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Dear Notre Dame Lawyers,

It is early October as I write this, and the fall semester is off to a great start. We have enrolled an outstanding group of first-year students, held a successful inaugural NDLS Homecoming Weekend, welcomed new faculty, launched some exciting new programs and, last but not least, *welcomed the return of Notre Dame Lawyer magazine!*

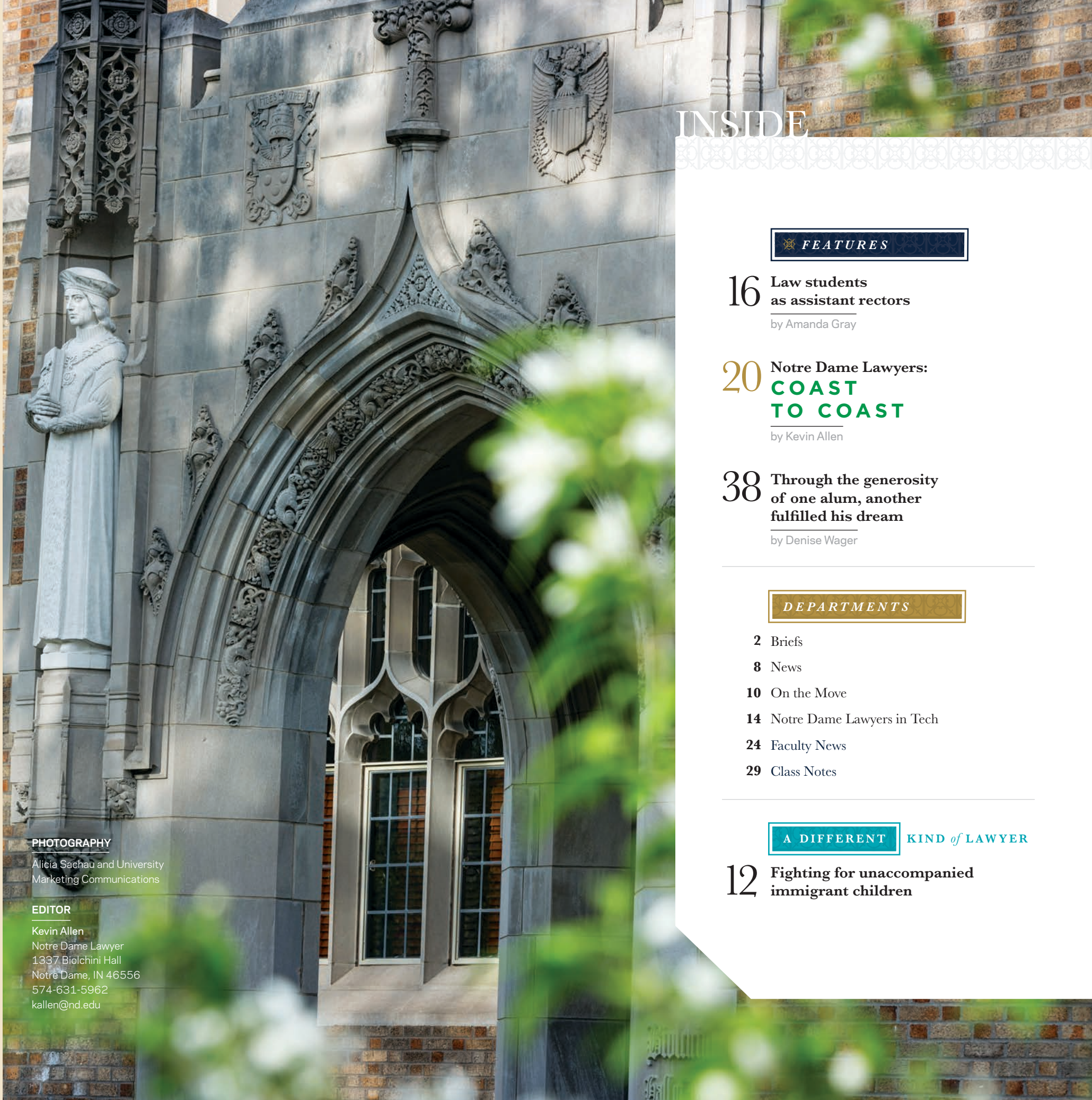
I am delighted to report that the Law School is flourishing after navigating one of the most challenging economic environments in the history of legal education. We have matriculated an impressive first-year class as measured by their backgrounds and interests as well as statistics such as LSAT scores and GPAs, while increasing the percentage of diverse students. This year our 1L students come to us with the highest median GPA (3.73) in our history. Our students are responding enthusiastically to an enriched curriculum that combines rigorous classroom instruction with new opportunities for experiential learning. Knowing that the ultimate goal of every student is to obtain a great job after graduation, faculty and staff are working together to imbue each student with the confidence and skills necessary to take charge of their job search and postgraduate careers. In this effort, the justly famous Notre Dame alumni network is stepping up in splendid fashion as well. This year our alumni ambassador program coordinated student networking events with NDLS alumni in nearly 30 cities throughout the country. The result of all this concerted effort by students, faculty, staff, and alumni has been a consistent and measurable improvement in our employment figures every year and the development of a virtuous circle as more outstanding students are attracted by the high value of a Notre Dame J.D. in today's legal marketplace.

Many of you support the Law School financially as well as in other equally important ways, such as sharing job leads and career advice with our students or even just offering them a key word of encouragement or hard-won insight. Thanks as always for your generosity of spirit and partnership in our mission. With your help, we will continue to educate a different kind of lawyer.

In Notre Dame,



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SUPREME VISITORS

U.S. Supreme Court **1** **JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG'S** appearance at Notre Dame Law School in the fall of 2016 capped a string of High Court visits to the Law School in recent years.

Ginsburg spoke to law students in the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom, a day after a crowd of more than 7,000 people listened to her at Purcell Pavilion.

Since 2014, four U.S. Supreme Court justices—**2** **SAMUEL A. ALITO JR.**, **3** **SONIA SOTOMAYOR**, **4** **CLARENCE THOMAS**, and Ginsburg—have made

appearances at the Law School. Alito and Sotomayor both visited the Law School in the fall of 2015. Thomas co-taught a week-long seminar on religious freedom in 2014 as the James J. Clynes Visiting Chair in Judicial Ethics.

The Law School has also hosted many justices from state supreme courts—including **5** **ALAN PAGE**, a 1967 University of Notre Dame graduate and former Fighting Irish football player who served on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1993 to 2015. Page spoke to law students in the fall of 2016.

CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER SPEAKS AT INAUGURAL DEAN'S LECTURE ON RACE, LAW, AND SOCIETY

DIANE NASH, a founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and a leader in the push for civil rights in the 1960s, served as the inaugural speaker for the Dean's Lecture on Race, Law, and Society in March.

Nash told the capacity crowd in the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom that no word in the English language could describe the energy that powered the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

So, she made up a new word.

Using the Greek word agape—which means love for humankind—Nash coined “agapic energy” to encapsulate the driving force behind the nonviolent movement that she helped lead.

“We needed a term that encompassed much more than simply the absence

of violence,” Nash said. “Nonviolence is a negative term, and what we were talking about was a very positive and a very comprehensive phenomenon.”

She was arrested and jailed in 1960 for participating in sit-ins at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. She was on the front lines of the Freedom Rides to force desegregation on public transportation in the South. And she played a key role in shaping the Selma right-to-vote movement, which eventually led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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DIANE NASH



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Father Mike Show sets attendance record

One of Notre Dame Law School's most popular traditions—the Father Mike Show—set a new attendance record in March.

A crowd packed into Legends of Notre Dame for the annual evening of music and comedy that spotlights the Law School's talent and raises money for scholarships. The 2017 show sold 120 more tickets than any previous Father Mike Show.

The annual event, organized by the Student Bar Association, is named in honor of Rev. Michael Dillon McCafferty, C.S.C., a beloved Law School faculty member and assistant dean who died of lymphatic cancer in 1987.

ENDOWMENT

LAW SCHOOL ANNOUNCES DURR ENDOWMENT

This past spring, the Law School announced a new endowment established by **KERRY DURR ROSCOE** to honor the memory of her late father, **GERARD C. DURR**.

Durr was a longtime attorney in Garden City, New York, who spent his legal career in service to families, women, and especially children.

The fund will be named the Gerard C. Durr Endowment Supporting Notre Dame Law School Alumni Public Interest Careers and will be used to support Law School graduates who are participants in either the Law School's post-graduate public interest fellowship program or the Law School's post-graduate Loan Repayment Assistance Program. The intent is to assist attorneys performing public interest or public service legal work that supports the well-being of children, mothers, and families.



U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES COMES TO ND LAW SCHOOL



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces came to Notre Dame Law School in April to hear arguments in *United States v. Edward Mitchell*—a case that considers issues of self-incrimination and the use of information on a smartphone during a criminal investigation.

Three of the Law School’s students had opportunities to participate in the case before the court, which normally holds its proceedings in Washington, D.C. The court exercises worldwide appellate jurisdiction over members of the armed forces on active duty and other people who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The court has five judges, one of whom is Notre Dame alumna **MARGARET A. RYAN**, ’95 J.D.

SEAN FLYNN, 2L, presented an oral argument in support of the United States, which was the appellant in the case. Flynn and **ALYSSA HUGHES**, 3L, submitted an amicus brief under the supervision of Notre Dame Law Professor **JIMMY GURULÉ** and Associate Professor **MARAH STITH MCLEOD**.

DOMINIC BARCELEAU, 2L, presented an oral argument in support of Mitchell, the appellee. Barceau submitted an amicus brief with Notre Dame Law professor **STEPHEN F. SMITH** serving as his supervising attorney.



2L softball team a big hit

The 2L Irish Law softball team won the inaugural Indiana State Bar Association softball tournament in March in Indianapolis.

Team members were:

1	Ian Bucy
2	Matt Clark
3	Caleb Correll
4	Matt Doherty
5	Alexis Farrell
6	Christine Fimognari
7	Ani Ghazikhanian
8	J.T. Gwozdz
9	Nathan Jurgensen
10	A.J. Martinez
11	Annie Nguyen
12	Greg Noorigian
13	Tyler Richards
14	Hannah Weger
15	Katie Welch

The team went on to compete in April at the 34th annual University of Virginia National Law School Softball Tournament.



RAGHIB “ROCKET” ISMAIL

Student Journal Hosts Symposium on International Impact of Sports

The *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* held a symposium in March titled “From Courts of Sport to Courts of Justice: The Impact of International Sports on Individuals, Society, and the World.” The event included several presentations from industry professionals, academics, and students.

One session focused on entering the sports and entertainment industry and featured a panel of three Notre Dame alumni: **NDIDI MASSAY**, ’93 J.D., chairperson of the New York State Athletic Commission; **MATT NUSSBAUM**, ’00, ’04

J.D., assistant general counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association; and **KEVIN R. SCHULZ**, ’96 B.A., a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP and vice chair of the law firm’s sports industry team.

It closed with a question-and-answer session with former Fighting Irish football star **RAGHIB “ROCKET” ISMAIL**, ’94 B.A., who talked about his transition from playing college football as an amateur athlete to navigating multimillion-dollar contract offers from professional sports teams.

Falsely convicted man describes long road to exoneration

In 1997, **KEITH COOPER** went from being a man with two jobs and no criminal record to a convicted felon—sentenced to serve 40 years in prison for an armed robbery at an Elkhart, Indiana, apartment complex.

In April, Cooper spoke at Notre Dame Law School about the combination of bad luck and official misconduct that led to his arrest and conviction. His attorney, **ELLIOT SLOSAR** of the Chicago-based law firm Loevy & Loevy, described the decades-long process that finally led to Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb pardoning Cooper of the robbery conviction in February.



Notre Dame Law students earn

MOOT COURT HONORS

1 ROB MYERS and **CHRISTINE FIMOGNARI**, both 2Ls, won best brief and advanced to the semifinals at the ISBA moot court tournament in March in Indianapolis.

