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JUAN MENDEZ HONORED FOR HUMAN-RIGHTS LEADERSHIP

The University of Dayton has selected Juan Mendez as the recipient of the Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights. Juan will accept the award on April 11 in ceremonies at the University. On that occasion, Juan will also deliver a major address.

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INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM PLACES SECOND

On the last week-end in March, Notre Dame's Niagara International Moot Court Team competed

in the 2000 Niagara Competition in Michigan, sponsored by the United States-Canada Law Institute. Focusing upon international-law issues of particular relevance to the relationship between the U.S. and Canada, the competition comprises teams from U.S. and Canadian law schools, with 15 law schools participating this year. The Competition is particularly emphasized among Canadian law schools. Notre Dame's four-member team competed four times at the Competition. Each of our oralists, in a rigorous competition, demonstrated excellent advocacy skills in arguing the "Case Concerning Mistaken Seeding and Salmon Fishing." Notre Dame won its four rounds and thus advanced into the final round against the University of Western Ontario. Edged out in the final round (by less than two points), Notre Dame earned the second-place slot in the Competition. The 2000 Niagara team members: Charles Blue, Teresa Chen, Todd Dziobak, and Robert Seidler. Team coaches: Teresita Mercado and James McCament. Congratulations on a great performance!

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MARY YU APPOINTED TO BENCH

Mary Yu, NDLS '93, has been appointed to the King County (Washington) Superior Court, a court of general jurisdiction. She was most recently the second in command at the King County Prosecutor's office, where she had earlier served in both the criminal and civil divisions. While at NDLS, she received the outstanding graduate student award and a separate award as an outstanding woman law student. She also served as an Assistant Rector and was active in both the White Center and The Barristers. Congratulations, Judge Yu!

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ROBERT GEORGE TO DELIVER NATURAL- LAW LECTURE

Professor Robert George of Princeton University will deliver the annual Natural Law Lecture in the NDLS Courtroom, on the afternoon of April 13. His topic: "The Concept of Public Morality." The annual Natural Law Institute dinner, including a discussion of Professor George's talk, will take place that evening.

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LAW SCHOOL TEAM WINS INTRAMURAL TOURNEY

One of the Law School's (several) intramural basketball teams won the Grad-Pro Intramural Championship March 7 in the Joyce Center. The team narrowly defeated last year's champs, "MBA 2000." The law team, "Counsel for Blake" (see below) put together a big lead early, but saw it evaporate late in the game as the business-school sharpshooters started raining three-pointers like a monsoon. The prevailing team included first-years Martin Kappenman, Fred Marczyk, Kevin Stella, Charles Wenzel, and T.C. Couhig, and faculty ace Rick Garnett. The team takes its name from "ringer" Blake Sanz, a graduate student in English.

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ELLEN MESSER CONDUCTS ROUNDTABLE AT NDLS

On March 23, in the Civil Rights Reading Room, Ellen Messer, research professor at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies, presided over a Roundtable discussion. Professor Messer, former director of the Institute and the author of many publications in the areas of anthropology and human rights, the anthropology of food and nutrition, and anthropological

approaches to religion, discussed a current project called "Hunger and Human Rights: Religious Promise and Practice." The Center for Civil and Human Rights, in conjunction with the Department of Anthropology, sponsored the event.

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KOHEN DISCUSSES EAST TIMOR

On March 24, in the Civil Rights Reading Room, Arnold Kohen, president of the Humanitarian Project, Washington, D.C., delivered a lecture entitled, "Crimes Committed Against the People of East Timor." Arnold Kohen is the author of the official biography of Bishop Carlos Belo, as well as numerous editorials and other opinion pieces on a wide range of international humanitarian and human-rights issues concerning East Timor and Indonesia. He also has been involved in human-rights efforts regarding East Timor and other international issues

