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A dark blue banner with the text "MONDAY MORNING" in large, bold, white and yellow capital letters. Below this, the word "Update" is written in a large, white, cursive script. A green shamrock is positioned to the right of "Update". To the right of the shamrock, the text "Sponsored by: Notre Dame Law School Student Bar Association" is written in white. The Notre Dame Law School Student Bar Association logo is in the bottom right corner. Below the banner, the text "This Week @ NDLS" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. At the bottom, the text "General Announcements and Reminders" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters.

CDO

The CDO is still offering Walk-In Hours Monday through Friday, 12:45-4:45pm. There is a new Walk-In link. <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/92926943286>

The Meeting ID is 92926943286

As in the past, walk-ins are meant to be 15 minutes or less. If you would like to schedule a longer meeting, you can do so by [clicking here](#), or via IrishLink. Or, you can call Heidi at 574-631-7542.

Moot Court 1L Tournament Registration & Oralist Statement of Interest Due

The deadline to register for the 1L Tournament and submit a Statement of Interest to be an Oralist on the Moot Court Board is **tonight at 5:00PM!** As a reminder, participating in the 1L Tournament is the only way to be selected as an Oralist for the Moot Court Board and is an amazing opportunity to improve your analytical and verbal skills with fellow classmates! Students who wish to be considered for the Oralist positions must submit a Statement of Interest through Electronic Bluebook.

Students interested in registering for the 1L Tournament can do so at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepJ1Eu9muQvmJOYlidPLrQHrSdiCHFxdKUxC519ADGVG5FRw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Fall Externships Information for 1Ls and 2Ls

This week, we continue a host of Info Sessions about different externships for Fall 2021. The application deadline for most local externships is **Wednesday, April 7th, 11:59pm**. Each session will be led by a faculty member, and include time for Q&A. See the line-up below for details. We realize that some sessions conflict with class times, but we will be recording all the sessions and posting the links on the respective web pages.

More information about externships can also be found on our website, [here](#). There is also a 3-minute video which tells you all you need to know about the application and enrollment process:

<https://notredame.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=7bf17e99-578e-4142-a831-ac6f01172fd6>

Questions may be directed to Cathy Kustner, Externship Coordinator, at ckustner@nd.edu or 574-631-9301.

NDLS Office Hours with Undergrads

Starting this Wednesday, April 7, NDLS is hosting office hours with undergrads who are interested in going to law school! If you have half an hour to spare to speak with an undergrad and answer their burning questions about law school, please sign up on [this Google sheet](#). Once your name is on the sheet, undergrads will see it and will sign up to speak with you if it works for their schedule. Please feel free to share this information with any undergrads you know who might be interested! We will be hosting office hours through April 23, so please spread the word! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mancusi at mmancusi@nd.edu.

SBA Store

The SBA Store is open! Come get all of your NDLS gear **Monday-Thursday 11:30-3:30pm**. **This week the SBA Store will be closed on Friday.**

Monday - April 5

- **Christian Legal Society Morning Prayer**
 - Join the Christian Legal Society family for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Coffee and snacks will be supplied to those in attendance!
 - This is a weekly gathering!
 - **8:30am, The Commons**
- Mass @ 5:15pm

Tuesday - April 6

- **1L Judicial Clerkship Overview, Applications, Timing and Process**
 - Join Professor Nicole Garnett, chair of the faculty clerkship committee, and members of the Career Development Office to talk about Judicial Clerkships. Professor Garnett will discuss different types of clerkships, applications, timing and process. This program is specifically for 1Ls and will be recorded.
 - **12:30pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/91360216186>
- Mass @ 5:15pm

