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Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers: Preparing for Global and Interdisciplinary Practice
Dear Notre Dame Lawyers,

This past year has confirmed that NDLS alumni and friends are the strongest and most supportive community any dean could serve, and I cannot thank you enough.

In October we dedicated our renovated Biolchini Hall of Law. Thanks to the wise financial stewardship of my predecessor and dear friend, Patty O’Hara, and the overwhelming generosity of Bob and Fran Biolchini, Frank Eck, Sr., and our many other benefactors, our students are studying and attending classes in what may be the finest facilities in the country.

We are now investing in the immediate future of these students with fellowships and programs that can help reduce their debt. We also are making vital investments in their long-term future by developing more skills courses and courses reaching across disciplines. New interdisciplinary programs now funded by seed money include programs on Church, State, and Society; Constitutional Structure and Design; Interdisciplinary Family Law Mediation; Law and Human Development; and (as profiled on page 12 of this issue) our new Program in Law and Economics.

To enhance our skills courses, we are creating a community development clinic to be headed by one of our four new faculty hires: James J. Kelly Jr., a professor at the University of Baltimore who is joining us next fall and will model this new clinic on the one he created so successfully in Baltimore.

Other strong new hires set to join us in the next academic year include Bruce Huber, an environmental law scholar from Dartmouth College. Randy J. Kozel, who has served as Special Counsel to the General Counsel of General Electric for the past two years, will also join us next fall. He will be teaching courses in public law and procedure. Finally, Professor Roger Alford, presently with Pepperdine University School of Law, will arrive in January 2012 and teach courses in International Trade and International Commercial Arbitration.

But as always, some change is bittersweet, and in this regard we are bracing for the departure of two beloved faculty members. First, Vincent Rougeau has been named the next Dean of Boston College Law School. Faculty, staff, and students alike expressed delight at his good news even as we regret the loss of such a dear friend and fine colleague.

Then, Tex Dutile announced his retirement. Tex, J.D. ’65, joined the faculty in 1971 and has focused primarily on criminal law and education law. He also chaired Notre Dame’s Faculty Board on Athletics and served as the University’s NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative from 2000-2006. The high regard in which Tex is held by all has never wavered. In fact, this year the graduating class elected Tex co-Distinguished Professor of the Year.

I count myself fortunate, as do our students, to enjoy the generosity and partnership of this Notre Dame family. With your support the Law School remains rich in tradition while still attending to the demands placed on our graduates in an always competitive and ever more complex world. Thank you.

In Notre Dame,

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The Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law
PREPARING FOR GLOBAL PRACTICE
A leader in international law education since 1968, NDLS is committed to preparing students for the accelerating pace of legal globalization.

A PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP
Students in the new Law and Economics Program interact with leading experts in law, economics, and business.

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NDLS AT A GLANCE

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CLASS NOTES
New Notre Dame Fellows Program

The Law School’s first Notre Dame Fellows, Jessica L. Howton of Friendswood, Texas, and Brian M. Murray of Annapolis, Maryland, accepted their awards April 25.

Funded entirely by the law school’s Annual Fund benefactors, the Fellows program is designed to help launch long-term public service careers for NDLS graduates who have the potential to make a difference in their communities. Each year, two graduating students will be chosen as Fellows so that they may address an unmet legal need through innovation and the assistance of a host agency.

The Fellows are supported by the program while they work for two years in a qualifying non-profit organization that provides direct legal services to low-income or other under-represented populations, or by engaging in legal advocacy on important issues of public policy.

Howton will be working with the Tahirih Justice Center in Houston, Texas, to provide direct and mentored legal representation to immigrant women facing gender-based violence. In addition, she will be developing new pro bono materials and educational outreach programs for local communities and law enforcement.

“The Notre Dame Fellowship program is a phenomenal idea,” Howton said, “and it illustrates the law school’s commitment to public service. I am honored to be a part of it while working with an amazing organization to advocate for women and girls from all over the world.”

Murray will be serving as an attorney in the employment unit of Community Legal Services of Philadelphia. In this position he will be helping rehabilitated people with criminal records overcome barriers to employment. He will advocate with employers, tackle unlawful discrimination, and help people apply for pardons and expungements.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve a low-income population in inner-city Philadelphia while representing Notre Dame Law School as a Notre Dame Fellow,” Murray said. “I look forward to assisting individuals in need of legal services and demonstrating how Notre Dame Law School cultivates a culture of service and giving back to one’s community.”

The Fellowship award process is highly competitive and requires applicants to develop and propose a two-year public interest program to be implemented with a host agency and a willing supervising attorney. Under the program, the Law School will fund the Fellows’ salaries and employer-provided health and other benefits for both years.
14 Represent NDLS in 2011 Bengal Bouts
Fifty-five-year-old LL.M. student Terrence Rogers was among the NDLS boxers who raised money for the Holy Cross Missions this year. First-year law student Brian Salvi (seen at right landing a strong right hand) won his weight class. Pictured above are (front row) NDLS Bengal Bouters Robert Cimino and Tim Kaiser; (middle row) Terrence Rogers, Richard McAvoy, Daniel Jasinski, Matthew Sheehan, Jose Aguirre, and Brian Salvi; and (back row) Daniel Hyzak, Aaron O’Dell, Nate Arnold, and Keith Arago. Not pictured: Giovanni Angles and David Thaxton.

Bookstore Basketball Champs
NDLS players made their presence known in The Bookstore Basketball Tournament, which wrapped up Sunday, May 1.

The winning team and No. 1 seed, “Saturdays in America,” featured three law students, including transfer student Brendan Bush, who told The Observer, “First thing basically when I told my dad I got accepted to transfer here, [he said], ‘You better get a good Bookstore team.’ So [winning the tournament is] a really good feeling and I don’t know if I can describe it,” he said.

The Bookstore Basketball Tournament is the largest outdoor 5-on-5 tournament in the world. Nearly 700 teams comprised of students, faculty, and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, and Holy Cross College competed in this year’s tournament.
Dean’s Circle Fellowships to Reward Top Achievers

To respond to a student’s persuasive argument that those who arrive at NDLS with limited or no fellowship awards and then proceed to work their way to the top of their class deserve special recognition and support, the law school has turned to its benefactors in the Dean’s Circle and remedied the problem by creating the Dean’s Circle Fellowship program.

These one-year fellowships will be awarded to second- and third-year students (1) who finish their first or second year in the top 10% of their class, and (2) whose fellowship awards upon matriculating at NDLS totaled less than $10,000 per year.

Willie G. Lipscomb, J.D. ’75, Named the Alvin McKenna Alumnus of the Year

The Honorable Willie G. Lipscomb, J.D. ’75, of Michigan’s 36th District Court, was named the Alvin McKenna Alumnus of the Year by the Notre Dame Chapter of the Black Law Students Association. Judge Lipscomb received the award at the 38th Annual BLSA Alumni Weekend celebration dinner, which was held at the Notre Dame Stadium Press Box on Saturday, April 9.

Judge Lipscomb has served as District Court Judge for fourteen years. Prior to his current position, he served as Executive Director of the Notre Dame Legal Aid and Defenders’ Association from 1974-75 and as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Wayne County from 1975-79. He was in private practice from 1979-83, and then joined the 36th District Court as Magistrate, a title he held for two years before becoming Judge.

Prof. Jenuwine Wins Ganey Award

Professor Michael Jenuwine received the 2011 Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D., Faculty Community-Based Research Award this spring.

The award is given each year by Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns to a faculty member who completes a research project that addresses a need within South Bend or the surrounding area.

Professor Jenuwine was honored for conducting the first study of guardianship cases that has ever been done in Indiana and thereby making possible significant improvements in the state’s guardianship legislation.

Intercollegiate Athletics Externship Program Completes First Year

A new Intercollegiate Externship program overseen by Professor Ed Edmonds enables students to gain practical experience and academic credit in intercollegiate athletics administration. A classroom component taught by law school faculty and senior-level administrator-attorneys from the university Athletics Department is coupled with non-classroom externship work.

