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*News of the Notre Dame Law School*

## "THE CAPTAIN" ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Dean William McLean -- "The Captain," to many -- has announced his retirement, effective January, 1994. At that time, Dean McLean will be promoted to Emeritus status. He will continue to serve the Law School on a part-time basis. Dean McLean has demonstrated excellence and commitment in two separate careers -- in the Navy and at Notre Dame. The NDLS community extends to Bill its deep thanks and its best wishes.

## TOM SHAFFER HONORED

At the Annual Symposium on Law, Religion and Ethics, held October 14 and 15 at the Hamline University School of Law, Tom Shaffer received the First Annual "Journal of Law and Religion Medal." The *Journal of Law and Religion* inaugurated this award to recognize individuals making important contributions to the study of law and religion. The award program featured a retrospective by Ed Gaffney, formerly of our Faculty and now Dean of the Valparaiso Law School, on Tom's life and work. Tom also presented a paper at this special celebrative dinner, the centerpiece of the



Sixth Annual Symposium on Law, Religion and Ethics. Earlier in the day, Tom responded to the discussion of his work by a panel of scholars.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP NDLS TRIAL TEAM HONORED AT ACTL MEETING**

In September, Frank Kros, Nikki Comacho, and Ed Sullivan, members of Notre Dame's National Championship Trial Team, attended the 43rd Annual Meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers. At the Meeting, the three received the Kraft W. Eidman Award as winners of the national trial competition. Frank received the George A. Spiegelberg Award as best oral advocate at the competition. His award gave him the opportunity to address the 1,200 Fellows of the College. His remarks focused on the powerful need for mentorship in the profession as a means of combating the deterioration of public trust in lawyers and the decline of civility among attorneys. His speech followed those of retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Canadian Supreme Court Justice Joseph Sopinka, and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. During the meeting, the Team members met retired Justice Byron White and former Attorney General Griffin Bell.

### **CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO PRESENT CONFERENCE ON CHILE**

On Friday, October 29, the Center for Civil and Human Rights will present a conference on "Human Rights in Chile: From Dictatorship to Democracy." Special recognition will be given to the work, in defense of human rights, of the vicariate of Solidarity during the years of the military

regime and to the work of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation in investigating and reporting on human-rights abuses during those years. The Conference will run from 2:00 P.M. through 5:30 P.M. in the NDLS Courtroom.

### **CONGRESSMAN KING VISITS NDLS**

On October 11, Congressman Pete King, NDLS '68, spoke in our Courtroom on "The Tragedy in Northern Ireland: The Failure of American Catholics to Respond." King, who represents New York's Third District in the United States Congress, is a long-time critic of British policy regarding Northern Ireland. He has made several investigative trips to Northern Ireland, earning the vilification of those who disagree with him.

### **ANNUAL LAW SCHOOL CARAVAN HELD AT NOTRE DAME**

The Pre-Law Society, along with The Department of Career and Placement Services of the University of Notre Dame, hosted the Annual Law School Caravan for prospective law students from the Michiana area on October 13 in the Center for Continuing Education. Representatives of fifty-six law schools from throughout the United States met with area college students and others interested in attending law school.

Law schools represented included, in addition to Notre Dame: Boston College, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Indiana, Marquette, Michigan, Pepperdine, Tulane and Vanderbilt. The Caravan addressed issues related to the application process, financial resources, academic requirements, employment prospects, and other concerns.



## NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Serials Coordinator Becky Brothers has authored an article for *Technical Services Quarterly*. The article describes an innovative method Becky developed for automatically printing binding slips through the INNOPAC system.

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Cataloging Assistant Kara O'Leary has left her position to pursue an internship in the Notre Dame Athletic Department. Anita Lutz has replaced Kara as Cataloging Assistant. Anita served three years in the Technical Services Department of the Law Library at the University of Southern California. Her husband has begun graduate work in Psychology here at Notre Dame.

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Chevelle Williams, who served as Research Department Assistant for six years, has left the Law School to resume her education. Chevelle will complete one year at Holy Cross College and then transfer to St. Mary's College as a sophomore.

## NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Bob Blakey had both his picture and his views represented in a recent article in the *National Law Journal* discussing a new book on the assassination of President Kennedy. Blakey faulted the title of the book, "Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK," by Gerald Posner. "This case," Bob asserts, "is not closed."

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On October 13, at St. Mary's College, Tex Dutille gave a talk entitled, "So You Want to Go to Law School. . . ."

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On September 22, Don Kommers delivered the Brendan Brown Lecture at the Catholic University of America School of Law. The topic: "The Constitutional Law of Abortion in Germany: Should Americans Pay Attention?"

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Mrs. Mary Beavers, sister of Father Bill Lewers, passed away on October 4, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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On October 14, in Chicago, Carol Mooney made a presentation to the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association.

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Tom Plouff, NDLS '79, will leave his position as Assistant United States Attorney to join the law firm of James Paul Costello, Ltd., in Chicago. Tom teaches Trial Advocacy at NDLS and hopes to continue doing so, despite his change of address.

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Ignatius Press published Charlie Rice's book, "50 Questions on the Natural Law: What It Is & Why We Need It."

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On September 22 and 23, Judge Ripple and Carol Mooney attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Appellate Rules. Because of term limitations established by the Chief Justice, the meeting marked Judge Ripple's last after almost fifteen years of continual service as Reporter, member, and, finally, Chair.

