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News of the Notre Dame Law School

FATHER MALLOY APPOINTS NEW COMMITTEES

Acting on the final report of the Colloquy for the Year 2000, Father Malloy has appointed five new committees. Several members of the NDLS community have been selected for these committees. Dean Link and Father Lewers will serve on the Committee on International Studies; Tex Dutile on the Committee on Research, Scholarship and Infrastructure; and Roger Jacobs on the Committee on University Libraries.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM'S THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE HUGE SUCCESS

This year's Thanksgiving Family Meal Drive, sponsored by the NDLS Social Justice Forum, met with great success. SJF, helped by NDLS students, staff and faculty, MBA students and Phi Alpha Delta, provided Thanksgiving meals for 107 families in the South Bend area. SJF members Miwa Arai, Dave Freund and Katie O'Hagan chaired the Drive.

SJF's Thanksgiving Drive does more than collect money and canned goods; students actually assemble and deliver

complete, traditional meals to needy families. As SJF President Jack Strauch noted, "By traveling through the neighborhoods, talking with the recipient families, and coming face-to-face with the plight of the less fortunate, the students' eyes are opened to the vast extent of work that needs to be done in our society. It is our hope that this experience will inspire students to continue their contribution to social justice." SJF extends its thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful effort.

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKS AT NDLS

On December 2, in the Courtroom, William Barr, former United States Attorney General, spoke on "Violence in America and Criminal Justice Reform." A Round Table Discussion followed the talk.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Admissions personnel report that the 1994-95 application year proceeds well. The Dean has appointed admissions-committee members, who will start reading files in earnest in January.

A revised brochure entitled "Diversity Within Notre Dame Law School" portrays the contributions ethnic-minority students make to the Law School community. Anyone needing a brochure or two to share with interested prospective students, please contact Admissions.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Roger Jacobs was recently re-elected to a second three-year term as a member of the American Bar Association's Council of

the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. He continues as a member of the Section's Committee on Libraries and Facilities. The Chair of the Council has also appointed Roger to the Section's Long-Range Planning Committee.

On January 10, 1994, Janis Johnston returns to the Law School from her semester as Co-director of the Notre Dame London Law Programme.

In January, 1994, Karen L. Miller will become Co-director of the Notre Dame London Law Programme. Karen may be reached on E-Mail via: Miller.149@nd.edu.

Patti Ogden was awarded a Jump Start Grant from the Office of University Computing. The Grant gives Patti the monies for software, hardware and a student assistant to help her develop inter-active courseware for legal research.

NEWS FROM THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

The Clinic accepted 291 new cases in the calendar year 1993. It began the year with 112 open cases. Of these 403 cases, the Clinic resolved 238. (It of course won almost all of them!) At the beginning of 1994, the Clinic will have 170 open cases, but it is not now accepting new cases and has not been since the beginning of the examination period. The Clinic will have a flood of new cases as soon as the new semester begins.

The Clinic turned away 587 appeals for help during 1993. In other words, of every three requests for help, the Clinic turns away two. (Tom Shaffer estimates that about half of the refusals to take cases

result from the fact that we do not have enough student interns, the rest to case selection). The Clinic has 35 regular interns, plus 11 Elderlaw interns.

In November, the *Indiana Lawyer* ran an article featuring the NDLS Legal Aid Clinic. In the article, second-year student Julie Douglas sums up the advantages of the new site: "We have ten times the amount of room here. I think that helps the environment the students have to work in [and] clients feel more comfortable coming in here. . . ."

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Center for Civil and Human Rights, in collaboration with the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, is planning two conferences. The first will address political justice and the transition to democracy. This issue will be approached from a number of comparative (Latin American, European and possibly South African) perspectives.

The second conference under consideration will focus upon the emerging challenges facing the human-rights community in Latin America.

Garth Meintjes has been appointed to the Regional Outreach Network of the American Society of International Law.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

On December 8, Bob Blakey represented the Respondents before the United States Supreme Court in *NOW v. Scheidler*, No. 92-780. In preparation for the argument, Bob presented a moot

argument in the NDLS Courtroom on November 30.

Alan Gunn published (with his co-editor) the 1994 Supplement to *Federal Income Taxation*.

On December 2, in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Don Kommers delivered an address entitled, "The Foreign and Military Affairs Power: Some Contrasts in German and American Constitutional Law."

In November, Terry Phelps gave a keynote address entitled "Human: an Engendered Species?" at a conference on "Gender Issues in the '90s" at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

Judge Ripple served as a guest faculty member of the School of Law at Duke University on November 2. He lectured in classes on Federal Criminal Law and Appellate Advocacy and consulted with members of the regular faculty on research interests.

Jim Seckinger served as Program Coordinator and as a faculty member, and also lectured faculty members on Effective Teaching Techniques, at the NITA/Price Waterhouse Expert Witness Program, in Seattle, on November 3-5; and in the NITA/Freshfields/Linklaters & Paines Trial Advocacy Programme, in London, on November 15-20.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Nancy Beaudoin's husband Bob has been admitted to Elkhart General Hospital for treatment of an upper-respiratory infection. We wish Bob a quick recovery.

