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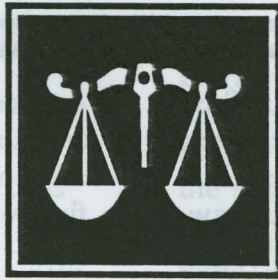


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MARY LEE READY LEAVES NDLS

Mary Lee Ready, a fixture of the NDLS staff, will leave Notre Dame on June 9. After ten years at the Law School, Mary Lee will move to Canton, Georgia. Her daughter Jennifer, her son-in-law Jonathan Hall, and her grandson, David Jonathan, live in Canton. Mary Lee's many contributions included choreographing countless moot-court arguments, serving as mail liaison to the London Programme, and being informal receptionist for the third floor. Faculty, staff and students are one in saying "thank you" and "best wishes."

NDLS AWARDS FIRST J.S.D.

On May 9, in the Hesburgh Center, Christine Venter successfully defended her J.S.D. dissertation. The dissertation examines how to reconcile customary law, women's rights and human rights in the new South Africa.

Bob Rodes served as Christine's principal advisor. Also serving on the dissertation committee: Patrick Gaffney of the Anthropology Department and Peter Walshe of the Government Department. On Commencement Sunday, Christine received the first J.S.D. ever awarded by the Law School.

GURULE AND TIDMARSH EARN TENURE

The University has announced that both Jimmy Gurulé and Jay Tidmarsh have been accorded tenured status. Jimmy came to the Law School in 1989 from his position as Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Major Narcotics Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. Jimmy teaches Complex Criminal Litigation, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Trial Advocacy. He also serves as the Director of the Public Defender Extern Program. Jay Tidmarsh came to the Law

School in 1989 from his position as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice. Jay teaches Complex Civil Litigation, International Environmental Law, Remedies, and Torts. Congratulations to both on this well deserved recognition.

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TIDMARSH NAMED "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

The Class of 1995 has elected Jay Tidmarsh as its Teacher of the Year. The announcement came at the Senior Dinner, held at the Marriott Hotel in South Bend on May 15. In brief remarks at the dinner, Jay stated that he accepted the award in full recognition that the educational effort was a joint one, one implicating the efforts of all of his colleagues. As Teacher of the Year, Jay addressed the graduating class at its Diploma Ceremony on Commencement Sunday.

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STUDENT WRITING AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The student-writing awards for the 1994-95 academic year have been announced. The A. Harold Weber Award for excellence in essay writing went to Julia Meister for her piece, "Orientation-Based Persecution as Grounds for Refugee Status: Policy Implications and Recommendations." The William T. Kirby Award for excellence in brief writing went to Margaret Ryan and Michael Collins for their Appellant's Brief in *Thomas v. Gish*. The William T. Kirby award for excellence in memorandum writing went to William F. Zieske for a memorandum

entitled "Tina Snodgress's case for slander *per se* against Ed Guitierrez." Congratulations to all winners both for the awards and for the fine work the awards honor.

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JACK STRAUCH WINS TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD

Third-Year student Jack Strauch has been selected as the 1995 recipient of the Arthur A. May Award. Established in June 1994 by the law firm of May, Oberfell and Lorber, the award goes to a member of the Barristers Team who demonstrates a commitment to professional ethical standards and who exhibits excellence in Trial Advocacy. Jack is the inaugural winner of the Award. In addition to a plaque commemorating his accomplishment, the Award carries a grant of \$1,000. Both the plaque and the check were presented to Jack in a ceremony held in the Law School Lounge on May 1. Jack's name will be listed on the large plaque located near the entrance to the Courtroom in the Law School.

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NATURAL LAW INSTITUTE HOLDS MEETING

On April 18, the 48th Annual Meeting of the Natural Law Institute took place at the Law School. The meeting featured the Annual Lecture, delivered by Prof. Thomas L. Shaffer. His topic: "Human Nature and Moral Responsibility in Lawyer-Client Relationships." A dinner in the South Dining Hall capped the fine event.

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NDLS ALUM NAMED TO KENNEDY CENTER COMMITTEE

President Clinton has named David Cofrin, NDLS '78 and a partner at Lamar Archer & Cofrin in Atlanta, to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. David serves on the Board of Directors of Theatrical Outfit, Inc., a non-profit professional theater organization. In addition, he maintains an affiliation with the Atlanta Ballet, Georgia Citizens for the Arts, the High Museum of Art and the Harn Museum of Art in Gainesville, Florida.

The Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts advises and consults with the Board of Trustees for the Center. The Committee provides the Board with advice concerning cultural activities for the Center. Moreover, committee members help raise funds for the Center, and serve as liaisons to performing groups and performing-arts centers in the United States.

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NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Mary Cowsert required an emergency appendectomy while on holiday in Pennsylvania. She recovered well and returned to work on May 8.

