open to the public on summer weekends. Rental inflatable kayaks and rafts are available beginning at the price of merely $2/person/ride. If you rent your vessel from the park district, they will also supply personal flotation devices, helmets and paddles. A rescue team is on duty along the course during public operation hours.
Public Swimming Pools
sbpark.org/parks  574-299-4765
South Bend can get quite sticky in the summer, but fortunately many area parks have public swimming pools. The most impressive is the Olympic-size wave pool in Mishawaka’s Merrifield Park.

Local Wine Tasting
michiganwines.com  517-284-5377
Michigan is home to a large number of vineyards, many within 20 to 30 minutes of South Bend. See the website above for a list of wineries. You can also access summer hours, tasting room information and a tour map. Some of the wineries even host special events - the Round Barn Winery, for example, has classes on the art of winemaking and summer jazz concerts.

South Bend Farmer’s Market
southbendfarmersmarket.com  574-282-1259
South Bend hosts a farmer’s market that is open year round but is clearly best in the summer months. You will find vendors selling fresh produce, meats, flowers, antiques and other handicraft items. In the center of the market, there is also a great restaurant that features menu items made from the fresh ingredients - found right there at the market. During the summer, the farmer's market is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Get there early to get the best selection.

U-Pick Fruit Markets
swmichigan.org
Southwestern Michigan grows a wide array of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables every year. Michigan is well known for its cherries and blueberries but is also among the state leaders for apples, plums, sweet cherries, asparagus, grapes, snap green beans, pears, strawberries, sweet corn, cauliflower, peaches and cucumbers. The area boasts over 60 roadside markets and pick-your-own farms. You can research farms and what is in season in advance, or simply drive up I-94 and look for signs. If you'd rather have Indiana produce (or if for some reason you can’t leave the state), visit www.in.gov/oca/other/markets.html for a comparable list of Indiana u-picks and agri-tourism.

Fridays By The Fountain
morriscenter.org  574-235-9190
Every other Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. throughout the summer, the Morris Performing Arts Center located in downtown South Bend sponsors an outdoor fair on their front lawn. Community members who work downtown come out during their lunch hour to enjoy live music, contests and tastes from local eateries.

You should also check out the Morris’s website for its calendar of summer events. Tickets can be a little pricey on a student budget but the Center does attract well-known performers like Lynyrd Skynyrd and Jewel. The Morris is also the home of the Broadway Theatre League, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and the Southold Dance Theater.
“Meet Me On The Island”
Meet Me On The Island” is a summer concert series sponsored by WVPE (local NPR station: wvpe.org) at the Century Center Convention Complex downtown. Listen for the many radio spots in advance of events.

St. Joseph County Parks
sjcparks.org
St. Joseph County is home to over 100 great parks. My personal favorite is the Shiojiri Niwa Friendship Japanese garden in Mishawaka’s Merrifield Park Complex. Throughout the summer the parks department sponsors classes and programs at the parks like the Leeper Park Art Fair. Information is available on the website above. The parks department also publishes spring and summer activity guides.

Summer Festivals
Most of the towns in the area host a summer festival each year. South Bend and Mishawaka usually hold their events in June. Mishawaka’s Summerfest is a more elaborate festival encompassing three days of special events including a fireworks display, a movie in the park, live concerts and more. Everything but the carnival games are free. Be sure to check out the whole schedule and come and go throughout the weekend. And, don’t forget the numerous smaller towns in the region which also like to celebrate summer in style.

Sources of Information on Local Events

Local Events in the Bend
entertainment/inthebend
A web site that lists hundreds of local theatre, dance, music, and visual art events.

South Bend Chamber of Commerce
exploresouthbend.org

South Bend Tribune
southbendtribune.com
The South Bend Tribune is the local newspaper. You can find lots of information on the arts and entertainment in the area, especially in the Sunday paper.

WNDU
wndu.com/community
WNDU, the local television station, hosts a calendar of local events accessible through their website that is really quite thorough. Check it out throughout the summer for the latest on what is going on around town.
AIRPORTS

South Bend International Airport – flysbn.com

South Bend International Airport (SBN) is located a short 15-minute drive from campus. While your trip may require a connecting flight, SBN can accommodate your travel needs. Fares from this smaller airport are usually not prohibitively expensive, and many students find the added convenience well worth the extra cost. Don’t worry – flying around the country for interviews during your second year is no problem because law firms will fly you right out of South Bend.

There is plenty of airport parking available at a reasonable price ($6 per day). Taxi fare between campus and the airport is about $12-14, depending on the cab company. Another affordable alternative is the TRANSPO #4 bus, which circles through downtown South Bend and out to the airport every day except Sunday.