2 From left, **KAYLA CLARK**, **HOPE TONE**, and **SHANNON LEWRY**, all 2Ls, took first place in March at the Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup in Washington, D.C. The final rounds took place at the Newseum. The team was sponsored by Notre Dame Law School’s Program on Constitutional Structure.





A Look Back at COMMENCEMENT 2017

The Law School conferred diplomas to more than 240 graduates on May 20 in the Joyce Center.

Professor **BRUCE HUBER**, the Class of 2017's selection for Distinguished Professor of the Year, encouraged the graduates to view their legal careers as service to others. "There is nothing more dignifying than to serve another human being," Huber said. "In so doing, you put yourself on the path to flourishing."

MARGARET MARY ADEMA received the Col. William J. Hoynes Award, which is given to a member of the graduating class for outstanding scholarship, application, deportment, and achievement.

AUDREY A. BECK received the Dean Joseph O'Meara Award, established

by the Class of 1964 and presented for outstanding academic achievement.

ALEXA RAE BALTES received the Farabaugh Prize for high scholarship in law.

LAUREN RAFTER and **KATHLEEN WOOD** were named the Class of 2017's Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellows. **RASHEED GILMER** and **CARLOS CISNEROS VILCHIS** were the class's Bank of America Foundation Fellows.

ALYSSA PHILLIPS became the first Notre Dame Law student since 2004 to receive a prestigious Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Only 39 law students received one of the fellowships in 2017.

More photos and stories can be found at law.nd.edu/commencement.

Student honors and fellowships

The Law School announced in March that **TIA B. PAULETTE**, 2L, was selected to receive the Peter A.R. Lardy Memorial Fellowship for the 2017-18 academic year. The Class of 1975 established the fellowship to honor Lardy, their beloved classmate who died of cancer during his third year of law school. The award, which includes a substantial tuition remission for the recipient's third year of law school, is dedicated "to those who exemplify his courage, love, and understanding toward his fellow man."

LAUREN ANDRINI, **MARGO BORDERS**, **CATHERINE GAWRON**, and **ROBERT**

SIKORSKI, all 1Ls, were selected in April to each receive a \$10,000 fellowship award from Notre Dame Law School's Program on Church, State & Society to work in a legal capacity for a religious institution during the summer.

In spring 2017, the Center for Civil and Human Rights awarded its first summer fellowship to **ARIANNA COOK-THAJUDEEN**, 2L. She received a \$5,000 stipend to support her summer clerkship with the National Housing Law Project in San Francisco.

Scholarship Name Changed to Honor Student

The Law School lost a much-loved student in 2016, when **KARABO MOLEAH** died just a few weeks short of graduation.

Moleah lived a remarkable life. He was born in Philadelphia and moved to his family's native country of South Africa shortly after the end of apartheid. Nelson Mandela personally asked Moleah's father, a professor of political science at Temple University, and his mother, a professor of nutrition at the University of Pennsylvania, to help lead the new South Africa.

With permission from those who created the Williams-Lark Scholarship fund and a generous contribution from **DEAN NELL JESSUP NEWTON** that was matched by an anonymous donor, the Law School changed the fund name to the Williams-Lark-Moleah Memorial Fellowship. The fund was created to nurture the Black Law Students Association community at Notre Dame and seeks to make a profound difference in the range of students able to obtain a Law School education.



COREY HEMMERICH

When Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke at the University of Notre Dame in September 2016, one of the many points she touched upon was how she balanced being a mother at the same time she was in law school.

Ginsburg told the audience in Purcell Pavilion that caring for her young daughter, Jane, gave her "a sense of proportion" as a law student.

"For me, there was more to life than just attending law school classes," Ginsburg said. "I attribute my success in law school, in large measure, to two people: my spouse and baby Jane."

Those words resonated with **COREY HEMMERICH**, a mother of four who was just a few weeks into her first year at Notre Dame Law School.

"It was so meaningful to hear that from someone who has been so successful," Hemmerich said of Ginsburg.

Hemmerich and her husband, Chris, have three daughters and a son. She decided to stay home with her kids until they were old enough to go to school.

Then she went back to school.

"There's nothing wrong with a mother's choice to stay home with her children, but I wanted my daughters to know that's not their only choice," Hemmerich said. "My children help me remember why I'm doing this. I'm working for more than just a grade in a class."

Hemmerich also realizes that being a mother helped prepare her for the intensity of law school. She worked as a freelance writer while at home with the kids.

"You really learn how to maximize your time," she said. "Having four kids and freelancing, I learned how to maximize 20 minutes."

In addition to being a mother of four, Hemmerich is an "extreme commuter."

She lives near Grand Rapids, Michigan—about 100 miles from

Mother, Law Student, & Extreme Commuter

"I'm working for more than just a grade in a class."

Notre Dame. She said her husband has stepped up at home to help her juggle law school, the driving, and family responsibilities.

"My husband is unbelievable. I've basically stopped doing housework," she said. "He's doing all the cooking, all the grocery shopping, the cleaning. Those were the things I did for 10 years. And he hasn't complained once."

This past summer, Hemmerich worked as a research assistant for Professor John Nagle, who is writing a book about national parks.

Nagle praised the job that Hemmerich did researching different types of legal questions and collecting information.

"And," he added, "her daughters helped her by color-coding the materials for me."

DAN KELLY



LAW SCHOOL BUILDS CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN REAL ESTATE

Notre Dame Law School rolled out a new program of study in fall 2017 for students interested in learning the legal side of the real estate industry.

The new Program of Study in Real Estate Law prepares students to address various real estate issues in legal practice. The program combines a strong group of core faculty, clinical faculty, and adjunct and affiliated faculty to offer foundational courses such as property law, advanced courses on real estate transactions, commercial real estate finance, and land use planning, and numerous related courses

such as contract drafting and environmental law. The program also provides opportunities for directed readings, externships and experiential learning, and conferences and events.

“Historically, almost all wealth was in the form of land and real property. Today, real estate continues to be the largest asset class in the world,” said Professor **DAN KELLY**, who teaches and writes in the areas of property law, trust law, and law and economics. Kelly also serves as the acting director of the Notre Dame Institute for Real Estate, a new University-wide initiative.

“Real estate affects people’s lives,” Kelly added. “It affects where we live, where we work, our places of worship, and where our kids go to school. With real estate, the stakes are not only financial. Every type of real estate—from our homes and offices to our neighborhoods and public spaces—affects our ability to flourish as human beings.”

Lawyers play important roles in all aspects of real estate development, finance, investment, and transactions. Lawyers also play critical roles in drafting, interpreting, and reforming the legal rules and institutions that regulate real estate markets and various uses of property—from federal statutes like the Fair Housing Act to local zoning ordinances. In that context, lawyers can use their skills to promote the common good in ways that are conducive to the long-term growth and sustainability of our communities.

REAL ESTATE IN THE CLASSROOM

One of Notre Dame Law School’s distinguished alumni—**THOMAS PATRICK DORE JR.**, ’76, ’79 J.D.—returned to the Law School this fall and is teaching Real Estate Transactions.

Dore, senior counsel at Davis Polk in New York, has significant experience in cross-border commercial real estate



acquisition and development in Spain and South America and works on joint ventures for the development of golf courses, hotels, and multi-use arena projects. He has been involved extensively over the past decade in creating real estate opportunity funds as well as the public listing of several real estate investment trusts.

“Real estate is complex. You need to know a number of different things—tax law, real property law, banking law—which makes it attractive to learn, because the variety keeps you interested,” Dore said.

The “real” nature of the field is another part of what makes it satisfying, he added.

“No matter how many prospectuses you have, they won’t keep you dry when it rains,” Dore said. “In real estate, you can always see what you’re working on, and when you’re finished, there’s something tangible that’s been constructed.”

BEN ZETER, a 2L from Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of the students excited about the new Program of Study in Real Estate Law. He enrolled in Dore’s Real Estate Transactions course this fall.

“Out West, land use and development—and all of the associated issues—are very important to people,” said Zeter, who wants to work in real estate in Phoenix after graduation. “Also, my grandparents were architects, so I grew up being fascinated by architecture and buildings.”

HARKESH PATEL, a 2L from the Washington, D.C., area, also took Real Estate Transactions this fall. He said being raised in a fast-growing real estate market made him interested in the field.

“I always found myself asking questions about how transactions happen,” Patel said. “Over the next two years, I’ll be taking as many courses in the program as I can.”

Developing career paths for students to enter real estate, including placement in top law firms and with leading developers and other real estate professionals, is another goal of the program, Kelly said.

“A lot of Notre Dame alumni work in real estate, but real estate is pretty decentralized as an industry,” Kelly said. “You have to nurture these networks to get people placed.”

PROGRAM IS A CULMINATION

Although the Program of Study in Real Estate Law is new, it is not being built from scratch. Rather, it is a culmination of faculty expertise and activities that the Law School has developed over the years.

With real estate, the stakes are not only financial. Every type of real estate—from our homes and offices to our neighborhoods and public spaces—affects our ability to flourish as human beings.

Notre Dame’s Clinical Law Center has assisted low-income South Bend residents with real estate matters such as mortgage foreclosures and predatory lending. **JAMES J. KELLY JR.**, a clinical professor of law, co-chaired South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg’s Vacant & Abandoned Properties Task Force, which launched in 2013 and successfully met its goal of addressing 1,000 abandoned houses in 1,000 days through a combination of rehabilitation and demolition.

The Law School’s faculty has produced a great deal of legal scholarship on real estate issues.

Some notable works include *Ordering the City: Land Use, Policing and the Restoration of Urban America*, written by **NICOLE STELLE GARNETT**, the John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law, and published in 2009 by Yale University Press, as well as *Law’s Environment: How the Law Shapes the Places We Live*, written by **JOHN COPELAND NAGLE**, the John N.

Matthews Professor of Law, and published in 2010 by Yale University Press. Another landmark book, *Lost Classroom, Lost Community: Catholic Schools’ Importance in Urban America*, published in 2014 by the University of Chicago Press, was a collaboration between Garnett and **MARGARET F. BRINIG**, the Fritz Duda Family Chair in Law.

The Law School has hosted several events related to real estate, too. For example, in 2013, Bank of America sponsored a conference called “Reimagining Homeownership.” The conference brought together leading scholars in law, economics, finance, sociology, and psychology, along with regulators and homebuilders as well as representatives from banking and affordable housing. They discussed

the state of homeownership in the United States and the reforms needed in the residential real estate industry, especially in the wake of the financial and mortgage crisis.

“Real estate was important in the past. It is crucial today, and it will be critical going forward,” Kelly said. “That’s what makes this new program so exciting.” ♦

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Notre Dame Law School provides eight programs of study, including the new Program of Study in Real Estate Law, for students who wish to concentrate on particular legal fields and problems. The programs are in-depth course selection guides that help students select their courses in a strategic way.

Learn more at
law.nd.edu/academics/programs-of-study

Shared mission leads Cristal Brisco, '06 J.D., to Saint Mary's College

Ever since she was in grade school, Cristal Brisco knew she wanted to be a lawyer.

She grew up in Gary, Indiana, and recalls one of the nuns at her Catholic school saying, "Cristal talks a lot, and she always debates. She should be a lawyer."

As a grade-schooler, Brisco didn't know what that meant, so her father introduced her to a local attorney. "He described his work as helping people," said Brisco, '06 J.D.

That mission—using the law in service to the community—struck a chord with Brisco as a young girl, and it has continued to be a source of inspiration throughout her legal career.

After earning a bachelor's degree at Valparaiso University, she was drawn to Notre Dame by the Law School's emphasis on service and educating "a different kind of lawyer." She currently serves as a Notre Dame Law Association board member.

Professor Thomas L. Shaffer, now retired, influenced Brisco when she was a law student. Shaffer was the supervising attorney at the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center, where Brisco and many other students over

the years have provided free legal services to small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and low-income residents in the South Bend area.