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VIKINGS APPOINT KELLY CHIEF OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Michael F. Kelly, Jr., NDLS '87 and formerly a partner at Faegre & Benson, in Minneapolis, has been appointed executive vice president of the Minnesota Vikings. In his new role, Mike will be responsible for all of the business operations of the team, which include sales and marketing, football administration, public relations, finance and administration, legislative affairs, and Vikings Food Service. He will also oversee the Vikings' initiative for a new stadium. Head Coach Dennis Green will maintain his present responsibilities for coaching, player personnel, scouting, and football operations. Both will report to team president Gary Woods. Kelly received his Bachelor of Arts, as well, from Notre Dame. At Faegre & Benson, he had served as outside general counsel for the Vikings. In addition, Mike has served for four years on the Edina City Council and is currently the Mayor Pro Tem and Vice Chair of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Mike was listed by City Business in its 1999 edition of "40 Under 40," recognizing future community and business leaders in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. In two surveys published by Minnesota Law and Politics, he was selected as a "Super Lawyer" and a "Rising Star" by his peers in the legal community. Viking ownership looks forward to Kelly's management of the business side of the franchise. Team president Gary Woods commented, "We are extremely pleased to have someone of Mike's background and capability to step into this important role for the Vikings. Mike is well versed in all of our operations as well as dealing with the NFL. In addition, Mike's knowledge of the Minnesota market is extremely valuable to us in all of our programs."

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NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

In November, Juan Mendez was nominated to an international advisory board of the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development, a Canadian governmental body. Following consultations with Parliament, the Foreign Ministry confirmed his appointment. Juan began his term this month with a meeting in Montreal. Juan co-authored, with Gaston Chillier, an article on the Democracy Clause in international law, for the law review of the School of Law of the Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile. On January 20 and 21, Juan traveled to Brussels, Belgium, to speak to a Donors Conference on international cooperation to promote democracy and human rights. The Open Society Institute (Soros Foundations), the World Organization Against Torture, and the International Cooperation Ministry of Austria organized the conference. The deliberations took place in the European Parliament, where Juan delivered a paper on trends and

tactics of international development agencies and foundations, with an emphasis on Latin America. On January 28, Juan participated in a seminar on "Forgiveness and the Law," at the Fordham University Law School. He delivered a paper, written jointly with Garth Meintjes, on the policies of truth and reconciliation that include some measures of clemency, and on their binding force beyond national borders. . Juan (with Helena Olea) is contributing an entry on "Civil and Political Rights and Duties" to the second edition of the Dictionary on Elections and Political Rights, to be published by the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights. Juan recently attended, in Washington, D.C., his first Period of Sessions as a new member ("Commissioner") of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. The General Assembly of the OAS elected Juan to a four-year term. On February 23, at Georgetown University, Juan spoke at a forum on human rights. The Latin American Studies Program at G.U. and the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored the event. On March 15 and 16, in Barcelona, Spain, Juan lectured on the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection. His talks took place during separate conferences at the Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya and the Law School of the Pompeu Fabra University. On March 17 and 18, in London, Juan spoke at a conference, directed at British practitioners, on Remedies for Human Rights Violations in International Law. The Center for Civil and Human Rights co-sponsored this conference with the Notre Dame Center in London, the British Institute for International and Comparative Law, and The Redress Trust. On April 6, at The Ford Foundation in New York City, Juan will participate in a forum on Transitional Justice, organized as an experts' meeting to advise the Foundation on setting up a program on accountability for gross violations of human rights.

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NEWS FROM THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

On February 10, the Legal Aid Clinic conducted a continuing-legal-education program. Its title: "Model Court Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases."

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NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

On March 10, at Florida Coastal School of Law, in Jacksonville, Florida, a ceremony took place honoring former NDLS prof Frank Beytagh. The occasion marked his appointment to The Founders' Chair, the first chair at the law school. Frank served as first president of Florida Coastal and shepherded it through its recent provisional accreditation by the ABA. Tex Datile spoke at the ceremony. Following the formal ceremony, FCSL's dean hosted a dinner at the Atlantic Restaurant, in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

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On February 23, Gerry Bradley testified before the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee as it heard evidence on S.1673, "The Unborn Victims of Violence Act."