O’Hare and Midway – flychicago.com

Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport is just over a two-hour drive from Notre Dame. O’Hare offers non-stop flights to destinations throughout the world as well as airfares that are usually cheaper than South Bend Regional. Midway Airport, located on Chicago’s southwest side, is also about two-hours from South Bend. Most of the major airlines also have service out of Midway. Information on parking at either Midway or O’Hare airports can be found at parkridefly.com. This site offers discounts for online reservations and parking at reasonable prices.

Many students who fly out of O’Hare or Midway use the United Limo/Coach USA bus service (coachusa.com) to travel from campus to the airports. Coach USA picks up near the Eck Center on campus as well as at the South Bend Regional Airport. The bus fare is $41 one way or $73 round trip. The bus ride takes about three hours. If you want to travel even cheaper, you can ride the South Shore Line (see the buses and trains section).

Indianapolis International – indianapolisairport.com

Indianapolis International Airport, located on the southwest side of Indianapolis, is about a three-hour drive from the Notre Dame campus. Although there are flights to fewer destinations than O’Hare, you can access just about any major city in the East, South, and Midwest. Because the Indianapolis market is not dominated by a single airline, airfares out of Indianapolis are some of the cheapest in the Midwest. The best alternatives for getting to the airport are by car or Greyhound bus. There is plenty of parking at the airport available at a reasonable price. A few South Bend taxicab companies will take passengers from South Bend to the Indianapolis airport, but be careful as fares can be expensive.

Gerald R. Ford International Airport - grr.org

Grand Rapids, Michigan, this airport is about a two hour drive from campus. It is a reasonable regional airport that is bigger than SBN, yet smaller than the Chicago airports.
Buses & Trains

Amtrak – amtrak.com

The South Bend Amtrak station is located west of Downtown at 2702 West Washington Avenue. While the station is somewhat difficult to find, law students who use the trains have been happy with the convenience and price. If you find someone to drive you, the Amtrak station in Niles was in the movie Planes, Trains and Automobiles! The trains coming in and out of South Bend are often delayed due to freight trains on the same route, so call 1-800-USA-RAIL to check the train status before you head to the station. If you don’t want to deal with the delays and extra cost of the Lakeshore Limited and the Capitol Limited (the routes that come through South Bend), you can go directly to Chicago on the South Shore Line and then either walk or take the bus to Union Station for about the same time (except for the fact that it’s on time) and about half price. Check the Amtrak website for current routes and prices.

South Shore Railroad – nictd.com

The South Shore Railroad is a commuter rail line that connects South Bend with downtown Chicago. The South Shore departs from the South Bend International Airport and makes numerous stops throughout Northwestern Indiana en route to Chicago. Schedule and fare information is available on their website. Depending on where you want to go in Chicago, the one-way fare is $8.75 on weekends and weekdays and the trip will take about two and a half hours. Weekend and holiday trains are less frequent than weekdays.

If you are planning to take the train to catch a flight from one of the Chicago airports, and also plan to return to South Bend the same way, make sure you check nictd.com for times before you book your flight. Trains do not normally run early enough to catch flights before noon or one in the afternoon, especially on weekends, and don’t count on getting a train back to South Bend after ten at night. Also, make sure to allow yourself at least one hour for connections once you get into Chicago. The South Shore stops at Millennium Park and from there you have to take a CTA bus or the L-train to either airport.

Greyhound Bus – greyhound.com

Greyhound has several buses each day from South Bend to various destinations, including: Chicago, Toledo, Kalamazoo, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Madison. Although it is usually the cheapest option, we’d recommend not taking it for long trips. Greyhound buses depart from South Bend International Airport.

Royal Excursion Express Line – thereel

The REEL offers affordable bus service to and from Notre Dame and Chicago. Convenient times are offered for commuters. Wi-Fi is available on this bus!
Coach USA – coachusa.com

The Coach USA service provides convenient bus transportation from Notre Dame Campus to Chicago O’Hare and Chicago Midway airports.

Chicago Buses and Trains – tripsweb.rtachicago.com

The above website is a must if you plan on going to Chicago without a car. It has convenient pull-down menus to help plan your trip within the city, which is especially helpful when trying to get to one of the airports from the South Shore Line. In the pull-down “select a landmark” menu Millennium Park is where the South Shore Line stops.

Directions to/from the airports and Millennium Park:

**Millennium Park to Midway (MDW)**
From the Madison/Wabash CTA (.2 mi W of Michigan Ave.), take the Orange line train West to Midway.

**Midway to Millennium Park**
Take the Orange line East to the Madison/Wabash CTA. Walk .2 miles East to Millennium Park.

**Millennium Park to O’Hare (ORD)**
From the Madison/Wabash CTA (.2 mi W of Michigan Ave.), take the Brown line North to the Clark/Lake CTA, transfer to the Blue line to O’Hare.

**O’Hare to Millennium Park**
Take the Southbound Blue line to the Washington/Dearborn CTA, from there take the #20 bus Eastbound to Washington and Michigan. The Millennium Park station is .1 mi South.