After graduating from the Law School, Brisco worked for seven years at Barnes & Thornburg in the law firm's Indianapolis and South Bend offices. "The rigor and training you receive at a large law firm can open a lot of doors for you," she said.

One door that opened in 2013 was at the city of South Bend, where Brisco joined Mayor Pete Buttigieg's administration as corporation counsel. Her clients at Barnes & Thornburg included municipalities, which exposed her to the ways that city attorneys can affect residents' lives in positive ways. She saw an opportunity to have a positive impact on South Bend at a time when the city was revitalizing and attracting new development and businesses to the urban core. She also saw an opportunity to train and mentor young lawyers.

In September, she walked through another door when she became college counsel at Saint Mary's College. She sees in Saint Mary's—as she did at Notre Dame Law School and the South



Bend mayor's office—an organization that shares her values and has a mission she supports.

These types of career shifts—transitioning from a big law firm to city government to higher education—would scare some people. When Brisco looks at the challenge, she says her confidence, in part, comes from her experience at Notre Dame Law School.

"I received an excellent education at the Law School," she said. "That's something I can always rely on—Notre Dame Law School prepared me."

Cristal Brisco, '06 J.D., is the new college counsel at Saint Mary's College. She previously served as corporation counsel for the city of South Bend.

Adjunct Professor John Gallo, '83 B.A., leading Chicago's largest legal aid organization

John N. Gallo, an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School, is the new executive director of LAF—the Chicago area's largest legal aid organization.

Formerly known as the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, LAF has provided free, comprehensive civil legal services to Cook County's most vulnerable residents since the 1960s. Every year, the organization helps thousands of people obtain justice and start moving out of poverty.

"When the opportunity to join LAF presented itself, I recognized immediately that it would allow me to follow my passion to provide a voice for those in need while helping an incredibly deserving organization continue to grow," said Gallo, who earned his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1983 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1986.

"I've always felt that, as a lawyer, I have a responsibility to use my skills to provide services to individuals that otherwise could not afford legal representation," Gallo said. "It is an honor to be selected to lead the city's preeminent provider of legal services to people

living in poverty and other vulnerable groups."

Gallo was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP before joining LAF. He held several leadership positions at Sidley Austin during his 21 years at the law firm. He served as head of the litigation group of more than 100 lawyers in the firm's Chicago office and as global co-leader of Sidley Austin's White Collar practice group. Before joining the firm, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for 10 years in the Northern District of Illinois.

Since 2002, he has taught Federal Criminal Practice

as an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School.

Throughout his career, Gallo has demonstrated a deep commitment to providing pro bono counsel to indigent criminal defendants and others in need. For example, he succeeded in persuading the Illinois Supreme Court and Illinois Appellate Court to overturn the conviction of a pro bono client accused of a 1978 murder, and a federal court to order a new trial for an Indiana inmate on death row. He was in charge of Sidley Austin's Capital Litigation Project and personally represented

two Alabama inmates on death row.

He started as LAF's executive director in October. The organization has more than 150 full-time attorneys and staff members who provide clients with comprehensive legal services that lead to healthier, more stable lives for people.

"John is a transformational candidate with an impeccable public service background and exceptional professional pedigree," said Rich Klawiter, co-president of LAF's Board of Directors. "His ability to think outside the box to conceive and implement innovative solutions will advance our mission to make legal services accessible to the most vulnerable members of our community."



John N. Gallo, '83 B.A., is the new director of LAF—the Chicago area's largest legal aid organization.

FIGHTING *for* UNACCOMPANIED IMMIGRANT *By Denise Wager* CHILDREN



After his first year as a law student, **MICHAEL HAGERTY**, '13 J.D., spent his summer hiking the desert trails of the U.S.-Mexico border.

As a research assistant for Paolo Carozza, a Notre Dame Law professor and director of the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Hagerty was trying to better understand the challenges of migrants and the governmental and societal responses to undocumented migration.

He performed field work, conducted interviews in several border cities, and traveled to the Tohono O'odham Nation's reservation—an area that has witnessed a high concentration of both migration and migration deaths along the border.

The experience sparked a professional and personal interest in immigration law that led Hagerty into a career serving immigrant children.

Following his graduation from the Law School, Hagerty was a Thomas L. Shaffer Fellow with the Public Counsel Law Center in Los Angeles. During his fellowship,

he represented undocumented children in immigration court and before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

In these cases, the children had been very young when their parents brought them to the United States and had lived most of their lives here without immigration status.

After his fellowship, Hagerty stayed on at Public Counsel as a staff attorney and began working with “unaccompanied alien children”—minors who flee their home countries and enter the United States alone. He has helped countless young people in applying for immigration relief via Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Asylum status, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

Most of Hagerty's clients were escaping gangs and domestic violence in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

“We sit down with children who have experienced some of the most unimaginable hardships in their young lives and we give them hope,” he said. “Hope for safety, hope for an education, hope for life.”

One child's story of hope

In the middle of the agriculturally rich region of central California—where the wide-open land is full of sun, dust, and miles of crops—sits the Tulare County Superior Court in Visalia.

On one day in June 2015, Hagerty made the three-hour trip from Los Angeles to Visalia to represent a young client who was facing a crucial hearing. Hagerty knew a favorable decision would mean his client would probably receive a Green Card someday, while an unfavorable decision could mean deportation.

Francisco Montes Montanez was, at the time, a 17-year-old living with extended family in Tulare County after fleeing from Mexico.

In Mexico, his father had died—poisoned from working in pesticide-ridden fields. His mother, instead of allowing him to attend school, forced him to work in the same poisonous fields that killed his father. In addition, gangs had murdered some of his family members and had been asking questions about Montes Montanez.

So, the teen left his family home and found shelter in Tulare County.

Time was ticking for Montes Montanez, who would soon be 18 and ineligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

Hagerty presented his petition and evidence before Tulare County Superior Court Judge Antonio Reyes. Montes Montanez, who had a limited understanding of English, was terrified throughout the process.

“I was afraid that the judge was going to say ‘no’ and that I would lose my case and be sent back to my home country,” Montes Montanez said. “I was afraid of returning because there is so much poverty there. I wouldn't be able to study in school, and I didn't want to be forced to join a gang.”

Reyes, who had not ruled on that specific type of immigration guardianship before, reviewed the petition, asked Hagerty some questions, and then granted Montes Montanez's request to apply for SIJ Status. The status waives several restrictions that block adult immigrants from becoming lawful permanent residents.

Hagerty was ecstatic about the judge's ruling, but what happened next was even more emotional.

“After Judge Reyes granted the request and signed the documents, he sat there looking at Francisco for a long time,” Hagerty said.

Finally, the judge spoke.

He told Montes Montanez that his father also came to the United States from Mexico by himself as a 17-year-old. Reyes said his father fled Mexico to survive, just as Montes Montanez had, and that was why he had the opportunity to be born in the United States and to become a judge.

Reyes said when he looked at Montes Montanez he saw his father. Then Reyes got tears in his eyes, and Hagerty said everyone else in the courtroom did as well.

Montes Montanez later obtained SIJ Status, which ended his deportation proceedings and enabled him to become a legal, permanent U.S. resident. It also cleared the way for the young man—who dreamed of becoming an architect or engineer—to move forward with his life.

Prepared at Notre Dame

Hagerty currently works as a pro bono coordinating attorney at KIND, which stands for Kids in Need of Defense. Actress Angelina Jolie and Microsoft Corp. founded KIND with a mission to provide legal representation for unaccompanied children in immigration court. In addition to his own cases, Hagerty mentors other pro bono attorneys from law firms, corporations, and law schools who take on cases through KIND.

“I was fortunate to be on the receiving end of being mentored while at Notre Dame Law School, and now I use that experience and what my mentors taught me to mentor others,” he said.

As a native Californian, Hagerty has always been aware of immigration issues. Also, his mother is an immigrant from Nicaragua, so he was “already sympathetic to the plight of the immigrant.”

But Hagerty said his time as a research assistant for Carozza and other experiences at Notre Dame gave him a firsthand view of the difficulties immigrants face.

He was an extern with the National Immigrant Justice Center, based in Chicago, where he worked on refugee and asylum cases, U-visas for victims of crime, and applications for permanent resident status. He also interned at Notre Dame's Economic Justice Clinic, which provides free legal services for low-income clients in consumer matters such as foreclosures, debt collection, and predatory lending.

“I am grateful to Notre Dame Law School for providing me with the opportunity to gain clinical experience in the public interest field, both as a law student and as a Shaffer Fellow,” Hagerty said. “In our nation, there is such a desperate need to provide legal services for the poor, the disenfranchised, and the marginalized, and through the Shaffer Fellowship and other public interest opportunities, Notre Dame continues to feed fresh blood into that fight.”

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SUPPORTING A NEW GENERATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS

Since 2011, the Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellowship has helped 17 graduates of Notre Dame Law School launch their careers in public interest law. Those fellows, including Michael Hagerty, '13 J.D., have worked at a dozen different organizations across the United States.

The Law School partnered with the Bank of America Foundation to create another fellowship for Notre Dame Lawyers pursuing careers in public service. The fellowship has been awarded to two members of each graduating class since 2015.



JASON BOEHMIG, '12 J.D.

REVOLUTIONIZING THE WAY LEGAL TEAMS DO BUSINESS

Jason Boehmig believes legal teams should spend their time doing legal work, not paperwork.

He even started a software company based on that view.

Boehmig, '12 J.D., is the co-founder and chief executive of Ironclad, a Silicon Valley startup that's aiming to change the way lawyers create and manage contracts. As of early September, Ironclad had raised more than \$11 million, including \$8 million in a Series A round led by Accel Partners—the same firm that led Series A rounds for Facebook and other tech companies.

Ironclad's software automates the manual, error-prone work that starts with choosing the correct contract template. It ends with sending contracts out for signatures, and it tracks metadata about all the contracts in a central repository, which ensures that everyone maintains "a single source of truth" about important contractual data.

"Contract drafting and negotiation is, for lawyers, largely administrative: cleaning up terms, correcting misspellings, identifying correct templates, sending out emails," Boehmig said.

"This isn't the type of work that most lawyers go to law school for, and is perhaps one of the reasons why lawyers are becoming disillusioned with the profession and leaving in droves," he added. "The rote, tedious work better left to a robot—who feels neither boredom nor the toll boredom takes on accuracy—is still being done by people."

Boehmig, who founded Ironclad in 2015, recognized the opportunity while working as a corporate attorney for Fenwick & West after law school. At Fenwick & West, a large law firm based in Silicon Valley, he focused on early-stage venture financing and complex corporate transactions for technology companies.

He said there's an increasing realization that all jobs, even legal jobs, include tasks that are routine and repetitive. That realization is leading legal teams to pay attention to the efficiency of their operations. He told *Fortune* magazine in August that he estimates the market for automated contract management is about \$75 billion.

Boehmig has remained connected with Notre Dame, too.

He shares his insight on how technology is changing the practice of law by teaching Law 2.0 at the Law School. He and venture capitalist Ron Dolin teach the class partly from Silicon Valley and partly at Notre Dame's campus.

"Notre Dame taught me to look deeper and ask the big questions about our profession," Boehmig said. "That's been essential to approaching a new field like the impact of technology on the practice of law. I'm grateful for the opportunity to teach the class with Ron and share some of what I've learned with the next generation of lawyers."

SAVING LIVES THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

JOHN CROWLEY, '92 J.D.



John Crowley, '92 J.D., and his family had been in the spotlight before President Donald Trump lauded his daughter Megan Crowley as "an inspiration to us all" in February during an address to a joint session of Congress.

Megan Crowley, an undergraduate student at the University of Notre Dame, and her younger brother, Patrick, are both survivors of Pompe disease—a rare neuromuscular disorder that was killing them until John Crowley started a biotech company and, against all odds, developed a cure.

The Crowleys' story was portrayed in the 2010 film *Extraordinary Measures*, which starred Brendan Fraser as John Crowley and Harrison Ford as a researcher.

