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Dean Newton Steps Down

Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law Nell Jessup Newton will conclude her tenure as dean of Notre Dame Law School on June 30, 2019, after 10 years of service.



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Newton assumed the deanship at the beginning of a recession that resulted in diminishing job prospects for law school graduates across the country and a concomitant serious downturn in applications to law schools. Despite these challenges, Notre Dame Law School is thriving and continues to attract outstanding students and faculty.

She recently reflected on her time as dean by answering a few questions for *Notre Dame Lawyer*.

Q What was your relationship with Notre Dame before you became the Law School's dean?

My brother Rob Mier attended ND on a Navy ROTC scholarship. For a Catholic family of very limited means, attending college was a dream and going to Notre Dame seemed an impossible dream. His great grades and activities at St. Louis U. High resulted in him being admitted, and the Navy made the dream come true. I still remember the long, detailed letter my brother sent me about his first football weekend—the rallies, bonfires, shenanigans, and a blow-by-blow recap of the game. While at ND, Rob founded the ND Rugby Club and served as its first captain. He remains beloved by many of the early players who keep me on their email lists and still occasionally drop by my office to visit. Rob saved enough money to pay for me to come to his commencement, and I will always treasure the moment of seeing the campus for the

first time and even meeting Fr. Ted. These memories are even more tender because Rob died in 1995 of lymphoma caused by his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Still, I feel his presence at the oddest moments while walking around campus.

Q You make it a point to walk at least 10,000 steps each day. Aside from the health benefits, why do you always make time to take daily walks?

I am a reformed marathon runner, so walking is important for my mental as well as physical health. It's a great way to encounter students on my way through the Commons or through the library on my way outside. I'm a strong believer in serendipity and these encounters often lead to conversations and connections that yield important insights. Getting my steps in also leads me to walk to colleagues' offices to address questions instead of sending emails that can be misread or cause the kind of confu-

sion that leads to follow-up emails. A walk around the lakes or to the Grotto can provide a moment to be grateful for all the ways that the Notre Dame community has enriched my spiritual and intellectual life.

Q You continued to teach while serving as dean. You taught the 1L course in contract law twice and more recently supervised and taught in the D.C. semester externship program. What do you love about teaching?

As any 1L professor will tell you, it is a special joy watching students develop in ability and confidence throughout the semester and then following them during the remainder of their time in law school—not to mention keeping up with some of them long afterwards. Through this relationship I learn more about their hopes and fears with regard to their law school experience. This knowledge made me a better teacher and, I believe, a better dean.



Dean Nell Jessup Newton chats with Notre Dame Law students and alumni at the Black Law Students Association annual banquet in April 2018.

Q One of your areas of focus as dean has been on innovation and adopting new technology. How has technology changed legal education and the practice of law?

I strongly believe that law graduates should have an understanding of the ways in which technology is used in law practice and how it is lessening or even eliminating the need for attorneys to undertake certain repetitive tasks. We offered an innovative course, Law 2.0, designed to teach just that. We also created a program of study in intellectual property and technology law and generally expanded the curriculum and faculty in IP. I am particularly proud of our IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic. It has done great work securing patents for innovators at Notre Dame and working closely with student entrepreneurs, including the award-winning Law School team that created Impowerus, which is an online platform that connects juvenile immigrants with pro bono attorneys. In the classroom, we introduced Zoom

technology to enable students studying in one of our off-site programs in Chicago, D.C., or London to participate actively in South Bend-based courses, and vice versa.

Q What are you looking forward to next?

Next fall, I plan to take the first of two fall semester sabbaticals. I plan to spend the sabbatical in London at our London Program, and though I won't be teaching, I will be developing a robust externship program for our London students. I would be lying if I did not admit I also plan to go to the theater and take advantage of all that London has to offer. In the spring semester, I will officially return to work and will be teaching our D.C. externship seminar, visiting placements and placement supervisors, and trouble-shooting with the students. I plan also to begin retooling the courses that I will be teaching when I return to South Bend.

Dean Nell Jessup Newton speaks at Notre Dame Law School's 2018 Hooding and Diploma Ceremony at the Joyce Center.

A decade of highlights

During Nell Jessup Newton's 10 years as dean, Notre Dame Law School:

- ✧ Grew its Loan Repayment Assistance Program by **500 percent**.
- ✧ Hired **20** of the current full-time Notre Dame Law faculty.
- ✧ Created five new research programs: Church, State, and Society; Constitutional Structure; Law and Economics; Law and Market Behavior; and Private Law.
- ✧ Improved student services by expanding the Career Development Office and adding a wellness counselor.
- ✧ Saw **90 percent** of its 2017 grads accept full-time, long-term positions.
- ✧ Created eight programs of study to guide course selection for students.
- ✧ Created two public-interest fellowships: Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellowship and Bank of America Foundation Community Sustainability Fellowship.
- ✧ Grew its international profile by establishing exchange programs with universities in China, Chile, Italy, Ireland, and Switzerland and enrolling LL.M. students in London.
- ✧ Created three new clinics: Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship, Community Development, and Tax.
- ✧ Grew externship programs from two to 12, including programs in Chicago and Washington, D.C.
- ✧ Raised more than **\$85 million** and expects the total to be close to **\$100 million** by the end of Newton's deanship in June 2019.



Off the Bench

Prominent judges visit ND Law School

Several prominent federal judges visited Notre Dame Law School during the 2017–18 academic year to speak to students. In fact, five of those judges were on President Donald Trump’s list of 25 potential U.S. Supreme Court nominees to succeed retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy.

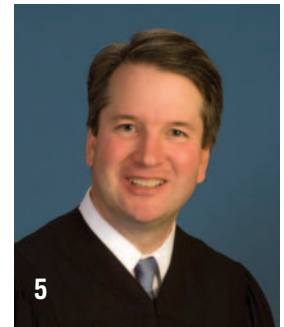
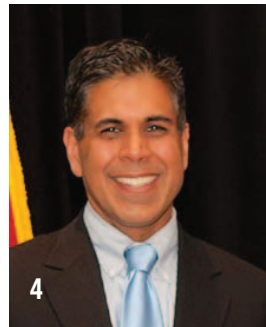
In November 2017, **JUDGE THOMAS HARDIMAN (1)** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit was the keynote speaker at the Notre Dame Law Review’s annual symposium, which looked at the future of administrative law. Judge Hardiman earned his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1987.

JUDGE MARGARET A. RYAN ’95 J.D. (2) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces delivered a Clynes Chair Lecture on the appellate process in January.

JUDGE RAYMOND KETHLEDGE (3) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit visited in January to talk about his book, *Lead Yourself First: Inspiring Leadership Through Solitude*.

JUDGE AMUL THAPAR (4) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit also spoke at the Law School in February at a reception celebrating the publication of Associate Dean Randy Kozel’s book on precedent, *Settled Versus Right*.

Also in February, the eventual Supreme Court nominee, Judge **BRETT KAVANAUGH (5)** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, met with the Law School’s chapter of the Federalist Society for a conversation about the role of a judge. This was on the same day that the Law School hosted the investiture of Professor Amy Coney Barrett ’97 J.D. as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.



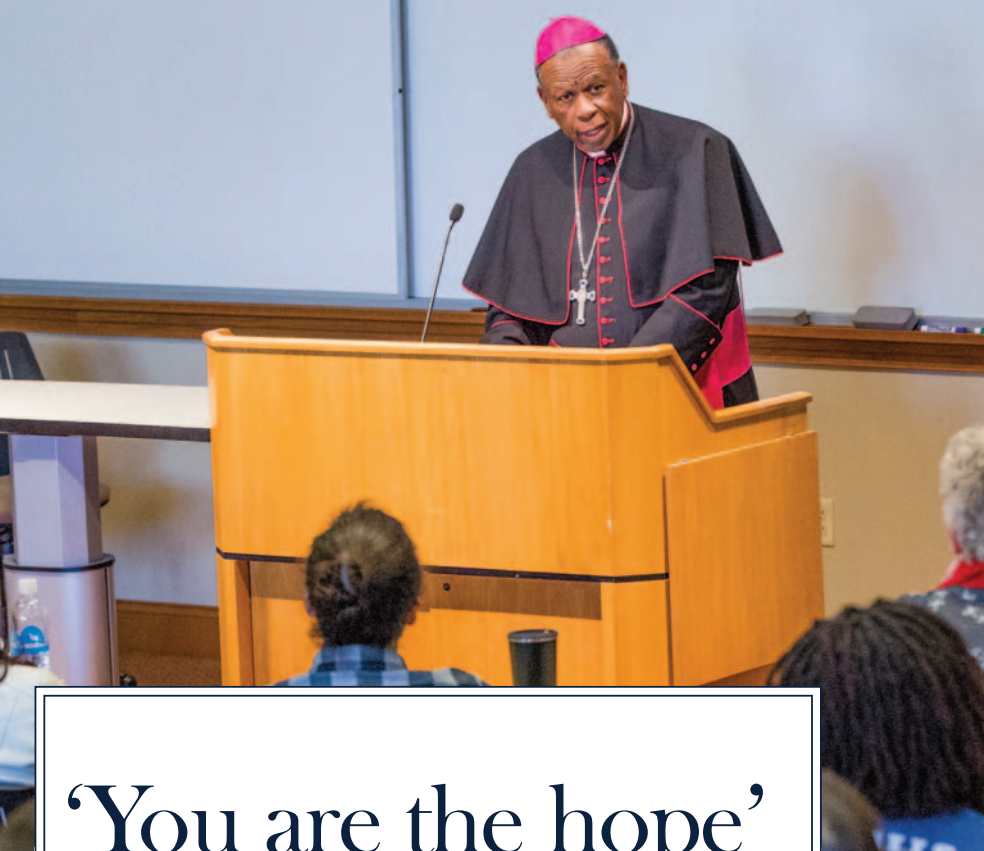
Law School improves LRAP

Notre Dame Law School is proud to have a generous Loan Repayment Assistance Program to help J.D. graduates who are beginning legal careers in public interest and public service. LRAP is designed to ensure that graduates are financially able to work in the non-profit sector, government, policy advocacy, human rights, and other fields where lawyers make valuable contributions but are often paid lower salaries.

Since the Law School created LRAP in 2001, the program has disbursed more than \$2 million to graduates who have worked in a wide variety of public interest and public service positions in the United States and abroad.

The Law School implemented several improvements to LRAP during the past year. Among the improvements are a new web-based application and reduced reporting requirements for participants.

Learn more at law.nd.edu/lrap.



'You are the hope'

ND Law hosts one of Church's leading voices on race

BISHOP EDWARD K. BRAXTON of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, examined key elements of the racial divide in the United States and the emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement from the perspective of the Catholic Church when he spoke in March at the Law School.

His lecture, "The Catholic Church and the Racial Divide in the United States," was the Dean's Lecture on Race, Law, and Society for the spring semester.

Bishop Braxton noted that only 2.9 million of the nearly 70 million Catholics in the United States are African-Americans, and only 250 of the 40,000 priests in this country are African-Americans. He is one of just eight African-American bishops out of more than 260 bishops in the U.S.

He said that, although Catholic institutions have made aggressive efforts to overcome past racial biases and increase diversity in recent years, much more can and should be done.

"Prepare yourself for the great work to which you have been called," the bishop told students. "You are the hope of the Church. You are the hope of the country. You are the hope of the world. The shape of the Church, of the country, and of the world to come is in your hands."

MARTHA JONES, a history professor at Johns Hopkins University, delivered the Dean's Lecture on Race, Law, and Society for the fall semester. A scholar on American legal history, Jones tied more than two centuries of debate over the 14th Amendment and citizen rights for former slaves to today's political debate surrounding undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers.

Galilee sees record participation

More than 175 Notre Dame Law students traveled to 12 cities across the country to participate in the Galilee program during winter break of the 2017–18 academic year.

Galilee, an acronym that stands for Group Alternative Live-In Legal Education, is designed to help students explore their career paths by exposing them to the social issues and legal problems of America's marginalized residents and by introducing them to lawyers who are confronting those problems.

Students spent time with judges, prosecutors, and city attorneys. They observed work at legal aid clinics, juvenile justice centers, and immigration facilities. They visited prisons, including Cook County Jail in Chicago and San Quentin Prison near San Francisco. They also visited big law firms to see how lawyers incorporate pro bono work into their careers. In addition, they volunteered in soup kitchens, homeless centers, and other nonprofit organizations.

Program on Church, State & Society growing

The Law School's Program on Church, State & Society expanded over the summer with the addition of **JONATHAN HANNAH** as program director. Hannah previously spent five years as the University's director of foundation relations.



RICHARD GARNETT, the Paul J. Schierl/Fort Howard Corporation Professor at the Law School, founded the Program on Church, State & Society in 2010 and remains the program's faculty director. The program focuses on the role of religion in society and how law structures those relationships.

"This is an exciting development for the University and for the Law School," Garnett said. "Jonathan brings to the Program on Church, State & Society the enthusiasm, expertise, and commitment necessary to help us grow, to provide students with more opportunities for experiential learning and employment, and to support rigorous and timely academic research."

[Learn more at churchstate.nd.edu.](http://churchstate.nd.edu)



Members of Better Homes of South Bend and the Contract Buyers League of Chicago talk about how two African-American communities organized to overcome discriminatory housing practices in the 1950s and '60s.

'Fighting for Fair Housing'

Law School hosts conference on Fair Housing Act of 1968

In April, the Law School hosted a conference called "Fighting for Fair Housing" to mark the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson signing the Fair Housing Act into law, prohibiting discrimination against buyers and renters on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status.

"It is a fitting time to look back at the law to remember why it was needed, what it has accomplished, and challenges that remain in the fight for equal access to opportunity in America," said Professor **JUDITH FOX '93 J.D.**, who runs the Law School's Economic Justice Clinic and organized the conference.

The two-day conference opened with a reception at the Indiana University South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center. Members of Better Homes of South Bend and the Contract Buyers League of Chicago spoke about community efforts in the 1950s and '60s that enabled African-Americans to own homes despite the discriminatory real estate practices of that era.

The second day of the conference was held at Eck Hall of Law and featured scholars who talked about the Fair Housing Act from legal, historical, and sociological perspectives. **MICHAEL SENG '64, '67 J.D.**, a professor at John Marshall Law School, was one of the panelists who spoke about the Fair Housing Act.

ND alumni talk about Guantanamo detention facility

The Law School hosted a panel discussion in October 2017 to explore issues surrounding the military detention center at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

President George W. Bush's administration established the detention center in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Barack Obama pledged during his 2008 presidential campaign to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center, but his administration was unable to do so amid opposition from both sides of the political aisle.

The discussion at the Law School featured three Notre Dame alumni with experience at the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Justice during the Bush and Obama administrations.