In its first year, the program placed five students per semester in the Department of Athletics’ NCAA Compliance Office. Potential duties include reviewing contracts; assisting in the creation and revision of Athletics Department policy; researching legal issues related to athletics; researching compliance issues; drafting, reviewing, and revising compliance education materials; and auditing eligibility and other compliance-related forms.
**Prof. Judith Fox Named Bellow Scholar**

Professor Judith Fox has been named a 2011 Bellow Scholar by the American Association of Law Schools for her project, “Debt Collection: A Survey of Indiana Courts.” Professor Fox undertook the study in response to a 2009 FTC report that concluded the nation’s system for resolving disputes about consumer debt is “broken.”

The Bellow Scholar award recognizes lawyer-scholars studying various aspects of the justice system with a focus on access to justice and the role of law and the university.

Earlier, in September, Fox received the St. Joseph Valley Project’s Community Achievement Award. In announcing the award, the project noted that “Judy is in high demand throughout the community, speaking and educating people on their rights, the law, and how the recent changes in banking credit and housing laws can affect their lives. Her expertise in the area of foreclosure law has saved many family homes in the current economic climate.”

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**Symposium on Corporate Governance, Business Ethics**

The Notre Dame Law School Spring 2011 Symposium, “Corporate Governance and Business Ethics in a Post-Crisis World,” was organized by Professor Julian Velasco and the corporate law faculty and made possible by a generous grant from the Hewlett-Packard Company. The April 1 program featured 21 panelists from top law schools across the country participating on six panels. The keynote was delivered by Michael J. Holston (below), executive vice president and general counsel for the Hewlett-Packard Company. Former U.S. Sen. Chris Dodd delivered an additional keynote address to the participants on March 31.

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**Prof. Rougeau Accepts Deanship at Boston College Law School**

Professor Vincent Rougeau has accepted an appointment as the next dean of Boston College Law School. The highly regarded Notre Dame professor of contracts, real estate transactions, and Catholic social thought will be assuming his new post this summer.

Professor Rougeau joined the faculty in 1998, after teaching at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1999-2002.

Professor Rougeau’s most recent work has explored the role of religion in the law and public policy of pluralist, democratic societies. His book, “Christians in the American Empire: Faith and Citizenship in the New World Order,” was published by Oxford University Press in 2008.
Whether a lawyer is working for the United Nations or the U.S. Department of Defense and looks to public international law or is at a law firm or corporation, focusing more on private international law, chances are that any kind of 21st century practice will require knowledge of international law and law in other countries, says Paolo Carozza, professor of law and associate dean for International and Graduate Programs at Notre Dame Law School. A leader in international law education since 1968, Notre Dame Law School is striving to increase students’ exposure to the many aspects of law throughout the world.
"LAW IS GLOBAL AND LEGAL PRACTICE IS GLOBAL, so we need to prepare our students for the responsibility of serving in that sort of world," Carozza says. While electives are limited in the law school's curriculum, the school leadership has taken steps to allow students to begin studying international law as early as the first year. "Our most recent reform of the first-year curriculum, which went into effect with the 1Ls in 2010, was to introduce an elective into the first year," he explains, "and we are using this opportunity to begin offering the basic international law course in both semesters, so that 1L students can take it as their spring elective."

In January 2012, Professor Roger Alford, who presently teaches at Pepperdine University School of Law, will join NDLS and teach courses in international trade and arbitration as well as international business transactions. The Law School has also brought in visiting professors to teach additional international courses, this year offering Chinese Law and International Intellectual Property. And the core international faculty are preparing a proposal to offer a certificate of specialization in international law to students who complete a certain course of studies in their three years.

Student interest in international law continues to expand even beyond the very high levels of the recent past. The number of students going to study abroad is increasing, with students attending summer law programs in countries as far away as China and Australia, in addition to Notre Dame's London Summer Program. And the Law School recently reached an agreement with the Università Commerciale Bocconi in Milan, Italy, that will allow 2L or 3L students to spend a semester studying at Bocconi, one of the leading private universities in Europe, beginning in fall 2011. "We are seeing very strong interest from students in our new exchange program with the Bocconi University in Italy, and we hope to have similar exchanges in place with universities in South America and in Asia by this time next year," says Carozza.

The Law School also sponsors events such as its annual International Law Symposium, which this year focused on "The Rights of Non-Citizens," and included experts from several other law schools as well as Jorge Bustamante, a UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants. That conference served as the launching pad for a new student-edited, web-based journal: Notre Dame Journal of International, Comparative and Human Rights Law. In addition, students are encouraged to take advantage of University programs and activities available through the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Carozza is a fellow of all three.

"International law is important for several reasons," says Carozza. "In the first place, it’s going to affect the lawyers we are educating, wherever they are working. A local firm representing an RV manufacturer in Elkhart may have issues with a parts manufacturer in China. A family law firm may have a child custody case with one parent from Belgium or Mexico. Firms now need people in all their practice areas who know something about international law."

For lawyers practicing in Europe, the need for international education is clear.
R. Kenneth Boehner, J.D. ’93, has spent most of his career in Europe, and now is a partner at the London law firm Bristows. “Every day my work touches multiple jurisdictions and people all over the world,” he says. “I basically do mergers and acquisitions, principally for U.S. multinationals that are buying businesses all over Europe, the Middle East, Africa and, increasingly, Asia.” Boehner’s interest in working abroad began when he spent his 2L year at Notre Dame’s London program.

In 1968, Notre Dame established the first full-time American law school program outside the United States, and it is still the only such program that is fully accredited. Located in the heart of London, the London Law Centre now has three components: the Concannon Programme in International Law, a year-long component of the J.D. program; a summer program; and the master of laws (LL.M.) graduate program in International and Comparative Law.

“When we started the London program in 1968, we were way out ahead of everybody,” says Carozza. “Now, with other law schools recognizing the importance of studying international law, we want to make sure we are current and even ahead of the most dynamic and interesting practices of law schools in the United States.”

Another force behind the increasing emphasis on international law is a consciousness of the Law School’s mission as a part of a Catholic university, says Carozza. “The Church is global and the values that it stands for are global,” he explains.

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Capt. Christopher Coleman, J.D. ’08

“There is a universality in moral principles and a certain responsibility toward other communities that we can’t fulfill as lawyers without knowing how law functions internationally and in other countries.” One of the areas of international law in which Notre Dame students have shown their commitment to moral principles throughout the world is international human rights law.

“Notre Dame students have had a long and very distinguished record with organizations that deal with human rights. A significant portion of our students work with nongovernmental organizations in the human rights arena,” says Carozza. And through its Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School provides an opportunity for lawyers from developing countries or who wish to work in developing countries to receive graduate training in international human rights law. International law pokes its nose into virtually every area of law practice, Carozza says, including the most common area, private practice.

“I don’t practice international law per se,” says Thomas Patrick Dore, J.D. ’79, a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, in New York City. “Yet I’m a real estate lawyer who does projects all over the world. For example, I represented J.P. Morgan Bank when they built the securities group Euroclear’s headquarters in Brussels. And I represented the American group that built the hotels for the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. Today, I’m representing owners of a hotel in Rio who are working to redevelop it for the 2016 Olympics. At the same time, I represented Comcast in connection with the NBC Rockefeller Center acquisition, which was a completely domestic transaction.”

Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell, Robert and Marion Short Chair in Law and Research Professor of International Dispute Resolution, expects that many of the Law School’s graduates will have experiences like Dore’s.

“The majority of our students will have a significant international aspect to their work as lawyers,” says O’Connell, who is also a vice president at the American Society of International Law and author of The Power and Purpose of International Law (2008, Oxford University Press). “And the core international law faculty has to ensure that our students get the very best education to prepare them for legal practice in the 21st century.”

Boehner couldn’t agree more. “I think knowledge of international law is essential,” he says. “Notre Dame’s mission is to educate the leaders of tomorrow. Students have to understand the legal principles and legal frameworks all over the world.” Boehner says that studying abroad also gave him a view of other cultures, which he considers an important tool for practicing international law.

“The real trick in being an international lawyer is appreciating other cultures and cultural norms that inform the custom and
practice in a particular jurisdiction as far as a negotiation goes, as far as the way the law is viewed and implemented,” he says.

Legal differences bring unique challenges, too, says Dore. “For instance, when people build a hotel in Spain, they do it differently than they would if they were in New York or Texas. A foreign group almost always uses a corporation or a company. In the United States, we would use a joint venture or a partnership.” Dore says his exposure to English and European law during his 2L year in the London program equipped him with an understanding of important aspects of legal transactions and how they may vary in individual countries.