But John Crowley, speaking to students in March at Notre Dame Law School, said the congressional address was a particularly proud moment.

At a political event, the Crowleys' story transcended politics.

"For maybe two minutes, there were no Republicans or Democrats. There were moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles. That was a proud moment," said Crowley, chairman and CEO of Amicus Therapeutics.

Crowley said there are 7,000 rare diseases that affect about 30 million people in the United States and 300 million people around the world. Taken together, the diseases are not so rare.

"Megan knows that she was a proxy for millions of people living with health challenges—kids in wheelchairs, adults with Alzheimer's," he said. "She also realized that her character and her strength were on full display that night and throughout the day at the White House and the business we had on Capitol Hill. There's a lot more work to do, but I think it's moments like this that really help us step back and think about why we do what we do."

In research and development for medicine, Crowley said, the odds of success might be 1 in 100 or 1 in 1,000.

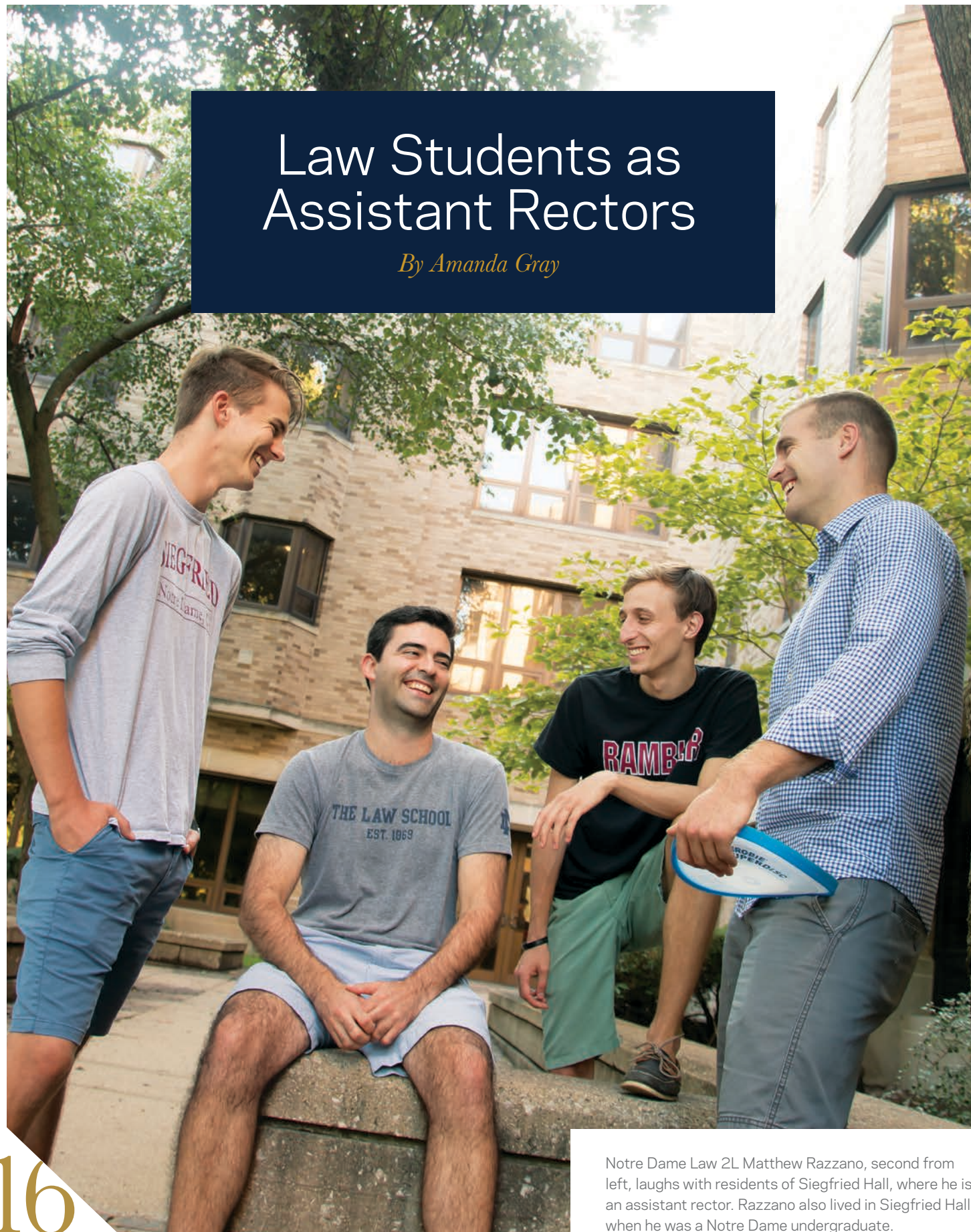
"Almost everything we try doesn't work," he said. "But I do think—when it works—it's one of the best jobs you could ever have, because you deliver hope to people. It's hope that you can beat nature, and it's hope that you can beat time."

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Law Students as Assistant Rectors

By Amanda Gray



Notre Dame Law 2L Matthew Razzano, second from left, laughs with residents of Siegfried Hall, where he is an assistant rector. Razzano also lived in Siegfried Hall when he was a Notre Dame undergraduate.

◆ It was 1987 when **JOHN MCCABE** returned to Alumni Hall, across Main Circle from the Law School.

McCabe, '86, '89 J.D., had lived in Alumni as an undergraduate, but was too busy in those days as a member of the Fighting Irish football team to spend much time enjoying dorm life. When he returned as an assistant rector during law school, he had another opportunity to experience the residential life that makes Notre Dame unique.

"I always joked that Alumni Hall was the center of the universe, and for the Law School, that was true," he said, laughing. "I could be up and out the door to class within three minutes."

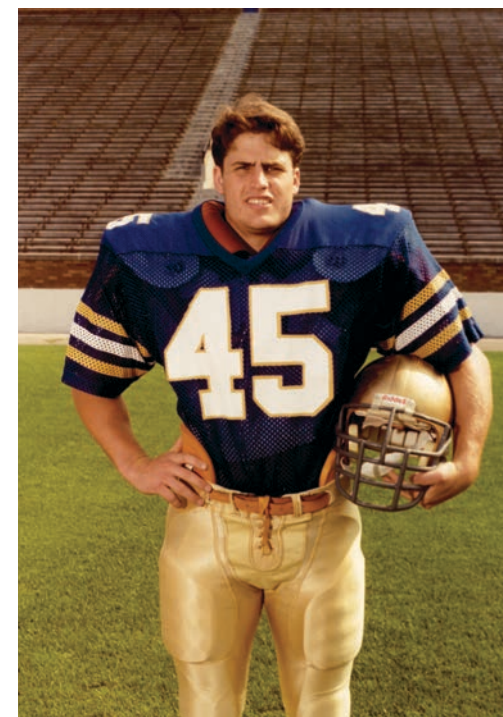
For a special group of Notre Dame Law students, the 2L and 3L years of law school are spent living among undergraduates as assistant rectors in residence halls, guiding students and giving them mental and spiritual resources to handle the demands of higher education.

For the majority of Notre Dame's history, assistant rectors were priests. Today, many of them are law students.

◆ Alumni Hall's longtime rector **REV. GEORGE ROZUM, C.S.C.**, remembers bringing the first layman assistant rector to his dorm in 1985—a Law School 2L named **TOM CUSHING**. Cushing served for two years, followed by McCabe.

"I'm drawn to law students for assistant rectors because they have good common sense," Rozum said, sitting in his apartment in the residence hall.

"They bring a lot of knowledge to the role," Rozum said of law students. "The ARs are meant to take my place when I'm not here. We absolutely have to have them."



John McCabe, '86, '89 J.D., played football for the Fighting Irish and lived in Alumni Hall when he was a Notre Dame undergraduate. He returned to Alumni Hall as an assistant rector when he was in law school.

Many other rectors seem to share Rozum's opinion—42 of 60 assistant rector positions campuswide are held by law students this year. Each residence hall has two assistant rectors.

Assistant rectors are compensated for serving as "second-in-command" of each residence hall. They receive a stipend as well as on-campus housing, meals, and parking.

But, for many assistant rectors, the financial reward is not the primary reason for taking the job.

'Planting seeds'

◆ **DANIELA PEINADO**, 3L, is serving her second year as an assistant rector in Lyons Hall, overlooking St. Mary's Lake on South Quad. Her undergraduate years were spent at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she lived in a campus dorm for her first year and then in a sorority house for the remaining three years.



Notre Dame Law 3L Daniela Peinado, left, enjoys being part of the culture of faith on campus as an assistant rector in Lyons Hall.

She was drawn to Notre Dame because of the culture of faith on campus, and she was drawn to the position of assistant rector to, at least in part, provide young women with mentorship and faithful guidance.

"I love living with them and being able to share life with them," Peinado said. "It's a privilege to share the ups and downs with them."

"It can be hard to find mentors that you can talk to about anything," she continued. "Here, you can talk to faculty, staff, hall staff—you don't have to look far to get really helpful advice."

She started a women's prayer group in Lyons this year with the hall's other assistant rector and loves sharing her happiness and fulfillment in God with the undergraduates in her building.

"You're planting seeds," she said of mentorship. "You don't know if the words of encouragement you're giving them—to be confident, to be authentic—are sticking until years down the road."

◆ For **MATTHEW RAZZANO**, 2L, being an assistant rector in Siegfried Hall is a return to his undergraduate "Home under the Dome." He started as Siegfried's assistant rector this year.

He graduated with his bachelor's degree in 2012, and when he returned for law school, he was sure he wouldn't return to on-campus housing, despite enjoying his time as a Siegfried Rambler.

"I realized, though, the best part of Notre Dame is the community that is created, and you find that most in the dorms," he said. "The dorm community is probably the most unique thing about ND. As an AR, your role is more than disciplinarian—you're a leader, you're a teacher. That's how I remember my ARs."

Preparing for practice

McCabe said the skills he garnered as an assistant rector—mentorship, responsibility—impacted his career as a lawyer.

"Certainly it helped, in terms of mentoring, in the law firm and when I was a hiring partner," he explained. "I always remember the shoes that people are in at that age. You've been through it, you know what they're thinking. The legal industry is a service industry, and you need to know how to talk, but more importantly how to listen. Being an AR helped teach that."

◆ **CHINELO UDOKORO**, a 3L serving her second year as Badin Hall's assistant rector, brought some experience to the role. She was a resident assistant for two years as an undergraduate at Georgia State University, and she said it was a "great fit" for her.

"As a 1L, I didn't really feel that connection to the University that everyone talks about," she said. "I'm from an immigrant family, and they didn't know about Notre Dame before I applied. I asked myself, 'How do I connect to this school?'"

Udokoro considers Badin's rector, Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM, a major part of why she loves being an assistant rector. She also loves physically being on campus—and knowing campus—beyond the Law School. The weekly hall Mass at 10 p.m. on Sundays is another special experience, she added.

"I love helping others with their problems," she said. "It's a way to get excited and to live vicariously through them when law school gets stressful. Their stress is over things that I can help them with, especially when I think about how hard law school is."

Udokoro said she knows she'll take that skill for helping people to her legal practice someday.



Notre Dame Law 3L Chinelo Udokoro, left, loves being a part of campus beyond the Law School as an assistant rector in Badin Hall.

"A lot of law students think you can't be an assistant rector and balance school and a social life, but it's all possible," she said. "There's a life on campus outside of the Law School buildings, and once you tap into that, you can be a well-rounded person." ◆



Notre Dame Lawyers COAST TO COAST

PART OF WHAT MAKES NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL
DIFFERENT IS IT'S A TRULY NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL.

By **KEVIN ALLEN**

Most law schools are regional in nature. They attract applicants who live nearby or want to work in the market where the school is located.

Notre Dame Law School is different.

It attracts students from throughout the United States and abroad, and the Law School's alumni work across the map.