DANIEL J. DELL'ORTO, who earned his B.S. in aerospace engineering from the University in 1971, was principal deputy general counsel for the Department of Defense from June 2000 to March 2009. He talked about the justification for creating the detention center at Guantanamo Bay and the use of military tribunals to prosecute suspected terrorists.

BRIAN P. NICHOLSON '06 J.D. discussed his experience as an Army judge advocate general and his case as military defense counsel for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed—the alleged mastermind of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

PAUL M. LEWIS '80, '83 J.D. was the Department of Defense Special Envoy for Guantanamo Detention Closure under the Obama administration. He talked about the logistical, legal, and political challenges implicated by the closure of the Guantanamo detention center.

Religious freedom moot court team wins in Italy

A team of four Notre Dame Law students won an international religious freedom moot court competition in March in Bologna, Italy.

LAWRENCE WESCO, **MEGAN BALL**, **CRISTINA SANCHEZ**, and **JACKSON BLAIS**—all members of the Class of 2019—won the competition at the European Academy of Religion. Wesco was awarded "Best Oralist."

The students received funding from the Law School's Program on Church, State & Society and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies to enable them to compete.



Music lesson

The Slants rock McCartan Courtroom

The Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom hosted its first concert on a Saturday during the fall 2017 semester.

The Slants, a dance-rock band from Portland, Oregon, performed in an event that combined music and law. The band played some of their songs and talked about their legal battle to trademark The Slants' name—which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rejected in 2010 because it was deemed disparaging to people of Asian descent.

The band's case, *Matal v. Tam*, proceeded all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In June 2017, the court ruled in The Slants' favor on the grounds that the Lanham Act's disparagement clause—which allowed the government to deny trademark protection for disparaging names—violated the First Amendment right to free speech. The decision attracted attention not just because of The Slants, but also because it was a win for the Washington Redskins' efforts to keep that controversial team name.



LAW STUDENTS JOIN 2018 MARCH FOR LIFE

Law Professor **O. Carter Snead** and at least a dozen Notre Dame Law students were among Notre Dame's record turnout at the March for Life in January 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Overall, more than 1,000 Notre Dame students and nearly 100 faculty and staff members attended.



Commencement 2018

In May, the Law School held its 148th Hooding and Diploma Ceremony at the Joyce Center. The Law School conferred 204 J.D. and 41 LL.M. degrees to the Class of 2018.

The class selected the Honorable **AMY CONEY BARRETT '97 J.D.** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit as the Distinguished Professor of the Year. The U.S. Senate confirmed her as a judge for the Seventh Circuit in October 2017.

In her address to the graduates, Barrett talked about the power of words—especially in law.

“Words are our essential tool of the trade,” she said. “Accountants work with numbers, doctors work with the body, lawyers work with words. Words bring contracts to life, they transfer property, they give force to statutes and judicial opinions.”

Barrett encouraged graduates to use their new “superpower” wisely.

“Choose your words wisely. If they reflect what’s good and what’s true, don’t be afraid to say them,” she said. “Don’t speak recklessly, but speak fearlessly.”

Student honors

The Law School’s three most prestigious awards were announced during the Hooding and Diploma Ceremony.

BRENT MURPHY of Biloxi, Mississippi, received the Law School’s highest honor—the Colonel William J. Hoynes Award. The award is named for Notre Dame Law School’s first dean and is presented annually to the member of the graduating class who has the best record in scholarship, application, deportment, and achievement.

MARY KATHERINE HICKEY of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, received the Dean Joseph O’Meara Award. The honor is presented annually to a member of the graduating class for outstanding academic achievement.

MATHEW HOFFMANN of Calgary, Alberta, received the Farabaugh Prize for high scholarship in law. The award was established by Gallitzin A. Farabaugh, a South Bend attorney.



Tradition continues

ROBERT L. MYERS III is hooded by his grandfather Alfred M. Lama at the Law School’s 2018 Hooding and Diploma Ceremony.

One of the commencement traditions that Dean Nell Jessup Newton started is the inclusion of family members in the Hooding and Diploma Ceremony.

Law School graduates can be hooded by a close family mem-

ber who is a Notre Dame Law School graduate, a University of Notre Dame faculty member or academic officer, a member of the judiciary, or a law professor, current or retired, whether at Notre Dame or elsewhere.

More than a dozen members of the Law School’s Class of 2018 were hooded by family members.



From left, Mathew Hoffman, Brent Murphy, and Mary Katherine Hickey.

From left, Professor Jimmy Gurulé speaks with Notre Dame Exoneration Project members Alyssa Slaimen '19 J.D. and Molly Campbell '19 J.D. outside the Elkhart County Prosecutor's Office in Elkhart, Indiana. Slaimen and Campbell are working on a case involving Andy Royer, a mentally impaired man who says police coerced him into falsely confessing to a 2002 murder.

Erika Gustin '19 J.D.



Tia Paulette '18 J.D.



Exoneration Project inspires law students

Effort leads to new Wrongful Conviction Externship

In April 2017, **KEITH COOPER** inspired Notre Dame Law students with his story of determination to clear his name and reclaim his life. Cooper was wrongfully convicted of armed robbery in Elkhart, Indiana, and served 10 years in prison for a crime that he did not commit.

His attorney, **ELLIOT SLOSAR** of the Exoneration Project in Chicago, pointed out to the audience in Eck Hall of Law that he was still a law student when he started working on Cooper's case.

"There are many people out there who would love your help—even before you're admitted (to the bar)," he said.

The students took Slosar's words to heart and started the Notre Dame Exoneration Project at the beginning of the 2017–18 academic year.

"It took the school by storm," said **TIA PAULETTE '18 J.D.**, who served as the Exoneration Project's founding president. "Our list-serve grew to about 150 students."

With Professor **JIMMY GURULÉ** serving as faculty advisor, the Notre Dame Exoneration Project began working on four cases—three homicides and one case of rape and attempted murder. More than a dozen students worked regularly on the cases during the 2017–18 school year. They performed research, they visited prisons to interview clients, and they even traveled out of state on occasion to talk with witnesses.

And the students did all of that work as volunteers, not for academic credit.

By the end of the 2017–18 school year, the students' remarkable dedication persuaded faculty members to approve the Law School's newest externship, the Wrongful Conviction Externship, supervised by Gurulé and Slosar. The externship started in the fall 2018 semester with 12 students enrolled.

"I'm very excited for people to be able to experience the externship," Paulette said. "We wanted the casework to be something more formal, where people could earn academic credit, to ensure longevity for this cause. This was important, because we had the vehicle and wanted to keep it running."

That momentum has carried into this academic year.

"We've come a long way, but our work isn't done," said **ERIKA GUSTIN '19 J.D.**, one of the Exoneration Project's founding members and president for the 2018–19 school year.

"While the externship investigates and tries our cases, the club continues to generate awareness and provide unique volunteer opportunities for first-year law students," Gustin said. "It's always been about creating something that will live beyond the founders—about being a force for good for fellow students and our clients."

Gurulé said the goal is to establish a Wrongful Conviction Legal Clinic to continue this work on a permanent basis.

In addition to the valuable experience that the Exoneration Project and the new Wrongful Conviction Externship provide for students, Paulette said the organization's work is also a healthy reminder for law students that they are entering a profession where their actions will have profound consequences.

"As lawyers, we're very powerful human beings," she said. "I hope people will use their legal training and skills in pursuit of social justice."



A Bridge to Home

James Cheney '18 J.D. wins housing case for local woman

By Erin Blasko

JAMES CHENEY, a member of Notre Dame Law School's Class of 2018, was at work at the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center when the phone rang.

It was late October 2017, and Cheney, a third-year law student, was working under Professor **JUDITH FOX '93 J.D.** in the Economic Justice Clinic—one of five faculty-run clinics that provide free legal services to individuals, small businesses, and nonprofits in the South Bend area. Cheney had been trying to contact Emma Gillam, a prospective client, for several months about the disputed sale of her home to a local real estate investor.

Earlier in the day, Cheney had sent a letter to Gillam, pleading with her to contact him directly “or else there’s nothing we can do for you.”

Fortunately, the person on the other end of the line, a member of Broadway Christian Parish, a local church with a long history of homeless outreach, had good news: They’d found Gillam, living in a homeless encampment beneath an old railroad viaduct in downtown South Bend.

Cheney jumped in his 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee and drove south to the viaduct.

He parked in a crumbling parking lot next to the viaduct and quickly located Gillam among the mess of blankets and cardboard mats.

“I was embarrassed,” Gillam said. Her clothes were dirty. She hadn’t bathed. The encampment itself smelled of urine and other foul odors. “I started crying.”

Experience had taught her to question the kindness of strang-

ers—even genuine-seeming ones like Cheney, a tall, easygoing California “kid” with gentle, probing eyes, neat blond hair, and an easy smile—so she hesitated.

Still, she agreed to follow Cheney to his car, where the two talked for an hour about her situation—the last in a series of actions on Cheney’s part that day that Fox described as “above and beyond the call of duty.”

Afterward, Cheney said, Gillam exclaimed, “I got me a lawyer!”

For Cheney, whose real-world legal experience to that point had consisted of interviews and plea deals on behalf of licensed attorneys, it marked the start of a real-life court battle—his first as a law student.

For Gillam, it was the beginning of an emotional journey home after 10 long months on the street—exposed, broke, and often alone—after her husband, drunk and upset after a fight, “sold” their home to a local investor.

“I’ve known since middle school that I wanted to be a lawyer,” Cheney said. “I really view lawyers as champions. I like the idea of fighting for people, and I think the courts, the justice system, they’re like a battleground.”

Cheney filed a lawsuit on Gillam’s behalf on November 6, 2017, just a week or so after that first, cautious encounter under the viaduct.

Though unique in its particulars, Gillam’s case is depressingly common, Fox said. It falls into the category of house theft, in which someone takes possession of another person’s property

through a combination of identity theft and title fraud or by other fraudulent means.

The trouble began in December 2016, when Gillam retreated to her daughter’s house in Elkhart after a fight with her husband. While Gillam was away, her husband, Steven Woods, an admitted alcoholic, got “very drunk,” according to the lawsuit, and agreed to sell the couple’s two-bedroom home to a local real estate investor.

“I was fully intoxicated,” Woods recalled, explaining he was upset about Gillam leaving and about the overall state of their marriage.

No money changed hands, and no written record of the sale exists, according to the lawsuit. But the investor changed the locks and paid to have Woods removed from the property the very next day, according to the lawsuit. He later rented it to a tenant, pocketing \$6,150 in rent.

When Gillam returned several days later, she could no longer access the property, according to the lawsuit, and “it was pretty soon after that that she was homeless,” Cheney said.

When Cheney did locate Gillam, he went straight to work.

“I went immediately back to the clinic, and I looked up the property, and I saw on there Emma Gillam and Steven Woods,” Cheney said. “They owned the property. And I was like, ‘What the heck? I can’t believe this is happening.’”

Even with clear title to the property, it would be months

before Gillam and Woods would be allowed back into the house. The judge issued an order in January 2018 granting the couple immediate possession of the property. But even then, the investor refused to comply with the order. He would later be held in contempt of court.

When the couple finally were allowed back into the house, in mid-January, they were shocked at the condition of the place.

According to the lawsuit, not only had the investor stopped paying the utilities and property taxes, meaning there was no heat or water, but he had removed most of their belongings from the house, including their furniture.

The lawsuit sought about \$35,000 in damages, including more than \$11,000 in lost personal property.

But the money is secondary, Cheney said. The real problem was that Woods and Gillam were kicked out of their house, and they were able to return.

“I’m glad I had help,” Gillam said, referring to Cheney and Fox. She began to cry. “I knew the Lord was always going to straighten things out.”

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Kym Worthy '84 J.D., the prosecutor for Wayne County, Michigan, was determined to test more than 11,000 rape kits that were discovered in a Detroit Police Department warehouse in 2009. In April, she was featured in an HBO documentary called *I Am Evidence*.

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Associated Press



'I just wanted to bring them justice'

Kym Worthy '84 J.D. wants to end the backlog of untested rape kits

By Lauren Love

KYM WORTHY '84 J.D. has a reputation—that she doesn't back down from a challenge and that she uses the law to elevate her community and change lives.

Worthy is the prosecutor for Wayne County, Michigan, where Detroit is the county seat.

She presides over a staff of 150 attorneys and prosecutes more than half of the felony cases in Michigan. She's the public face that took down Detroit's corrupt former mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick.

Her latest high-profile victory has been the success of a years-long project to end Wayne County's backlog of untested rape kits.

In 2009, Worthy's office discovered that 11,341 untested rape kits were collecting dust in a

police warehouse. Since then, she has been on a mission to test every single kit.

Worthy—described by *Essence* magazine as “the toughest woman in Detroit”—said she couldn't just look the other way after the kits were found.

“More than being in shock, I was mad,” she said. “I was angry that here was something else negatively impacting the city and what we're trying to do in this office. I was angry for the thousands of victims who were attached to these rape kits, and I wanted to bring them justice.”

She assembled a task force to investigate and prosecute offenders identified with the test results from the kits. The initiative has been able to raise money through government



Kym Worthy '84 J.D., the prosecutor for Wayne County, Michigan, visits a Detroit Police Department warehouse with actress Mariska Hargitay in the HBO documentary *I Am Evidence*. Photo credit: HBO

funding and grants from non-profit organizations.

As of early 2018, the initiative had tested more than 10,000 kits. The test results led to the identification of more than 800 potential serial rapists and 144 convictions. DNA from the kits has been linked to crimes in 40 states and Washington, D.C.

In April, HBO released *I Am Evidence*, a documentary about the alarming number of untested rape kits in the United States. The film explores why there are more than 225,000 untested rape kits nationwide and what can be done to fix the problem.

Worthy is featured prominently in *I Am Evidence* as one of the people leading the charge to work through the backlog and pursue long-awaited justice.

For Worthy and others who call Detroit home, the rape kits were another setback in the city's sordid history of negative national headlines about government mismanagement. Although the city grapples with high rates of poverty, a struggling school district, and immense segregation, Worthy said there's also an energy in the city that things will

turn around if enough people remain focused on doing what's right instead of what's easy.

As the Wayne County prosecutor, Worthy faces tough decisions on a daily basis, and she makes those decisions on a very public stage. But she doesn't let public opinion bother her. She remains focused on doing the right things for the right reasons.

"Every time you let the facts and the evidence guide you, you really can't go wrong. I can't worry about the other noise around me," Worthy said. "The minute that a district attorney or a prosecutor, especially an elected one, worries about how a case is going to affect them, that's when we're not going to be effective at what we do."

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Kym Worthy '84 J.D. speaks at a press conference about the Detroit Rape Kit Project. Photo credit: HBO



The law as a vocation

How ND inspired Matt Feeney '79, '83 J.D. to serve his community

By Denise Wager

Before he started law school at Notre Dame, **MATT FEENEY '79, '83 J.D.** spent a year teaching in a Catholic elementary school in Phoenix as part of the Holy Cross Associates, a post-graduate service program administered by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

The program's pillars—a commitment to service, community, a simple lifestyle, and spirituality—resonated with him.

