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NDLS Update is a weekly email newsletter of news, events, and opportunities for Law School faculty and staff. For daily NDLS news and updates, please visit Today@NDLS.

From Nell's Desk

Welcome to a new school year — and to the inaugural edition of NDLS Update, a new weekly NDLS e-newsletter.

This Law School thrives for many reasons, but one of the most important is the mutual respect among faculty and staff and the genuine caring that this community demonstrates when any one of us is in need. It has been a great privilege to work with such amazing people.

Since arriving at NDLS, I've organized some ongoing events to bring faculty and staff together, such as the Christmas lunch and the recently inaugurated staff-faculty picnic. At some point in my first or second year here (how time flies!), I expressed the intention of creating a newsletter that went beyond the "Dean's Bookshelf" reports on faculty scholarship I'd been sending to faculty and staff. Although the latest publication in a prestigious law review is something to applaud, so is a new baby, a show at the South Bend Art Museum, or any number of other events in the lives of our staff and faculty.

After my announcement Tex Dutile dropped by with some examples of the NDLS Update he started in 1991, with some apt comments about "the more things change," etc. The original NDLS Update was published from November 1991 thru the spring of 2003. I vowed to revive it.

Despite my best intentions, however, the creation of the newsletter seemed always to take second place to other pressing needs. That is, until I saw the superb — and may I say award-winning — Law Library News, produced by our amazing library faculty and staff, led by Ed Edmonds and edited by the talented Beth Given. Like a light bulb going off over my head, a solution suggested itself. Immediately, I called Ed. Perhaps they could produce a quality newsletter for the entire NDLS staff and faculty as well? It turns out they could — and did. (At deans' school, they teach us to delegate.)

It is our hope that the revived NDLS Update will grow into a trusted resource for all staff and faculty. We want to use it to help us keep abreast of our work, our lives, our challenges, and our accomplishments. Editor Beth Given envisions fresh weekly content that will track faculty appearances in the news media, share the Dean's Bookshelf of faculty scholarship, profile faculty and staff, introduce us to new employees and faculty, and provide personal news and updates, community events, announcements, a birthday calendar, and more.

While the revived NDLS Update is meant to be internal for faculty and staff, we of course want to continue reaching out to our students and the wider world with appropriate NDLS news. For this audience, please check out [Today@NDLS](#), a new, continually updated page accessible from the menu bar atop the [Law School home page](#). The brainchild of Webmaster Susan Good, this new feature is open to the public. Besides Law School news, it will include a more comprehensive report on our "Faculty in the News" than was possible before, links to faculty blog posts, NDLS Events, and even the Crossing's Daily Specials.

Best,

Nell

Upcoming Events and Announcements

NDLS staff – Don't forget that the first "**Coffee and Bagels with the Dean**" for the semester will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the Faculty Meeting Room. See you then!

NDLS faculty – **Faculty Reception and Dinner** on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren Golf Course Clubhouse.

Everyone is invited to attend the **Orientation Mass** on Friday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Chapel followed by light dinner in the Commons.

Classroom computers have been reconfigured with updated software, so it is strongly recommended that you login to the computer in the classroom(s) where you will be teaching this semester to make sure everything is working the way you expect prior to the first day of class. The Intensive Trial Advocacy course is using many of the classrooms this week, but you can generally access the rooms from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. ITA concludes by 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. If you have any questions, please contact [Dan Manier](#) or [Scott Hengert](#).

[View All Events](#)

NDLS Community

Law School and Library staff attended an informational meeting on campus-wide sustainability initiatives on August 8th. The Law Library will serve as a pilot for the Law School to remove trash bins at individual workstations, an initiative that is being enacted in all new buildings on campus. [Read more](#) about the campus wide Sustainability Strategy.

Lloyd Mayer was quoted in Huffington Post on the IRS pressure on large donors. Read Article: [IRS Buckled To GOP Pressure On Secret](#)

[mayer news](#)

[Donations, Lawyer Says](#)

Congrats to the Notre Dame Law School team entered in the ND Summer Bike Challenge. Between June 1st and August 15th they collectively logged 2,808.47 miles. Team members include **Warren Rees, Beth Given, Patti Ogden, Joel Dendiu, Erin Orndorff, Dwight King, Joe Thomas, Christopher O'Byrne, Joe Reimers, and John Robinson.**

Patrick Salvi was quoted in Yahoo! News.

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Read Article: [Illinois Injury Lawyer: Supreme Court Ruling Shows State's Tough Stance On Drugged Driving](#)

Awards and Kudos

Ed Edmonds and **Beth Given** were present to receive the American Association of Law Libraries' (AALL) Excellence in Marketing Award for the "Best Newsletter" category at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this July.

[aallaward](#)

Congratulations to the Library Newsletter Committee (**Anita Lutz, Beth Given, Chris O'Byrne, Susan Good and Susan Hamilton**) for their hard work, and to all the contributing writers and photographers who have helped make the *Law Library News* a success these past two years. *Photo by: Brant Bender, Brant Bender Photography (courtesy of AALL).*

Farewell

A send-off was held at the law school for **Nicole Bourbon** on Thursday, August 11th. Nicole is moving back to California where she has enrolled in the Graduate Teaching

Credential Program in Single-Subject Social Sciences at UC-Irvine. She will be student teaching 8th grade social studies in conjunction with the [AVID](#) (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. We wish Nicole all the best!

The Dean's Bookshelf

Donald Kommers and Russell A. Miller, *Germany: Das Bundesverfassungsgericht: Procedure, Practice and Policy of the German Federal Constitutional Court* 102-124, in *Constitutional Courts: A Comparative Study* (Andrew Harding & Peter Leyland eds., 2009): 102-124.

Donald Kommers, *Autonomy, Dignity, and Abortion* 441-459, in *Comparative Constitutional Law* (Tom Ginsburg & Rosalind Dixon eds., Edward Elgar, 2011).

Paolo G. Carozza, *Human Dignity in Constitutional Adjudication* 459-472, in *Comparative Constitutional Law* (Tom Ginsburg & Rosalind Dixon eds., Edward Elgar, 2011).

NDLS "Classifieds"

Help. Need two Michigan state football tickets to use for the Charity Touching Tiny Lives (ND students do volunteer work with the charity I LeSotho Africa). – [Jim Seckinger](#)

I need 2 tickets for either Michigan State or USC for my good friend Paddy Flynn!
Please help out a true Irishman!!! Thanks in advance, [Laurel Cochrane](#)

Have a submission for *The NDLS Update*? Send an email by noon on Thursday for inclusion the following Tuesday, to libnews@nd.edu, or contact *NDLS Update* editors [Susan Good](#) or [Beth Given](#).

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