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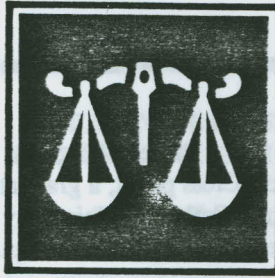
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# NDLS Update

News from the Notre Dame Law School

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*EDITOR*

## DEAN TO HEAD WORLD LAW INSTITUTE

Dean Link has taken the lead in the creation of the World Law Institute, a not-for-profit organization that will sponsor educational programs in fields of law relating to the global economy, world organizations, and the emerging world common law. Link will serve as chair of the Institute. He is joined in the endeavor by a leading academic advocate of world law and a principal author of the world-law concept, Harold J. Berman, the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law at Emory University and the James Barr Ames Professor of Law Emeritus at Harvard University. Others involved in the creation of the institute are Thomas J. Murray, a senior partner in the Sandusky, Ohio, firm of Murray and Murray and a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and Edward A. Mearns, professor of law at Case Western Reserve University, who will serve as dean of the Institute's faculty.

The Institute will promote the study and reinforcement of common elements in the legal systems of the world that facilitate global economic interaction, respect for human rights, protection of the environment, dispute resolution, and other matters. Educational activities sponsored by the Institute will primarily target practicing lawyers and business and government leaders worldwide.

The Institute will carry out its mission principally through the establishment of Academies of World Law in various countries and the development of specialized educational programs, symposia and seminars. The Institute will be formally launched at a Conference on World Law to be held Oct. 22-24 in Atlanta. The first Academies, with an international faculty directing study by practicing professionals, will open next year in Moscow and London.

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## THANKS TO SIMPSON ZELENOCK

Thanks again this year go to Simpson Zelenock, of Birmingham, Michigan, for making NDLS UPDATE available to all alumni in the Law School's last five graduating classes. Kathy Zelenock was graduated from NDLS in 1991.



**NDLS WELCOMES  
CLASS OF 2000  
(THE YEAR, THAT IS!)**

The class of 2000 has joined the community of Notre Dame Law School. The 180 members of the class hail from thirty-eight different states and four foreign countries; they were schooled at 123 different colleges. The class is composed of 21.3% ethnic minorities and 36.1% women.

In addition to a great diversity of majors and work experiences, class members have participated in significant volunteer activities, including special-education ministries, Pro-Life work, leadership in Amnesty International, and work with the Capuchins, Habitat for Humanity, Legal Services, the Peace Corps, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Andre House, and ESL programs. Members have served in the military, worked as probation officers, and participated in internships in Washington, D.C.

We are delighted to welcome our new Notre Dame lawyers!

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**NEW ASSISTANT  
DEAN APPOINTED**

Dean Link has announced the appointment of Reverend James E. McDonald, C.S.C., to the position of Assistant Dean of the Law School. Father McDonald assumed his duties in mid-August.

Father McDonald is a Holy Cross priest, a graduate of The Catholic University of America Law School, and a respected administrator. He has been serving as Assistant Provincial and Steward of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He comes to us highly recommended, a "top-notch" administrator. Welcome, Father Jim!

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**NEW DIRECTOR OF  
WHITE CENTER NAMED**

Dean David T. Link has announced the appointment of the Reverend John H. Pearson, C.S.C., as Director of the Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government. Fr. Pearson has been on the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1990, and has taught classes in property law, land-use planning and environmental law. He has undergraduate and theology degrees from Notre Dame and while there was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After eleven years in parish ministry in the South Bend area, Fr. Pearson entered the Boalt Hall School of Law of the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his J.D. in 1985. He clerked for the late Judge Robert S. Vance of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and was an associate at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles before his return to Notre Dame.

Father Pearson has stated that he is excited at the opportunity to help the White Center continue its mission to subject questions of public policy to the scrutiny of philosophy and ethics. The directorship includes the duty to choose, guide, and offer seminars to the White Scholar students, to put together a speakers' program to address the most important questions facing public policy, and to supervise publication of the JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY.

Fr. Pearson succeeds John Robinson, who for the last decade has brought his searching intellect, enthusiasm, and remarkable sense of humor to the task of leading the White Center. Professor Robinson will continue to hold joint appointments in the Law School and Notre Dame's philosophy department and to edit the JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW.

