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## Notre Dame Lawyers Connect | October 2017

### Feature | Alumni



### Kate O'Scannlain, '99, '05 J.D., picked to be Labor Department's top lawyer

The White House recently announced several key  
additions to President Donald Trump's

### SIDEBAR

#### Cleveland



administration. Kate O'Scannlain, '99, '05 J.D., will be the president's nominee for solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor. The solicitor's office is tasked with meeting the entire department's legal needs, which includes providing legal advice to the labor secretary ... [Read More](#)

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### **Brendan McCarthy, '00, '04 J.D., tapped for civil rights job in Montana**

Notre Dame's impact extends far and wide, including the Big Sky state. In January of this year, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Montana announced that it created a new position focusing solely on civil rights cases, both civil and criminal. Brendan McCarthy, '00, '04 J.D., was selected for that position. McCarthy has been an assistant U.S. attorney in the Billings office since

**The Notre Dame Club of  
Cleveland Lawyers' Alumni  
Committee presented the  
Honorable Patricia A.  
Gaughan, '78 J.D., with its  
inaugural Donald C. Miller  
Distinguished Alumni Award  
following its first Hesburgh  
Lecture.**

John Nagle, the John N. Matthews Professor of Law at NDLS, presented the Hesburgh Lecture, titled "Congress Isn't Broken," to a crowd of over 70 lawyers and ND alumni of Cleveland. Following the lecture, Gaughan, the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, was presented with the award. The award is presented to a graduate of the University of Notre Dame who has exhibited a commitment to the ideals of Our Lady's University, service to the community, and support of students and graduates of Notre Dame.

It is named in honor of Donald C. Miller, one of the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame's 1924 football team. Miller earned both a bachelor's degree and a law degree when he graduated from Notre Dame in 1925, and he entered private practice after coaching football for several years. Miller was appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in 1942, and in 1956 was appointed judge to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Congratulations to Judge

January of 2013. In that role, he has tried seven jury trials – ranging from narcotics ... [Read More](#)

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## Notre Dame Law helped Elizabeth Adams, '08, '11 J.D., find her niche

“Other than my family and my faith,” she said, “I can’t think of anything that has had a bigger influence on my life than Notre Dame.” ... [Read More](#)

### Feature | Events



Alumni from across the country gathered for the inaugural NDLS Homecoming Weekend

Gaughan and the Cleveland lawyers on a great event!

## LRAP Updates

The Law School recently restructured its Loan Repayment Assistance Program to simplify LRAP's eligibility criteria and make the program more generous, effective, and transparent for participants.

Applications for LRAP are due by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Read the new program description [here](#).

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The NDLS Homecoming Weekend (September 29 and 30) was a huge hit as alumni from all over the country returned to the Law School to meet up with classmates. The highlight of the weekend was the Law School tailgate on Saturday prior to the football game, where close to 300 alumni reconnected as they enjoyed craft beers, wine and a delicious buffet under a picture perfect fall day on the quad just east of Eck Hall. Click [here](#) for a full album of images from the tailgate and cocktail reception. [Read More](#)



### **NDLA Board honors John Suthers, '74 B.A., with the St. Thomas More Award**

On Friday of Homecoming Weekend, the NDLA Board conducted its fall meeting and hosted John

Suthers, '74 B.A., current Mayor of Colorado Springs ... [Read More](#)

## Faculty | News



### **Judiciary Committee supports Professor Amy Barrett, '97 J.D., for federal judgeship**

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee voted in support of Notre Dame Law Professor Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Her nomination will move next to the full Senate for a final vote. [Read More](#)

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## **Conference to consider Professor A.J. Bellia's path-breaking book on international law and the Constitution**

A.J. Bellia, the O'Toole Professor of Constitutional Law at Notre Dame, has co-authored a path-breaking book on customary international law and the United States Constitution with Bradford R. Clark, the William Cranch Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School. The Law of Nations and the United States Constitution, published by Oxford University Press (2017), is the latest work in their years-long research collaboration. [Read More](#)

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### **St. Thomas More Society of Dallas honors Professor Gerard V. Bradley**

Earlier this month, the St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Dallas honored Notre Dame Law Professor Gerard V. Bradley with its Lifetime Achievement Award. The Society presented Bradley with the award at a reception after the annual Red Mass in Dallas. The award is presented each year to a lawyer who has demonstrated conspicuous virtue. Previous recipients include the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and former Illinois Congressman Henry Hyde. "I am both honored and humbled that the Catholic lawyers of Dallas have chosen me to receive their annual award," Bradley said.

**Students**





### **3L Veronica Canton serves as president of Hispanic National Bar Association's student group**

The Law Students Division of the Hispanic National Bar Association has new leadership with ties to Notre Dame Law School. Notre Dame Law 3L Veronica Canton was sworn in as national president of the organization's law student division in early September, and she now leads the group that has given her and other Hispanic law students many resources, she said. "I felt that I've received so much from the organization," Canton said. "I wanted to help the organization in guiding resources to students because there was such a positive impact on my life." [Read More](#)

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## Summer fellowships enable ND Law students to explore careers in religious practice

Four Notre Dame Law School students spent their summer exploring legal issues at religiously affiliated institutions and gained hands-on experience at the intersection of law and religion. The summer fellowships were funded by the Law School's Program on Church, State & Society. "The goal of the fellowship program is to allow students to experience first-hand ..." [Read More](#)



**Catherine Karol, '78 J.D., joins Butzel  
Long in Detroit**

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honors Patrick A. Salvi, '78 J.D.**

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**Catherine Dines, '15 J.D., joins  
Bernardi Immigration Law in Buffalo**

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