Feeney has gone on to enjoy great success in his legal career. He is the chair of Snell & Wilmer, a Phoenix-based law firm with more than 400 attorneys in 11 locations.

And he has remained committed to those values that attracted him to the Holy Cross Associates nearly four decades ago.

When Feeney looks back, he can see that his experience as a Holy Cross Associate laid the foundation for a lifetime of social responsibility, both personally and professionally. He says that many of his life's threads, including a passion for serving the poor and an ongoing collaboration with the Congregation of Holy Cross, lead back to his year as a Holy Cross Associate.

“Father Hesburgh once said you will never find a greater collection of good people than at Notre Dame, and I found that

“We look for people who are both excellent lawyers and good people.”

to be true,” Feeney said, adding that many of those good people he encountered as an undergraduate were Holy Cross priests.

“They caused me to look beyond my narrow view of the world and opened my eyes to something broader,” he said. “They helped plant the seed of how I can contribute in some way—they drew me into becoming interested in the Holy Cross Associates and other causes and efforts that I am involved with today.”

After his year of service, Feeney enrolled at Notre Dame Law School. During his years as a law student, he served as a student firefighter and worked on the administrative side of the Holy Cross Associates with **REV. JOHN FITZGERALD, C.S.C.**, who ran the program.

During his third year as a law student, Feeney was weighing what to do after graduation. He went to Professor **G. ROBERT BLAKEY ’57, ’60 J.D.** for advice. He told Blakey that he was considering an offer from a law firm that felt like a good fit, but he thought that maybe he should be doing something more service-focused instead.

“Professor Blakey told me that he firmly believed a lawyer of conscience could make a meaningful difference anywhere,” Feeney recounted. “He said, ‘Trust me, if you become a good lawyer, you will have plenty of opportunities to do so.’”

Feeney has done just that.

His first opportunity came when Father Fitzgerald and another Holy Cross priest approached him with their plan to establish a Catholic Worker house in Phoenix. Feeney helped them

with the legal paperwork. The result was André House, which opened in 1984 and continues to meet the basic needs of the poor and homeless who walk through its doors each day.

A few years later, the priests approached Feeney about forming a job service for the homeless in Phoenix. He jumped right in and became one of the founding members of St. Joseph the Worker—an organization that has been helping homeless people secure quality employment for more than 30 years. Feeney is passionate about the cause. Every year, his acoustic musical group, feeney/winthrop, performs a concert as St. Joseph the Worker’s main fundraiser. The group has raised more than \$400,000 through these concerts over the past 11 years.

Feeney has been with Snell & Wilmer since his first year out of law school. His practice focus is on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, SEC reporting and compliance, and corporate governance matters, including advising corporate boards and board committees.

He is proud of the firm’s strong commitment to corporate social responsibility, which he says includes maintaining high standards of integrity for their clients, fostering an enjoyable and respectful working environment for employees, and a tradition of service and leadership to the community.

In the late 1980s, Feeney co-chaired the firm’s pro bono committee with Larry Winthrop, who is a member of feeney/winthrop. They presented a pro bono policy that provided attorneys with full “billable

hour” credit if they performed legal service to the poor. The firm adopted the policy—one of the first of its kind in the nation at that time.

“I am firm believer that people want to be part of institutions that stand for something meaningful. We look for people who are both excellent lawyers and good people,” he said. “I can trace that back to Notre Dame and wanting to be part of an institution that does good.”

Feeney and his wife, **MICHELE WENDLING ’83 J.D.**, met while at Notre Dame Law School. He says they have raised five loving and compassionate children. “If I do nothing else in my life,” he said, “that alone will be enough for me.”

And he says Professor Blakey was right. “I believe even a corporate lawyer in a big firm can make a real difference for the poor and disadvantaged if he or she is open to doing so,” Feeney said.

From the window in his first office at Snell & Wilmer, he could see the elementary school where he served with Holy Cross Associates. He said, “It was as if God were reminding me to not forget to keep my heart open to new ways to make a difference. My career at Snell & Wilmer has provided me with opportunities to do so.”



CELEBRATING *50* YEARS OF NOTRE DAME LAW IN LONDON

Notre Dame Law School embarked on a unique experiment in legal education in the fall of 1968.

Instead of spending the 1968–69 academic year at the South Bend campus, 20 members of the Law School’s second-year class would study in London.

The launch of the London Law Program made Notre Dame the only law school where students could earn credit toward an American law degree while studying in England, and it is the only full-year London program approved by the American Bar Association.

In the half-century since the program was born, more than 1,500 budding Notre

Dame Lawyers have gone to England to deepen their understanding of the roots of American law, to explore international career opportunities, and to forge lasting bonds with classmates.

Students who participate in the London Law Program will frequently describe it as a life-changing experience, both personally and professionally.

“The London Program is the reason I applied to Notre Dame Law School. I had not spent any time abroad as an undergraduate and felt I needed to fill a missing gap in my undergraduate education,” **NOEL AUGUSTYN ’74 J.D.** recalled recently. “It was a very wise decision. The year in London was one of the richest of my life.”

For other Notre Dame Law graduates, the London Law Program set their career paths on an international course.

RAYMOND DUNN '82 J.D. said his experience in the program helped prepare him for a career in international investment banking and finance. After law school, he went on to earn an MBA at Columbia University.

“I worked as a research consultant at the OECD in Paris, an investment banker at UBS in London and Hong Kong, and then in our own company, which we started 19 years ago to arrange transactions for clients or with financial partners in the U.S., Latin America, Asia, and Europe,” Dunn said. “The London Law Program helped open the door to pursue my career dreams.”

JAIME MCLEMORE '07 J.D. lives and works in London today as a result of her participation in the program. She advises on U.S. and international tax and estate planning as a partner at Withers LLP, an international law firm headquartered in London.

“The Notre Dame London Law Program was literally life changing,” McLemore said.

“Without it, I would not have discovered London or realized that working in London was an option,” she said. “It certainly is not the easiest or most straightforward legal career path, but I am forever grateful for my Notre Dame London experience because it has led me to where I am—working and living in the greatest city in the world.”

One of the reasons law students benefit from studying in London is that English law is the basis for American law. The English system is also the mother of legal systems used in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, and other nations in the former British Commonwealth.

“What better way to understand American law than to go to its roots? And its roots are in London,” said **MICHAEL K. ADDO**, director of the London Law Program. “When trying to understand the origins and trajectory of American law, knowledge of the common law of England is always helpful.”



Notre Dame Law School and Notre Dame International celebrated the 50th anniversary of the London Law Program throughout 2018. The culminating celebration was held in October in London.

Visit law.nd.edu/london50 to see stories, videos, and photos that look back at the program's history and recap the anniversary events.

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London Law at 50

London Law

In 1968, the Notre Dame London Law Program is born with 20 students from Notre Dame Law School enrolling in the Faculty of Law, University College, University of London, for the 1968–1969 academic year. The curriculum consists of a combination of courses traditionally taught at Notre Dame and elective courses in comparative and international law.

Dean **WILLIAM B. LAWLESS '44 J.D.**, who led the Law School from 1968 to 1971, started the London Law Program. “The practitioner of the future must understand in a general way, at least, legal systems other than his own,” Lawless says.

Professor **CONRAD KELLENBERG**, a member of the Law School’s faculty from 1955 to 2005, is the program’s first director.



\$4M Gift

In 1981, Notre Dame receives a \$4 million gift from the estate of **DAGMAR CONCANNON**, the widow of prominent Chicago lawyer **MATTHIAS CONCANNON**. The gift enables the Law School to enter into a long-term lease and pay for renovations at 7 Albemarle Street in London’s Mayfair neighborhood. The program can finally settle into a permanent location after residing in several temporary locations during previous years.

Also in 1981, the University starts a program enabling undergraduate juniors in the College of Arts and Letters to study in London for a semester.

Independent Program

In 1971, the Law School secures quarters at 23A Bloomsbury Square to establish its own independent educational program in London, starting with the 1971–1972 academic year. The program will move again in 1972 to 14A Airlie Gardens in Kensington and again in 1976 to the former site of College of St. Mark and St. John in Chelsea.

1971

1981

1968

1983

1970

London Summer Program

In 1970, Notre Dame Law School launches its London summer program in American law at the University of London. More than 90 students from numerous law schools enroll in the seven-week program.

1977

London MBA

In 1977, Notre Dame’s College of Business Administration creates a semester-long program for MBA students to study in London.

Powerful Words

On July 29, 1983, **CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN E. BURGER** of the U.S. Supreme Court speaks at the Notre Dame London Law Centre’s dedication.

“In more than the quarter of a century that I have been on the bench, my visits to courts wherever I traveled have given me a better understanding of how those systems work,” Burger says. “Observation of other systems is essential to improving any system of justice.”

University President **REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH, C.S.C.**, adds, “It’s a marvelous thing for young lawyers to be citizens of the world and to know how law is a force for peace, because it’s for justice ...”



LONDON LAW HISTORY



First LL.M. graduate

In 1987, the Law School graduates the London Law Program's first LL.M. students.

1987

Fischer Hall

In 1998, the University relocates its London programs to accommodate the increasing number of students studying in London. Through a bequest from **CHARLES K. FISCHER '49**, the University is able to renovate the former United University Club at 1-4 Suffolk Street near Trafalgar Square. The building is named Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall in honor of his mother.

1998

Flagship

While blessing Conway Hall in 2012, University President **REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C.**, recognizes the Law School's role in setting the stage for a much larger Notre Dame presence in London.

He notes, "Notre Dame has had a presence in London since 1968, when our first students came here to study law." He calls Notre Dame's London programs "the flagship ... of an ambitious international agenda."

2012

2018

1997

Undergraduate Programs

In 1997, the University starts a comprehensive London program for all undergraduates in the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Business Administration, Engineering, and Science.



2011

Conway Hall

In 2011, the University opens Conway Hall as a residence hall for Notre Dame students studying in London. For the first time, Notre Dame has a student residence of its own beyond campus.

The building—the former Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women—undergoes a complete renovation and is named in honor of Robert and Ricki Conway. **BOB CONWAY '66** is a longtime London resident whose gift made it possible for Notre Dame to establish the residence hall for students.

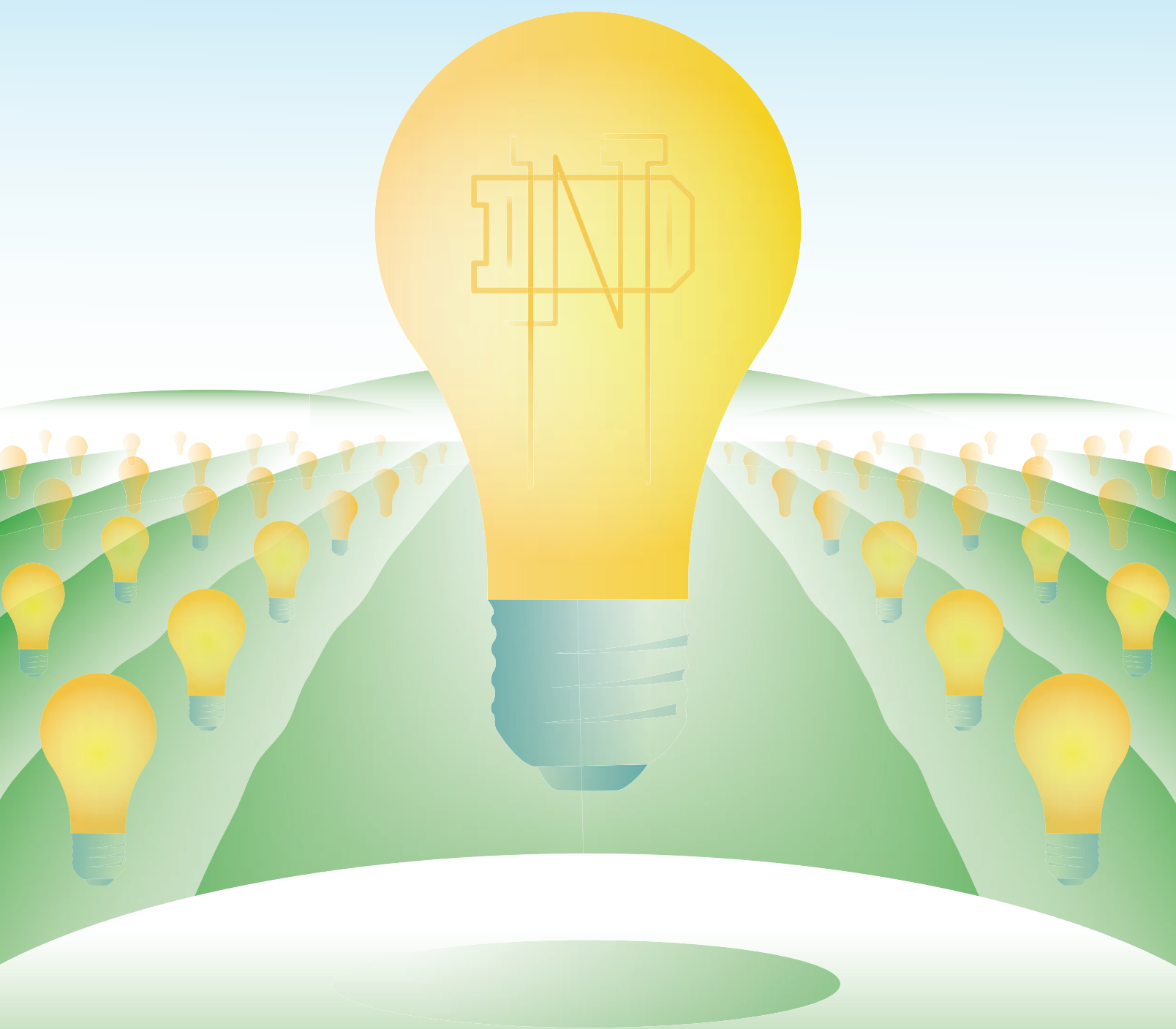
Also in 2011, Dean **NELL JESSUP NEWTON** announces the Law School will begin allowing law students to spend a single semester, instead of the full year, in the London Law Program. Also, the Law School will allow third-year students to spend a semester or a full year in London.

The Future

MICHAEL ADDO, who became the London Law Program's director in 2017, is looking toward the future. He is leading initiatives to connect with alumni and boost the London externship program.

"It's only when you dream that you wake up to an ambition," Addo said. "Fifty years with more vibrance, 50 years with more expansion, 50 years with more impact. In other words, to be seen and to be known a little bit more. That would be my dream for the next 50 years."





Big Ideas

The expansion of ND Law's intellectual property program is bearing fruit

BY KEVIN ALLEN '04

Professor Mark McKenna, director of the Law School's Program of Study in Intellectual Property and Technology Law, teaches a course in 2017 at the Notre Dame London Global Gateway.