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Michael P. Curreri, NDLS '80 and founder and president of TrialNet, has joined TyMetrix, the leading provider of web-based solutions for legal commerce, as senior vice president. Mr. Curreri did his undergraduate work at the U.S. Naval Academy and earned an LL.M. at George Washington University.

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Nicole Garnett discussed the clash of religion and government, as part of a panel discussion in Lawrence, Kansas, on February 15.

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John Nagle published The Recusal Alternative to Campaign Finance Reform, in the Harvard Journal of Legislation. The piece sets out the argument that campaign contributions and spending should be unregulated, but that legislators should be required to recuse themselves from any bills or other matters in which their campaign contributors have an interest.

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John Robinson will address "End of Life Issues" at the annual dinner sponsored jointly by the St. Joseph County Bar Association and the St. Joseph County Medical Society. The event will take place May 16 at the Morris Park Country Club.

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Was that our own Lisa Schiltz sporting her own little "green nose" at the end of a recent TV commercial for Logan Center's annual "nose on" campaign?

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Pat Schiltz gave the annual public lecture sponsored by the Philip D. Reed Professorship in Civil Justice and Dispute Resolution, at Fordham University School of Law, on March 7. His topic: "Can an Ethical Lawyer Practice in a Large Law Firm?"

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Dinah Shelton's book Remedies in International Human Rights Law, which came out in December, has received a book prize from the American Society of International Law.

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NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Virginia C. Imus, mother-in-law of Marilyn Imus, passed away in her home on March 8. Services took place March 10 at the Forest G. Hay Funeral Home. Please keep Marilyn and Ray in your thoughts and prayers.

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NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Good news! Carlos Cancel, NDLS '93, has informed Carmela Kinslow that his very successful surgery removed about 99% of his brain tumor. He will undergo chemotherapy and radiation for the remaining 1%. He thanks everyone for all the prayers and promises that he will be back "kickin' butt" in no time. He even talked about doing the N.Y. Marathon.

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Jeanine M. Gozdecki, NDLS '92, has been named a partner at Roemer & Mintz, in South Bend. Ms. Gozdecki, who joined the firm in 1992, focuses her practice on employment law and litigation.

A member of the board of governors of the St. Joseph County Bar Association, she also serves as an officer of the Indiana Supreme Court's Commission for Continuing Legal Education.

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James E. Mackin, NDLS '69, has become chairman of the executive committee at Bond, Schoeneck & King, in Syracuse, New York. Mr. Mackin, who did his undergraduate work as well at Notre Dame, concentrates his practice on estate and financial planning, trust and estate administration, and business-succession planning. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a judicial clerk at the Seventh Circuit. Congratulations, James!

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Lorelie Masters, NDLS '81, has joined Beveridge & Diamond, in Washington, D.C., as a partner. She most recently had served as managing partner in the D.C. office of New York-based Anderson Kill & Olick. Her practice at Beveridge will target insurance-coverage litigation and advice.

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Harold "Hal" Moore, NDLS '80 and a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, in New York City, has been listed in "Chambers 'Global 100' Lawyers." The list reflects an attempt "to identify the truly global players--lawyers who stand out from their colleagues and are recognized internationally." Only twenty-six American lawyers made the cut. The quote next to Hal's name: "They don't come any better."

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Joe S. Murphy, NDLS '52 and a retired judge, died February 5. After twenty-six years of practice in Chicago and Evanston, he became a Cook County Circuit Court Judge and served for more than eleven years. The Chicago Sun-Times reported that "law and family aside, Mr. Murphy had three great loves: Maine, the Navy and his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame." He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Patricia, five children, and several grand children. His funeral Mass took place at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Glen View on February 12.

