Good morning! Finals are complete, grading is in full force, and we are preparing to celebrate the graduation of our 244 J.D. and LL.M. students.

Thank you to the entire Notre Dame Law School community for everything you have done to teach, mentor, support, encourage, and guide our NDLS Class of 2018 students.
Four new professors to join ND Law School next fall

Notre Dame Law School will be welcoming four new faculty for the 2018-2019 school year: Samuel Bray, Emily Bremer, Sadie Blanchard, and Christian Burset.

Read about our new colleagues here.

Student-run startup wins $40,000 at McCloskey Competition

A digital media startup run by Notre Dame Law students won $40,000 in awards at the 2018 McCloskey New Venture Competition.

Read more here.

Mark McKenna named a John P. Murphy Foundation
Professor

Notre Dame Law School is proud to announce that Mark McKenna has been appointed a John P. Murphy Foundation Professor.

Read more [here](#).

When Betsy DeVos Comes to a Catholic Campus

Rick Garnett is quoted in *The Atlantic* about the debate of the proper role of a Catholic school in a sharply divided time. Read his comments [here](#).
Notre Dame Law School names 2018 Shaffer Fellows

Ka'sha Bernard and Robert Lee, two members of Notre Dame Law School’s Class of 2018, are this year’s Thomas L. Shaffer Fellows. Read more about them [here](#).

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Notre Dame Law School names 2018 Bank of America Fellows

Arianna Cook-Thajudeen and William Tronsor are this year’s Bank of America Foundation Fellows. Read about their fellowships [here](#).

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This Week's Events

Commencement Events
Friday, May 18

**Law School Awards Day**, 2:30 p.m., Washington Hall  
A reception will follow in Eck Atrium.

Saturday, May 19

**Law School Prayer Service**, 9:30 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
*Faculty who are attending the Prayer Service gather outside of Biolchini on the sidewalk near Main Circle at 9:15 a.m.*

**Law School Brunch**, 10:30 a.m., Eck Atrium and throughout the Law School for graduates and families

**Law School Diploma and Hooding Ceremony**, 12:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool  
*Faculty who are attending the Diploma and Hooding Ceremony gather on the sidewalk south of the Reflecting Pool toward the stadium at noon. The rain location is the Joyce Center North Dome. If the ceremony needs to be moved inside, we will make that decision on Friday and alert you of the change.*

**University-wide Commencement Mass**, 5:00 p.m., Joyce Center, Purcell Pavilion

Sunday, May 20

**University-wide Commencement Ceremony**, 9:30 a.m., Notre Dame Stadium  
*Faculty who are attending report to the north side of the Stadium Tunnel Gate by 9:10 a.m.*

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**Around the Watercooler**

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**Happy Birthday!**
May 20 – Jim Kelly

We would like to celebrate your birthday too! We need your permission first, so please fill out the form [here](#).

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Have a great week!

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