Intellectual property is one of the fastest-growing areas of the law, both in the United States and globally.

It's a sign of a world where technological change is quick and constant.

The field has been growing dramatically at Notre Dame Law School, too. The Law School has invested in a major expansion of its intellectual property curriculum in recent years to prepare students for a wide variety of careers in a field that needs more good attorneys.

These investments can be seen in new faculty members, additional course offerings, a program of study in intellectual property and technology law, a clinic where students work on real patent and trademark cases, and several externships that provide hands-on experience.

"IP is ultimately about creating an environment for innovation and creativity that supports human flourishing," said **MARK MCKENNA '97**, a John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School and director of the Law School's Program of Study in Intellectual Property and Technology Law. "Notre Dame is a great place to study intellectual property and technology law because we can bring a rich discussion of values to our curriculum."



CAITLIN CANAHAI, a member of the Class of 2019 and president of the Law School's Intellectual Property Law Society for 2018–19, said she fell in love with IP law while

working as McKenna's research assistant in the summer following her 1L year.

"Notre Dame takes a holistic approach to educating lawyers. You learn how laws affect people," Canahai said. "I think IP law is interesting because technology is always changing faster than the law, and it's interesting to see how the law adjusts to that. But I became passionate about IP law because it affects people's lives in a very real way."

More courses, more opportunities

Before McKenna joined the Notre Dame Law faculty for the 2008–09 academic year, the Law School offered six courses in intellectual property. A decade later, in the 2017–18 academic year, the Law School offered 17 courses in IP law.

These courses are taught by faculty who bring valuable real-world experience to the classroom.

Professor **JODI CLIFFORD**, the founding director of the Law School's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic, was a patent attorney for 10 years before coming to Notre Dame in 2011. Professor **STEPHEN YELDERMAN** was an attorney for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice prior to joining the Law School's faculty in 2013.



Yelderman said one of the reasons he came to Notre Dame Law School is that it provided an opportunity to help build and expand the IP program.

“Intellectual property is absolutely an important area for law schools to be preparing students,” Yelderman said.

“This is reflected in where the jobs are. Hiring in IP has been booming for many years now,” he said. “It’s also reflected in the cases the Supreme Court is taking. They almost never touched patent law a decade ago, and now they’re taking multiple cases each term.”

The Law School has also enlisted several experienced IP attorneys—including a few Notre Dame alumni—to share their expertise as adjunct professors.

For example, **BARRY IRWIN '88, '92 J.D.** has taught Patent Litigation and Advanced Copyright/Entertainment Law since joining the Law School’s adjunct faculty in 2012. Irwin is the founder of Irwin IP, a Chicago-based firm that focuses on intellectual property and technology-related litigation.

Another Notre Dame alumnus, **JAMES FARRINGTON '74**, teaches Licensing Transactions as an adjunct professor at the Law School. Farrington’s legal practice has included commercial business transactions—especially acquisitions, joint ventures, licensing, and other technology transfer transactions for biotech, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies.

“After practicing law for U.S. and Swedish law firms for more than 30 years, I moved to the next chapter of life by returning to Notre Dame, a place my heart never left since my undergraduate days in chemical engineering,” Farrington said.

“I wanted to share my many years of practical experience to help students become better equipped to start their legal careers,” he said. “The Law School’s IP and technology law program provides our students with a strong foundation of intellectual property law that I can build on with some knowledge of, and hands-on experience with, a transactions practice.”

Learning outside the classroom

The Law School is also providing more opportunities for experiential learning in the IP field.

In addition to the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic (see story on page 23), students can accelerate their entry into the IP field by taking skills courses such as Design Law, where they develop IP strategies for industrial design students’ projects.

Students can also gain hands-on experience through access to externships in South Bend, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., as well as in London while studying in the London Law Program. A few students have even been able to learn about IP law in China through summer placements with AnJie Law Firm in Beijing, where **HE JING '00 J.D.** is a senior consultant and founding partner.



ADAM KWON, a member of the Class of 2019, spent the spring 2018 semester in the Law School’s Washington,

D.C., program. He had a judicial internship with **JUDGE JIMMIE V. REYNA** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, where about half of the cases involved patents.

“It was my busiest semester of law school by far. I probably wrote 30 memos,” Kwon said. “I learned a lot about litigation, and that really influenced my decision to want to do patent litigation.”

All of these investments are leading to their intended outcomes. More applicants are choosing Notre Dame Law School because of its IP offerings, and more recent graduates are landing positions with IP practices.

After graduation, Kwon will work at Venable LLP in Los Angeles. Canahai will join DLA Piper in Chicago.



KAITLIN ABRAMS '17 J.D. said the Program of Study in Intellectual Property and Technology Law was the primary reason she decided to attend Notre Dame Law School. Today, she

is an associate at Haug Partners LLP in New York, where **ED HAUG '74** is the firm’s managing partner.

“The assortment of IP courses offered at the Law School, coupled with the numerous opportunities to obtain practical experience, allowed me to begin my career as a patent litigator with a degree of confidence and understanding,” Abrams said.

As a law student, Abrams had a semester-long externship at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C.—an experience that she said taught her the fundamentals of patent law and helped her pass the Patent Bar Exam. Through the IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic, she gained valuable insight into patent prosecution that has benefited her litigation practice.

“I am so grateful to Notre Dame Law School and the IP faculty,” Abrams said, “for not only laying a foundation, but sparking a passion for IP law that I will carry with me throughout my career.”



Connect with the Law School

Learn more about Notre Dame Law School’s Program of Study in Intellectual Property and Technology Law at law.nd.edu/ip.

The Law School always appreciates hearing from graduates who are interested in speaking to groups, serving as mentors to students, and participating in alumni activities such as CLEs.



Jodi Clifford

Protecting ideas, preparing students

IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic provides valuable service and valuable experience

Since 2012, the Law School's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic has provided pro bono legal assistance for business ventures started by Notre Dame faculty, staff, and students as well as local entrepreneurs.

At the same time, the clinic enables second- and third-year law students to gain real-world experience.

The clinic is a participant in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Law School Clinic Certification Program, which allows students to practice intellectual property law under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. The work includes issuing patentability opinions, performing trademark clearance searches, drafting and filing patent and trademark applications, and answering office actions.

The IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic's work also supports the University's greater efforts to commercialize the discoveries that come from research on campus.

For example, the clinic secured a patent in January 2018 for a device that could help physicians detect serious health problems faster and more economically by looking for biomarkers that are indicative of certain cancers and cardiovascular diseases. The patent credits the invention to **HSUEH-CHIA CHANG**, the Bayer Professor of Engineering and director of Notre Dame's Center for Microfluidics and Medical Diagnostics, as well as a team of four

researchers who worked with him.

The IDEA Center, which works to nurture commercialization and entrepreneurial activities at Notre Dame, referred the case to the clinic. **JODI CLIFFORD**, the IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic's director, said this is a valuable relationship.

"Partnering with the IDEA Center ensures that important inventions like this are given every opportunity to come to market and benefit people around the world, and it gives Notre Dame Law School students the great experience of working closely with the center's entrepreneurs," Clifford said.

Some cases, however, arrive at the IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic from beyond Notre Dame's campus.

For example, Zest Tea—a Baltimore-based company that makes energizing teas with higher levels of caffeine—connected with the clinic through a Notre Dame graduate who worked for the company. Zest Tea contacted the clinic in the fall of 2016 after the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rejected the company's trademark application.

"When our application for a trademark was denied, we didn't know what we would do," Zest Tea founder and CEO **JAMES FAYAL** said.

"We didn't have the money to continue working with the firm who had initially filed our application, and we didn't know what our options were. Potential investors were asking about our trademark, and wouldn't move forward with us until we had something figured out," Fayal said. "Fortunately, we were put in touch with Notre Dame's law clinic, and it was a total game changer. Our trademark was registered, our investors were happy."

The IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic is one of the Law School's five clinics, all of which function as teaching law offices where students work as lead attorneys on real cases under the supervision of seasoned faculty members.

Learn more at law.nd.edu/clinics.

Strength in numbers

Notre Dame Law School has invested in a dramatic expansion of its intellectual property curriculum in recent years to prepare students for a wide variety of careers in a field that needs more good attorneys.

This sampling of numbers shows how much the Law School's IP program has grown.

1 in 3

One-third of Notre Dame Law School's third-year students have taken at least two IP courses.

17

The Law School offered 17 courses in IP law during the 2017–18 academic year, up from six courses in 2007–08.

10%

One out of 10 students at the Law School have undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects.

5 of 10

Professor Mark McKenna wrote five of the 10 most-cited trademark articles from 2010 to 2014.

98

A total of 98 students have enrolled in the IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic course since the clinic launched in 2012.



Members of the Impowerus team, clockwise from top left: Veronica Canton '18 J.D., Manon Burns '18 J.D., Carol Li '20 J.D., Katelyn Ringrose '19 J.D., Alex Ingoglia '20 J.D., and Erika Gustin '19 J.D.

Student entrepreneurs

The IDEA Center—which stands for Innovation, De-Risking and Enterprise Acceleration—provides space, services, and expertise for commercialization and entrepreneurial activities at the University of Notre Dame.

The IDEA Center helped launch 27 startup companies from July 2017 to June 2018, and three of those companies were founded by Notre Dame Law students. Here are their stories.

Impowerus

The idea came to **KATELYN RINGROSE** a few years ago while she was working for a public school in Washington state. She saw young immigrants who had escaped dangerous situations in their birth countries and were living in the United States without their parents.

The experience inspired Ringrose to go to law school, and it also inspired her to start **IMPOWERUS**—an online platform that connects juvenile immigrants with pro bono attorneys offering immigration services.

Impowerus removes a barrier to legal representation by enabling attorneys and clients to communicate over the Internet through a secure video chat with the integration of a useful dashboard. The service also offers value to law firms by enabling them to find pro bono clients quickly and easily. The Impowerus team is working on a price that firms would pay to use the service, which could follow a subscription model.

Ringrose arrived at Notre Dame with the idea for Impowerus, but building the idea into a business has been a collective effort. Several other Notre Dame Law students and alumni have worked on Impowerus, and the company has received grants and guidance from the IDEA Center as well as

other resources around campus that assist entrepreneurs.

Impowerus won the Fellow Irish Social Hub, or FISH, award for best social venture at the Mendoza College of Business's McCloskey Business Plan Competition in 2017. At the 2018 competition, Impowerus won \$40,000 in awards.

"This campus is really supportive of student ideas," Ringrose said. "We've had a lot of doors opened for us. People have been very willing to reach out and ask what they can do."

Learn more at impowerus.com.

Origin Oncology and Pareto Life Sciences

MATTHEW CURTIS, who is on track to receive a J.D. and MBA from Notre Dame in May 2019, has found time to start two



life sciences companies on top of his regular coursework.

He founded **ORIGIN ONCOLOGY** in September 2017. The company has a patented method for

detecting cancer in Stage I, when patients have a 92 percent five-year survival rate.

Origin is focused particularly on ovarian cancer, which is asymptomatic and has no reliable diagnostic test. Patients overwhelmingly progress for years prior to diagnosis. Through its patented test, Origin seeks to shine a light on this "silent killer."

The second company, **PARETO LIFE SCIENCES**, is looking to connect people with blood-related diseases and cancers with willing bone marrow donors. At least 3,000 people die each year in the United States because they cannot find a matching bone marrow donor.

Curtis formed the company in January 2018 with **CHAS PULIDO**, an undergraduate in the Mendoza College of Business. Pareto is the world's first stem cell marketplace. By using a swab kit and a human leukocyte antigen database, Pareto will connect donors with patients. Donors will receive up to \$10,000 per donation.

A Notre Dame alumnus, **TOM BUCKLEY '87**, heard about Pareto while visiting the IDEA Center and helped Origin refine its pitch and connect with key partners. In spring 2018, the company closed on a seed funding round at a \$2.5 million valuation.



Father Mike's Law School legacy

By Amanda Gray '12



On a Tuesday evening in late March, the club at Legends of Notre Dame was packed with law students, faculty, and administrators. In the middle of a long semester, they ignored their studies and other regular responsibilities to stay out late on a school night, to laugh and to cheer.

It was time, once again, for the Father Mike Show—the annual menagerie that brings out the Law School’s hidden talent and raises money for scholarships and student activities.

Here’s a sampling of the lineup: Professor **BRUCE HUBER** rapped “Anne Hamilton: The Musical” in homage to the Law School’s revered registrar. Student musicians rocked an acoustic version of “The Middle” by Zedd, Marren Morris and Grey. **SHARON BACON**, senior office assistant in the Law School’s Admissions Office, played the spoons to a double standing ovation and applause loud enough to drown out Alabama’s “Mountain Music.”

REV. MICHAEL D. MCCAFFERTY, C.S.C.—also known as Father Mike—would have had a great time. He always loved the Law School’s variety show. He often played the role of “roving reporter” during the faculty news skit and closed out the evening with an Irish jig on stage.

McCafferty was known for bringing people together, so it was fitting that Notre Dame Law students renamed the show in his honor after he died of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in 1987. More than three decades later, students still call that night of joyful fellowship the Father Mike Show. It’s but one example of the many ways that McCafferty’s legacy continues to live on in the community he helped build.

“He was an incredibly charismatic person,” said Professor **PATRICIA O’HARA ’74 J.D.**, a former Law School dean and a member of the Law School’s faculty since 1981. “I always think of a wheel, and the kind of person who is the hub of the wheel. Father Mike was very much that kind of person. Many people were attracted to him, and he became the hub that connected them.”

McCafferty relished that role. He always chose an office at the center of the Law School’s traffic patterns, and he kept a Waterford crystal biscuit jar filled with M&Ms as further motivation for people to visit him. Today, his Waterford jar continues to be well-stocked with M&Ms and sits in **DEAN NELL JESSUP NEWTON’S** office—except during Lent.

“At his core,” O’Hara said, “he was very influential in building that sense of community that we still have today.”

First and foremost, a priest

McCafferty earned three Notre Dame degrees—a B.A. in 1969, a J.D. from the Law School in 1973, and an M.A. in theology in 1974. He practiced law in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and he earned an LL.M. from Harvard Law School before joining the Notre Dame Law faculty in 1978.

He was a lawyer, a scholar, a teacher, a storyteller, a friend. He was jovial and appreciated fine things like Scotch whisky and Lacoste golf shirts.

But, first and foremost, McCafferty was a Catholic priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross—a devout man who started the tradition of Sunday night liturgies in “the pit” of what is now the Kresge Law Library basement. He also gets credit for the tradition of a Latin-translated diploma and the precursor to what became the Law School’s morning prayer service on commencement weekend.