Wednesday - April 7

- **Free International Snacks!**
 - The International and Graduate Programs office is offering FREE international snacks! All students are welcome to stop by the office to say hello and pick up an individually wrapped treat. Come early as we have a *limited supply* of snacks!
 - **While supplies last, Suite 2150**
- **Exoneration Justice Clinic Information Session**
 - 1Ls and 2Ls, please join Professor Gurulé and current members of the Exoneration Justice Clinic for an information session about the Clinic and how to get involved!!
 - **3:30pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/96480252606>
- **Notre Dame Law in D.C. (Spring 2022) Externship Info Session**
 - **5:00-6:00pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/96478756436?pwd=cExpWktXZEYzUUc0TjRkeFBpR05kZz09>
- **NDLS Journal Information Session**
 - The Editors-in-Chief of all five journals will present information about their respective journals and the write-on competition more generally. We encourage all 1Ls and 2Ls who plan on participating in the write-on competition to attend to learn more about the responsibilities of being a student editor. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A at the end of the presentation. The meeting will be held via Zoom, and a recording will be made available for those who cannot attend.
 - This will be the first informational session about journals and the write-on competition. There will be additional opportunities throughout April to learn more about the write-on competition and ask any questions you all may have.
 - **6:00-6:45pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/91012987219>
- Mass @ 5:15pm

Thursday - April 8

- **Conversations on Notre Dame's Global Engagement**
 - Dean Cole will be in conversation with Fr. Bob Dowd and Jackline Oluoch-Arid. The event is geared toward Notre Dame alumni in East Africa, and we anticipate the conversation will cover the future of the Law School and the Global Lawyering Initiative, among other things.
 - Additional information about the event series can be found [here](#).
 - **9:00am via Zoom:** Students may register [here](#).
- **Life After Notre Dame with Dr. Vinodh Jaichand**

- Dr. Jaichand is the first LL.M and the third J.S.D. who graduated from the program. He will be joining us from South Africa.
- **11:00am, via Zoom:** Register at <https://notredame.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrcuitrTwSHNDChEjvNmLURhiDVh63IMMq>
- Mass @ 5:15pm

Friday - April 9

- **Professor Volokh, *The Duty Not to Continue Distributing Your Own Libels***
 - Professor Volokh will present his forthcoming article *The Duty Not to Continue Distributing Your Own Libels*. A link to the paper can be found [here](#).
 - **12:30pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/93697253711?pwd=VFloM0h0MWU2ZnIYYXo2Q2JoZIR2UT09>
- **Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary: "Charlottesville"**
 - Join the Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights as [Integrity First for America](#) Executive Director Amy Spitalnick and attorneys Jessica Phillips and Michael Bloch explore the violence surrounding the 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and its legal aftermath.
 - **12:45pm, via Zoom:** Register at https://notredame.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yv-F4PsBTTu21vWBB8yLgw
- **Notre Dame Journal of Legislation, Name, Image and Likeness and College Athletics Symposium**
 - Please join via Zoom for a fabulous discussion with leading practitioners and academics in the field.
 - **1:00-3:30pm, via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/94534899086>
- **Moot Court Showcase Argument (1L Tournament Kick-Off Event)**
 - For over seventy years, the Showcase Argument has been a tradition at Notre Dame Law School. Prestigious judges from the Federal Court of Appeals will be joining us to judge the participants. Though we welcome all students and faculty members to watch, we highly encourage students who will be participating in the 1L Tournament to watch the argument as a point of reference.
 - **4:00pm via Zoom:** <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/98499642624?pwd=N1ZmV3NPdndldTMrLzdCa2RPemZ5dz09> (passcode: Showcase)
- Mass @ 12:30pm

Saturday - April 10

Sunday - April 11

- Mass @ 4:30pm
- Send me content for next week's MMU!
 - Please include the name of the event, any details, date and time, and a zoom link if needed.
 - **Please have all submissions in by 8:00pm.**

Submit content for next week's MMU!