That makes Notre Dame Law School a rarity—a truly national law school.

According to statistics from the American Bar Association, Notre Dame Law School alumni who graduated between 2012 and 2016 are more widely dispersed than their counterparts from any other U.S. law school.

The top three states where Notre Dame Law graduates are employed—Illinois, California, and New York—literally stretch from coast to coast. And those three states are home to only 38 percent of recent graduates. By comparison, the top 30 law schools overall in U.S.

News & World Report's rankings see about 70 percent of their graduates concentrate in just three states. The average for all U.S. law schools is 85 percent.

Notre Dame Law students benefit from this geographic diversity because they end up connected with an alumni network and opportunities that enable them to go anywhere and do anything.

“There are two institutions that have led to the most opportunities for me in my career—one is the Department of Justice and the other

is Notre Dame,” said **JUAN CASTANEDA**, '05 J.D., a former assistant U.S. attorney who now has his own law practice in San Diego.

“They provide instant credibility and a certain level of cachet,” Castaneda said. “Notre Dame's reputation is international, and time and time again it has opened doors for me.”

But having a national—and international—network of alumni poses a challenge, too.

How does a community that is spread across so much geography stick together and maintain its ties with a campus in northern Indiana?

In recent years, Notre Dame Lawyer Committees have become one of the keys to connecting alumni with each other and helping current students gain a foothold in their target markets.

The committees have proliferated since the Notre Dame Law Association launched the initiative in 2013. There are now more than 30 Notre Dame Lawyer Committees in 20 states plus Washington, D.C.



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CREATING CONNECTIONS

BETH SCHNEIDER NAYLOR, '86 J.D., a member at Frost Brown Todd Attorneys in Cincinnati, was NDLA president at the time it launched the committee initiative. She said it was a response to the sudden difficulty that law students—even from top-tier schools like Notre Dame—experienced in the job market during the Great Recession.

“We decided we needed some sort of infrastructure to support students, and we knew it needed to be centered around people in the legal profession,” Naylor said.

A group of Notre Dame Lawyers in Cleveland provided the successful model.

Since 2006, the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland's Lawyers Alumni Committee had been promoting participation in the Law School's public service internship program and managing a network to introduce Notre Dame Law students and graduates to lawyers—and career opportunities—in the Cleveland area.



The NDLA Board invited the Hon. **WILLIAM H. BAUGHMAN JR.**, '74 J.D., of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Assistant U.S. Attorney **MICHAEL SULLIVAN**, '85 B.A., from the Northern District of Ohio, and Cleveland attorneys **RAY MARVAR**, '79 J.D., and **BRIAN ROOF**, '94, '99 J.D., to a board meeting in 2012 to give a presentation on the Cleveland committee's structure. Then board members worked with the Law School's Career Development Office to identify the top markets where students wanted to work so the board members

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could contact alumni in those cities about starting committees. And, finally, the NDLA assembled an online toolkit and how-to guide to help other Notre Dame Lawyers form committees in their cities.

One of the Cleveland Committee's ongoing projects has been maintaining a contact list of local Notre Dame Lawyers and making the list available to Notre Dame students and alumni.

PHILOMENA O'HARE, '12 J.D., put that list to good use as a law student by asking lawyers to meet with her during breaks from school. "I never had a single attorney say 'no' to me," she said.

Now O'Hare, despite being a busy mother and practicing attorney, repays those favors. She makes time for current students and assists with the Cleveland Committee's holiday mixer and summer picnic, which usually draws about 70 people, as well as a mentoring program that pairs students with two or three Notre Dame Lawyers in their fields of interest.

"I think we all get that sense of giving back from Notre Dame," she said.

After the Cleveland lawyers, alumni in New York were the next to form a Notre Dame Lawyer Committee. The Notre Dame Lawyers of New York City is now the largest committee in terms of membership.

The New York group organizes activities like mock interviews for Notre Dame Law students who want to work in New York and a gathering during winter break for students participating in the Law School's GALILEE program in New York. The committee draws hundreds of people to its annual June reception.

One of the newest committees is in Portland, Oregon. The Portland Committee's kickoff event, which featured a First Amendment presentation from Professor **RICK GARNETT**, drew about 40 people in June.

"People all seemed to share the same realization—there are a lot of us here in Portland, and we didn't necessarily know each other," said **KEVIN KRESS**, '05 J.D., who was involved in organizing the Portland Committee. "Some people who

had worked together before didn't realize they had a Notre Dame connection in common."

BRANCHING OUT

As the committees have increased in number, they have also broadened their activities beyond the original networking and career-centered focus. Committees host Law School faculty members for Hesburgh Lectures and organize events where alumni can earn continuing legal education credits, participate in pro bono work and other community service projects, and raise money for scholarships.

The Notre Dame Lawyer Committee of Minneapolis drew about 40 people to its first event, featuring Minnesota Vikings COO **KEVIN WARREN**, '90 J.D., in March. About 70 people attended the second event—a continuing legal education event that featured Law School dean emeritus **REV. DAVID T. LINK**, '58, '61 J.D., and other speakers who talked about the criminal justice system.

"People are hungry to connect with each other," said **MAUREEN WATZ**

GORNIK, '83, '86 J.D., deputy-in-charge at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"The goal in starting these is to help the Law School—to funnel good students to the Law School and help students with their job placements," Gornik added. "And, out here, it's to help alumni network for social reasons and for business—anything to tie their Notre Dame family together."

Castaneda said the San Diego Committee, formed in 2015, organizes monthly events with speakers and breakfasts where people can meet for conversation. The committee organizes a few happy hours annually with one marquee event—such as a panel of Notre Dame alumni in sports that was held at Petco Park, home to Major League Baseball's San Diego Padres. Castaneda said 70 to 90 people attend the marquee events.

The committee also set up "trinities" where three Notre Dame Lawyers in the San Diego area are matched to meet for lunch with each other. "At the trinities, people really get to know each other," Castaneda said. "That cements relationships."

In Denver, the Colorado Committee participates twice per year in Law Line 9—an outreach effort organized by the local NBC affiliate where Notre Dame Lawyers field calls from viewers on any number of legal topics. The committee also sponsors summer stipends for Notre Dame Law students to work in Colorado Legal Services and organizes regular mixers, including its famed St. Patrick's Day party, where alumni and students can network.

"Out here, we sort of view it like an Inn of Court," said **BRIAN BATES**, '79, '86 J.D., of the Colorado Committee. "It's been

really good to get to know other Notre Dame Lawyers because of the background we all share."

NETWORK BENEFITS

CHRIS AVILA, '11 J.D., said the Lawyers Committee in Miami has provided a great opportunity to connect with the Law School as well as with other Notre Dame Lawyers. Professors Rick Garnett and **JOHN NAGLE** have both delivered Hesburgh Lectures to the Miami group.

Avila, who is originally from Miami, said Notre Dame's national character was one of the reasons he decided to go to the Law School. He was confident that Notre Dame's network would help him land a job back home in Miami after graduation.

"Notre Dame has a very strong alumni community, but you're only in that community if you show up," he said. "The more you participate, the more you can benefit from it."

Kress, the Portland attorney, grew up in Louisiana and said one of the reasons he chose Notre Dame was that it would enable him to find job opportunities across the country. "I hadn't decided where I wanted to practice," he said, "so it was a plus to know there was a national alumni network that would open doors."

Bates, in Denver, grew up in Toledo, Ohio. "The network very much helped me in terms of looking for work," he said. "I was not interested in going back to Toledo or even going to Chicago. I was looking to go west."

The national, and international, character of the Law School also offers benefits beyond networking for career opportunities. Looking back at their time as law students, alumni say Notre Dame's

CONNECT WITH THE ND NETWORK

Visit law.nd.edu/alumni to learn more about how you can get involved with the Notre Dame Law Association and Notre Dame Lawyer Committees.

The NDLA and the committees are open to Notre Dame Law School graduates and all lawyers who have earned another Notre Dame degree.

There are more than 30 committees in 20 states and Washington, D.C. If your city doesn't have a Notre Dame Lawyer Committee, but you'd like to start one, contact Alumni Director Tammye Raster, '92 J.D., at traster@nd.edu.

geographic diversity enriched their experiences socially and in the classroom.

"Geographic diversity lends itself to diverse thought," said O'Hare, the Cleveland attorney.

"I think the national character of the Law School gave me a broader mindset, because I was exposed to so many people who had vastly different experiences where they grew up and think in different ways," she said. "It forces you to think about things from several angles. That helps me in my practice now."

Gornik, from the Minnesota Committee, said she also continues to see the benefits of the Law School's national character.

"I have friends all over the United States to refer business to, and I have contacts right away in law firms across the country," she said. "It's wonderful to have friends all over the United States, both while you're in school and later." 🍀

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Bank of America CEO **BRIAN MOYNIHAN**, '84 J.D., speaks in June 2016 to an audience of more than 200 people at the annual Notre Dame Lawyers of New York City Reception at the Union League Club.

BARRETT CONFIRMED TO 7TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS



AMY CONEY BARRETT

The U.S. Senate voted October 31 to confirm Notre Dame Law Professor Amy Coney Barrett as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

“Amy Barrett has been a beloved teacher and outstanding scholar,” said Nell Jessup Newton, the Joseph A. Matson Dean of Notre Dame Law School. “I am confident she will be a wise, fair, and brilliant jurist as well.”

Barrett earned her J.D. at Notre Dame Law School in 1997 and joined the Law School’s faculty in 2002. She teaches and researches in

the areas of federal courts, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation. Students selected her as the Law School’s “Distinguished Professor of the Year” in 2006 and 2016.

President Donald Trump nominated Barrett in May to fill a vacant seat on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, a jurisdiction that covers Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Every full-time member of Notre Dame Law School’s faculty signed a strong letter of support for Barrett’s judicial nomination. Every law clerk who served a U.S. Supreme Court justice during the term that Barrett clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia also endorsed her nomination.

ALFORD APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE AT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROGER P. ALFORD, a professor of law and associate dean for international and graduate programs at Notre Dame Law School, was appointed in August to a position at the U.S. Department of Justice where he will promote the enforcement of antitrust laws around the world.

As deputy assistant attorney general for international affairs in the DOJ’s Anti-trust Division, Alford will manage all aspects of the division’s international work, including managing cases with an international dimension and developing policy on issues of international antitrust enforcement.



“This is an exciting opportunity to shape policy in a positive direction,” Alford said. “With the proliferation of antitrust laws around the world, there is a critical

need to ensure that other countries are enforcing their antitrust laws with due regard for transparency, due process, and nondiscrimination.”

Alford has focused on international economic law throughout his career. The link between trade and antitrust law is one of his core interests.

Alford remains a member of the Law School’s faculty, but he is on leave while serving in the DOJ position.

CAROZZA RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

Pázmány Péter Catholic University awarded an honorary doctorate to **PAOLO CAROZZA**, director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and law professor at Notre Dame Law School, on March 27 in Budapest, Hungary.

The doctorate was conferred in recognition of Carozza’s “excellent and tireless service to the community and the Church, especially in the area of

human rights, by cultivating jurisprudence and ... through many [other] works and efforts.”

This was the first honorary degree for Carozza, who said the honor was “unexpected but gratifying.” Notre Dame and PPCU have a long history of working together, particularly through the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.



UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES JONES, CASSEL WITH FACULTY AWARDS

The University of Notre Dame recognized two members of the Law School faculty in May at the annual President’s Dinner for Faculty.

1 ROBERT L. JONES, a clinical professor of law and associate dean for experiential programs, received the Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice. The award recognizes a faculty member who has shown dedication to teaching and research that emphasize the social justice dimension of the Gospel in an exemplary way.

“The success of the programs that I teach in depends on the involvement and leadership of students,” Jones said. “This is really a testament to students’ interest and engagement and commitment to these ideals that I think are at the heart of Notre Dame’s mission.”