Many former students recount stories of McCafferty traveling to take part in weddings and funerals. He celebrated liturgies in both contexts for **TIM ROONEY ’82 J.D.**, who lost his mother during his second year at the Law School. Rooney remembers walking into his home church in Illinois and seeing McCafferty at the altar with two other priests from Dillon Hall, where Rooney was a resident assistant.

“I had no idea they were coming,” Rooney said. “As a kid who was not an insider at Notre Dame, going through the worst time in my life, for them to just show up like that unannounced, to be part of the whole thing to support me and my family, that probably more than anything else in the history of my life taught me what the Notre Dame idea of community is.”

McCafferty also celebrated the wedding Mass when Rooney married his Law School classmate **KIM PTAK ’82 J.D.**, in the middle of a snowstorm on January 2, 1982, in Cicero, Illinois. Rooney joked that McCafferty shows up in more of the wedding photos than he does as the groom.

*“Mike was great
one-on-100,
but he was also
great one-on-one.”*



McCafferty had a serious side that helped students overcome hardships, too.

He encouraged **WALTER BROWN ’85 J.D.** to repair his relationship with his father. “I did, and it’s something I’m forever grateful for,” Brown said. “It took someone else to be able to focus on that, and that was Father Mike.”

When Brown was on campus in May for his daughter’s graduation, he took her to visit McCafferty’s gravesite in Holy Cross Cemetery. It was important to him that she know McCafferty’s name.

“There really isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think of how Father Mike helped guide me to become the person I am,” Brown said. “He brought to me all of the qualities of someone that I would want to emulate in my life.”

Mementos of Father Mike

Professor **MATT BARRETT ’82, ’85 J.D.** took nine credit hours with McCafferty when he was a student at the Law School, and he recalls learning even more from the priest outside the classroom.

Today, Barrett has a letter from McCafferty framed in his office in Eck Hall of Law to remind him of the man who taught him not just about the law, but also about integrating faith into daily life, both personally and professionally. Barrett looks at that letter every time he leaves his office to teach a class.

It’s not unusual for McCafferty’s friends and former students to display such mementos. Those small reminders are yet more examples of how he continues to guide and inspire the lives he touched.

JOHN GIBBONS ’85 J.D. keeps a photo of his mother dancing an Irish jig with McCafferty. She passed away a year before McCafferty did, so Gibbons cherishes the image of their faces smiling out from the frame.



Remembering Father Mike

Memorials to Rev. Michael D. McCafferty, C.S.C., are displayed in several spots at Notre Dame Law School.

Stained-glass windows displayed in St. Thomas More Chapel and next to the stairway to Eck Commons (above left) were donated in his honor. There are also two plaques—one in the Eck Commons stairway and one outside under the statue of St. Thomas More—that commemorate his contributions to the Law School's community and traditions.

BRIAN SHORT '72, '75 J.D., who was friends with McCafferty, made a generous gift to the Law School in 2013 to support the McCafferty Fellowship and provide for the restoration of the stained-glass window next to the Eck Commons stairway.

"Mike was great one-on-100, but he was also great one-on-one," Short said. "Maybe that's one of the reasons why his personal legacy has lasted as long as it has. He was a great man, a great person, and a great friend."

In his office, Gibbons also keeps a small framed picture of St. Thomas More that McCafferty gave him at graduation.

"I put that next to my door because I always want to be reminded of doing the right thing in the practice of law, based on the moral, theological jurisprudence," Gibbons said. "It underpins how we approach all of the issues we confront as lawyers, which was driven home by Father Mike. I never come close to making a decision that would offend that picture or Father Mike."

Several remembrances can also be found in the Law School in plaques and stained-glass windows dedicated to McCafferty's memory.

But his most profound legacy will continue to be the Law School's graduates, even those who never knew him.

As Brown said, "The legacy Father Mike leaves is that the generation of students who walk around with his imprint on their lives will carry that on to others."

Support the McCafferty Fellowship

Rev. Michael D. McCafferty was like the hub of the wheel for the Law School community. People flocked to him and became like spokes in the wheel, connected by Father Mike at the hub.

The McCafferty Fellowship is one of the many ways Notre Dame Law School continues to honor McCafferty's legacy. The three-year fellowship, which significantly defrays the cost of tuition, is awarded to one incoming student who has the potential to be a hub that connects people as McCafferty did.

PAUL DREY '89, '92 J.D. was the first McCafferty Fellow.

"It changed my career and my life," Drey said. "It was an amazing gift—it was quite humbling to be awarded the first Father Mike

award. It shows that the benefactors truly make a difference in people's lives."

Drey said Father Mike was a "superhero" in his eyes, especially during his undergraduate years as a resident of Dillon Hall, which was also McCafferty's home on campus. "There's an example of what a Notre Dame person is—it's him," Drey said. "Father Mike reminds me of the type of lawyer you want to be and should be."

If you would like to donate to the fund, send checks or make online donations to the Law School with a memo line note of "McCafferty Fellowship." For questions or assistance, contact Theresa Fry at tfry@nd.edu or 574-631-7609.

Barb Fick and **Doug Cassel** Retire

Notre Dame Law School's 2018 commencement ceremony was the last for **BARBARA J. FICK** and **DOUGLASS CASSEL**—two professors who retired at the end of the academic year.

Fick, an expert in labor law, became a member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty in 1983. She mentored many students who entered the field of labor law and made many contributions to the public's understanding of the field. For example, from 1995 until 2009, Fick worked with the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, advising and teaching trade union leaders in Central and Eastern Europe. She worked closely with the American Bar Association to educate the public about employment law and workers' rights, and she wrote *The ABA Guide to Workplace Law*.



Cassel joined the Law School in 2005 and served as director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights from 2005 to 2012. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of human rights throughout the Americas and recently played a crucial role in the talks that ended Colombia's half-century of civil war. Cassel has relocated to New York, where he is sampling retirement and serving as counsel with the law firm King & Spalding.

Both Fick and Cassel are recipients of the Grenville Clark Award, which the University of Notre Dame gives annually to a faculty member whose voluntary activities serve to advance the cause of peace and human rights. Fick received the award in 2005, and Cassel received it in 2017.

Four new professors join the Law School

Notre Dame Law School welcomed four new faculty members at the beginning of the 2018–19 academic year.



Samuel Bray is a lateral hire from UCLA School of Law. He is one of the nation's leading scholars of remedies, and his recent work on national injunctions was published in the *Harvard Law Review*.



Emily Bremer came to Notre Dame from the University of Wyoming College of Law. Her scholarship focuses on administrative law and procedure, and examines how private ordering and public law intersect.



Sadie Blanchard was a Fellow in Private Law at Yale Law School before joining Notre Dame. Her research examines how legal institutions interact with social forces to shape behavior, especially in markets.



Christian Bursset is a legal historian with a J.D. and Ph.D. in history from Yale. His research involves the development of English and American legal institutions.



The Honorable Laurence H. Silberman, right, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, administers the oath of office for Judge Amy Coney Barrett '97 J.D. Her husband, Jesse Barrett '96, '99 J.D., is holding the Bible.



ND Law hosts *Judge Amy Barrett's* investiture



White House Counsel Donald McGahn, a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, presents Barrett with the Presidential Commission.

Photos by Notre Dame Law Professor Julian Velasco

Notre Dame celebrated a beloved alumna and professor in February when the Law School hosted the investiture of **AMY CONEY BARRETT '97 J.D.** as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

An audience of colleagues, friends, and family members filled the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom for the ceremony, which included a touching combination of praise and anecdotes from people who have known Judge Barrett personally and professionally throughout her life.

Several other judges from the Seventh Circuit attended the investiture, and Chief Judge Diane Wood presided over the ceremony.

The Honorable Laurence H. Silberman, senior judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, administered the oath of office. Barrett clerked for Judge Silberman after graduating from Notre Dame Law School.

She also clerked for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Ara Lovitt, who served with her as a law clerk, recalled Scalia saying, "Isn't Amy terrific?"

"This was high praise coming from Justice Scalia, who used to say all of us law clerks were fungible," Lovitt said, drawing laughs from the audience. "I'm confident that Justice Scalia is looking down on her today and beaming with pride."

Barrett's husband, **JESSE BARRETT '96, '99 J.D.**, an assistant U.S. attorney in the Northern District of Indiana, earned a standing ovation after he delivered a touching speech about his wife's gift for empathy and personal relationships.

The couple met at Notre Dame Law School, and he talked about the many changes they have experienced together as they have lived in different cities, houses, and apartments, and brought seven children into their lives. "But there is one thing that hasn't changed—it is humbling to be married to Amy Barrett," he said. "You can't outwork Amy. I've also learned you can't outfriend Amy."

The investiture closed with the Notre Dame Glee Club singing "This Is My Country." The song was special to Barrett's grandfather, a World War II veteran, and the family regularly sings it at gatherings.

Barrett remains a member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty. She is one of two judges on the Law School's faculty. Judge **KENNETH RIPLEY**, also of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, has taught at the Law School for more than 40 years.



Mark McKenna named John P. Murphy Foundation Professor

Notre Dame Law Professor **MARK MCKENNA** was appointed as a John P. Murphy Foundation Professor this past spring. The appointment is named for John P. Murphy, a 1912 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a bachelor of laws degree.

McKenna joins Notre Dame Law Professors **BARRY CUSHMAN** and **NICOLE STELLE GARNETT** as John P. Murphy Foundation appointees. Professor McKenna teaches and writes in the areas of intellectual property and privacy law. He also teaches the first-year torts course.

“This recognition is richly deserved for one of Notre Dame’s most influential scholars,” said **NELL JESSUP NEWTON**, Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law. “Mark McKenna is also a superb teacher and a driving force behind the spectacular success of the Law School’s intellectual property and technology programs.”



Paul Miller appointed associate dean for international and graduate programs

Professor **PAUL B. MILLER** has been named associate dean for international and graduate programs at Notre Dame Law School. He joined the Law School at the beginning of the 2017–18 academic year after teaching at two Canadian universities—McGill University in Montreal and Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

Miller is a private law theorist whose work focuses on philosophical questions in equity, fiduciary law, trust law, and corporate law. He co-organizes the leading annual conferences in his fields—the North American Workshop on Private Law Theory, the Fiduciary Law Workshop, and the International Fiduciary Law Conference.



Stephen Yelderman earns tenure as professor of law

This past spring, Notre Dame Law Professor **STEPHEN YELDERMAN** was granted tenure. Yelderman joined the Law School’s faculty in 2013 and has taught patent law, copyright, remedies, and introductory intellectual property.

“As dean, I could not be more pleased by Professor Yelderman’s accomplishment, and I know the entire Law School community is equally delighted,” Dean Newton said. “This promotion is richly deserved.”

Yelderman came to Notre Dame Law School from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division, where his work focused on the telecommunications and content industries. Prior to that, Yelderman clerked for the Honorable Neil Gorsuch on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and represented startup companies as a patent agent in Silicon Valley.

ND Law School celebrates **Randy Kozel’s** new book

The Notre Dame Law School community celebrated Professor **RANDY KOZEL’S** book, *Settled Versus Right: A Theory of Precedent*, in February with a ceremony and reception in Eck Commons.

Three special guests—Judge **AMY CONEY BARRETT ‘97 J.D.** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Judge **AMUL THAPAR** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and Professor **ZACHARY PRICE** from the University of California Hastings College of Law—offered comments about *Settled Versus Right*, calling it an important book for law scholars and students as well as lawyers and judges.



Kozel, who also serves as Notre Dame Law School's associate dean for faculty development and directs the Program on Constitutional Structure, presents a theory of precedent in the book that is designed to enhance the stability and impersonality of constitutional law. He argues that deference to precedent promotes the rule of law.

Cambridge University Press published *Settled Versus Right* in June 2017.

Kozel also visited the University of Richmond School of Law in April to deliver a lecture and participate in several roundtable discussions surrounding his book.

some of the most egregious corporate scandals of our time for the purpose of producing tangible steps that organizations can take to prevent future misconduct.



Avishalom Tor named Distinguished Fellow of ND Institute for Advanced Study

Notre Dame Law Professor **AVISHALOM TOR** won the competitive position of a Distinguished Fellow of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study for the spring 2019 semester. During his fellowship, he will pursue interdisciplinary research on "Towards a Fuller Understanding of Inequality: From Psychology to a Behaviorally Informed Legal Policy."

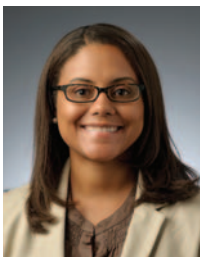
Tor also serves as director of the Program on Law and Market Behavior. His primary legal expertise is in antitrust law, corporate governance, and behavioral law and economics. His scholarship draws on behavioral and experimental methods to study competition and cooperation, and the legal rules and institutions that shape such behavior.



Carter Snead elected Hastings Center Fellow

Notre Dame Law Professor **O. CARTER SNEAD**, the William P. and Hazel B. White Director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, was elected in the spring to serve as a Fellow of the Hastings Center, the world's first and most prestigious bioethics research institute.

"It is a great honor to join the distinguished ranks of the Hastings Center Fellows," Snead said. "For decades, the Hastings Center has stood as an essential institution seeking to grapple with the ethical issues, societal effects, and questions of justice that arise as a consequence of technological advances in the life sciences."



Veronica Root awarded grant for 'dignity of work' project

Professor **VERONICA ROOT**, an associate professor of law, was among 20 University of Notre Dame faculty members who received grants in February through the Notre Dame Research Internal Grant Program. She was awarded a grant for her project titled, "Reclaiming the Dignity of Work through Varied Methods of Assessment."

The research project will critically examine, via scholarly tools from a variety of disciplines,



Notre Dame Law Professor A.J. Bellia, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, and Notre Dame Law Professor Roger Alford are pictured in November at Georgetown University Law Center. (Photo courtesy of George Washington University Law School)

Leading scholars gather to discuss Professor *A.J. Bellia's* book

Leading constitutional and international law scholars as well as several prominent federal judges—including U.S. Supreme Court Justice **SAMUEL ALITO** and Judge **BRETT KAVANAUGH** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit—participated in a symposium in November 2017 at Georgetown University Law Center that explored the role of international law in the U.S. legal system.

They used a book co-authored by **A.J. BELLIA**, the O'Toole Professor of Constitutional Law at Notre Dame Law School, and

BRADFORD R. CLARK, the William Cranch Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School, as a framework for the discussion. The book, *The Law of Nations and the United States Constitution*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2017.

Harvard Law Dean **JOHN MANNING** moderated the judges' discussion of the book. In addition to Alito and Kavanaugh, the other judges participating were Judge **DAVID BARRON** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Judge **DEBRA LIVINGSTON** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Judge **SRI SRINIVASAN** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

The question of when U.S. courts should apply customary international law in deciding cases has long puzzled judges and academics alike. The research collaboration between Bellia and Clark addresses central aspects of this question.