Resources and Updates

Legal Writing Center

The Legal Writing Center is open and accepting appointments for law students who wish to seek advice on papers, exam answer structures, outlining techniques, and other legal writing advice. Before making an appointment with the Center, please check with your professor to make sure your intended use of the Center is allowed under course policies. Appointments can be made through the following link:

<https://nd.mywconline.com>

The Writing Center offers free, one-on-one consultations for undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty on any aspect of the writing process. We work with writers at ALL levels from ANY discipline at ANY stage in the writing process.

LOCATIONS and HOURS

- Zoom
 - Monday: 10:00am-12:30pm
 - Thursday: 10:00am-12:30pm

The Current Students Section of the NDLS Website

A reminder for all students - the NDLS website has a ton of great resources and contains the most up-to-date information about a variety of things. This includes:

- A list of [writing competitions](#) that may be of interest to students
- An [external scholarship database](#)
- [The most current locker/mailbox list](#)

Health & Wellness Information

Wellness in Mind - Need some support? Remember that your Wellness Consultant, Stella Miller, is here for you. Drop her a line at stella.miller@nd.edu or make an appointment at www.calendly.com/stellamiller.

You can check up on your wellness throughout the year using the Lawyers and Wellness self-assessment tool exclusively for NDLS students. It's completely confidential and can easily be completed in less than a minute. Based on your score, the assessment will recommend next steps to help support your mental health and wellbeing. Take the assessment here: law.nd.edu/wellnesscheck.

Also, we encourage you to be mindful of the relaxation resources available at the [McDonald Center for Student Well-Being](#). These include [yoga](#), [Koru Mindfulness](#), the [Sleep Program](#), and restorative spaces like [the Living Room](#), [Break Room](#), and [Fort](#). Health support services are always available at [University Health Services](#) and the [University Counseling Center](#).

This new mental health self-assessment tool is exclusively for law students at NDLS. It's completely confidential and can easily be completed in less than a minute. We invite you to use this tool to check up on your wellness throughout the year. Based on your score, the assessment will recommend next steps to help support your mental health and wellbeing. Take the assessment here: law.nd.edu/wellnesscheck

Check out the **ABA Mental Health Toolkit** [here](#).

NDLS News Recommendations

Check out [this Google sheets](#) for news sources recommended by NDLS students and professors. Feel free to add to the list as well!

SBA Dropbox

Please submit all of your questions, comments, concerns for the SBA [here](#).

COVID Corner

INDIANA RESIDENTS VACCINE AVAILABILITY: All Indiana residents 16+ become eligible for the Covid vaccine this Wednesday 3/31. If you fill out the vaccine request form at <https://healthlincchc.org/> they will call you back to schedule an appointment. I believe they have appointments available for this Wednesday and may even be able to get people in sooner if they have expiring doses. Registering through the [in.gov](#) portal, all of the nearby locations are booked out through the second week in April. Additionally, you can only sign up for an appointment if you are already eligible. Healthlinc letst you register now and is a good option for anyone who wants to get the vaccine sooner than when the University makes it available.

Reminders of these key COVID protocols for the Law buildings:

More information is on the Law School's website [HERE](#) or at here.nd.edu.

- **Masks must be worn at all times while studying and in class.** You should not remove your mask when studying in Library or elsewhere in the Law School buildings unless you are in a study room by yourself with the door CLOSED. Please also use the provided spray to wipe down your study space when you leave.
- **Eating is only permitted in the Commons and South Reading Room.** You cannot eat in the classrooms or Library study spaces. You may remove your mask only during the time in which you are actively eating. Please be aware of the needs of your classmates and do not use these spaces as study spaces if other students are waiting for a spot to eat their lunch.
- **All in-person meetings with faculty and staff must be scheduled.** Your professors will send you information about how to schedule appointments with them. You can schedule appointments with staff through the links below:
 - CDO: through [IrishLink](#)
 - Student Services (Christine Holst-Haley): <https://calendly.com/ndls-cholst>
 - IT Support (Ed Marshall): <https://calendly.com/ejmarshall>
 - Wellness Consultant (Stella Miller): <https://calendly.com/stellamiller>
 - Registrar (Jenny Fox): No in-person meetings, email Jenny at jenniferfox@nd.edu with questions or to set up a phone or Zoom call.