2 DOUGLASS CASSEL, a professor of law and Notre Dame Presidential Fellow, received

the Grenville Clark Award, which is presented to a faculty member or administrator whose voluntary activities serve to advance the cause of peace and human rights.

Cassel has served as a consultant for the Organization of American States and the United Nations, including as a legal adviser to the UN Commission on the Truth for El Salvador from 1992 to 1993. He has also represented victims of human rights violations in Bolivia, Guatemala, Peru, and Venezuela in cases heard by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

He played a crucial role in the talks that led to Colombia’s government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, forging an agreement in 2015 to end that country’s half-century of civil war.





LEADING FIDUCIARY LAW SCHOLAR PAUL MILLER JOINS FACULTY

Notre Dame Law School welcomed Professor **PAUL B. MILLER** as tenured faculty at the beginning of the fall term. Miller is a private law theorist whose work focuses on philosophical questions in equity, fiduciary law, trust law, and corporate law.

“Notre Dame Law School is an exciting place to be,” Miller said. “Especially for people like me, who work in private law. We’re seeing private law attract new interest in the United States, and I think that Notre Dame is uniquely well positioned to assume a leadership role in promoting further development of the field.”

Miller also highlighted the Law School’s international reach as something that sets the school apart.

“Notre Dame Law School stands out for the international scope of its scholarly engagement and level of scholarly impact,” Miller said. “My own research networks extend beyond North America, so I feel fortunate to be taking my place amongst a community of scholars who feel that international research collaboration and exchange are valuable.”

Prior to joining Notre Dame Law School, Miller taught at two Canadian universities—McGill University in Montreal and Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

“Paul is a leading fiduciary law scholar who has earned a wide reputation throughout the U.S. and Canada,” said Nell Jesup Newton, the Joseph A. Matson Dean of Notre Dame Law School. “Equally important, he is an outstanding teacher and colleague who will be a warm and engaged member of our law school community.”

LONDON LAW PROGRAM HIRES NEW DIRECTOR

MICHAEL K. ADDO started as the new director of Notre Dame’s London Law Program on July 1.

He came to Notre Dame from the University of Exeter as an international law and human rights specialist with more than 25 years of experience in research, teaching, management, and policy advice. His work outside the university has included holding several leadership positions with the United Nations.



Addo said studying in London is a valuable experience for law students. The program provides them with experience living in another culture, exposes them to how the law operates in another country, and deepens their understanding of American law.

“When trying to understand the origins and foundations of American law, it’s helpful if you can understand the common law of England,” he said.

KRESGE LAW LIBRARY HIRES NEW DIRECTOR

THOMAS MILLS, the new director of the Kresge Law Library, arrived at the Law School this past summer. He previously worked at Cornell University, where he was a lecturer in law and director for collections and faculty services.

Mills said the Law School’s mission to educate “a different



kind of lawyer” is part of what attracted him to Notre Dame.

“It’s educating lawyers who know their roles in society, the roles they play in the justice system,” he said. “Law libraries have an important part in that education.”

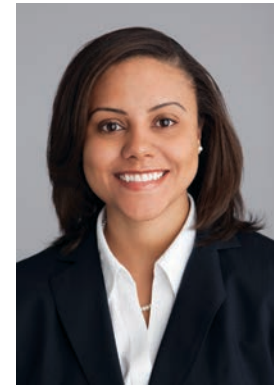
STRENGTHENING THE LAW SCHOOL’S CLINICS

PATRICK W. THOMAS joined the Law School as the founding director of the Notre Dame Tax Clinic, which launched in the fall of 2016 at the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center on Howard Street in South Bend.

Thomas trains and supervises law students who represent low-income clients in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service.

DAVID PRUITT is the new program director for the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center.

He was previously a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend and has taught at Notre Dame Law School as an adjunct faculty member. Pruitt is a Double Domer who earned a B.B.A. in finance at the University in 1992 and a J.D. from the Law School in 1999.



VERONICA ROOT SELECTED AS ‘NEW VOICES’ SCHOLAR

VERONICA ROOT, an associate professor of law at Notre Dame Law School, was selected to participate in the New Voices in Civil Justice Scholarship Workshop on May 10 at Vanderbilt Law School.

Root, who joined the Notre Dame Law School faculty in 2014, was one of four junior scholars invited to present at the annual workshop.

She talked about the American Bar Association’s Model Rule 8.4(g)—which the ABA approved in 2016 to assert that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to “engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status in conduct related to the practice of law.”

GEORGETOWN HOSTS SYMPOSIUM ON PROFESSOR ANTHONY BELLIA’S NEW BOOK

Georgetown University Law Center held a symposium in early November on a new book co-authored by Notre Dame Law Professor **ANTHONY J. BELLIA**, ’94 J.D.

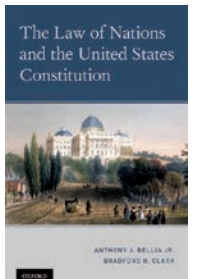
Bellia, the O’Toole Professor of Constitutional Law at Notre Dame, co-authored *The Law of Nations and the United States Constitution* with Bradford R. Clark, the William Cranch Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School. Oxford University Press published the book earlier this year.

The Law of Nations and the United States Constitution offers a new lens through which those interested in constitutional governance in the United States can analyze the role and status of customary international law in U.S. courts.

The book explains that the law of nations has not interacted with the Constitution in any single overarching way. Rather, the Constitution was designed to interact in distinct ways with each of the three traditional branches of the law

of nations that existed when it was adopted—namely, the law merchant, the law of state-state relations, and the law maritime.

By disaggregating how different parts of the Constitution interacted with different kinds of international law, the book provides an account of historical understandings and judicial precedent that will help judges and scholars more readily identify and resolve the constitutional questions presented by judicial use of customary international law today.



RANDY KOZEL DEVELOPS A THEORY OF PRECEDENT IN NEW BOOK

In the American legal system, it’s a generally accepted view that judges should not disrupt the decisions of their predecessors unless they have a compelling reason to do so. The principle is known by the Latin phrase *stare decisis*—“to stand by things decided.” The goal is to preserve the law’s core without permanently entrenching every judicial mistake.

The key question is: When should judges break from precedent?

RANDY J. KOZEL, a law professor and associate dean for

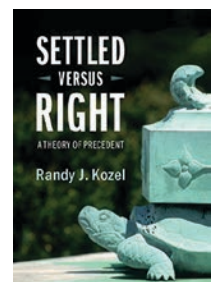
faculty development at Notre Dame Law School, examines this question in his new book, *Settled Versus Right: A Theory of Precedent*, published by Cambridge University Press.

At first glance, the question of whether judges should stand by prior decisions they view as incorrect or set the record straight may appear to have an obvious answer.

“But the calculus turns out to be complicated,” he writes. “People might have made investments and modified their behaviors as a result of

past judicial decisions. There is also the worry that if judicial decisions are reversed too readily, the law will lose its durability and impersonality and be reduced to whatever today’s judges say it is.”

Kozel, who also directs the Law School’s Program on Constitutional Structure, presents a theory of precedent that is designed to enhance the stability and impersonality of constitutional law.



Dear Fellow Notre Dame Lawyers,

I venture to guess that you can remember the very first occasion you saw the Golden Dome—with the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary watching over campus and welcoming all visitors.

For me, it was a beautiful June day in 1984, when I made the left-hand turn from Angela Boulevard onto Notre Dame Avenue. It was at that moment my life changed forever. Truly, I could not be more grateful for the caliber of the Notre Dame education, the spirituality that permeated everyday life on campus, and the tremendous support of the alumni network, all of which I credit for helping me achieve my goal of becoming a successful lawyer.

With tremendous gratitude, I now begin a two-year term as president of the Board of Directors of the Notre Dame Law Association. The NDLA is the principal organization committed to furthering and strengthening the relationships of all Notre Dame Lawyers to Notre Dame Law School.

Inspired by the warmth and hospitality I felt at Notre Dame from day one, my first initiative as president is to ensure that every student and graduate feels welcome. To that end, I have created a Diversity & Inclusion Com-

mittee to help the Law School attract quality minority law students, assist these students while in law school and in obtaining employment, and encourage minority graduates to be more involved in mentoring minority law students. For law schools to succeed, they must attract and nurture talent in its multiplicity of forms. A diverse student population leads to a better learning environment and a better understanding of different cultures and perspectives.

Secondly, I am committed to strengthening the Notre Dame community beyond campus. Thanks to the initiative started by past NDLA President Beth Naylor, we have more than 30 Notre Dame Lawyer Committees across the country. These organizations have energized the Notre Dame alumni network for the good of Notre Dame and its lawyers. I am pleased to have been one of the founding members of Notre Dame Lawyers of New York City, and it is my mission to continue the expansion of these committees to other cities. You can read more about the committees in the cover story on page 20 of this magazine.

In this time of rapid change in the legal marketplace and increasing competition for the best and the brightest law school applicants, the need for Notre Dame's strong alumni family has never been greater. Please get involved. On behalf of the NDLA Board, I thank you for your support of Notre Dame Law School. Go Irish!

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Notes

'70s

James H. Cawley, '70 J.D., joined the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, law firm SkarlatosZonarich as an energy consultant. Cawley, a retired lawyer, served as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from 1979 to 1985 and from 2005 to 2015.

Kathleen Cekanski-Farrand, '73 J.D., retired after serving 42 years as the council attorney for the South Bend Common Council. She served with six different administrations of South Bend mayors.

John T. Lynch, '75 J.D., was named to the list of 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Lynch is a shareholder with Davis Malm & D'Agostine in Boston, practicing in the areas of business and trusts and estates.

Super Lawyers named **Martin J. Hagan, '73, '76 J.D.**, to its 2017 list of Pennsylvania attorneys. Hagan is a partner at Meyer, Unkovic & Scott in Pittsburgh.

Steven L. Owen, '76 J.D., a shareholder at Foster Swift Collins & Smith in Lansing, Mich., was selected for the 2017 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for his work in banking and finance law, financial regulation law, and real estate law. Owen was also included in the 2016 Michigan Super Lawyers list.

John Gaal, '74, '77 J.D., a member at Bond, Schoeneck & King, was named the 2017 Best Lawyer in America “Lawyer of the Year” for Education Law in Syracuse, New York.

Catherine M. Karol, '78 J.D., joined Butzel Long as counsel in the firm's Detroit office. Karol concentrates her practice in transactional negotiations, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and divestitures. She recently retired from a 38-year career on the General Motors legal staff.

Super Lawyers named **James R. Mall, '74, '78 J.D./MBA**, to its 2017 list of Pennsylvania attorneys. Mall is a partner at Meyer, Unkovic & Scott in Pittsburgh.

Scott C. Sullivan, '76, '79 J.D., a partner at Williams McCarthy in Rockford, Illinois, was named to the 24th edition of the Best Lawyers in America. For the fourth straight year, he was selected in the field of commercial litigation.

'80s

Mark Spitler, '82 J.D., a partner at Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, was included in the Best Lawyers in America as "Lawyer of the Year" for Professional Malpractice Defense in Buffalo, New York.

James F. Slattery Jr., '81, '84 J.D., delivered the keynote address at the 2017 General Counsel Summit in Sydney, Australia. The topic was "International Piracy of Online Video Content in the Digital Age." Slattery is a media legal and business affairs consultant in Rye, New York.

Jeffrey C. McDermott, '86 J.D., was named president and CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana. He was previously a partner at Krieg DeVault in the Indianapolis area.

Sacramento Magazine named **John C. McCarron**, '87 J.D., a 2017 Top Lawyer. McCarron is a partner at Downey Brand in Sacramento, California.

Stephen R. Clark, '88 J.D., managing partner of Runnymede law group in St. Louis, was recognized as a Super Lawyer for the ninth time and eighth consecutive year. He was recognized in the field of complex business litigation.

Ann Andrews, '89 J.D., joined Ogletree Deakins as a shareholder in the firm's Phoenix office. Andrews focuses the majority of her practice on first-party and third-party insurance coverage and bad faith litigation, and she has expansive experience in life, health, and disability insurance.