Studying international law put Army Capt. Christopher Coleman, J.D.’08, ahead of his peers when he joined the Judge Advocate General’s Corps after graduating from Notre Dame Law School. “A large part of our training is talking about the general conventions and the international law of armed conflict. I felt like I had already studied that in great detail in a way that most of my colleagues had not.” Coleman took a course in international law from Professor O’Connell in his second year and realized it would help him in his planned career in the military, so he took many electives in the area, including O’Connell’s course on international law and the use of force.

Although as a JAG officer in Ansbach, Germany, Coleman operates within the military system of justice, his work is also regulated under a provision of public international law called a status-of-forces agreement, or SOFA. The SOFA agreement defines the legal status of U.S. personnel and property in the territory of another nation. Coleman says that sensitivity to German law and customs is essential to maintaining good relationships with local authorities in the host country. On occasion, a court martial may require that a German civilian be subpoenaed, which Coleman calls “a very delicate process” in Germany. “Besides, we are guests in Germany and we have responsibilities as

In 1968, Notre Dame began offering law students the option of spending their second year studying in London. Each year about thirty 2L students take part in the Concannon Programme of International Law, housed in the Notre Dame London Law Centre near historic Trafalgar Square in the heart of London. Students attend classes and seminars in both American law and international law, and are taught by English and American teachers.

Now, beginning in 2011-12, 3L students will also be able to enroll in the London program in the fall semester, and 2L students will be able to choose between a one-semester and a full-year option. “The curriculum includes standard second-year classes, such as Business Associations and Evidence, but there is in addition a pervasive bias toward international and comparative law, which is added to the base of American law,” says Professor Geoffrey Bennett, director of the Law Centre. The rest of the curriculum consists of international and comparative law electives such as Public International Law, European Community Law, and International Regulation of Trade and Business. Elective offerings vary according to student interest and visiting faculty.

“We were pioneers back in 1968, before it was fashionable or anyone had used the word ‘globalization’ in a legal context,” says Bennett. “Today, any practitioner may need to be conscious of how easily a problem in domestic relations, intellectual property, or even crime can involve an international dimension. Failure to be conscious of this element may in the future prove to be not just undesirable, but reflect a flaw in a legal professional’s training.”

Students can add to their classroom experience by writing for one of the law reviews, participating in moot court activities, and serving an externship with British lawyers or American law firms in London.

The Notre Dame Law Centre also offers an accredited summer school program open to about 60 students a year from law schools throughout the United States. About a third of the students each year are from Notre Dame Law School, and they can earn up to six credits from a variety of class offerings. This year, for example, students may choose from international classes ranging from Carriage of Goods by Sea to European Union Law, and Terrorism, Immigration, and Multiculturalism.

The Notre Dame LL.M. program, also offered at the Centre, allows students from European Union countries to obtain degrees from a U.S. law school while studying in England. Focusing on international and comparative law, the program is designed for students from common law countries who seek advanced training, and for graduates of law schools in civil law countries who seek training in common law disciplines or wish to pursue studies comparing their legal systems with those of the United States and Great Britain.

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soldiers here," Coleman says. “When you’re in the military and you represent America, which historically has been a benevolent power, it’s important that we do things the right way and within the law. So following international norms is important. I consider it to be a blessing to have studied with someone who had an incredible depth of knowledge on those issues.”

Although O’Connell is grateful for the opportunity to help prepare students who enter the armed services, including many who have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, she says that all students need a strong foundation in international law. “Internationallaw is increasingly common in practice, making it just as important to study as other basic courses, such as civil procedure or contracts.

“We want our international curriculum to be excellent so that every student graduating from the Law School is well prepared for anything he or she might do in the legal profession,” she says. “A student might wish to be a criminal defense lawyer in the Midwest. If so, he will need to know that some defendants will be from other countries, which will impact the defense of that person,” she says. “Regardless of the practice area, lawyers increasingly need an awareness of how international law affects what they are going to be doing.”

Carozza cautions students who might be drawn to international law by the excitement or glamour of foreign lands that practicing international law requires rigorous legal training. “The very first, second, and third thing I say to students who are interested in international law is, “You can’t be a really good international lawyer without being a really good lawyer,” he says.

To be a really good lawyer in the international arena, says Dore, “You have to juggle a lot of legal systems in your head at the same time—and have the curiosity to want to learn how to do that. As Americans, we share the common law heritage with England. But you have to be able to translate the common law system into the civil law practice of many of the countries you’re dealing with, and you have to export ‘the U.S. deal technology’ to another country.”

As we look at hiring young lawyers just out of school, Boehner says, “I’m always looking for evidence of a cultural inquisitiveness in their background, whether they have traveled or studied abroad or worked in a community that’s culturally different from their own.

“If you’re a smart person and you’ve got the academic pedigree and you have that cultural inquisitiveness, you will be a hugely successful lawyer in an international practice,” he says. “If you’re going to law school in this very, very difficult time, having that cultural inquisitiveness is a big differentiator—I’d rather hire somebody who has that.”

The Center for

Since the United Nations drafted the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” in 1948, most nations have given lip service to the idea espoused in its preamble that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.”

In actuality, of course, the battle to respect the dignity of human beings continues on virtually every continent. And Notre Dame Law School’s Center for Civil and Human Rights has been at the forefront of that struggle since its founding in 1973, through scholarship, advocacy, and education.

Each year, about 20 lawyers from developing countries as well as from the United States and Canada participate in the year-long master of laws (LL.M.) program, engaging in specialized study and research in human rights law. The interdisciplinary program also includes courses taught by faculty in Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and the Department of Political Science. Students study the legal processes that pertain to the pursuit of human rights as well as the social, economic, and political contexts in which human rights are violated, protected, or promoted.

“Human rights issues are inherently an interdisciplinary set of problems,” says Professor Douglass Cassel, director of the Center. “You can’t understand why they take place without having understood history, economics, sociology, anthropology, international relations, and political science. If you look at human rights problems only through the lens of law and think of solutions only as legal
Civil and Human Rights

solutions, you're not going to understand either problems or solutions." In addition to his academic responsibilities, Cassel has served as legal advisor to the UN Truth Commission on El Salvador and has been a human rights consultant to numerous nongovernmental organizations as well as the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the U.S. State Department.

The Center also offers a smaller doctor of the science of law (J.S.D.) Program in International Human Rights designed for those who intend to pursue academic careers in their home countries and teach international human rights law.

More than 300 alumni of the Center work as human rights lawyers in over 75 countries, serving at a variety of organizations, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the International Criminal Court, and Human Rights Watch.

This year’s LL.M. class includes students from 18 countries on five continents, ranging from recent law school graduates to seasoned lawyers like Dzimbabwe Chimbga.

Chimbga is the third lawyer to come to Notre Dame from Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights, a nongovernmental human rights organization in Harare, which shares funding for his education with the Center. An experienced lawyer, Chimbga has successfully argued cases before the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights and has considerable experience with the human rights activities of the UN and the African Union, as well as the Southern African Development Community. He has been committed to human rights work since law school.

“My intent is to learn as much as possible about human rights and to apply that knowledge back home,” he says. “In a developing country like Zimbabwe, we are still learning a lot of things, like tolerance and human rights. I intend to use what I learn here when I litigate in court for human rights. There is a lot of repression in my country—it is not always easy.”

Less than a week after completing his studies at Notre Dame in May, Chimbga will return to Zimbabwe and, in his words, “hit the ground running” at Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights.

Although Iris Portillo Aragon just received her law degree in her native Guatemala in 2010, she has worked for three years in the Human Rights Office of the Archbishop of Guatemala in Guatemala City, where she conducted research on prison torture and inhumane prison conditions. “For me, the program has been a personal transformation process,” she says. “The program challenges us to have more than goodwill and compassion for those suffering human rights violations.

We need to acquire a high level of discipline in our studies to get good knowledge of the theories and the practices that human rights lawyers must know so that we can do the best possible work when we go back to the field,” Portillo Aragon has applied for an internship after she completes her studies at Notre Dame. Internships provide a chance for students to complement their academic studies with practical experience as human rights lawyers.