A Message From the Editor ~Secretary~

Good Morning NDLS!

I hope y'all had a wonderful Easter Weekend! I know who did have a wonderful time this weekend—Jalen Suggs. The man had a once in a lifetime, sink it from half-court, at the buzzer, no time left on the clock, win it for yourself and your team moment in overtime on Saturday night when he made [this shot](#) to secure Gonzaga's spot in the men's March Madness finals against the Baylor Bears tonight (at 9:20pm on CBS). I don't want to speak for Mr. Suggs, or jinx him in anyway, but it sure is hard to believe another moment in his life matching up to that. I mean how do you top that? The other team can't even be mad, sad sure, but you can't fault someone for just crushing it when it counts. That's the stuff movies are made out of.

Witnessing such moments can make you reflect, and I have come to two conclusions from Saturday night's show. First, I am now acutely aware that any days of sporting glory are behind me. While practicing the law sees incredible accomplishments and moments of victory, it's not *quite* the same as a game-winning shot, walk-off homer, or last-second kick that has your team storming the field. And while those moments might be rare and are often depicted on a grand scale, I hope everyone who's ever played any sport has gotten at least a taste of it. My moment, personally, was seventh-grade track (which is laughable considering how abysmal I am at

competitive running). Another disease was popular at the time (swine flu), and in one track meet there were only four girls running the mile (me being one). As bad as I was, I had a strict rule with myself that I would never come in dead last. Two of the girls were the top in the district so I knew it came down to beating the other one, and let me tell you it was a race. The crowd cheered. I thought I was going to pass out. Still my fastest mile time to date (a whopping 7:09 if you must know).

Second, movies have nothing on real life. Sometimes I think we think it's the other way around (that real life doesn't quite measure up to the movies), but it's not. If you need an example, look no further than law school movies. They are almost laughable when compared to the real-life experience of the three-year education. Legally Blonde? Ruined. Don't come at me, still a fun film, but we're really supposed to sit there and watch Elle Woods not study for a single doctrinal and believe she took on a murder case internship her 1L year (already pushing it) and her job wasn't just to research random nuances or comb through discovery (way too far)? Ha! Then there's the opposite extreme of Paper Chase. The only time I've seen that movie was about a month into 1L year some friends and I decided to watch it because none of us had seen it and it is "the" law school movie. I remember it being both hilariously accurate and hilariously not at all. There was definitely something to be said about the inner turmoil and social dynamics Hart experienced, but the callousness of Professor Kingsfield is insane and unrelatable. Even though people can be disappointed when you tell them law school is nothing like those movies, I actually prefer it that way. While movies are fun, life is better. Sure it'd be cool to workout in 40-second montages or to only need to be memorizing duty-breach-causation-damages for a Torts exam (Something Borrowed lost me there), but that game-winning feeling wouldn't be quite as sweet then.

Go Irish!

Krystal

1L OF THE WEEK

This week's 1L of the Week is Hannah Kupsky. She talked with me last night while making a pasta dinner for herself (apparently the only kind of food she knows how to make). We had an absolutely wonderful conversation. Buy her a coffee to discuss whether or not Eater Fireworks are a thing. Here she is on the left:



Q: Where is your hometown?

A: A bit of a complicated story. I was born in the States, but my family moved to London when I was two. My mom jokes that I grew up between Heathrow and JFK. And people always ask why I don't have an accent, but it comes out when I'm drunk or tired.

Q: Where did you attend, what did you study in undergrad, and what did you do before law school?

A: I went to Northwestern and did Political Science and History. I miss the just come to class and listen to a story kind of classes. I've lived in New York for the last three years, working at a firm in their restructuring group.

Q: If we did have a spring break, what would you want to do?

