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## NDLS Communicator

### Week of 5.24.21

Good morning! Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the Diploma and Hooding ceremony a success! Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Law School graduates! Please read below for the latest Law School news and events. We hope you have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend.

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## 2021 Diploma and Hooding Ceremony





**Congratulations ND Law Class of 2021!**

## The Latest News

### **ND Law names 2021 Shaffer Public Interest Fellows**



Congratulations to Nereida Lopez and Emily Mollinedo, ND Law's 2021 Shaffer fellows. Read more about their fellowships [here](#).

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### **ND Law names two 2021 Bank of America Foundation Fellows**





Congratulations to Bank of America fellows, Natalie Fulk and Gabrielle Juers. Read more about their plans [here](#).

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## **Program on Ethics, Compliance & Inclusion starts summer fellowship program**



The inaugural recipients of the fellowship are second-year law students Caitlin-Jean Juricic, Kat Pflug, and Nathaniel Hall. Read more [here](#).

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## **ND Law Journal of Legislation attracts notable experts to discuss ethics in public policy**



Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman have contributed articles to the spring issue of Notre Dame Law School's Journal of Legislation. Read more [here](#).

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## **Global Lawyering in Practice: Alumni worldwide speak to students in virtual events during the Spring 2021 semester**



As part of the Global Lawyering Initiative, Notre Dame Law students increasingly have a number of opportunities to pursue work experiences abroad during their legal education. During the spring semester, the International and Graduate Programs Office gathered alumni from around the world to answer students' questions about how to best prepare for an international legal career. Read more [here](#).

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## **Rick Garnett quoted in Indianapolis Star and writes article for Our Sunday Visitor**

Rick was quoted in the article, ["High Powered lawyers defending Indianapolis Archdiocese"](#) (subscription required).

Rick also wrote an article for Our Sunday Visitor, ["The Supreme Court has an opportunity to correct the mistake of Roe v. Wade."](#)

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## **Mark McKenna quoted by Business Insider**

Mark was quoted in ["Clubhouse is being sued for trademark infringement by a sports networking site. Experts are divided on whether the case will succeed."](#)

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## **Patrick Thomas quoted by KY3 News**

Patrick was quoted in ["ON YOUR SIDE: What to know about Monday's deadline to file taxes, plus how to request an extension."](#)

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## **Carter Snead quoted by Wall Street Journal and writes opinion for Newsweek**

Carter was quoted in ["Supreme Court to Review Mississippi Law Limiting Abortion Rights."](#)

Carter also wrote an opinion piece, "[A Time for Courage on the Supreme Court.](#)"

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## Nicole Garnett and Law student Daniel Judge wrote an article for RealClearPolicy



Nicole and Daniel wrote, "Ending the Shame of Blaine." Read the article [here](#).

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## Faculty News

On May 14 **Bruce Huber** gave an online presentation called "Water Neutrality" at the ASU 6th Annual Sustainability Conference of Legal Educators.

On May 17 **Bruce** was a panelist in the opening roundtable of the International Association for the Study of the Commons 2021 Worldwide Polycentricity Conference. The panel was called, "Polycentric and Multi-Level Responses to Crises."

**Bruce** is also "hosting" (digitally) the 12th annual conference of the Society for Environmental Law and Economics taking place online over four Fridays, the first date was May 21.

On May 27, **Marcus Cole** will be participating in "Open Conversations: Racism & Racial Injustice" hosted by the Indiana State Bar Association. Marcus will be speaking with the deans of IU Maurer School of Law and IU McKinney School of Law. [More information here](#).

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Dear faculty and staff,  
We want to share your scholarship and other news and accomplishments with the ND Law community. If you have a new research piece, receive an award, or have anything else to share please let us know. You can email news [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, May 28** - Dean's Staff Update, 12:30 p.m., zoom

**Monday, May 31** - Memorial Day!

## Around the Watercooler

### Department Feature

In our feature this week, we are excited to highlight and get to know about our Admissions Team!





**Name:** Jacob Baska

**Job Title:** Director of Admissions and Financial Aid

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** Coordinate recruiting, admissions, and scholarship efforts for the Law School.

**Family:** Wife (Maureen), three daughters (Maddie - 9, Tegan - 6, and Chloe - 2), and one cat (Skylar)

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** Spending lots of time with my family. The pandemic has allowed me to share my dormant video game talents with the kids (like riding a bike, you never forget how to succeed at Mario Kart). I also jog while the girls ride their bikes and will be doing the Sunburst half marathon in September.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I've had a lot of opportunities to travel because of growing up

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in a military family and also because of my work. By my count, I've been to 41 of the 50 states and 20 different countries.

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**Name:** Maggie Slater

**Job Title:** Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** I work with the Director of Admissions, Jake Baska, to recruit and admit each year's entering class. I also oversee our Office's Ambassador program and Alumni Outreach program.

**Family:** Scott (husband) and Silas (dog)

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** I love to travel and explore new areas (especially if they're dog-friendly!)

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**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 2014 and practiced as an attorney for 4 years before returning to the Law School in my current role.

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**Name:** Wendy Noecker

**Job Title:** Admissions Assistant

**Brief Description of what you do in the Law School:** Responsible for processing the applications for the JD, Human Rights LLM, Human Rights JSD, London LLM, and General LLM programs among other Admissions-related

items/duties.

**Family:** Married to my husband, Brian, for almost 30 years, we have 2 daughters - Breanna (24) and McKayla (19), and an Italian Greyhound, Graycie.

**What do you like to do outside of work?** I enjoy repurposing projects, watching my daughter, McKayla, play softball, and spending time with my family.