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Jim Gates, formerly the Associate Director of Technical Services in the NDLS

Library and currently Director of Technical Services at the University of Florida Law Library, has been appointed Librarian for the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. In this new post, Roger Jacobs observes, Jim will combine his "skills as a technologically sophisticated library manager with his life-long craze for baseball." Jim called the new position a "dream job" come true.

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Roger Jacobs celebrated his tenth anniversary as director of Kresge Library. Thanks and congratulations, Roger!

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On April 17 Laura Ping began work as the new Serials Coordinator. Laura, who has worked in the Hesburgh Library since 1987, received her B.A. in Communications from St. Mary's College.

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In April, Chevelle Williams, formerly with the Research Department of the NDLS Library, received the 1995 Public Service Award from Holy Cross College. Chevelle, now a full-time student, carries a twenty-hour-per-week job, is married, and, along with Roy, her husband, raises two sons, ages five and two. Chevelle has maintained a 3.8 average in her three semesters at Holy Cross while being involved in a variety of community-service activities, including cooking at Dismas House (a program for ex-offenders), cooking at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, and participating in Meals on Wheels and Slice of Life (a developmental group for disadvantaged youth). She also

has helped publish a monthly newsletter at Michiana Day Care Center and participated in "Christmas in April" in South Bend. Congratulations, Chevelle. We are proud!

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NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Toomas Sillaste will defend his dissertation on June 9, at 2:00 p.m., in the Civil Rights Reading Room of the Law School. Father Lewers will chair the defense. A reception will follow in the same location.

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NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Elaine Blakey's sister, Patricia Clair, passed away May 9th at the age of 68. Funeral services were held May 12 in Manassas, Virginia.

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On May 23, Tex and Brigid Dutile traveled to St. John in the Virgin Islands to attend the wedding of their daughter, Patty. Patty married Mike Penn, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin. They reside in Madison, Wisconsin, where Patty works for a publishing house.

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Professor Stefan N. Frommel, of our London Programme, has been appointed Full Visiting Professor in the European Law and Management Institute, Groupe HEC (Hautes Etudes Commerciales) France. The

HEC School of Management, founded in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce, is part of the French system of "Grandes Ecoles." HEC has produced many generations of business leaders both in France and abroad. In 1995, HEC's European Law and Management Institute created a Master in European Business Law. Professor Frommel will teach in the new Master's Programme.

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On April 27, Jimmy Gurulé was quoted in USA TODAY regarding the appropriateness of a change of venue in the Oklahoma City bombing case: "If it's not justified here, when is it?" he asked.

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Cathleen Kaveny, who will join the NDLS faculty this fall, published "Ethical Issues in Health-Care Restructuring," in THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. The article was co-authored with James F. Keenan, S.J.

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On April 26, Doug Kmiec was interviewed on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." The other law profs interviewed were Harvard's Laurence Tribe and Yale's Bruce Ackerman. The interviewees were, in Nina's Totenberg's words, from "the leading law schools." (So there, *U.S. News and World Report*!)

Doug published "Wising up; Supreme Court restores the constitutional structure," in the May 2 issue of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

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On April 28, Dave Link spoke at Law Day Ceremonies in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

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On June 24, Sabrina McCarthy will marry the Rev. Doctor Ronald E. Hopson in her home town, New Orleans. The ceremony will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel and the International Saint Jude Shrine. Dr. Hopson, originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is now Professor of Psychology at the University of Tennessee--Knoxville. The couple will live in Knoxville. Best wishes, Sabrina!

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On May 5, Charlie Rice, who chairs the Human Rights Committee for Northern Ireland for the Irish-American Unity Conference, discussed Ireland's great famine (1845-49). The event, which took place at the Cleveland Marriott Society Center, included the showing of a video documentary entitled, "When Ireland Starved."

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Tom Shaffer published "The Church and the Common Good," in the Spring issue of the CLARK MEMORANDUM.

Tom spoke on "Legal Issues for End of Life Decisions," in a program entitled, "Issues at the End of Life: Pastoral, Ethical, and Legal." The discussion was held at the Life Stages Center in South Bend on April 7.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

On April 21, Chris Godfrey, NDLS '93 and former all-NFC Guard for the New York Giants, served as a panelist at the 1995 Seton Hall University and Ernst and Young Sports Law Symposium in New York. The topic Chris addressed: "The Media vs. the Athletes' Right to Privacy."

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On April 1, Frank Julian, NDLS '82, was promoted to Operations Vice-President--Tax Counsel of Federated Department Stores, headquartered in Cincinnati. On May 6, at a dinner at the Carriage House in South Bend, Frank and his wife Carol marked their first wedding anniversary.

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Steven J. Madonna, NDLS '68 and former Assistant Attorney General and New Jersey State Environmental Prosecutor, has joined the firm of Hurley & Vasios, P.C., Counsellors at Law, and will head its Environmental Counseling and Environmental Litigation Department.

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!