A: Back to London. I haven't been back in over a year now.

Q: Who do you think is going to win March Madness?

A: I don't know anything about March Madness, or sports really. Gonzaga has a cool name so we'll go with that.

Q: What is your greatest athletic accomplishment/moment?

A: I climbed Kilimanjaro. It destroyed me, but it's athletic, right?. That is the best and only athletic thing I've done.

Q: What is the best legal movie?

A: Paper Chase. My dad always likes to quote, "Here is a dime, go call your mother, and tell her there is serious doubt about you ever becoming a lawyer."

Q: Libraries or museums?

A: I think museums. The Victorian Albert Museum is my favorite. I love a good bookshop too...maybe those over libraries. I just discovered Rasberts Shops—this

guy essentially made the bottom floor of his house into a used bookstore. You can get lost in there for hours and hours and hours.

Q: What's invisible that you wish people could see?

A: I'm honestly not sure. I'm going to be pondering that for the rest of the night. Very thought-provoking.

Q: Would you rather have a pet dinosaur or dragon?

A: Probably a pet dinosaur. The Natural History Museum in London had a life-sized animatronic dinosaur that I was terrified of as a child and it was a big thing to overcome, so I feel like this would complete it.

Q: Do you have anything else you'd like to say to all of your fans?

A: I've been told I look kinda mean with my mask on. I'm not mean; I'm just lost in thought and want to be friends with everyone.

Q: Who do you nominate to be next week's 1L of the Week?

A: Tucker Golay

3LOL: Jana McCord

Speaking of athletes, this week's 3LOL is Jana McCord, former NCAA tennis goddess. She once served a ball so hard she ripped her abs (and not in the "wow her abs are ripped" way, the off-the-ribs way). She is also a member of the sent-home-from-London-way-too-soon club, but while there crushed karaoke at an Italian mafia restaurant in Marseille, France, and used her Apple Watch to take not necessarily sanctioned photos of our group at a Swiss hot spring. Winning. Growing up in San Diego, Jana is a beach girl through and through. Beach activities (tanning and smashball) and ocean activities (surfing and paddle boarding with her dog, Misty) take up her non-Indiana days, as pictured here:



Growing up, Jana also was around many an animal. Her father fancies himself another Crocodile Dundee and picks up spiders, lizards, and snakes galore (and also puts them on his kids). So while Jana is not afraid of snakes (often being the designated snake remover from tennis courts), her readiness to hang out with animals has gotten her in a spot or two of trouble. Once, while swimming in the ocean waters of Hawaii, after praying long and hard to see a sea turtle, God blessed Jana with a friendly sea turtle, who let Jana grab on for a quick swim around together. However, when it decided it was done, instead of gracefully bidding her adieu (because it is a turtle and that would've been weird), it decided to try and drown her by taking a deep dive into the ocean depths. Another time, horseback riding on the beach, Jana got put on an advanced-level horse because she wanted to run and cantor. Her horse agreed apparently because it took off at high speeds, knocked Jana's stirrup loose, jumped over mounds of seaweed, and then stopped abruptly. Jana was jolted around, hung on for dear life, and then regressed back to beginner level one.

For graduation, Jana will be going on a trip to the African continent, where she desperately hopes she can lock eyes with a lion and see into its soul and just hang around giraffes (her spirit animal). Such a trip will be well-deserved considering Jana has blocked out most of her traumatic law school experiences. The only thing she remembers about her first cold call was that Professor Bray said her last name, gave the longest, most tangible pause, and she just read off the first thing she saw in her notes. Everything else is a blank. Not a bad strategy. To emulate such success, Jana advises to not be swayed by what other people are doing in school. After all, it doesn't even make sense to compare because you're on your own path. Further, for many this is your last time in school—take classes and do things you're interested in. Branch out and meet new people. Even though the school is small, there are more people here who you probably have things in common with than you think, especially if you talk to them outside of class.

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