“Most of our students do three- to six-month internships after they finish, ranging from local organizations in the United States to human rights groups in places like New York or Geneva,” says Cassel. For example, a student in this year’s class, Colombian lawyer Susana Arango Haupt, has an internship with the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The Center provides small stipends for most internships and sometimes shares internship subsidies with the hiring organization, as it does with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C.

The Center’s LL.M. program has provided advantages for general law students as well. Students in the program take most classes with J.D. students in the general Notre Dame curriculum, a situation that benefits both groups. “We have J.D.’s and LL.M.’s sitting together in the classroom in the same courses,” says Cassel. “Our mostly American Notre Dame law students are sitting with lawyers from all over the world with very different backgrounds, who bring different perspectives to the table. It’s a wonderful cross-cultural dialogue that enriches the learning experience for our American J.D.’s and for foreign students, too.”

ELLEN HUNT
WHEN STUDENTS BEGAN SIGNING UP for Notre Dame Law School’s inaugural Law and Economics seminar last fall, one thing quickly became apparent: the demand for seats far exceeded the supply.

Professors Margaret Brinig and Daniel Kelly, who co-taught the class and are co-directing NDLS’s newly launched Law and Economics Program, scrambled to find a larger space for what was supposed to be a 24-student seminar. They were able to secure a classroom that could accommodate additional students, but a long waiting list remained.

The high interest level seems surprising when you consider that law students as a group are not always known for their love of math or statistics. Yet, as Brinig and Kelly are quick to emphasize, a background in math or statistics is not necessary for either enrollment or success in the course. They were able to secure a classroom that could accommodate additional students, but a long waiting list remained.

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The nontraditional format and impressive roster of outside presenters likely played a role in the seminar’s popularity. Brinig and Kelly recruited faculty members from top law schools and economics programs throughout the country, as well as leading scholars from Notre Dame, to present their current research to students in a series of interactive workshops. Before the presentations, students prepared one- to two-page written responses, copies of which were provided to the presenter for consideration. Once the speaker arrived, students then had the opportunity to quiz the presenters and offer their own insights.

For the participating students, the workshops provided a glimpse into the scholarly world of academics and a rare opportunity to engage in the process.

“Faculty research and student coursework don’t often interact in law school,” Kelly points out. “Sometimes, I think students may not even realize that, like teaching, research is a major part of being on a law faculty. This workshop gives them a chance not only to realize it, but also to participate in it.”

John Paul Foley, a 3L who was in the seminar, enjoyed his foray into a world usually reserved for faculty members. “Discussing working papers and brainstorming on ideas that were not even published yet was very cutting edge,” he says.

Brinig points out that the interaction with leading experts in law, economics, and business also has practical value for students who ultimately pursue careers practicing law.

“Since economic evidence is sometimes part of the case you might be working on, it’s good to be able to know whether or not it’s well done and whether it proves whatever the expert says that it does,” Brinig explains. The seminar helps students to “get over their fear of numbers” by gaining exposure to empirical research, she continues. “When you look at a study and try to determine whether this is right or that is right, you need to know what you should be sensitive to.”

Economic analysis

The seminar was designed to provide students with an introduction to the economic analysis of law, one of the most influential legal movements of the past fifty years.

“The economic analysis of law is the application of economic theories and tools to the consideration of legal rules and policies, particularly taking into account the effects and social desirability of such rules and policies,” Kelly explains. “In many ways, law and economics has become important not only for legal scholarship but also for practice itself, from the use of cost-benefit analysis by environmental regulatory agencies to incorporation of game theory in planning litigation strategies and outcomes.”

Several law school classes, including first-year subjects like contracts, property, and torts, incorporate discussions of economic incentives and consequences. In the
The seminar was designed to provide students with an introduction to the economic analysis of law, one of the most influential legal movements of the past fifty years.

The co-directors of the Law and Economics Program are themselves a study in contrasts. Brinig, who has both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in economics, is an established professor with more than three decades of law school teaching experience. Kelly joined the NDLS faculty in 2009 and is not quite six years out of Harvard Law School. Brinig is an empiricist who has taught and written extensively about family law. Kelly’s area of expertise is the theoretical analysis of property law and trusts and estates.

Despite the differences—or perhaps because of them—the pairing seems to work. For example, the housing symposium converged with Kelly’s interest in real estate law. The next symposium will likely involve the interplay of economics and family law, which is Brinig’s area of expertise.

Besides Brinig and Kelly, three other NDLS faculty members presented papers at the seminar: Professor Colleen Baker, who teaches banking law and corporate bankruptcy and also has a concurrent appointment in the Mendoza College of Business; Professor Nicole Stelle Garnett, who teaches property law, land use planning, and education law; and Professor Avishalom Tor, who teaches antitrust, corporate law, and behavioral law and economics.

The co-directors hope to expand the program by offering a three-credit introductory class for those who want to learn more about the fundamentals of economic analysis of law before taking the seminar, and by sponsoring additional conferences and events.

The next seminar and symposium are scheduled for the spring of 2012.
Biolchini Hall of Law was dedicated on Friday, October 8, 2010, when President Rev. John Jenkins blessed the building after a Mass of Celebration in the Basilica.

A $15 million gift from Bob Biolchini and his wife Fran—and a number of additional gifts from other generous benefactors—made a complete renovation possible.

A private reception and dinner were held for all the benefactors after the ceremonies. Among the honored guests and speakers was Associate Justice Samuel Anthony Alito, Jr.

Connected by a covered archway and student commons to the Law School’s new Eck Hall of Law (consisting of 92,000 square feet), Biolchini Hall of Law (consisting of 106,500 square feet) now houses

- an expanded Kresge Law Library,
- two new 50-seat classrooms,
- new space for Notre Dame Law Review,
- new offices and work space for admissions, career services, and library staff,
- a new seminar room,
- and 26 new study rooms for collaborative study.

The Biolchinis’ gift is a component of the $1.5 billion Spirit of Notre Dame campaign—the largest such endeavor in the history of Catholic higher education. The Biolchinis previously endowed The Biolchini Family Chair in Law, which is currently held by philosopher John Finnis, and the Erma V. Biolchini Endowed Scholarship Fund, honoring Bob’s mother.

The Biolchinis dedicated Biolchini Hall of Law “to their six children and to all those who study here, seeking God’s Justice through Faith and the Rule of Law.”
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Crista Dittert, second-year law student
(Law Library News, Volume 2, Issue 3)

by MIKE ROE

THERE’S A JERRY SEINFELD JOKE THAT goes, “To me, a lawyer is basically the person who knows the rules of the country. We’re all throwing the dice, playing the game, moving our pieces around the board. But, if there’s a problem, the lawyer is the only person who has read the inside of the top of the box.”

If only it was as simple as reading and retaining a set of rules from the inside of the top of a box. In fact, of course, there has always been far too much information for any one person to know all of “the rules.” Today, as the legal profession becomes increasingly interdisciplinary and international, mastering the art of research has become all the more important.

Effective research requires access to the tools—books and journals, federal and state resources, professional subscription databases like Westlaw, LexisNexis, HeinOnline, and LegalTrac, microform collections, and, for good or bad, search engines such as Google. It also requires knowing when and how best to use each of them.

So to whom does a law student turn when the chips are down? A research librarian. The Kresge Law Library at the University of Notre Dame has four.

Ask any one of Notre Dame’s research librarians—Dwight King, Patti Ogden, Warren Rees, Chris O’Byrne, or their administrative assistant, Beth Klein—what separates them from their counterparts at other law schools, and they will hesitate to answer. They have too much respect for their profession. But ask the students and faculty of the Notre Dame Law School community, past and present, for whom the team serves, and they are quick to provide an answer. Make that answers. “They are dedicated,” says Associate Professor Barbara J. Fick. “They are skilled. They can find anything. They do all of this work—work that’s often underrated and under-appreciated—that makes us all look good.”

Of course, it helps that the staff at the Kresge Law Library possesses a combined 75-plus years experience at Notre Dame.