Supreme Court takes note of Notre Dame Law scholars

Several members of the Notre Dame Law faculty filed amicus briefs in U.S. Supreme Court cases and received citations in court proceedings during the 2017–18 academic year.

Justice **NEIL GORSUCH** cited work by Professor **A.J. BELLIA** in two cases in April. Gorsuch cited Bellia in his opinion in *Sessions v. Dimaya*, a case involving the definition of “crime of violence” in certain deportation cases. Gorsuch cited Bellia's work with **BRADFORD R. CLARK** of George Washington University Law School in his concurring opinion in *Jesner v. Arab Bank*, a case involving the Alien Tort Statute, a 1789 provision that authorizes U.S. courts to hear certain suits by aliens for violations of international law.

In June, Justice **CLARENCE THOMAS** cited Professor **SAMUEL BRAY's** *Harvard Law Review* article about national injunctions nine times in his separate concurrence in *Trump v. Hawaii*. The case involved the presidential proclamation that restricted travel in the United States

by people from several nations. Thomas argued against national injunctions that “prohibit the government from enforcing a policy with respect to anyone, including nonparties.”

Professor **JIMMY GURULÉ** played a leading role in filing two amicus briefs on behalf of the victims of terrorism in two cases—*Jesner v. Arab Bank* and *Rubin v. Islamic Republic of Iran*—that were argued during the Supreme Court's 2017 term. The amicus briefs were submitted on behalf of former U.S. counterterrorism and national security officials.

In *WesternGeco v. Ion Geophysical Corp.*, both Ion's counsel and the government cited Professor **STEPHEN YELDERMAN's** amicus brief during oral arguments. The case, which was heard in April, involved the laws surrounding foreign damages in patent violations. Yelderman's brief addressed how damages should be measured for patent infringement.

Remembering little things that matter

A tribute to Justice Anthony Kennedy

The genre of law clerks writing about their former bosses is a fraught one, especially for academics. If one sticks to law, it is not clear what a former clerk can add that others cannot. The justice-clerk relationship precludes conveying any insights gleaned from confidential discussions, and the justice's opinions and other public statements are generally available. Second, in some ways the former clerk is at a distinct disadvantage compared to other commentators. If the former clerk shares the justice's outlook, there is the risk of appearing to be an apologist or even hagiographer. If the former clerk does not share those views, the pull of personal affection, loyalty and sheer gratitude can deter frank criticism the scholar might direct at other jurists.

A Kennedy clerk is in an even more nuanced situation. Justice Anthony Kennedy does not fit neatly into the standard "conservative" or "liberal" (for lack of a better term) jurisprudential camps. Nor is he a "moderate" who positions himself between those poles. It would be more accurate to say he has a coherent line of thought that nevertheless can run perpendicular to the standard continuum. Some justices, by practice or by accident, have hired "counter-clerks" to keep them honest. Almost every Kennedy clerk is at some point in the term a counter-clerk.

For me, this made it easier to appreciate my role as a faithful agent. While reviewing cert-pool memos and preparing for cases, one has to focus on the justice's distinctive approach and body of work, a habit of mind good for suppressing any youthful temptations to assert oneself. (My experience belied the notion that Justice Kennedy is clerk-driven.) At the same time, discussion in chambers was open-ended and open-minded, and allowed respectful disagreement. Until the justice made up his mind, that is. (My year in chambers also belied the notion that Justice Kennedy is an agonized Hamlet figure.) I will leave to (many) others the task of praising or criticizing Justice Kennedy's work, or speculating on its legacy. For now, I will share my favorite AMK story.

One spring day in 2006 during my clerkship, my phone rang. Justice Kennedy was calling

about important business. Every year, the justice explained, his chambers organized an outing to a baseball game with two other chambers. I was to be in charge of putting the event together (a task, I believe, he assigned me because of my particular talent of sitting at the desk of the clerk who had organized the previous year's outing).

As I began coordinating with the justice and the two other chambers, it became clear that the best weekend for everyone coincided with a visit my parents were making to Washington. Pressing my luck, I asked the justice if it would be okay if I included them. My father and I had spent some of our happiest moments watching baseball together. The justice readily agreed.

Luck was not on our side on the weekend of the game, as the rain poured down on the capital region. The bus we had hired to take us to Camden Yards idled as we decided that the game was just not to be. As a consolation measure, the justice went with the clerks and my parents to lunch at the Dubliner. My father, at that time the senior partner in a two-man law firm, enjoyed talking with the justice about the practice of law. After the justice bowed decorously to my mother, she declared him a gentleman.

One spring day in 2007, the phone rang in my law firm office in Washington. On the other end of line was one of Justice Kennedy's law clerks. Presumably sitting in my chair from the previous year, the clerk explained that the justice wanted to know if I could come to that year's baseball outing with the Kennedy, Roberts, and Scalia chambers—and whether my father wanted to come along as well.

To this day, my father proudly displays a picture of him, Justice Kennedy, and Chief Justice John Roberts at Camden Yards. (The Washington Nationals had been in town for two years, but the justice is not what you would call an early adopter.) It was a simple gesture, but one that reflects a memory for small details that can matter a lot to others. Justice Kennedy is, in the words of my mother, a gentleman.



By **Jeffrey Pojanowski**

Notre Dame Law Professor Jeffrey Pojanowski served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in the October 2005 term. He wrote this piece for SCOTUSblog in June after Kennedy announced he was retiring from the court.

Clerking on the High Court

Twelve members of the Notre Dame Law faculty have clerked for U.S. Supreme Court justices. In 2019, Stephen Yelderman will become the 13th to serve as a clerk.

Randy Kozel and Jeffrey Pojanowski
Anthony Kennedy

Patricia Bellia and Jennifer Mason McAward
Sandra Day O'Connor

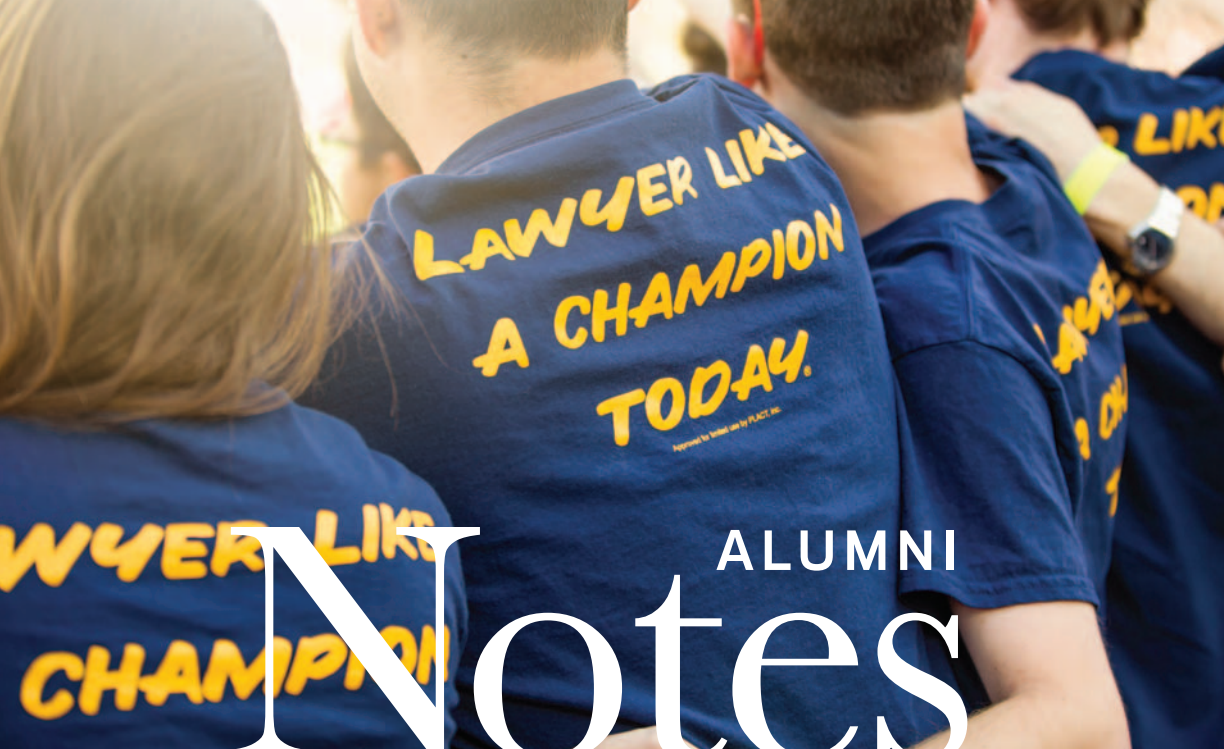
Richard Garnett
William H. Rehnquist

Amy Coney Barrett, A.J. Bellia, and William Kelley
Antonin Scalia

Nicole Garnett, Marah Stith McLeod, and Stephen F. Smith
Clarence Thomas

Kenneth Ripple
Warren E. Burger

Stephen Yelderman
Neil Gorsuch
(for October term 2019)



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1950s

John A. Vuono '54, '55 J.D., a senior member of Vuono & Gray LLC in Pittsburgh, was honored in November 2017 for his 60 years of distinguished

service as a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association. Vuono is a longtime member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council.

1960s

Paul H. Titus '60 J.D., of counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Pittsburgh, received the Drum Major for Justice Award in January 2018 at the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast, held by the Allegheny County Bar Association. Titus was honored for his work to ensure students at predominantly African-American Catholic schools have opportunities to gain hands-on experience in the legal field.

The *New Jersey Law Journal* honored **Thomas R. Curtin '68 J.D.** with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Curtin, a former president of the New Jersey State

Bar Association, helped found the litigation firm Graham Curtin in 1987. Curtin is also a past president of the Notre Dame Law Association.

Robert M. Greene '69 J.D., a retired partner of Phillips Lytle LLP, was named chairman of Catholic Health's Board of Directors in Buffalo, New York. Specializing in health law and not-for-profit corporate law, Greene joined Phillips Lytle in 1971 and served as the firm's managing partner and chief executive officer from 1981 to 1995. He continued to serve as CEO until 2003. Greene is a past president of the Notre Dame Law Association.

'The Black Hills are not for sale'

For hundreds of years, the Black Hills—an isolated mountain range that rises amid the prairies of South Dakota—have been the spiritual home of the Lakota Sioux. And since the 1860s, the tribe's members have been fighting the U.S. government over control of the land.

Norm Matteoni '63 J.D., a property law specialist who practices in San Jose, California, visited Notre Dame Law School during the fall 2017 semester to deliver a presentation titled "The Black Hills Are Not For Sale." Matteoni described the series of clashes on battlefields, in legislatures, and in courtrooms between Lakota leaders and federal officials.

Matteoni, a member of the Law School Advisory Council since 2004, is widely respected as a leading expert on eminent domain and condemnation. In 2015, he published *Prairie Man*, a book about the conflict

between the great Lakota Chief Sitting Bull and Indian Agent James McLaughlin.



1970s

John T. Lynch '75 J.D., shareholder at Davis Malm & D'Agostine P.C. in Boston, was named to the list of 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Lynch practices in the business, trust, and estate areas.

Nancy Morrison O'Connor '76 J.D. was appointed general counsel for the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She brings more than 41 years of experience in the areas of labor and employment, litigation, and research integrity to the position, which she started in January. Catholic University President John Garvey, a former Notre Dame Law professor who earned his B.A. at Notre Dame in 1970, made the appointment.



Double Domer featured in Netflix documentary

Wild Wild Country, released

in March on Netflix, tells the stranger-than-fiction story of an Indian guru who set out to build a utopian city in rural Oregon with thousands of his followers in the early 1980s. Tension with the local residents quickly erupted, and the guru's followers retaliated. Their schemes included bringing in busloads of homeless people in an attempt to swing local elections, orchestrating a mass salmonella poisoning at nearby

restaurants, and even plotting the assassination of a U.S. attorney.

Robert C. Weaver Jr. '72, '75 J.D. is interviewed extensively in *Wild Wild Country*. Weaver was an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Oregon from 1979 to 1987, and his relentless investigative work as chief of the office's criminal division was instrumental in the guru's capture and eventual deportation.

Weaver, now in private practice, is a shareholder with Garvey Schubert Barer P.C. in Portland.

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago honored **Patrick A. Salvi '78 J.D.** in October 2017 with its Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the Church and the bar. Salvi was honored at the annual Red Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, where Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, the archbishop of Chicago, celebrated Mass.

Rosemary Kenyon '79 J.D. was named to the list of 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers. Kenyon, a partner at Smith Anderson in Raleigh, practices in the area of employment and labor law counseling and litigation. She also serves as chair of the firm's pro bono committee.



Judge Williams joins Jones Day

In January 2018, **Ann Claire Williams '75 J.D.** retired after 18 years as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and embarked on a new chapter in her trailblazing career. Her new job is with Jones Day, where she is leading the firm's efforts to advance the rule of law in Africa.

"As the foundation of any society, the rule of law is key to the operation of free markets and commercial transactions," said Jones Day Managing Partner **Stephen J. Brogan '77 J.D.** "If globalization is to be a force for human development, the rule of law must be at its center. Jones Day has long been devoted to advancing the rule of law around the world. There is no better person to lead Jones Day's work in this regard in Africa than Ann."

During her years as a judge, Williams led several international delegations. She taught trial and appellate advocacy at the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. She also collaborated with international organizations to train judges and lawyers in Kenya, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda on a variety of topics such as domestic violence, human and wildlife trafficking, judicial ethics and opinion writing, and alternative dispute resolution.

"Jones Day has presented me with the extraordinary and unique opportunity to continue my work in partnering with African legal communities by enhancing court systems that promote effective delivery of justice and by promoting the rule of law through the development of educational and training programs," Williams said.

1980s

Ralph P. Higgins Jr. '77, '80 J.D., a partner at Frantz Ward in Cleveland, was selected as Estate Planning Lawyer of the Year in Ohio in the 2018 International Advisory Experts Awards.

Lorelie S. Masters '81 J.D. joined Hunton & Williams LLP in Washington, D.C., as a partner in the firm's Insurance Recovery Group.

John C. "Jack" Sawyer '81 J.D. joined Taylor English Duma LLP as an Atlanta-based partner in the firm's Tax Practice Group. He

also serves as pro bono general counsel for the Georgia Planned Giving Council.

Terrence R. Brady '85 J.D. was elected president of Underwriters Laboratories Inc., the nonprofit operations of UL in Northbrook, Illinois. UL is a global safety consulting and certification company.

Deborah Zonies '86 J.D. joined Verus LLC as vice president of mass tort services and general counsel at the company's Princeton, New Jersey,

headquarters. Verus provides litigation support and compliance services to law firms and corporate legal departments.

Jeffrey D. Linton '88 J.D. was appointed executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Quality Systems Inc., known as NextGen Healthcare. The company provides a range of software, services, and analytics solutions to medical and dental practices.