**One Interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I have been at the Law School since January 1999.

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**Name:** Eileen Varga

**Job Title:** Admissions Assistant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** Assist with processing

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applications, organize various registrations and mailings, and provide general office support.

**Family:** I have many close relatives who live in the area. I have two super cute nieces and two super cute nephews.

**What do you like to do outside of work?** Read, play tennis, listen to music, and attempt to get a decent amount of daily steps on my Fitbit!

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** I love great alternative rock and pop music. Right now I'm listening to the album evermore by Taylor Swift.

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**Name:** Sharon Bacon

**Job Title:** Senior Office Assitant

**Brief description of what you do at the Law School:** Scheduled prospective and admitted students to visit NDLS. Re-adjusted to the pandemic and now scheduling zoom 'visits' and classroom observations.

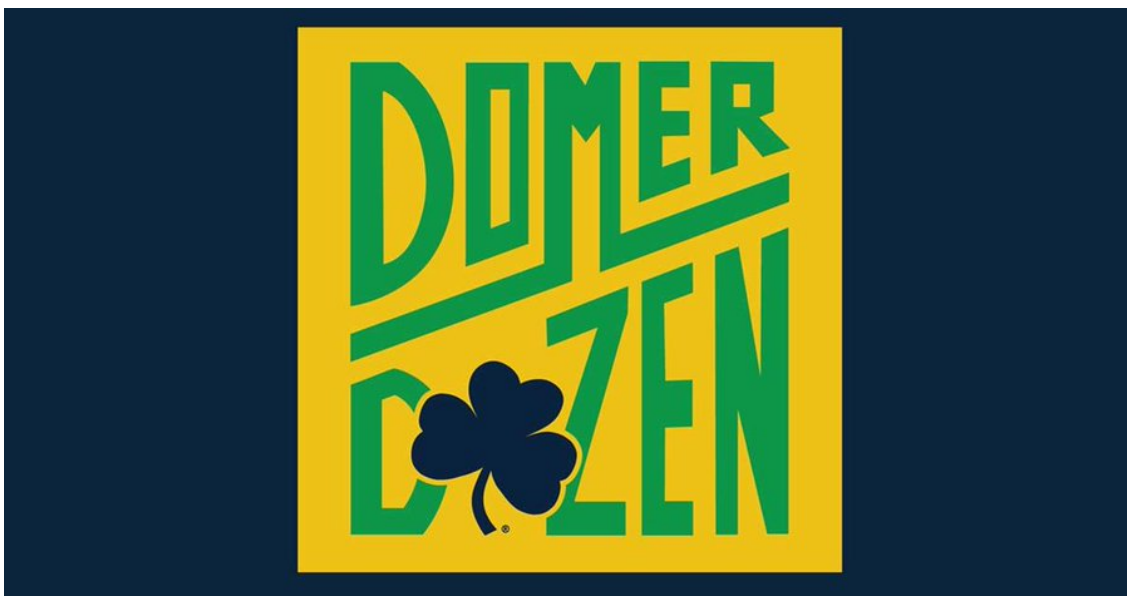
**Family:** Married 23 years to Doug Bacon (Maintenance Technician - Mason Center). Daughter Angela lives in Portland, Oregon; son Mike (ND alumni '01) and family live in Monticello; and step-daughters Heather and Trisha and their families reside in Lafayette and Sellersberg, Indiana. Totally thrilled that I became a Busia (pronounced "Boo-sha") last April and proud to carry on that family tradition.

**What do you like to do outside of work?:** Enjoying finding that 'special item' at garage sales or resale stores, taking amazing nature photos and pictures of crafts that I will 'someday get around to making once retirement arrives' projects.

**One interesting fact, accomplishment, or tidbit you would like to share about yourself:** Playing spoons and receiving a standing ovation and encore at Father Mike's Talent Shows in 2018 and 2019.

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## 2021 Domer Dozen Nomination



Faculty and staff can nominate Law School graduates for the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Domer Dozen program that recognizes outstanding young



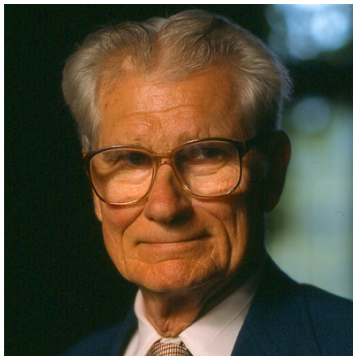
alumni (age 32 and under). The nomination deadline is May 31. [Nomination form can be found here.](#)

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The Law School is hiring for a new position -- **Program Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**. Please share with your colleagues. [Here](#) is the post.

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## Commemorative Mass for Thomas Broden

There will be a commemorative Mass for Thomas Broden at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 1501 W. Washington St., on **Friday, May 28** at 2:00 p.m., followed by an informal light lunch.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine

### Faculty and Staff Vaccination Requirement

After careful consideration and consultation with medical experts, the University has decided to take the step of requiring all faculty and staff to be vaccinated. **If you haven't already done so, please provide verification of full vaccination no later than August 2.** Faculty and staff may apply for an exemption from the vaccination requirement for medical, religious, or other strongly held beliefs. The University will send more information outlining the process for requesting an exemption.

**Document Your Complete Vaccination**



## Face Masks

### When do I need to wear a mask on-campus?

Based on the revised CDC recommendations, beginning today, the University's mask policy will be modified. These policies will adjust as appropriate as more faculty and staff confirm their vaccination.

<b>Public Buildings</b>	
<b>Outdoors</b>	
<b>Residence Halls</b>	
<b>Classrooms</b>	
<b>Private Offices</b>	
<b>Open Offices/Conference Rooms</b>	



Masks required



Masks optional

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Have a great week!



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