While the library staff serves the campus and the community by answering questions, the research librarians are also faculty, charged with teaching and providing students the resources, skills, and confidence to acquire answers on their own. As Warren Rees says, “The librarians seek to ensure every law student understands the various tools for legal research, what... (Continued on page 18)
Dwight B. King
In October 2011, Head of Research Services Dwight King will celebrate 30 years as a librarian, 25 of those as a law librarian at the University of Notre Dame. Over the course of his career, Dwight has belonged to several committees of the American Association of Law Libraries, including the Committee on Minorities (1985-88, chair 1987-88), the Committee on Recruitment (1991-92, chair 1992-93), the Task Force for the National Conference on Legal Information Issues (1994-95), and the Grants Committee (1999-00, chair 2000-01). He also served as chair of the AALL Black Caucus from 2005-2006. Today, in addition to overseeing the Kresge Law Library's research team, he also teaches legal research to first-year law students. And, when he is not assisting students and faculty, Dwight helps out in the community, volunteering at the Downtown Soup Kitchen and reading to children at a local public school. In his free time, Dwight uses carving knives and basswood to create works of art. Most recently his carvings—vignettes from his family life (his wife on a bicycle, a boy and his dog, a cowboy on his rocking horse)—were featured in a special exhibit at the South Bend Museum of Art.

Dwight earned his B.A., J.D., and M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan.

Patti J. Ogden
Patti J. Ogden joined the faculty of the Kresge Law Library as a research librarian in 1990. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Minnesota Law Library, as well as at the University of Houston Law Library. Patti earned her B.A. from Northwestern University and her J.D. and M.L.S. degrees from the University of Texas.

Christopher S. O’Byrne
Research Librarian Chris O’Byrne joined the faculty of the Kresge Law Library in 2006. He was promoted from assistant librarian to associate librarian in May 2011.

Prior to arriving at Notre Dame, he completed a residency at Washington University in St. Louis as a Law Library Fellow. He also has worked in the Reference, Technical Services, and Circulation departments of the Seattle University Law Library and the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington. Chris 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. Chris teaches the 1L Legal Research class and offers research seminars to 2L and 3L students. He earned his B.A. in Classics from Reed College, an M.A. in Teaching Latin and Classical Humanities from the University of Massachusetts, and a J.D. from the University of Washington. He also completed his M.L.I.S. with a Certificate in Law Librarianship from the University of Washington.

“I’d be surprised if there’s a law school in the country that has a group like we do. They’re just invaluable.”
Barbara J. Fick, Associate Professor of Law
they do, and when to use them.” To that end, the librarians compile research guides, team-teach classes in both basic and advanced legal research, and provide tailor-made, hands-on training sessions designed to help students prepare for a wide variety of summer jobs, research positions, and responsibilities on NDLS’s four academic journals. They even offer one-on-one instruction on how to efficiently access information that can help students make the grade and practitioners break the case.

Moreover, they maintain an open door policy that welcomes non-law students and members of the South Bend community.

The big question for a law school, of course, is whether its research librarians contribute significantly to its students’ education. At Notre Dame, the answer is a resounding yes. In fact, in a recent survey, 98 percent of Notre Dame Law students returning from their summer jobs rated the legal research skills they learned from Dwight, Chris, Patti, and Warren as equivalent or superior to those of their peers from other law schools.

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Spotlight on Alumni

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1960s

ALVIN J. MCKENNA, J.D. ’66, a partner with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP of Columbus, Ohio, was named to the 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He has been honored for his work in the area of labor and employment law.


THOMAS R. CURTIN, J.D. ’68, received the 2010 Rev. Michael D. McCafferty, C.S.C., Award. The McCafferty award is presented by the Notre Dame Law Association to Notre Dame lawyers—or members of the Notre Dame Law School faculty or administration—who have rendered distinguished service to the University. Curtin practices law in Morristown, N.J., where he is a shareholder in Graham Curtin, A Professional Association. He is a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council, chairs the Notre Dame Law School Order of St. Thomas More, and has served as president of the Notre Dame Law Association. He has three children, Paul, Alison and Amy; and five grandsons, Dylan, Collin, Ryan, Joshiie and Matty.

1970s

MARK G. OLIVE, J.D. ’76, was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America 2010 for his work at Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum, & Carey, LTD.

STEVEN L. OWEN, J.D. ’76, a shareholder in the Lansing, Mich., office of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith PC, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

JAMES D. FRIEDMAN, J.D. ’76, a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP in its Milwaukee office, was selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyer magazine for 2010 and The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

PATRICK J. CASEY, B.A. ’69, J.D. ’74, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation after serving both on the Foundation’s Board and as a Fellow of The Florida Bar Foundation.

TIMOTHY J. HOWARD, J.D. ’76, of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC was recognized as one of Michigan’s outstanding business attorneys by Super Lawyers—Corporate Counsel Edition.

PATRICK R. VANTIFLIN, J.D. ’76, a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP’s Lansing, Mich., office, received the St. Thomas More Award from the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild. The award is presented in recognition of high ethical standards in the practice of law.
1970s

MICHAEL C. BORDERS, J.D. ’77, an attorney with Dykema in its Chicago office, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

JOSEPH CARI JR., J.D. ’78, has been appointed to the Loyola Marymount University Board of Advisors for Leadership Studies. He also has been named to the Board of Directors of the Amana Creative LLC, a Paris-based media company.

PATRICK A. SALVI, J.D. ’78, has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the specialties of Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation. Also, he and PATRICK A. SALVI II, J.D. ’07, were co-authors in the 2010 Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook on Informed Consent published by the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

DEAN A. CALLAND, J.D. ’79, a shareholder at the Pittsburgh law firm of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir PC, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011. He also was recognized by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine and by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2010 as one of the top lawyers in Pennsylvania.

FRANK C. SABATINO, J.D. ’79, a shareholder of Stevens & Lee, spoke on labor law issues at a Pennsylvania Bar Institute symposium in December 2010 in Philadelphia in his presentation “Health Care Reform: Answers to the Questions You Were Afraid to Ask.” He discussed ways in which employers will be affected by new health care legislation.

ROBERT C. WEAVER, B.A. ’75, J.D. ’79, has been selected as a 2011 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers. The publication selected Weaver, an owner of Garvey Schubert Barer based in Portland, Ore., in the area of criminal defense: white-collar. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers, which compiles lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers, in the areas of commercial litigation and criminal defense: white-collar and non-white-collar since 1995.

ARTHUR A. VOGEL JR., J.D. ’79, a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP in its Milwaukee office, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011. He also was recognized as one of Wisconsin’s top attorneys by Wisconsin Super Lawyers and for excellence in his practice by Chambers USA.

S. DAVID WORHATCH, J.D. ’79, has been appointed to chair the Ohio State Bar Association Litigation Section for this next year. He is a practicing trial attorney on cases of employment-related disputes, civil rights matters, and real estate issues.

Spotlight on Alumni / CLASS NOTES
JOHN SELENT, J.D. ’80, has been named the managing partner for Dinsmore & Shohl LLP’s Louisville offices. Selent will oversee nearly 60 attorneys and the integration of the Cincinnati-based firm’s two Louisville offices in the aftermath of the firm’s merger with Woodward, Hobson & Fulton in 2009.

ROBERT ALLEN JR., J.D. ’81, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Miami Symphony Orchestra. He is the senior partner of Robert Allen Law and has served as a member of the board of directors for many other non-profit organizations in the Miami area. He also recently gave a presentation entitled “Acquiring and Selling International Sports Broadcast Rights: The Business Side of Sports Entertainment,” at the Florida Bar’s Third Annual International Business Transactions Conference.

JOSEPH M. COSGROVE, J.D. ’82, became a judge in Luzerne County, Pa., along with fellow Notre Dame Law School alumni Joseph Van Jura (’72) and Hugh Mundy (’69).

MARK SPITLER, J.D. ’82, of Buffalo, N.Y., has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, inducted during a ceremony at the organization’s annual meeting in September in Washington, D.C. Spitler, a partner in Gibson, McAskill & Crosby LLP, primarily focuses on the defense of medical malpractice actions in his practice.

BRIAN MUELLER, J.D. ’83, has joined the Litigation Practice of Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, an international firm in Arizona.

PETER M. BURRELL, J.D. ’84, has joined Strauss & Troy as a shareholder in the firm’s Cincinnati office.

MICHAEL G. CUMMING, J.D. ’84, a member of Dykema’s Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

KEVIN D. HOFMAN, J.D. ’84, is a founding shareholder and chairman of the board of the new law firm Halleland Habicht PA in Minneapolis.