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Jim Seckinger served as Program Coordinator and as a faculty member for the NITA/Legal Education and Training Group Seminar in London, on September 15; for the NITA/Herbert Smith Law Firm Trial Advocacy Programme at Latimer House, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, England, on September 16 through 23; and for the



NITA/Faculty of Advocates Pilot Programme in Advocacy Skills, in Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 24 and 25. In connection with each of these programs, Jim gave a lecture to the Faculty on Effective Teaching Techniques.

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West Publishing has agreed to publish Tom Shaffer's new book, tentatively titled "Lawyers, Clients, and Moral Responsibility." Tom's co-author is Professor Robert F. Cochran, of the Pepperdine Law Faculty, who was Tom's student at the University of Virginia.

#### NEWS FROM THE STAFF

On September 10, 1993, Barbara Ritty became a grandmother for the first time. Matthew Charles North weighed in at 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

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On October 22 and 23, Arlene Spitz, of the NDLS Library Technical Services, performed in the Holy Family Parish Music Department's production of "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Arlene played the part of the secretary and that of one of the nuns.

#### NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Greg Baxley, Stacy Gerber, Tom Jackson, and Tom Stricker passed the Wisconsin Bar Examination in July of 1993.

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Mary Ann Boulac, NDLS '83 and an Associate at Baker and Daniels, addressed several topics concerning limited-liability companies during the Indiana CPA Society's 1993 Continuous Professional Education Program in Merrillville, on September 29.

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Thomas C. Gores, NDLS '73, and Robert Blais, NDLS '80, have joined to form a new firm in Seattle, concentrating on estate planning.

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Thomas E. Lange, NDLS '86, has joined the corporate-securities and finance practice of Foley & Lardner's Tampa, Florida, office. Formerly associated with the firm's Milwaukee office, Tom will focus on the Tampa office's activities relating to securities offerings and mergers-and-acquisitions. At the Law School, Tom was an editor of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration, *cum laude*, from Notre Dame in 1981.

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Judy Lenger, NDLS '93 (and winner of our Konop Prize), continues to work with our Legal Aid Clinic. In September, Judy came from her new job in a Chicago firm to try a difficult damages suit against the City of South Bend. The Clinic's client is suing for shoddy workmanship, done twelve years ago, on a house remodeling job that was financed through a federally funded neighborhood-renewal program. Bill Hoyer supervises that case.

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Mary Malone, NDLS '93, has been promoted to Vice-President for Corporate Development at Press, Ganey Associates, Inc. Mary also continues to work as an intern in the Legal Aid Clinic. Mary works on a complex guardian-ad-litem case in which the Clinic was appointed by the St. Joseph Superior Court to serve as counsel for the children involved in a hotly contested divorce action.

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Robert G. Scott, NDLS '80, has opened his own law office in Overland Park, Kansas.



## MISCELLANY

An NDLS grad writes: "[T]he excruciating experience of sitting for the . . . bar has allowed me the opportunity to reflect on my legal education at Notre Dame. As I'm sure countless numbers before me have done, I am writing to encourage conservatism in changing the curriculum. The rigorous nature of the bar is most effectively confronted by a strong grounding in substantive fundamentals. Those fundamentals are skillfully taught in the Law School's required course of study and contribute immeasurably to competence to sit for the bar. . . . In retrospect, Professor Phelps' legal writing class was certainly the most practically valuable course I took. Thus, hindsight has already shown me the quality of education I received at Notre Dame Law School and it is my sincere hope that you continue 'doing the right thing' by concentrating on substantive fundamentals and emphasizing research and writing skills."

On October 11, Judge Ripple, Professor Bauer, and Kitty Hoyer presented a Judicial Clerkship Program for NDLS students.

On October 21 and 22, the highly popular Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute took place at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. The Institute has, since its inception, been directed by Professor Regis Campfield, of Southern Methodist University and formerly of our Faculty. Mary Campfield has been an important part of the Institute's success.

On November 7, at 10:00 A.M. in the Law School Lounge, the Faculty spouses will sponsor the Family Mass and Brunch.

All Faculty, Staff, students and families are welcome.

Hon. John T. Noonan, formerly of this Faculty, published "Horses of the Night," in the *Stanford Law Review*.

Five students from a California law school have written to commend the excellence not only of the Notre Dame London Summer Law Programme, but also of Eric Smithburn's Evidence Course.

On October 15, in the Courtroom, the Honorable Robert Holmes Bell, United States District Court judge for the Western District of Michigan, delivered an address entitled, "Biblical Justice and Contemporary Legal Standards."

Third-year NDLS student Ken Paradis was featured in a *South Bend Tribune* piece discussing the outreach effort of the new Elder Law Program at the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic.

Second-year student Tom Osborne received Honorable Mention in the 1993 Writing Competition of the Indiana State Bar Association's Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section. His paper: *Anheuser-Busch v. L & L Wings, Inc.*

Undergraduates, law students and alumni of the University of Notre Dame participated in the St. Matthew's Summer Recreation Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. The Notre Dame Club of Phoenix sponsors the Clinic annually for the students of St. Matthew's Elementary School. The Clinic, staffed entirely by Notre Dame students, provides activities, such as sporting events, field trips, arts and crafts, and games, to the children on Saturday mornings during the



summer. St. Matthew's is an inner-city school, situated in one of the poorest and most violent sections of town. Werner J. Meyer, NDLS '91, has written to the Law School in behalf of the Notre Dame Club of Phoenix to express the Club's appreciation. Law School people involved in the project included: Jamie Billotte, Chris Coury, Brian Dolasinski, and James Smith.

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