1990s

Michael N. Chesney '92 J.D., a partner at Frantz Ward in Cleveland, was recognized in the 2018 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

Jared des Rosiers '89, '92 J.D., a partner at Pierce Atwood in the Energy Practice Group in Portland, Maine, was recognized with the Scribner Firm Impact Award. The award recognized that his leadership of Pierce Atwood's Pro Bono and Community Service Program from 2013 to 2017 resulted in a flourishing level of engagement with pro bono and community service across the firm. He also served as president of the Notre Dame Law Association from 2013 to 2015.

Deborah Kunselman '92 J.D. was elected in 2017

to serve as a judge on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. She was previously a judge on the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas.

Michael D. Rechtin Jr. '92 J.D. joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as a partner in the firm's Real Estate Department in Chicago. Rechtin's practice focuses on data center transactions and leasing.

Wendell G. Davis '93 J.D. was appointed regional administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration's Region I, which covers Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Elaine Zacharakis '94 J.D. joined Garfunkel Wild P.C. in New York as a partner in the firm's Health Care Information and Technology Group. Zacharakis is also the current chair

Krieg DeVault elects new managing partner

Michael J. Messaglia '90, '93 J.D., a corporate banking attorney at Krieg DeVault in Indianapolis, was elected in January 2018 to be the firm's managing partner.

Messaglia began his career with Krieg DeVault as an associate in 1993, and he has held several leadership roles over the years. Most notably, he was the longtime head of the firm's Financial Institutions Practice.

He said it was humbling to be elected managing partner. "I welcome both the challenge and privilege of leading our

esteemed law firm and to use the same founding principles that have been our foundation for more than 140 years," he said.



of the American Bar Association's Health Law Section's eHealth, Privacy & Security Interest Group and a member of the legal task force at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.

Patrick G. Cooke '89, '95 J.D. joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as a partner in the firm's Chicago office. Cooke focuses his practice on commercial and business litigation as well as appeals in federal and state courts.

Dan Saxon '95 LL.M. is a member of the International Advisory Group of Experts (GAIPE) investigating the murder of Honduran environmental activist Berta Caceres. The group issued a report in November 2017 and was featured in a *New York Times* article.

Matthew Schechter '96 J.D. was part of the McManis Faulkner trial team that was recognized in the Top Verdicts supplement of the *Daily Journal*, a California legal publication. The firm's victory in *Smith v. San Jose* at the California Supreme Court was one of the year's top five appellate reversals.

James R. Sweeney II '96 J.D., a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis, was nominated by President Donald Trump to fill a judicial vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Jill Vorobiev '96 J.D. joined Reed Smith LLP as a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group in Chicago.

David J. Butler '94, '97 J.D. was named to the 2018 Executive Committee at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Butler, a partner in the firm's Columbus, Ohio, office, is a business trial lawyer with extensive experience in complex civil litigation, mass tort class actions, and multidistrict litigations.

Stephen Boettinger '90, '99 J.D. was named general counsel at Rev Group Inc. in Milwaukee. The company manufactures specialty vehicles. He was previously the assistant general counsel at Harley-Davidson Inc.

Traci L. Griffith '99 J.D., a professor at St. Michael's College in Vermont, was awarded the college's outstanding teaching award for 2017–2018. Griffith is chair of the Media Studies, Journalism, and Digital Arts Department and focuses her teaching on media law and ethics.

Frank Julian '99 J.D. of Sweeney Julian P.C. in South Bend, Indiana, was elected president of the Indiana Trial Lawyer's Association. As president, Julian will lead statewide efforts to provide professional development opportunities for 1,000 attorney members and to advocate for legislation to protect injured Hoosiers.



Four ND Lawyers appointed as U.S. attorneys

In November 2017, **Mark Klaassen '98 J.D.** took the oath of office to become U.S. attorney for the District of Wyoming. As U.S. attorney, Klaassen is the top-ranking federal law enforcement official in the district, which covers the entire state of Wyoming. He was previously an assistant U.S. attorney for the district.

"Wyoming is a special place to live and raise a family," said Klaassen, who grew up in Gillette, Wyoming. "I am committed to sustaining efforts necessary to protect our communities and uphold the rule of law."

Klaassen is one of four Notre Dame Lawyers who President Donald Trump has appointed as a U.S. attorney. The other three—**Peter Deegan '92** in the Northern District of Iowa, **Erica MacDonald '89** in the District of Minnesota, and **Jay Town '95** in the Northern District of Alabama—earned their bachelor's degrees at Notre Dame.

Klaassen, Deegan, and Town participated in a panel discussion together during the Law School's Homecoming Weekend in September 2018.

2000s

Christy Brown Dunn '00 J.D. was named chief of the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office in the U.S. Territory of American Samoa. Dunn previously served as associate attorney general for the American Samoa government.

Christine E. Mayle '01 J.D. filled in as a visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court in June when another judge recused himself from the case *Cincinnati Reds v. Testa*. The case involved a dispute over whether sports teams should be required to pay tax on promotional items given to ticket buyers. Mayle's regular job is serving as a presiding judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Sixth District. She was elected in November 2016 to the court, which sits in Toledo and hears appeals from all trial courts in an eight-county region of northwest Ohio.

Max Davis "Dave" O'Guinn '01 J.D. was named vice provost for student affairs and dean of students at Indiana University. O'Guinn joined the university as an associate general counsel in 2007 and became chief litigation counsel in 2014.

FBI Supervisory Special Agent **Thomas R. Olohan '01 J.D.** was awarded an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security at the 2017 Attorney General's Awards

Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and FBI Director Christopher Wray presented the award to Olohan.

Steve Pratico '01 J.D. joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in the firm's Tampa, Florida, office. Pratico practices in the area of commercial litigation.

Robert F. Seidler '01 J.D. joined the national law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. as a principal in its Indianapolis office. Seidler advises employers on compliance with state and federal labor regulations and represents management in labor and employment litigation.

Kevin Barton '02 J.D. was elected district attorney in Washington County, Oregon. Barton was previously the chief deputy district attorney. Washington County is part of the Portland metropolitan area.

Elizabeth A. Holden '04 J.D. of Hodgson Russ LLP in upstate New York was recognized in the 2018 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business for the area of Real Estate.

Katherine Anand '05 J.D. of the Dallas litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr was selected as a 2018 Texas Rising Star. It was the sixth straight year that Anand was chosen for her business litigation work.

The U.S. Senate voted in December 2017 to confirm **Kate O'Scannlain '99, '05 J.D.** as solicitor of the U.S. Department of Labor. The position is the department's top lawyer.

Cristal C. Brisco '06 J.D. was appointed as a magistrate for the St. Joseph Circuit Court in South Bend, Indiana. Most recently, Brisco was general counsel for Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Alum appointed to New Mexico Appeals Court

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez appointed **Daniel J. Gallegos '00, '05 J.D.** in January 2018 to replace a retiring judge on the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

The nine-member Court of Appeals is the second-highest court in New Mexico. Gallegos was previously a staff attorney with the court. He is also a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps and spent a year in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as an assistant judge advocate with Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Martinez appointed another Notre Dame Law alumnus, **Emil Kiehne '00 J.D.**, to the New Mexico Court of Appeals in 2017. Kiehne was previously a shareholder at Modrall Sperling in Albuquerque.



Sullivan & Worcester named **Brian E. Hammell '03, '06 J.D.** a partner in the firm's Tax Department in Boston. He is a member of the Notre Dame Law Association's advisory committee.

Robert S. Driscoll '07 J.D., an attorney at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. in Milwaukee, was recognized as a 2017 Super Lawyer-Rising Star in the area of employment litigation: defense.

Jaime McLemore '07 J.D. was promoted to partner at Withersworldwide in the firm's London office. McLemore advises U.S. and international tax and estate planning for individuals, trusts, and estates.

Patrick A. Salvi II '07 J.D., managing partner in the Chicago office of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C., received the American Association for Justice's Above and Beyond Award at the 2018 AAJ Seminar in Denver. The award recognizes AAJ members who have made exceptional contributions to sustain and strengthen the organization.

Akerman LLP added **Timothy Sendek '07 J.D.** as an intellectual property partner in the firm's Chicago office. Sendek focuses his practice on patent, trademark, and copyright disputes in U.S. District Courts, the International Trade Commission, and at the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Tyler Atkinson '08 J.D. was part of the McManis Faulkner trial team that was recognized in the Top Verdicts supplement of the *Daily Journal*, a California legal publication. The firm's victory in *Smith v. San Jose* at the California Supreme Court was one of the year's top five appellate reversals.

Guilherme Costa '08 J.D. was named vice president, general counsel, and secretary to the board of trustees at Ithaca College. Costa previously served as the chief legal officer for the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Joshua D. Dunlap '08 J.D. was elevated to partner at Pierce Atwood in Portland, Maine. He is a member of the firm's Litigation Group and Appellate & Amici Team.

Eric J. Wu '08 J.D. joined Leech Tishman Fuscaldolo & Lampl as an associate in its newly opened office in El Segundo, California. Wu focuses his practice on California business, labor, and employment matters.

Thomas M. Burnett '09 J.D., an attorney at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. in Milwaukee, has been recognized as a 2017 Super Lawyer-Rising Star in the area of business litigation.



Alumni share expertise at NYU conference

Two Notre Dame Law School alumni shared their expertise in the field of international development and finance at a conference at New York University School of Law. The conference, *The Legal Issues in Social Entrepreneurship and Impact Investing – In the U.S. and Beyond*, was held in June 2018.

Barbara Day '79 J.D., the former general counsel for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, spoke as part of a panel on developing policy and regulatory incentives for social impact. Day worked at OPIC, the U.S. government's development and finance institution, from 2000 to 2017.

Jonathan Ng '07 J.D., an attorney advisor at the U.S. Agency for International Development, moderated a panel called "What's Faith Got To Do With It?" The panel explored people's motivations for wanting to make a difference in the world through social entrepreneurship and impact investing.

Day and Ng also spoke at Notre Dame Law School during the spring 2018 semester as part of a panel about legal careers in development finance. The other panelists were **Torsten Marshall '81, '91 J.D.**, project finance partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York; **John Moran '86 J.D.**, senior advisor to the chief financial officer at OPIC; and **Brendan Wilson '04 J.D.**, tax partner at Faegre Baker Daniels in Washington, D.C.

2010s

Stacy D. Fredrich '07, '10 J.D. was promoted to partner at Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP. Fredrich is based in the firm's Atlanta office, where she counsels clients on a wide variety of intellectual property issues.

Robert W. Savoie '10 J.D. was named member at McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in New Orleans. Savoie focuses his practice on representing financial institutions with respect to banking and consumer financial services regulatory compliance. He was also recognized in the 2018 edition of Louisiana Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in the banking practice area.

Rebecca R. A. Smith '10 J.D. was promoted to counsel at Downey Brand in the firm's Sacramento, California, office. Smith helps clients navigate California water law.

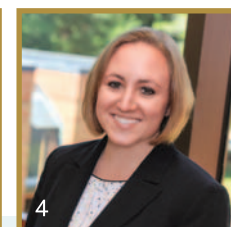
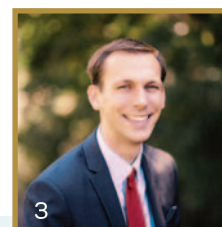
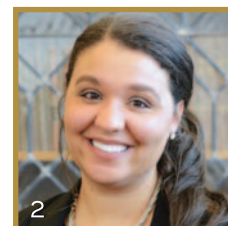
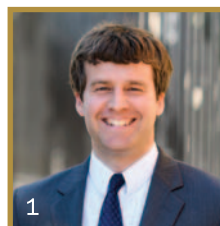
Duy Duc "Dewey" Nguyen '11 J.D. joined Fox Rothschild LLP as an associate in the Real Estate Department at the firm's headquarters in Philadelphia. Nguyen focuses his practice on agency lending.

Xiomara Cecilia Balanta Moreno '12 LL.M.

was among 51 judges appointed in the fall of 2017 to the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, a key tribunal crafted to further the Colombian peace process. Balanta will be responsible for

investigating, determining guilt, and imposing punishment in cases of major human rights and humanitarian law violations committed in connection with the armed conflict in Colombia.

Zachary T. Gordon '13 J.D. joined Howard & Howard in Las Vegas. Gordon focuses his practice on protecting clients' brands through trademark clearance, prosecution, and enforcement.



Young alumni rising in the academy

Four young alumni of Notre Dame Law School are in the early stages of developing their careers as law professors and recently made moves to different law schools.

Brian Murray '11 J.D. (1) joined Seton Hall Law School as an associate professor of law, primarily teaching in the area of criminal law. His scholarship has been published in the *University of Richmond Law Review*, *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*, *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, *Southern Methodist University Law Review*, and *Fordham Law Review*. He was previously a research fellow at the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Courtlyn Roser-Jones '13 J.D. (2) is a visiting assistant professor of law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She joined Ohio State this fall after two years at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she was the William H. Hastie Fellow. Her interests are

labor law, contracts, employment discrimination, administrative law, and constitutional law. She recently had an article published in the *Northwestern Law Review*.

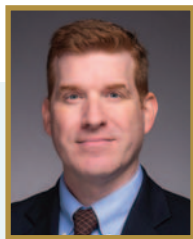
Pepperdine University School of Law hired **Mark Kubisch '15 J.D. (3)** to teach legal research and writing and to run its moot court program. He was the Class of 2015's recipient of the Colonel William J. Hoynes Award.

Christina M. Jones '16 J.D. (4) is a visiting professor of practice and director of William & Mary Law School's Special Education Advocacy Clinic. The clinic is designed to bolster the partnership between families and schools, and is part of William & Mary Law School's Parents Engaged for Learning Equality initiative. Jones was one of the Class of 2016's two Bank of America Foundation Fellows.

Shaun Michael Kelly '13 J.D. joined Connolly Gallagher as an associate in the firm's Corporate Litigation Group in Delaware. Kelly previously served as a deputy attorney general in the Fraud and Consumer Protection Division of the Delaware Department of Justice.

Megan A. Olmstead '13 J.D. joined Stoel Rives LLP as an associate in the firm's Litigation Group in Boise, Idaho. Olmstead previously worked in federal and state government on matters related to natural resources and the environment.

Stacy A. Schauvliege '14 J.D., an attorney at Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was honored as a 2017 NextGen Under 30 Award winner by *Ion Oklahoma Magazine*. The awards recognize professionals younger than 30 years old who demonstrate talent, drive, and service to their organizations and communities.



Joseph Nugent '17 J.D. joined the Kresge Law Library at Notre Dame Law School as an assistant librarian. Nugent teaches Legal Research. His areas of academic interest include legal research, intellectual property, and international law.

Kathleen Freeman '15 J.D. joined Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth as an associate in the firm's Chicago office. Freeman focuses her practice on professional negligence and product liability.