MATTHEW T. MIKLAVE, J.D. ’84, of the national law firm of EpsteinBeckerGreen, was recognized among the Top 100 of “The Nation’s Most Powerful Employment Attorneys” by Lawdragon.

LLOYD GROOMS, J.D. ’85, has been recognized for his expertise in environmental law and government relations law by The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

TOM LUPO, J.D. ’85, has moved his environmental and commercial litigation practice to Hinshaw & Culbertson, working primarily in the Chicago office.

JOHN RODA, J.D. ’85, who has served as general counsel and director of international development at Auntie Anne’s for 11 years, recently helped the company navigate through its acquisition by FOCUS Brands.

BARBARA SCHEPER, J.D. ’85, has been featured in the California legal publication The Daily Journal. Scheper, a Los Angeles County Superior
Court judge appointed to the bench in 2000, was described as “a quick study when faced with an unfamiliar area of law,” who impresses those who appear before her with her ability to grasp immediately and rule decisively on sophisticated legal issues.

SUSAN J. CURRY, J.D. ’86, has been appointed the Director of the University of Chicago Law School Public Interest Law and Policy Program. She will work as a career counselor and mentor to aid students pursuing public sector opportunities.

DIANE HALLER, J.D. ’86, a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP in its Phoenix office, was recognized for excellence in the practice of real estate law by Chambers USA. She also was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011.

JOHN G. FARNAN, J.D. ’87, was elected as Weston Hurd’s Financial Partner.

JOHN N. MCKEEGAN, J.D. ’87, was appointed advisor to the president and general counsel at Linfield College, an Oregon liberal arts school.

1990s

MELINDA J. CATERINE, J.D. ’90, a partner with the Portland, Maine, office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, has been recognized for her work in labor and employment law with her inclusion in the New England Super Lawyers for 2010 and in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2010. Additionally, she has been ranked a top labor and employment attorney for management in Maine by Chambers & Partners and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2011. Caterine also spoke at the 2010 Accelerate Maine Conference on legal issues associated with social media and its use as a hiring tool.

MICHAEL RECHTIN, J.D. ’92, has joined the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in the Real Estate Group. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner at Holland & Knight, based in Chicago.

MAX SIEGEL, B.A. ’86, J.D. ’92, published the book Know What Makes Them Tick: How to Successfully Negotiate Almost Any Situation. Published by HarperCollins, the book outlines nine steps for connecting with the right people to mutually achieve goals.

THOMAS P. DILLON, J.D. ’90, a partner with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP in Toledo, Ohio, has been selected for inclusion in Ohio Super Lawyer for 2011.

KATHRYNE L. ZELENOCK, J.D. ’91, was named to the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

JOHN M. DUNN, J.D. ’93, an attorney with McCormick Barstow Barstow LLP in Modesto, Calif., was invited to join the American Board of Trial Advocates after a vote by current San Joaquin Valley Chapter members and approval by the national organization. He was the only person to be invited into the chapter in 2010 and becomes the 74th member in the San Joaquin Valley.

DENNIS M. EHLING, J.D. ’93, has joined Blank Rome LLP, where he will be a partner in the commercial litigation group. He will bring his litigation and transactional experience as well as a focus in energy law to the firm’s Los Angeles office.

JOHN P. KANAN, J.D. ’93, a partner in the Corporate and Securities Department at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP in Detroit, served as moderator for a panel discussion regarding legal issues arising in cross-border transactions between the United States and Asia. The event was hosted by the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Mich. Kanan also was recognized in DBusiness magazine’s list of Top Lawyers for 2010 and 2011.
LYNNE M. HOOK, J.D.’93, has been appointed chair of the Board of Directors of St. Anne’s in Los Angeles.

CHRIS COURY, J.D. ’94, of Phoenix, was appointed last year as Maricopa County Superior Court judge.

PATRICIA MCKINNON, J.D. ’94, has been awarded the Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award, which recognizes members of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. Her family law DVD instructs attorneys who are unfamiliar with the practice area and has been distributed pro bono to attorneys across the state of Indiana.

JAMIE BILLOTTE MOSES, J.D. ’94, of the law firm of Fisher, Rushmer, Werrenrath, Dickson, Talley & Dunlap, P.A., was appointed president of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association.

LESLEE M. LEWIS, J.D. ’95, a member in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of Dickinson Wright PLLC, was appointed Practice Department Manager for the firm’s Real Estate, Energy and Sustainability, and Environmental Law practice areas. She will oversee the areas of practice firm-wide in Dickinson Wright’s five Michigan offices and offices in Las Vegas, Nashville, Phoenix, Washington, D.C., and Toronto.

MARK QUAYLE, J.D. ’95, has been appointed Vice President, Law of Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. He will be responsible for all of the legal affairs of Cargill Inc.’s meat business.

CARY REEVES, J.D. ’95, of Broomfield, Colo., has been named vice president of intellectual property at VentureMD, a seed-stage medical device business accelerator headquartered in North Logan, Utah.

ROBERT S. SANDERSON, J.D. ’95, was named a partner at the Foley & Mansfield litigation firm in St. Louis.

NASCAR executive MAX SIEGEL, B.A. ’86, J.D. ’92, gave his time and onscreen presence to an African American icon of auto sport in the film Wendell Scott: A Race Story, which aired on the ESPN sports network during Black History Month after the 53rd running of the Daytona 500 NASCAR race Feb. 20. The film, produced by Emmy Award-winning NASCAR Media Group in conjunction with ESPN Films and Max Siegel Inc., marks the 50th anniversary of Scott’s first race at NASCAR’s premier level.

Siegel, managing partner of NASCAR’s Drive for Diversity program as well as counsel with Baker & Daniels, appears toward the end of the film, which looks at Scott’s contributions to the sport as the first African American to compete in NASCAR’s top race series. Drive for Diversity is a NASCAR-led initiative aimed at developing and introducing minority and female drivers as well as crew members to competitive opportunities in the sport.

ANTON J. STEENKAMP, LL.M. ’94, has been appointed as a judge of the Labour Court at the firm of Bowman Gilfillan in Capetown, South Africa. Along with his previous employment as a partner at the firm, he also served on the Tokiso arbitration panel and as a past national president of the South African Society for Labour Law. Furthermore, he has contributed several chapters to the South African Labour Law and the South African Constitutional Law: The Bill of Rights.

In addition to earning his LL.M. summa cum laude from Notre Dame Law School, Steenkamp holds an LL.B. from the University of Stellenbosch and an LL.M. from the University of Pretoria. Steenkamp has significant experience in the areas of collective issues, restructuring, pension law, discrimination and employment equity issues, occupational health and safety, and the preparation of all types of employment contracts, policies, and procedures.

Steenkamp has lectured at several universities, conferences, seminars, and training courses. He has also been extensively published as one of the foremost attorneys of employment law.
ROBERT BARNHART, J.D. ’96, has moved from his own practice to the Death Penalty Division of the Ohio Public Defender’s Office.

RICHARD CARDILLO, J.D. ’96, has left Skadden in New York and moved to Austin, Texas, where he is working in the corporate and securities group at Jackson Walker.

DAVID NOZICK, J.D. ’96, an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, tried the sitting mayor of East Chicago, Ind., on public corruption charges. A jury in September 2010 found then-Mayor George Pabey and a former city supervisor guilty of conspiracy and theft of government funds.

VANESSA ROLLINS, J.D. ’96, has joined the Business Law section of the firm of Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz, & Smith, LLP. As a registered patent attorney, she will assist clients nationally through the product development cycle.

AMIR HASSAN SADAGHIANI, J.D. ’96, who serves in the U.S. District Attorney’s Office in New York City, married Elizabeth Kalafat on Aug. 28 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Great Falls, Montana. NDLS ’96 classmates attending included best man VINCENT KALAFAT, groomsmen BAIRD ALLIS, GEOFF GISLER and DAVE GUEVARA and guests MARCI GUEVARA and ALLISON HOLLABAUGH.

CHRISTOPHER J. SPATARO, J.D. ’96, was named 2010 Kiwanian of the Year by the service organization’s Elkhart chapter.

SCOTT STENGELE, J.D. ’96, testified before the Senate Banking Committee on financial reform and housing finance in Washington. He previously had testified before the House Financial Services Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

SARAH TROUPIS, J.D. ’96, began working in September at the Troupis Law Office, her father’s new practice in Madison, Wisconsin.