On December 20, Corrine Karlin became a grandmother for the third time. Corrine's daughter, Sharon, gave birth to Alia (7 lbs.) on Grandma Corrine's birthday. Baby, Mother and Grandma are doing fine.

Nancy Wesolowski suffered a painful fracture of her left leg as a result of a fall on the stairs in her home on Thanksgiving Sunday. She is recuperating at home following surgery and a brief stay in the hospital.

Nancy's indomitable spirit is shown by the fact that, despite wearing a cast on her broken leg, she has acquired a new car and is mobile once again.

Nancy will be retiring as of December 31, 1993, following her many years of devoted service to the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School. Her many friends and colleagues wish her a speedy recovery and many happy years in retirement.

As a result of Nancy's retirement, Tina Jankowski will move from the Dean's Office to the Center for Civil and Human Rights, where she will assume the duties of Administrative Assistant.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Michael Brenton, NDLS '76, President of the Lansing, Michigan, Law firm of Murphy, Brenton & Spagnuolo, has been elected Vice Chair of the Workers' Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Gus Cifelli, NDLS '81, has become

a shareholder of the firm of Lee, Smart, Cook, Martin & Patterson, in Seattle.

Frank Julian, NDLS '82 and Tax Counsel to Federated Department Stores, Inc., authored "Recovery of Legal Fees in State Tax Litigation," in the June, 1993 issue of *The Ohio Tax Service*; he co-authored "Attorneys' Fees in State Tax Litigation," in the August 9, 1993, edition of *State Tax Notes*.

On December 9, Kate Kearney, NDLS '80 and County Court Judge of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was interviewed on the *NBC Nightly News*. Kate addressed the problem of juvenile crime in Florida.

Clarence J. Ruddy, NDLS '27, has submitted to the publication *Experience* an article reflecting on many aspects of the law and the legal profession. In the piece, he recounts that, while a student at NDLS, he was a member of a group that founded the *Notre Dame Lawyer*, now the *Notre Dame Law Review*. Clarence, now eighty-eight years old, was the first editor-in-chief. He chose for the masthead the maxim of Lord Coke: "Law is the perfection of human reason."

Keith Rothfus, NDLS '90, has become Assistant Dean for Administration at the Regent University School of Law.

Passing the July, 1993, California Bar Exam were: Janet Cabral, John Dunn, Dennis Ehling, David Eikenmeyer, Sharon Kornman, Frank Kros, Doug McNitt, Ndidi Opia, Lynne Pregoner, Jeff Stromberg, and Whitney Wilds.

Passing the July, 1993 Bar Exam in Pennsylvania were: David Bianchi, Bill

Byrne, Joseph DiRienzo, Lester Fortney, Lisa Galante, Jacqueline Galko, Lisa Gillick, Brian Grady, Mary Hatch, Bridget Healy, William Matthews, Jane Nagle, Francesco Penati, James Shields, Glenn Smith, and Mary-Jean Sully.

Passing the New York State Bar Examination were: Tim Bauman, Ken Boehner, Bill Byrne, Nikki Commacho, Patrick Emmerling, Jim Gallop, Courtney Genco, Paul McCarthy, William Snyder and Jeanine Sorrentino.

An alumnus writes: "Rest assured, I will increase my annual-fund contribution as I too believe very firmly in Notre Dame's mission and am very proud to call myself a Notre Dame lawyer. It is due to Notre Dame that I have been given many of the opportunities presented to me. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of attending a law school that is truly a family and trains its lawyers [to know] that the law can be an instrument for good, not only in your city, your state, [and] your nation, but [in] the world as a whole."

MISCELLANY

The Notre Dame *Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy's* "Symposium on the Rights of Children" made the "Worth Reading" list in the November 29 issue of the *National Law Journal*.

The NDLS Spring Trial Team will include: David Cloutier; Sunni Cummings; Larry Liu; Peter McCarthy; Richard McCauley; Andrea Roberts; Joe Rossi; and Sue Toth.

Andrzej Pullo, Dean of Law at the University of Gdansk, Poland, who visited

NDLS during the Fall of 1991, recently had the honor of presenting honorary degrees to both President Mitterrand of France and President Walesa of Poland. Dean Pullo sends his warm regards to the entire NDLS community.

Norio Wakui, a Japanese Judge who spent a year studying at NDLS, has become Director of the General Affairs Bureau of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Court of Japan.

Gabriel Moens, former NDLS visiting faculty member and regular participant in the London programme, will visit at Brigham Young University Law School in 1995-96. Additionally, his fifth book, "Business Law of the European Community," has recently been published by *Data Legal Publications*. He also has received, for the third consecutive year, the University of Queensland Law Society's Excellence in Teaching Award.

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