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Thomas E. O'Neill, NDLS '82, has been named senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Keebler Foods Company. He had joined Keebler in 1996. He did his undergraduate work too at Notre Dame.

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Randolph R. Rompola, NDLS '91, has become a partner at Baker & Daniels. Mr. Rompola, who practices in the firm's South Bend office, concentrates his practice in the area of taxable and tax-exempt financing by governmental entities. He did his undergraduate work at King's College.

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James A. Simpson, NDLS '49, died February 21 at the age of eighty. Mr. Simpson, formerly of Goshen, Indiana, lived in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, at the time of his death. He practiced law in Goshen from 1949 until he retired in 1996. He did his undergraduate work at Wabash College and the University of Michigan. During World War II, he served in Trinidad and Guam as part of the

U.S. Army Air Corps. Besides his more than thirty years at the law firm of Wilmer McLaughlin, he served as public defender, as deputy prosecuting attorney, and as Goshen City Court Judge. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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William G. Soos, NDLS '52, died January 23 at Providence Hospital in Huron, Ohio. He was seventy-four. Mr. Soos was a retired State Farm Insurance Agency manager. His wife of fifty-one years, Sallie, survives him, as do a son, two daughters, and five grandchildren. The family has asked that donations be made to the University of Notre Dame Law Library, in care of Carol Henyon, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

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Francis R. Quinn, NDLS '50 and a former senior court judge in Connecticut, died recently. He was seventy-seven. He had been a partner in the law firm of Goldberg, Vasington, Quinn & Berkman, in Norwich, Connecticut, until his appointment to the bench in 1968. Memorial donations should be made to the American Cancer Society, 238 W. Town Street, Norwich, Connecticut 06360.

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Brendan Rielly, NDLS '96 and an associate at Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry, in Portland, Maine, currently serves as president of "Christmas in April--Greater Portland." This year the program plans to renovate about a dozen houses as well as a school. Brendan has also joined the board of directors of "Habitat for Humanity--Greater Portland." The executive director of Habitat and Brendan have formed a partnership of the two organizations to enhance services provided to those living in substandard housing in the Greater Portland area. Brendan also serves as director of legal referrals for The AIDS Project in Portland. The Young Lawyers Division of the Maine Bar has recently nominated him for a national award, called a Fellow of the Young Lawyers' Division of the ABA, for his work with The AIDS Project. The award, presented at the ABA's annual meeting in the summer, is intended to recognize "distinguished service to the public and the profession." Brendan has entered his fourth year in the litigation department at Jensen Baird. Last year, at a ceremony in Boston, he and two partners at the firm were honored for their work on a complex antitrust case involving the resale of telecommunication services. Brendan has begun doing more environmental and utilities law, including practicing before Maine's Public Utilities Commission. Most important, he reports, Erica and he expect their third child at the beginning of August.

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John T. Van Gessel has been named "of counsel" to the firm of Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli & Stewart, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In the firm's real-estate section, he will focus on environmental law. Prior to joining the firm, he served as senior counsel for AutoNation and general counsel for the Florida operations of Waste Management. He did his undergraduate work at Western Michigan University.

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Due to kidney failure, Michele Zeitler, NDLS '83, recently underwent emergency quadruple heart surgery in South Bend. Please keep Michele and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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MISCELLANY

The Notre Dame Law Ball took place on March 25 at the College Football Hall of Fame, in downtown South Bend. The evening included a tour of the museum, a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. The SBA organized the semi- formal event.

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NDLS student James P. Ehrhard has filed for the Republican nomination for state representative. He seeks the seat currently held by B. Patrick Bauer.

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On February 25, in the NDLS Courtroom, Professor Antonio Carlos Pereira of the University of Santiago de Compostela delivered a lecture entitled, "Have European Courts Become More Activist than the U.S. Supreme Court?"

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On March 28, the Journal of College and University Law held its Annual Spring Dinner. The event took place at the Beiger Mansion Inn, in Mishawaka. * * *