LYNN MCGUIRE, J.D. ’97, has been elected a shareholder at Butzel Long in Detroit. McGuire, based in Butzel Long’s Ann Arbor, Mich., office, previously was a senior attorney with the firm.

BARRY C. TOONE, J.D. ’97, was named a managing partner for the Phoenix office of Bowman and Brooke LLP.

KATHRYN D. WESTON, J.D. ’98, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation.

RYAN LAMB, J.D. ’99, joined the Michigan law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC.

TIMOTHY P. LEWIS, J.D. ’99, was voted a partner in the firm of Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP.

MICHAEL F. TIGUE, J.D. ’99, an attorney with Middleton Reutlinger in Louisville, Ky., was recognized by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression for negotiating a settlement with Metro Louisville government on behalf of the Coalition for the Homeless and Wayside Christian Mission. The settlement resulted in new zoning and licensing ordinances for homeless shelters.

Birth announcements from NDLS ’94 ALUMNI come from PAT NAGLE and Kim Soo of Chicago, who welcomed Elizabeth Grace in September, and Lauren and CRAIG OLIVO, who announced the arrival in September of their second child, Sydney Grace.

Several NDLS ’96 ALUMNI also welcomed newborns in the last half of 2010. Jason and ANNE MARIE BROST had their first child, Henry Peter, on Oct. 14. KRISTOPHER RITTER and his wife Amy had their fourth child, Philip Archer, on Sept. 28. LENORE VANDEZEE and her husband Sean, of South Bend, welcomed their second son, Finn McCloskey O’Brien, last fall. Lenore is still in South Bend, working on her PhD in Peace Studies and Political Science.
EMIL J. KIEHNE, J.D. ’00, was among new shareholders named in January by the law firm of Modrall Sperling in Albuquerque, N.M.

CHRISTOPHER MUGICA, J.D. ’00, was presented with the Covington award for his contributions to pro bono cases at the firm of Jackson Walker LLP. He also was selected as a “Rising Star” in Texas Monthly magazine.

REBECCA BROWN, J.D. ’01, has joined the Property Practice Group at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati. She will practice in the firm’s Cincinnati office.

ADRIENNE FRANCO BUSBY, B.A. ’98, J.D. ’01, has been named a partner with Baker & Daniels LLP in Indianapolis. She is a litigator with the firm’s Product Liability Group who practices from the downtown Indianapolis office.

EMILY NYEN CHANG, J.D. ’01, is a member of the Associate General Counsel at Arizona State University.

SARAH MILLAR, B.A. ’97, J.D. ’01, has been named a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, where she is a member of the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Practice Group in the Chicago office.

PAT DAHL, J.D. ’02, formerly of Chicago, has relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he has accepted a position in the litigation group of Wicker Smith. His wife, APRIL (ZLOCH), J.D. ’03, continues to practice with Hinshaw & Culbertson, now in the Fort Lauderdale office.

TONY MENDOZA, J.D. ’02, of Austin, Texas, has opened his own law firm in Austin, concentrating on criminal defense and civil litigation.

TRISH O’DONNELL, J.D. ’02, has moved to London after four years with White & Case in New York City. She accepted a position with the derivatives team at CMS Cameron McKenna.

RYAN L. VAN DEN ELZEN, J.D. ’02, has been named a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP. He is a member of the firm’s Corporate Services Group in its Milwaukee office. He also was recognized as one of the top attorneys in Wisconsin by Wisconsin Super Lawyers—Rising Stars Edition.

SPOTLIGHT

BERNARD M. JONES, J.D. ’04, was promoted in September to associate dean for admissions and external affairs at Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he had previously been assistant dean for admissions. Prior to joining the OCU law school in 2008, he worked for private law firms in Oklahoma City and Columbus, Ohio. While at NDLS, he was president of the Black Students Law Association. He is a board member of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City and board president of Freedom School Oklahoma City. He also serves as a trustee for the Metro Tech Foundation. In 2009, Jones was named one of Oklahoma’s “Achievers Under 40” by the Journal Record, and in 2010, he was awarded the Leadership in Law Award by the Journal Record.

Additionally, Jones was elected in November to the board of directors of the High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society. The division includes Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and Hawaii. Earlier in 2010, Jones was named chairman of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Leadership Committee for Oklahoma, which organizes efforts to assist with membership recruitment and fundraising. The ACS CAN advocates serve as the voice of the organization at the federal and state level to pass public policy laws that impact cancer.
2000s

PAUL WILHELM, J.D. ’02, of Dykema has been appointed by the Defense Research Institute as the chair of their new FLSA Subcommittee within the Employment Law Committee. The subcommittee will work to provide resources to defense counsel and determine the best practices for handling specialized employment litigation.

NDLS ’02 ALUMNI TRISH O’DONNELL, JOANNA ANGELIDES, and JENNY BYRNS gathered in Chicago to celebrate classmate BETH (HAMBRICK) GARINO’S birthday in late August.

Several NDLS ’02 members have new additions to their families. JENNY BYRNS, J.D. ’02, a staff attorney with the New Mexico Court of Appeals, welcomed a boy, Zachary Maxwell. JOHN MURPHY, J.D. ’02, and his wife, CARLY, J.D. ’01, welcomed James Franklin Murphy on June 1. ANDY MAYLE, J.D. ’02, and CHRISTINE (HARDING), J.D. ’01, welcomed their second son, Robert Patrick, on June 30.

NATHAN A. HALL, J.D. ’03, an associate with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP in Toledo, Ohio, has been selected for inclusion in Ohio Rising Stars for 2011.

MARK FRANCIS JUNA, J.D. ’03, is regulatory and compliance counsel at MedAssurant Inc. in Bowie, Md.

DAVID S. MAQUERA, J.D. ’03, has joined the Regulatory Affairs practice group for DTE Energy’s Office of General Counsel.

FRANCISCO J. VALENZUELA, J.D. ’03, was named a member of the firm of Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin P.C. The Texas Super Lawyer Rising Star Edition also named him a Rising Star in the areas of government, cities, and municipalities law.

MICHIELE BARTON, B.A. ’01, J.D. ’04, has been promoted to partner at Miller Nash LLP, where she is a member of the litigation team at the firm’s Portland office.

CRISTAL CLARK BRISCO, J.D. ’06, of Barnes & Thornburg LLP in South Bend, was recognized as one of 15 “Up and Coming Lawyers” by Indiana Lawyer.

VINCENT KALAFAT, J.D. ’06, and his wife Theresa welcomed their first child, Valentina Marie, in October 2010.

PATRICK A. SALVI II, J.D. ’07, and PATRICK A. SALVI, J.D. ’78, were co-authors in the 2010 Medical Malpractice Trial Notebook on Informed Consent published by the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

TARA STUCKEY, J.D. ’07, has been busy clerking for Associate Justice Samuel Alito.

STEPHANIE HERROLD DOBECKI, J.D. ’08, has joined Baker & Daniels LLP as an associate in the law firm’s Chicago office. She will focus her practice in insurance and financial services. Before joining Baker & Daniels, Dobecki practiced at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago.
Several graduates have taken marriage vows:

**MIKE BERGERSON, J.D. '10**, and Malakia Cox were married in Spartanburg, S.C., and live in Chicago;

**AIDAN LEONARD, J.D. '10**, and Leah Wagner were married in Bethesda, Md., and planned to do good works in Tanzania after their honeymoon;

**JAKE LOMBARDO, J.D. '10**, and Kristyn McDowell were married and now reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.;

**DEEPAK MADALA, J.D. '10**, and Lorraine Sensenig were married in Rockville, Md., and live the Washington, D.C., area;

**AMBAR RAMOS, J.D. '10**, and **BRANDON WARD, J.D. '08**, tied the knot in Los Angeles, where they now live;

**RENE SOPARZ, J.D. '10**, and **EDDIE O’CONNELL** were married in Tinley Park, Ill., and now reside in Oceanside, Calif.;

**AARON SOLEM, J.D. '10**, and Caitlin Wilke were married at Notre Dame and now live in Maryland; and

**MATT SWIFT, J.D. '10**, and Christin Radetic exchanged vows and live in Mission, Kan.

**JAKE LOMBARDO, J.D. '10**, has joined Varnum Attorneys at Law in Grand Rapids, Mich., as an associate.

**ANDREA J. FOWLER, J.D. '10**, is an associate in the Commercial Litigation Group of Quarles & Brady LLP in its Milwaukee office.