Virginia Business named **Todd A. Leeson**, '89 J.D., to its 2016 Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment law. Leeson, a partner at Gentry Locke in Roanoke, Virginia, was also named in the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Thomas S. O'Neill, '89 J.D., was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel at Exelon Corporation in Chicago. He was formerly senior vice president, energy and regulatory policy, and general counsel at Exelon utility ComEd.



Father and Son Named Leading Lawyers

Patrick A. Salvi, '78 J.D., and **Patrick A. Salvi II**, '07 J.D., were honored this summer when the father-son pair were both named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America for 2017. The elder Salvi is chairman and managing equity partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard in Chicago, and the younger Salvi is managing partner.

Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard set a new record in August when it won

a \$148 million jury verdict for a Chicago-area woman who was partially paralyzed when a bus shelter at O'Hare International Airport collapsed on her during a storm. The verdict was the largest ever handed down in a Cook County personal injury case. Five of the firm's attorneys—including Patrick A. Salvi, Patrick A. Salvi II, and **Eirene N. Salvi**, '15 J.D.—participated in the 10-day trial.

'90s

Maynard Cooper & Gale announced that **Peter S. Fruin**, '90 J.D., was chosen as a Law360 MVP in the area of securities law. Fruin, a shareholder and co-chair of Maynard Cooper's securities litigation practice, is based in the firm's Birmingham, Alabama, office.

Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Stacy C. Gerber Ward, '93 J.D., joined von Briesen & Roper as a shareholder in Milwaukee. She previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney for more than 14 years and was most recently the deputy chief of the Civil Division for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed **Frank T. Pimentel**, '87, '94 J.D., as an immigration judge in the Port Isabel Immigration Court in Texas. Prior to his appointment, Pimentel served as an assistant U.S. attorney from 2009 to 2012 in the Southern District of Texas and from 2012 to 2017 in the Western District of New York.

The Michigan Supreme Court appointed **James Joseph Rossi**, '88, '95 J.D., to the business court in the 17th Circuit Court in Kent County. The court hears complicated business cases, including business claims on partnerships and terminations, antitrust franchising and trade regulation claims, and corporate receiverships.

Mark Reuter, '96 J.D., a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp, was recognized by Best Lawyers in America as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" in Securities Regulation Law in Cincinnati.

Christopher J. Spataro, '96 J.D., joined Elkhart, Indiana-

based Genesis Products as vice president of human resources. Spataro was most recently a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels.

EY selected **Brad Wiskirchen**, '96 J.D., as a 2017 finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year, Utah Region. Wiskirchen is the founding CEO of Kount, a leading fraud prevention solution. The company is based in Boise, Idaho.

Igor Krivoshekov, '93 MBA, '97 J.D., a cross-border transaction attorney, joined Akin Gump as a partner in its London office. Previously, Krivoshekov was a partner at Dentons.

President Donald Trump nominated **Mark A. Klaassen**, '98 J.D., to serve as U.S. attorney for the District of Wyoming. Klaassen became an assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Wyoming in 2009.

The U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey appointed **Kristen E. Polovy**, '98 J.D., as a pro se law clerk in the Trenton vicinage where she serves the court under Chief Judge Jerome B. Simandle.

The Connecticut Bar Foundation appointed **Edward J. Heath**, '99 J.D., to its board of directors. Heath is chair of Robinson & Cole's Business Litigation Group and leads its Government Investigations and Corporate Compliance Team in Hartford, Connecticut.

Mark Your Calendars

The Law School's inaugural Homecoming Weekend was a huge hit as Notre Dame Lawyers from all over the United States returned to campus at the end of September.

The highlight of the weekend was the tailgate party on the DeBartolo Quad before the Fighting Irish played Miami of Ohio. Almost 300 alumni reconnected as they enjoyed craft beers, wine, and a delicious buffet.

See a full recap and photos from the weekend at law.nd.edu/homecoming.

And plan to attend next year's Homecoming! Save the weekend of **September 15, 2018**, when the Irish will take on Vanderbilt.



Michael N. Chesney, '92 J.D., joined the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland. He is a partner at Frantz Ward in Cleveland, where he practices labor and employment law. He was recognized last year in The Best Lawyers in America.

Thomas W. Curvin, '92 J.D., a partner at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan and co-leader of the firm's litigation practice group, was selected to join the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation Board of Directors.

James P. Sledge, '92 J.D., was named vice president of state government affairs for Comcast. Sledge previously held senior positions at the Chicago Transit Authority and most recently was the executive officer for the

'00s

Gov. Susana Martinez appointed **Emil Kiehne**, '00 J.D., as a judge to the New Mexico Court of Appeals in September. Kiehne was previously a shareholder at Modrall Sperling in Albuquerque.

Stacey Mosesso McConnell, '96, '00 J.D., founded Adept Legal Talent Group—a boutique freelance network of high-achieving lawyers and paralegals that works with law firms, in-house legal departments, and businesses to provide project-based legal counsel in all practice areas.

Brad Sobolewski, '00 J.D., was promoted to partner at Ulmer & Berne in Cleveland. Sobolewski practices in the firm's Complex Business Litigation Practice Group, representing clients in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

Alum devoted to serving South Bend

Rodolfo "Rudy" Monterrosa, '01 J.D., opened Monterrosa Law Group in March in South Bend.

He said the opening fulfilled a promise he made when he entered Notre Dame Law School in 1998, to work to provide everyone with "justice and opportunity," especially those that may be underserved.

He and his wife, Cecilia, who is also an attorney, serve the northern Indiana community in English and Spanish.

In October, Monterrosa was appointed to serve as a board member for the South Bend Community School Corporation.

He is also an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School.

Jason Scheiderer, '01 J.D., was honored as a 2016 Up & Coming Lawyer by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. Scheiderer is a member of Dentons' Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice in Kansas City.

Stone Grissom, '00 J.D., published his first novel, *A Cry for Justice*. The legal thriller includes several references to Notre Dame Law School, which Grissom said is "my small homage to my cherished time as a Domer."

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper appointed **Andrew C. Baum**, '99, '02 J.D., to serve as District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District in suburban Denver. Baum was a magistrate in the 18th Judicial District since 2016.

Courtney A. Kirtley, '00, '03 J.D., joined Kay Casto & Chaney as an attorney

practicing in the areas of commercial and financial law. She will serve clients from the firm's Fayetteville, West Virginia, office.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Montana announced that it created a new position

focusing solely on civil rights cases, both civil and criminal.

Brendan McCarthy, '00, '04 J.D., was selected for the position. McCarthy has been an assistant U.S. attorney in the Billings office since 2013.

Rebecca D'Arcy O'Reilly, '04 J.D., joined Bodman as a member in the firm's Detroit office. She is co-chair of Bodman's Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Practice Group and a leader of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan service team.

Erin Clary Seki, '98, '04 J.D., was named a trustee on the board of Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. Seki is managing counsel for H-E-B, a San Antonio-based grocery retailer.

Marisa A. Lorenzo, '05 J.D., was elected to partner at Kelley Drye & Warren in New York. Lorenzo is a litigator who focuses on investigations, enforcement actions, and lawsuits involving the communications industry.

Andrew C. Villier, '01, '05 J.D./MBA, was promoted to partner at Perkins Coie in Denver. Villier is a member of the firm's private equity practice.

Timothy B. Collins, '02, '06 J.D., was promoted to partner at Duane Morris in Philadelphia. He focuses on employee benefits and executive compensation.



Trailblazer

The Missouri Commission on Human Rights named **Cynthia L. Cordes**, '04 J.D., the recipient of its 2016 Judge Arnold Krekel Trailblazer Award for promoting civil rights and equal justice.

The award is named after the federal judge who presided over Missouri's 1865 Constitutional Convention, signing the

ordinance abolishing slavery in Missouri.

Cordes is a partner at Husch Blackwell in Kansas City. She leads the firm's Human Trafficking Corporate Compliance initiative and founded the firm's Human Trafficking Legal Clinic—the first of its kind in the United States.

Latham & Watkins promoted **Nathan J. Logan**, '06 J.D., to counsel in its Chicago office. Logan is a member of the firm's finance department.

Christopher R. Drewry, '07 J.D., was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins in Chicago. Drewry is a member of the firm's corporate department.

Brian T. Kiolbasa, '07 J.D., was elected a shareholder of Lane Powell in Portland, Oregon. Kiolbasa concentrates his practice on the representation

of financial institutions, businesses, and individuals in a broad range of commercial and complex litigation matters.

Citywealth, one of the leading business publications in the United Kingdom, shortlisted **Chris McLemore**, '07 J.D., as Lawyer of the Year in the partner category of its annual Future Leader Awards. McLemore is an attorney at Butler Snow in London.

Jason Morelli, '07 J.D., was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins in Chicago. Morelli is a member of the firm's corporate department.

Carolyn A. Blessing, '04, '08 J.D., was promoted to partner at Locke Lord in Chicago. Blessing focuses her practice in IP pharmaceutical matters and Hatch-Waxman litigation. She represents pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in all aspects of federal intellectual property litigation.

Robyn Bowland, '08 J.D., was promoted to partner at Akerman in Chicago. Bowland is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group and focuses her practice on intellectual property, litigation, and counseling.

Wilson Turner Kosmo promoted **Daniel Carrillo-Gunning**, '08 J.D., to partner in the firm's San Diego office. Gunning specializes in defending employers in employment litigation.

Haight Brown & Bonesteel elevated **Michael Parme**, '08 J.D., to partner. Parme handles cases in the San Diego firm's risk management and insurance, employment and labor, and construction practice groups.

Manish Antani, '09 J.D., joined Blank Rome as an associate in Los Angeles. He practices in the firm's corporate, mergers and acquisitions, and securities group.

Thomas M. Burnett, '09 J.D., was named a shareholder in Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren's Litigation Practice in Milwaukee. Burnett represents a variety of clients such as business owners, insurers, actuaries, and financial institutions, as well as manufacturers, developers, and distributors.

Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane hired **Ryan M. Davidson**, '09 J.D., as an associate in the firm's Lancaster, Pennsylvania, office. He focuses on litigation and general practice.

Andrew J. Hofland, '09 J.D., joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office and a member of the Litigation & Trial and Bankruptcy & Creditor's Rights Practice Groups. Hofland previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma.



O'Scannlain tapped as Labor Department's top lawyer

The White House announced this fall that **Kate O'Scannlain**, '99, '05 J.D., would be President Donald Trump's nominee for solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor.

The solicitor's office is tasked with meeting the entire department's legal needs, which include providing legal advice to the

labor secretary and other officials as they work to accomplish the department's goals.

O'Scannlain was promoted to partner at Kirkland & Ellis in Washington, D.C., in 2011. She is also a member of the Notre Dame Law Association Board.

Metro Board of Directors. Bentley is an attorney at Stites & Harbison in Louisville and is a member of the firm's business litigation service group.

Catherine Dines, '15 J.D., joined Berardi Immigration Law as an associate attorney in Buffalo, New York.

Joseph P. Guenther, '16 J.D., was hired as an associate at

Frantz Ward in Cleveland. Guenther was a summer associate at the firm in 2015.

Steven Melzer, '16 J.D., joined Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell as an associate in Wilmington, Delaware. Melzer practices in the firm's commercial law counseling group.

Eric Nichols, '16 J.D., joined Faegre Baker Daniels

as an associate in South Bend. Nichols practices in the firm's finance and restructuring group.

Charles C. Davis III, '17 J.D., was hired as an associate at Burr & Forman in Tampa. Davis works in the firm's financial services practice group.

Big Pro Bono Victory

Kevin J. Murphy, '14 J.D., was among the lawyers from Chicago-based Jenner & Block that won a pro bono case in the spring on behalf of Patrick Pursley—an Illinois man who asserted his innocence while serving a life sentence for a murder conviction.