Eirene N. Salvi '15 J.D. of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard recently established the Chicago Committee of the Japanese American Bar Association. The goal is to provide a forum for members of the legal profession with interests and ties to the Japanese-American community to discuss issues, network, and serve the community.

Pablo Gonzalez-Dominguez '16 J.S.D. had a book published. Intersentia, an independent publishing house specializing in European Law, international law, and human rights, published *The Doctrine of Conventionality Control: Between Uniformity and Legal Pluralism in the Inter-American Human Rights System*.

Chase M. Hundman '17 J.D. joined Howard & Howard in Chicago. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation.

Johanna Oh '17 J.D. joined McManis Faulkner as an associate. She represents plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, ranging from individuals in need of counsel to high-profile Silicon Valley companies.

Connect with us

Notre Dame Law School's Alumni Relations Office exists to help Notre Dame Lawyers remain connected with each other and with the Law School. We consider a Notre Dame Lawyer to be any lawyer who has a Notre Dame degree—whether it's a degree from the Law School or another degree from the University.

Notre Dame graduates are fortunate to be members of one of the world's most vibrant alumni communities. Current and prospective students are consistently amazed by the warm welcome and mentorship they receive from alumni.

Learn more about the many opportunities to be involved with the Notre Dame Law Association and Notre Dame Lawyer Committees at law.nd.edu/alumni.

You can also contact Law Alumni Program Manager **Tammye Raster '92 J.D.** at 574-631-6891 or traster@nd.edu. The office's mailing address is 1341B Biolchini Hall of Law, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

And, last but not least, make sure your contact information is up to date, so Notre Dame Law School can stay in touch with you. Log in to myNotreDame at my.nd.edu to check your profile information.



IN MEMORIAM



These alumni of Notre Dame Law School died during the past year.

GEORGE B. NEWITT '48 J.D. | *April 18, 2018*

HAROLD F. TEHAN '48 J.D. | *March 27, 2018*

DANIEL W. LONG '45 LL.M., '50 J.D. | *February 14, 2018*

RUSSEL J. LESPERANCE '50, '51 J.D. | *November 12, 2017*

JOHN F. LAUGHLIN '52 J.D. | *January 4, 2018*

DONALD F. SMITH '49, '52 J.D. | *January 26, 2018*

RICHARD L. HODGES '53 J.D. | *March 13, 2018*

RICHARD R. MURPHY '53 J.D. | *December 3, 2017*

JOSEPH F. GARGAN '52, '55 J.D. | *December 12, 2017*

JAMES C. HIGGINS '52, '55 J.D. | *November 30, 2017*

BERRY L. REESE JR. '54, '56 J.D. | *November 9, 2017*

TOM T. SHORT '54, '56 J.D. | *May 10, 2018*

PAUL M. KRAUS '54, '57 J.D. | *June 24, 2018*

WALTER T. WOLF '56, '58 J.D. | *December 14, 2017*

R. MICHAEL BRADY '59, '62 J.D. | *January 13, 2018*

CORNELIUS COLLINS '62 J.D. | *December 19, 2017*

PHILIP K. HANSEN '60, '62 J.D. | *March 7, 2018*

ANTHONY M. CALDERONE '63 J.D. | *March 21, 2018*

JAMES A. EICHELBERGER '63 J.D. | *December 30, 2017*

MICHAEL B. ROCHE '63, '66 J.D. | *February 25, 2018*

LOUIS W. BRENNER SR. '64, '67 J.D. | *March 1, 2018*

JAMES M. CONNELL '69 J.D. | *February 15, 2018*

JOHN GRANT ZAJAS '70 J.D. | *January 30, 2018*

LARRY L. AMBLER '71 J.D. | *February 14, 2018*

JAMES J. BERTUCCI '72 J.D. | *December 26, 2017*

ROLAND C. AMUNDSON '75 J.D. | *November 16, 2017*

JOHN K. VINCENT '76, '79 J.D. | *March 30, 2018*

BARRY W. ANDREWS '95 J.D. | *February 15, 2018*

TAMMY L. GREENWALD '00 J.D. | *November 7, 2017*



ROBERT F. BIOLCHINI '62

Bob Biolchini, a generous benefactor of Notre Dame Law School, passed away November 8, 2017, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He loved Notre Dame and the Catholic Church, and he served on both the University Board of Trustees and the Law School Advisory Council.

Biolchini earned his bachelor's degree in 1962 at Notre Dame and his law degree in 1965 from George Washington University. During his career, he served several private and public corporations in the banking, oil and gas, electronics, and media industries. From 2000 to 2015, he was president and CEO of PennWell—a company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that publishes business-to-business magazines and conducts conferences and exhibitions around the world.

He and his wife, Fran, were very generous to the Law School. They endowed a professorship, the Biolchini Family Chair in Law, as well as the Erma V. Biolchini Endowed Scholarship Fund, named in honor of his mother. In 2008, their \$15 million gift was a linchpin in the renovation of the Law School's old building, which originally opened in 1930 and is now named Biolchini Hall of Law. The Biolchins dedicated the renovated building "to their six children and to all those who study here, seeking God's Justice through Faith and the Rule of Law."



ROBERT W. COX '59, '62 J.D.

Bob Cox, a pioneer in law firm management and a longtime member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council, passed away March 5, 2018, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Cox was a partner in Baker McKenzie's New York and Chicago offices from 1969 to 1994, and the firm's managing partner from 1984 to 1992. He was one of the first to recognize the value of having a full-time managing partner. His decision to give up his regular law practice to concentrate on firm management proved crucial to Baker McKenzie's worldwide expansion. His moral compass was as strong as his business acumen, and he managed to sustain a sense of community and a spirit of democracy within Baker McKenzie's ranks while shaping the firm into a global power. *The Chicago Tribune* once described him as "a refreshingly candid sort in the corporate law world."

When Cox gave his heart to a person or institution, he gave it fully and without reservation. His 35 years of service on the Law School Advisory Council, including 11 years as chair, rank among the longest tenures across all University of Notre Dame councils. He saved the deepest part of his heart, however, for his wife, Pat, and his four children and 10 grandchildren.



ANTHONY J. PALUMBO '73 J.D.

Tony Palumbo, a generous benefactor of the Law School, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 16, 2018, in Triacastela, Spain, while on a pilgrimage to complete the French Way route of the Camino de Santiago.

Palumbo earned his bachelor's degree at Fairfield University in 1968 and was later deployed to Vietnam, where he served honorably in the U.S. Army from May 1969 to July 1970. Following his service, he moved to South Bend to attend Notre Dame Law School.

He built his legal practice in Phoenix, Arizona, and dedicated his career to representing victims of personal injury and wrongful death. In 2006, he followed his dream to work with his son, Scott Palumbo '96, and a best friend, Elliot Wolfe. Together they formed the law firm of Palumbo Wolfe & Palumbo.

Palumbo was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. He also worked with charitable organizations, including Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona. He was respected and beloved for being a man of compassion, honor, and integrity, and he loved his family and friends fiercely. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie, his son Scott and daughter-in-law Emily '97, son Craig, and grandchildren Ian and Lily.



LAWYERS IN LOVE

The Class of 1981 formed a dozen married couples

By Denise Wager

There was something special about 1981.

The royal wedding of Prince Charles of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer captured the attention of millions of Americans. A record-setting 30 million viewers watched Luke and Laura say “I do” on *General Hospital*. President Ronald Reagan appointed Sandra Day O’Connor as the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Roughly 150 students graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1981. That class formed at least a dozen married couples—a striking ratio by any standard.

Nancy (Helling) and Mark Gargula are one of those couples. They met on registration day as first-year law students in 1978.

Mark was sitting outside the Law School with a friend, enjoying the nice weather. He had just received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame a few months earlier, so he was already familiar with campus and didn’t feel any urgent need to go inside to register.

“I was jabbing a bit at all the nervous 1Ls rushing in to register,” he recalled recently.

However, when Mark saw Nancy walk by, he quickly turned to his friend and said, “I think it is about time we get inside.”

There is some discrepancy about exactly how Mark secured his spot in line directly behind Nancy. According to Nancy, there may or may not have been some jumping or scrambling over a table or a bike rack. Mark disputes this account. Either way, he made it there.

Mark and Nancy started dating a month later, became engaged during their second year at the Law School, and married in the fall of 1981.

Chris Koenigs first spotted Jeanne Collopy at the Law School’s opening day party for first-year students. Chris claims it was love at first sight—at least for him. It took Jeanne a little bit longer.

After about a year, Chris finally worked up the nerve to put his newly developed persuasion skills to work and asked her out. She acquiesced. A couple years later, he asked Jeanne to marry him. They married in 1982, Chris said, “in the presence of many beloved Law School classmates.”

Maureen (O’Connell) and John Hurley are another Class of 1981 couple.

They also met in the fall of 1978 at the orientation picnic for first-year law students. During the picnic, John mentioned he had gone to Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, for his bachelor’s degree. Maureen was from the East as well, and they became friends. They started dating two years later and married in October 1982.

What was it about 1981?

It wasn't until the Class of 1981's reunion in 2016 that Maureen and John Hurley realized how many married couples their class had produced.

No one is sure what it was about the class that led to so many nuptials. Some of the couples noted that first-year students at the Law School were divided into two sections back then, and students would have all of their classes with people from the same section. With that setup, students in each section really got to know each other.

Bob Cimala and Ellen McLaughlin became acquainted, thanks to being in the same class section. She always sat in the second-to-last row of her classes with her friends. He tended to sit in the last row with his friends. The rest, as she says, is history. They married in Chicago in 1985.

These Class of '81 couples represent a diverse group of Notre Dame Lawyers. They live all over the United States. They are partners and shareholders at law firms large and small. There is a prosecutor, a certified public accountant, and a few in-house counsels. A few are retired.

All together, the dozen couples have more than 30 children, including a handful who have already earned Notre Dame degrees. Most of the couples are empty nesters, and a few are grandparents.

Nancy and Mark Gargula live in Indianapolis. She is the United States Trustee, Region 10, with the U.S. Department of Justice, a region that covers Indiana, central Illinois, and southern Illinois. Mark recently retired as a certified public accountant and partner from Ernst & Young. Their family includes daughter Jennifer Gargula Chesnick '09, son-in-law Tom Chesnick '07, and son Chris Gargula.

Chris Koenigs is a trial lawyer at the law firm Sherman & Howard LLC in Denver. Jeanne Collopy was a corporate securities lawyer for 17 years before staying home to raise their five children.

Maureen and John Hurley live in Buffalo, New York. Maureen recently retired from Rich Products Corporation as the company's executive vice president and chief administrative officer. John is president of Canisius College, where he was elected the college's first lay president in 2010. The Hurleys have three children: Caroline, Brian '13, and Millie.

And, while it remains a mystery what exactly caused so many members of the Class of 1981 to fall in love, all of the couples agree there is something special about the Notre Dame family.

"Part of being in the Notre Dame family is the friendships and relationships that you build," said Nancy Gargula, who serves as a Notre Dame Law Association board member and is the incoming NDLA board president. "It has opened so many doors and opportunities."

Maureen Hurley has also served on the NDLA board. Reflecting on the Law School's mission of educating a different kind of lawyer, she said, "Look at the people who preceded us and our classmates. We are living meaningful lives and serving others. I have great respect, love, and admiration for Notre Dame. And its values are a fundamental part of that."

THE COUPLES OF '81

*Notre Dame Law School's Class of 1981
produced at least a dozen married couples*

Vince Barbera '78, '81 J.D. and
Melanie (Feczko) Barbera '81 J.D.

Ed Blieszner '78, '81 J.D. and
Diane (Leidy) Blieszner '81 J.D.

Michael Borders '77, '81 J.D. and
Nancy (McDonald) Borders '81 J.D.

Robert Cimala '81 J.D. and
Ellen McLaughlin '78, '81 J.D.

Mark Gargula '78, '81 J.D. and
Nancy (Helling) Gargula '81 J.D.

John Hurley '81 J.D. and
Maureen (O'Connell) Hurley '81 J.D.

Timothy Kapshandy '78, '81 J.D. and
Marisela Barcenas-Kapshandy '81 J.D.

Christopher Koenigs '81 J.D. and
Jeanne Collopy '81 J.D.

Randy Mariani '81 J.D. and
Patricia Redington '81 J.D.

Joseph Musilek '81 J.D. and
Grace (Murgia) Musilek '78, '81 J.D.

Michael O'Mara '81 J.D. and
Constance (DePyper) O'Mara '81 J.D.

Stephen Ryan '80 J.D. and
Lisa Frasco Ryan '81 J.D.



INTERROGATORY

From Law Chaplain to Law Student

For the past two academic years, Rev. Patrick E. Reidy, C.S.C., '08, '13 M.Div. served Notre Dame Law School as its chaplain. This fall, he became a law student—at Yale Law School.

Notre Dame Lawyer sat down with Father Pat last summer in St. Thomas More Chapel for a conversation about his calling to the priesthood and the law.

Q When did you know the priesthood was the path for you?

I don't know that there was any one moment. As one of my mentors said, if I looked back as a senior at the arc of my undergrad experience at Notre Dame, I could point to any number of relationships and decisions and encounters that pointed to my having a heart for ministry.

I was a resident assistant to a mostly freshman section with a resident who had cancer, who ended up dying the next year. I was able to be present to him and his family, to be present to those residents.

I spent two summers in Uganda—the first teaching at a Holy Cross primary school and the second through the Center for Social Concerns. I loved living in community with the guys at the parish rectory, and I loved the families. I wanted something for them that they wanted for themselves.

Q What inspired you to go to law school?

I came to Notre Dame thinking about law school. When I was majoring in political science, I thought I'd probably go to law school if I didn't go into seminary. No Holy Cross priest is assigned to school right out of seminary. Your first years are pastoral—you need to learn how to be a priest.

In 2016, I became the Law School's chaplain. As I got to know the Notre Dame Law School community—and fell in love with this community—I saw much more clearly how law school could be really awesome.

Q Except for your novitiate year during seminary, you've been at Notre Dame since 2004. What will you miss most about Notre Dame?

I will miss being a priest here.

I've loved walking with students and faculty and

staff, and being present to so many different stories. It's been a privilege to be invited into people's lives. I love celebrating Mass here. I love helping people to encounter surprise and joy in their relationship with Jesus and the Gospels and the sacraments.

I'm grateful that I'm a Holy Cross priest for the long haul. One of the consolations in leaving this place is knowing I'm hopefully not leaving for long.

Q At Notre Dame, we talk about the law as a calling and encourage students to view the practice of law as a vocation. As a priest, you've already answered one call and pursued a vocation. What perspective do you think you will bring to law school?

In Holy Cross, we talk about the call within the call. My thinking about law school was framed by my service to the Church and my religious life in the priesthood. I wore my blacks to my admitted student visit at Yale.

I go into law school not knowing exactly what I'll do, but my career trajectory is circumscribed by my vow of obedience. That commitment to Holy Cross is what drives me.



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