**MICHAEL GRAY, J.D. '10**, has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in its Cincinnati office, where he is a member of the Litigation Department focusing on environmental and product liability issues.

**MARK A. HILL, J.D. '10**, has joined the Milwaukee office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren as a member of its business law practice.


**JAKE LOMBARDO, J.D. '10**, has joined Varnum Attorneys at Law in Grand Rapids, Mich., as an associate.
THE HON. CLIFFORD FRANCIS BROWN, B.A. ‘37, J.D. ’38, died January 14, 2011.

Justice Brown led a varied and lengthy career in the Ohio judiciary. During the course of 28 years, he served on the bench at the Common Pleas, Appellate and Supreme Court levels. He was a member of Notre Dame Law School’s Order of St. Thomas More.

After passing the Ohio bar exam in 1938, Brown returned to Norwalk, Ohio, where he entered the private practice of law. He interrupted his legal practice to serve in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, after which he resumed his career.

In 1957, Brown was elected to serve as judge in the state’s new county courts and he was re-elected in 1958 and 1962.

In 1964, Brown was elected to the Sixth District Court of Appeals and re-elected in 1970 and 1976. In 1976, his fellow judges honored him by electing him chief justice of the Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association.

In 1980, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio, where he served until reaching mandatory retirement age on December 31, 1986.

WILLIAM T. “BILL” HUSTON, J.D. ’51, businessman and longtime supporter of Catholic education, died March 9 in Los Angeles. He was 83.

The former head of Watson Land Company, a leader in the development of industrial office parks, Huston was a trustee and the second president of the Catholic Education Foundation (1993-2000), and devoted much of his time and resources to the development of opportunities for participation in Catholic school by all children, regardless of income.

For his support of Catholic education and many Church-related projects and causes, Huston was named a recipient of the Cardinal’s Award in 1995, a year after being named a Knight of St. Gregory. In 1997, he received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Catholic Education Association, on whose board he also served.

After attending John Carroll and Akron Universities, he served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from the Notre Dame Law School.

Huston worked for the FBI in San Francisco and joined the Riley and Hall law firm of Los Angeles. He then became head of Watson Land Co., which became a pioneer in developing industrial office parks throughout the region—and provided generous support to an array of Catholic Church endeavors.

WILLIAM N. “BILL” ANTONIS, J.D. ’53, died August 29, 2010, in South Bend. He was born November 18, 1928, in South Bend. After graduating from South Bend Central High School in the class of 1945, he attended Purdue University where in 1948 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later attended the Notre Dame Law School, where he was awarded his J.D. and became a member of the Order of St. Thomas More.

From 1954 until his retirement in 1993, he was a patent attorney for the Bendix, Allied, Allied-Signal, and Honeywell corporations, during which time he attained the position of Chief Patent Counsel. He was a lifelong member of St. Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Church, serving on the parish council numerous times.

He was a pillar of his church and was honored as “Godfather” of the Good Samaritan Cultural Center and of St. Andrew’s Church.

In 1983, he was honored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the Diocese of Chicago with the Medal of St. Paul in recognition for faithful and dedicated service. He also was a member of the Order of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

RICHARD M. “DICK” GOEHLER, J.D. ’82, of Loveland, Ohio, age 54, died March 15, 2011, after a ten-month battle with leukemia.

An attorney and partner with Frost Brown Todd, LLC, Goehler’s practice concentrated on First Amendment and media law, including digital, interactive, and social media, advertising law, copyright and trademark, and complex intellectual property and business litigation. He represented media clients in all aspects of First Amendment and newsroom-related matters, including prebroadcast and prepublication review, newsgathering, defense of defamation and privacy claims, and access and freedom of information matters. He also litigated advertising, copyright and trademark matters.

Goehler graduated magna cum laude from Notre Dame Law School and received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers award in 1982.
Goehler was a member of the law school’s St. Thomas More Society and a member of the Alumni Association. He received his undergraduate degree from Miami University, and was a member of the Miami University Red & White Club and the Alumni Association.

Goehler was also a member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the Potter Stewart American Inn of Court. He served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Student Press Law Center and on the Board of Directors for the Advertising Club of Cincinnati. He was active in the American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, and the Cincinnati Bar Association.


She was a graduate of St. Mary’s College and Notre Dame Law School, and completed graduate work in international studies at American University in Washington. She graduated from Elkhart High School in 1972.

She was a member of the Indiana State and Elkhart City Bar Associations and practiced law in Elkhart County for 25 years, specializing in Social Security disability litigation. During that period, she was also a long-time advocate and lawyer with the Elkhart County Public Defender’s Office. She was a past board member of the Potawatomi Zoo, the South Bend Symphony, and Temple Beth-El, active in the Jewish Federation of St. Joe Valley, an avid animal lover and activist, and active in local civic affairs and politics. She was a member of the Temple Beth El Synagogue in South Bend and Temple Israel Synagogue in Valparaiso. She was a mock trial coach at Trinity School in South Bend.

ALPHA FALL, LL.M. ’02, died April 21, 2011, in Brussels. He was a gentle soul, a generous friend, and a true giant in the protection of human rights in Africa. He founded the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)—a first of its kind regional human rights organization focusing on advocacy before the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights. IHRDA remains perhaps the most important regional human rights organization in Africa.

He formerly headed the International Center for Transitional Justice’s office in the Congo (serving under extremely difficult circumstances) and, at the time of his death, was head of the UN’s transitional justice office in Bujumbura, Burundi—a high profile and demanding assignment.

Notre Dame’s reputation was burnished everywhere this beloved graduate served the cause of human dignity. He was well known—personally or by reputation—by almost all of our African graduates and by human rights defenders across Africa. He helped many Notre Dame students secure jobs and internships in the field and served as an intellectual and practical resource for many of us at Notre Dame. He was an incredible advocate for the Notre Dame Center for Civil & Human Rights. He was a man of deep Muslim faith who thrived at Notre Dame.

THE UNIVERSITY’S ALUMNI FILES ALSO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DEATHS:

- Edward Victor Minczeski, J.D. ’41
- Hon. Anthony M. Bernard, J.D. ’42
- William H. Bodden, J.D. ’44
- Harold A. Berliner, J.D. ’45
- Henry Schuberth Romano, Sr., J.D. ’48
- James Albert Smith, J.D. ’48
- James Donald Sullivan, J.D. ’48
- Francis H. Hicks, J.D. ’49
- Benedict Richard Danko, J.D. ’51
- Lawrence S. May, Jr., J.D. ’51
- James Sarsfield Quigley, J.D. ’51
- Thomas Lee Smith, J.D. ’51
- Richard Kay Uhl, J.D. ’51
- John Richard Fena, J.D. ’52
- Robert Andrew Meyer, J.D. ’52
- Robert Maurice Parker, J.D. ’52
- J. Patrick Smith, J.D. ’55
- Hugh Reeves Grigereit, Jr., J.D. ’57
- David Draher Wilson, J.D. ’57
- Joseph Anthony Marino, J.D. ’60
- Michael Beecher Ryan, J.D. ’64
- Michael J. Stepanek, Jr., J.D. ’64
- Douglas Frank Spesia, J.D. ’65
- Joseph Anthony Oliver, J.D. ’66
- Brian Francis Connelly, J.D. ’69
- Kenneth F. Hamilton, J.D. ’73
- Kenneth Arthur Holland, J.D. ’73
- Richard L. Kehoe, Jr., J.D. ’73
- Lawrence Robert VonderHaar, J.D. ’78
- Terence Francis Dytrych, J.D. ’80
- Jeffrey Michael Jankowski, J.D. ’87
- Wayne Patrick Reid, J.D. ’95
“May there be here a hunger for justice. May our students seek competence in the law, since compassion without competence would be a cruel hoax upon those they serve. May they also realize that competence in the law without compassion leads the lawyer to use the law for other purposes than the works of justice, blinds him to the sad plight of persons who suffer injustice for want of a lawyer champion.”

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President, at the dedication of the Kresge Law Library November 2, 1973