In March, Pursley was granted a new trial based on ballistics evidence that established a gun recovered from his home did not fire bullets or cartridge cases found at the crime scene. He was released on bond in April and is awaiting a possible retrial.

"With a few words, the conviction that had kept him in prison for 23 years was wiped away," Murphy said. "It was great to be there to see the look on Patrick's face, the look on his fiancée's face, and to be a part of that moment."

Jenner & Block began representing Pursley in 2008. Murphy, an associate in the firm's litigation department, joined the team on Pursley's case in May 2016.



'10s

Lindsey Brazys Pianowski, '10 J.D., was promoted to partner at Sanders Pianowski in Elkhart, Indiana. Her practice is concentrated in estate planning, estate administration, elder law, business planning, and mergers and acquisitions.

Alvin A. Adjei, '09, '12 J.D., joined Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz as an associate. He joins the Houston firm after serving as an assistant district attorney in the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Samantha Dravis, '12 J.D., was appointed senior counsel and associate administrator in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office

of Policy. Previously, Dravis was president of the Rule of Law Defense Fund, a public policy organization affiliated with the Republican Attorneys General Association.

Brittany Brantley, '13 J.D., joined Fisher Phillips as an associate in Cleveland. Brantley represents employers in a wide range of labor and employment matters.

Brian L. Salvi, '09, '13 J.D., an associate with Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard in Chicago, was named to the 2017 list of Illinois Super Lawyers.

Reed W. Burritt, '14 J.D., joined Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz as an associate. Prior to joining the Houston firm,

Burritt was defense counsel for numerous large corporations.

Brian Ellixson, '14 J.D., joined Fisher Phillips as an associate in the firm's Philadelphia office. As an employment and trade secrets litigator, Ellixson will focus on trade secrets, restrictive covenants, non-disclosure agreements, unfair competition, and employee raiding.

Faegre Baker Daniels hired **Blake Angelino**, '15 J.D., as an associate in the firm's product liability group. Angelino will practice in the firm's Chicago office.

The American Heart Association named **Frederick R. Bentley**, '12, '15 J.D., to serve on its Kentuckiana



IN MEMORIAM

These members of the Notre Dame Law School community passed away between fall 2016 and fall 2017.

Justice **TOBIAS “TOBY” BARRY**, ’52 J.D. He served in the Illinois House of Representatives for 14 years and later served for more than 20 years on the Third District Appellate Court.

CHARLES “CHUCK” ROEMER, ’53, ’58 J.D. He practiced law, with a focus on estate planning, for many years in South Bend and retired as a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in 2004.

PAUL J. SCHIERL, ’57, ’61 J.D. He was the longtime president of Fort Howard Corporation in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The company honored him in 1988 by creating the Paul J. Schierl/Fort Howard Corporation Professorship at Notre Dame Law School.

Judge **THOMAS “TOM” O’TOOLE**, ’60. A member of the Law School’s Advisory Council since 2011, he and his wife, Elaine, endowed the O’Toole Professorship of Constitutional Law.

Professor **REGIS CAMPFIELD**, ’63. He founded the Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute and served on the Law School’s faculty from 1970-77 before moving to SMU School of Law.

GERALD G. VAIRO, ’62, ’64 J.D. He was the senior member and partner of the law firm Vairo, Mechlin, Tomasi, Johnson & Manchester in Houghton and Calumet, Michigan.

ROBERT “BOB” KRAUSE, ’66 J.D. He had a long career at Dickinson Wright in Detroit, where he represented the Big Three automakers and several other corporate powerhouses.

DEMETRIO “BUTCH” VERICH, ’76 J.D./MBA. He had a 20-year career in the Navy before attending law school. After graduation, he served as district attorney in Forest County, Wisconsin.

MATTHEW C. NIELSEN, ’96, ’99 J.D. He was a partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun in Chicago. He passed away after a fight with pancreatic cancer.

IN MEMORIAM



ND LAW SCHOOL MOURNS THE LOSS OF TOM SINGER

By Nell Jessup Newton

I am very sorry to report that Tom Singer, a superb trial lawyer, colleague, and instructor in Notre Dame’s trial advocacy program, died on March 4.

Tom was a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, but his ties to NDLS ran deep. His wife, Carmen Piasecki, is a 1973 NDLS grad and his daughter, Kate Singer, is a 1997 grad who has been an adjunct professor here since 2000.

During his 40 years as an NDLS adjunct professor, Tom mentored generations of trial lawyers, many of whom credit him for their professional success.

Timothy Rooney, a 1982 Law School graduate and partner at Winston & Strawn, was a student in Tom’s 1982 trial advocacy class before going on to a career as a litigator. Later, Tim returned to NDLS to teach in the trial ad program along with Tom.

Like many of Tom’s former students, Tim stressed that Tom’s influence continued during his entire career: “I frequently told the ITA students that they should pay very close attention when Tom Singer lectured, because if they looked around, they would see all of the faculty members—experienced and very accomplished litigators—doing that very thing. We took every opportunity we could to hear Tom lecture. Even as I grew to be a senior litigator at a major firm, I truly looked forward to teaching with Tom, because I learned something from him every time I did. He was a special talent, and a very special man. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had my path cross with his.”

Jim Seckinger, the Notre Dame professor who first hired Tom to teach in the program, described him as “my closest friend—personally and professionally—since I arrived in South Bend in 1975.

He has been a tremendous gift to me personally and professionally, and has touched so many lives throughout the U.S. and Canada. From 1975, Notre Dame Law students have been the special beneficiaries of Tom Singer and he will live on at NDLS beyond my years at the Law School.”

Jim Moran, a partner at Mulherin, Rehfeldt & Varchetto, P.C., in Wheaton, Ill., recalls that “when I first started with the ITA class, it was in the old Law School. My wife, Linda, would also travel to Notre Dame with me. Linda started joining us for

lunch in the basement each day. Linda made a beeline for Tom. I asked her why she always sought out Tom (thinking she just wanted to listen to Tom’s voice). Linda related, ‘I look for Tom because he always makes me feel like I belong.’ That is, simply, Tom Singer.”



Jeanne Jourdan, a 1975 Notre Dame grad and retired St. Joseph Superior Court judge, recalls that Tom looked and sounded “like a Midwestern Atticus Finch” and that he “prepared each class, lecture, and demonstration of a trial skill as if he was at trial. Tom’s only exception to no ‘war stories’ happened when Tom talked about his own mistakes. His passion for excellence was unparalleled in the classroom and the courtroom.”

Jim Seckinger created the innovative Intensive Trial Advocacy program, but would be the first to say that Tom Singer was its heart and soul. Tom was truly a legend in the law and will be missed by so many who learned from him and now, in turn, teach the current generation of Notre Dame students.

Nell Jessup Newton is the Joseph A. Matson Dean of Notre Dame Law School.



Through the Generosity of One Alum, Another Fulfilled His Dream

How fellowships give both ways

By *Denise Wager*



As far back as fourth grade, **RILEY KOVAL**, '16 J.D., would write in the back of his notebooks at school, "I will attend the University of Notre Dame."

Raised as a Fighting Irish fan, he made annual trips to Notre Dame with his family to see a football game, attend Mass, and visit the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

So, when Koval was applying to law schools after graduating from Macalester College in Minnesota, Notre Dame was at the top of his list. At the same time, he and his father, a police officer, worried that Notre Dame Law School would be a big financial stretch.

"I knew Notre Dame Law School would be a perfect fit for me," he said. "Notre Dame educates a different kind of lawyer, and I wanted to be a different kind of lawyer. I was attending law school to gain a skill set so that I could pursue my passion to work in collegiate athletics."

When Koval received his acceptance letter, he was also given a three-year fellowship that would offset a portion of his law school costs and make it possible to pursue his dream.

In his first year, Koval went to a thank-a-donor event to show his gratitude to those who support Notre Dame Law students.

STEVE MACKEY, '76 J.D., and his wife, Jana, were also attending the event. Steve Mackey is a former executive vice president, general counsel, and chief administrative officer at Helmerich & Payne in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Mackeys have underwritten

a fellowship at Notre Dame Law School since 2010.

"One of the Law School's strengths is its insistence that all its students should view the law as a means for improving society in whatever way they think they can best accomplish that goal," Steve Mackey said. "Our fellowship hopefully allows a student to embrace that mission and have the ability to choose a career based on what he or she wants to do, not what they have to do for financial reasons."

Koval and the Mackeys happened to be sitting together at the thank-a-donor event, and

Mackeys jumped out of their seats, gave me a big hug, and Jana Mackey said, "That's perfect because we already love you."

The bond grew stronger during Koval's next two years of law school. The Mackeys always took him out to dinner while visiting campus. During one of those dinners in Koval's second year, the Mackeys asked if he was taking out loans to pay for costs that the fellowship did not cover. When Koval said he was, the Mackeys told him they wanted to pay the remainder of what he owed for his final year of law school.

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the three of them immediately hit it off. They had a natural rapport with each other as well as some things in common—Koval and Steve Mackey both played football while growing up, and the Mackeys' daughter was completing an internship in Madison, Wisconsin, which is Koval's hometown.

When Steve Mackey mentioned that they didn't know who their scholarship award recipient was for the year, Koval said he would go find out.

"The people running the event told me that Riley Koval was the recipient of the Mackeys' fellowship, and I just said, 'Well, I definitely know him,'" Koval said. "When I returned to the table and said we're a match, the

"Riley is truly a 'different kind of lawyer' who will have a meaningful impact on his colleagues, community, and the University. As a fellowship recipient, Riley has a personal connection to what it means to give back. We are excited to see how he will use his time, talents, and resources to benefit others in the future," Steve Mackey said. "Riley has now become a part of our family, and we look forward to continuing that relationship for years to come. Our fellowship has truly been a gift that gives back in ways we could never have imagined."

For Koval, the feeling is mutual.

He said the Mackeys haven't become a second family to him; he feels like they're part

of his immediate family. The Mackeys traveled to Koval's hometown just to visit his parents, and the two families coordinate which football games they attend each fall to make sure they see each other.

Steve Mackey not only was present for Koval's law school graduation in 2016 but also "hooded" Koval at the ceremony. "It was a special moment that I'll never forget," Koval said, "and I'll always be grateful for it."

As a law student, Koval had the opportunity to work with the Notre Dame football team as a recruiting analyst, as a legal intern for the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill athletic department, and as a summer associate for the Minnesota Vikings general counsel office.

"I am so grateful for what Steve and Jana have given me," Koval said. "They know that my route, my passion may not be lucrative, and by this very generous gift they have allowed me to pursue that passion."

Since graduating from the Law School in 2016, Koval has worked in Notre Dame's Office of Development as the assistant director of recognition societies.

"Having an understanding of development is crucial to being a well-rounded athletic director, so the position is both very fulfilling for me and also an incredible opportunity to learn from and work with the best development team in the country," Koval said. "I love what I do because it allows me to give back to a school that gave so much to me and ensure that other students are able to enjoy the same experience I did at Notre Dame." ♦

Why Notre Dame?



"I wanted a nationally known school that had an intimate academic setting. Notre Dame Law School fosters a tight-knit community with helpful professors, staff, and genuine people, and it has provided a great opportunity for me to get to know each of them on a more fundamental level."

"I knew going to Notre Dame Law School would equip me with the necessary resources to help me professionally—for starters, by having access to one of the best alumni networks in the country. Our alumni are always willing to help fellow Notre Dame students."

Athena Aherrera

President, Student Bar Association
J.D./MBA, Class of 2019



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Bruce Huber

Professor of Law and Robert
& Marion Short Scholar

Notre Dame Law School Distinguished
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"I chose Notre Dame because I thought it was the best school to which I was accepted and the best for me, even though I was challenged both financially and academically throughout my tenure."

"The ND Law network helped me land my first job in a law firm, as Don Bebenek and Carl Eck of Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck were both 'Double Domers.' What followed were 30 years of trial practice and going on 11 years of sitting as a federal judge in Pittsburgh."

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