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# NDLScholarship: One Million and Counting

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## One Million and Counting

After many months of planning and development, the Notre Dame Law School's institutional repository (IR) went live in August of 2013. On 31 August 2016 [NDLScholarship](#) broke 1 million downloads, just three years after the first item was added. Our one millionth download was an article by Charles E. Rice, "The Problem of Unjust Laws" which originally appeared in the *Catholic Lawyer* in 1980.

The purpose of the IR is to collect and preserve the scholarship, publications and other archival material of the Notre Dame Law School and to provide global access to these materials. Supported by Ed Edmonds, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library, and Nell Newton, Dean of the Law School, the law library funded the project, designed its appearance, and began to populate the IR starting with faculty articles and law review issues.

By the end of the first year we had loaded 1082 [faculty authored articles](#) into the IR. Authors with a current email address receive monthly reports of their article downloads directly from Bepress. In addition, we loaded the back runs of [4 of our current journals](#) for a total of 4944 articles. With these initial series taken care of, the library began adding collections such as [Law School History](#). The repository currently contains more than 9000 items across more than 40 collections.

Digital repositories are being created in law schools across the country. NDLS, like Boston College, Duke, Georgetown, and Yale, is one of the nearly 70 law schools that use the Digital Commons platform that supports the IR. As a result, the material that we add to our repository is accessible across all of the Digital Commons repositories, in particular through the [Law Commons](#)

We are very proud of the work that we have done on the IR. The initial team members were: Sandra Klein (Digital Initiatives Librarian), Susan Good (Website/Social Media Manager), Joe Reimers (Library Systems), Warren Rees (Research Librarian) and Beth Klein (Research & Teaching Team Administrative Assistant); along with some very industrious student workers. The current team is: Sandra Klein, Beth Klein and Warren Rees; plus some equally industrious student workers. And, of course, the editors of our law reviews who have done an excellent job of adding new articles and assisting us with the training of new editors as they come on board each spring. Please take a look and let us know what you think.