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**DWIGHT KING RECEIVES  
FOIK AWARD**

Dwight King has been named the seventh recipient of the prestigious Foik Award for outstanding campus librarianship. A committee of faculty members appointed by the Provost solicits nominations from the University at large and makes the final selection. The Award honors the Reverend Paul J. Foik, C.S.C. The Law School has garnered this award twice in the last three years; Janis Johnston won two years ago.



The award was announced at the annual President's Dinner on May 20. The citation noted that this "dedicated and resourceful research librarian has provided exceptional service to the Notre Dame Community since arriving here eleven years ago. A superb teacher in both the classroom and the library, he exemplifies the finest qualities of professionalism." The citation also noted his "deep commitment to service," his mentoring of countless students, the national recognition of his diligent efforts to attract minority students to the field of law librarianship, and his "winning rapport" with faculty and students. Congratulations, Dwight!

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#### **JIMMY GURULÉ RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD**

At the annual President's dinner, Jimmy Gurulé received a 1997 Presidential Award. The citation noted that Jimmy "has devoted his considerable rhetorical skills to bringing justice to the communities he has served." The citation noted his "prosecution of major transnational drug offenders while continuing his work as a mentor in the hispanic community." The citation praised his "scholarly reflections--three recent books and counting." Noted as well were his superb classroom teaching, his high professional standards, and his general personal compassion. Congratulations, Jimmy!

#### **TOBACCO SETTLES FLORIDA LITIGATION**

Faced with a potential legal catastrophe, the major cigarette producers agreed on August 26 to settle for \$11.3 billion a smoking-related lawsuit brought by the governor of Florida and other officials of the state. The suit sought damages for medical costs incurred by the state, disgorgement of illicit profit on sales to children, and equity relief. Among the claims in the litigation was a prayer for relief under Florida RICO, drafted by Bob Blakey in 1977. Bob also designed the Florida complaint and commuted to West Palm Beach this past summer to argue successfully to uphold it in pretrial skirmishes.

Bob declines to say whether he is going to receive a hefty percentage of the states' recovery, as the litigation had to go forward by hiring private lawyers on a contingency-fee arrangement after tobacco lobbyists placed a rider on the appropriations of the attorney general's office forbidding its use by the state in the litigation. The development-office people have, however, targeted Bob to build the proposed new law-school complex. We wish them luck. (For the record, Bob does not smoke.)

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#### **RECENT GRAD TO CLERK FOR SCALIA**

Amy Coney, NDLS '96, will clerk for Justice

Antonin Scalia, beginning in the Fall of 1998. In the meantime, she will serve as clerk to Lawrence Silverman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Amy was graduated from NDLS first in her class.

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A Reception honoring Professor Thomas L. Shaffer on the occasion of his retirement from the Notre Dame Law School took place in the Donors Room of the Morris Inn on Wednesday, September 3. Bob Rodes, Dean Link and Tom's son Ed spoke at the reception. Linda Harrington "emceed." The Clinic faculty presented Tom with a "retirement rocking chair." The Law School Relations Office arranged the event.

#### **NDLS ALUM RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE**

At Notre Dame's 152nd Commencement in May, Ann Claire Williams, NDLS '75 and Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, received an honorary degree. The citation noted a wisdom belying her youth and her becoming one of the first African-American women appointed to the federal



bench. Judge Williams "demonstrates her continued dedication to the University as a trustee, and as a teacher and mentor to the Law School student body." Congratulations, Ann!

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#### **NDLS ALUM & FCC OFFICIAL DIES AT 74**

David S. Landis, NDLS '45 and formerly Chief of the Broadcast-Facilities Division of the Federal Communications Commission, died May 27 in Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. Landis suffered from Parkinson's disease and lymphatic hypoplasia.

A native of South Bend and a graduate of Indiana University, Mr. Landis moved to Washington during World War II; he worked for the FCC there until 1979. Among his accomplishments: the introduction of FM stereo and FM multiplex services; the settlement of AM clear-channel cases in the 1970s; and significant deregulation of radio broadcasting.

His public service included membership on the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission from 1985 to 1993, and the Presidency of the Woodhaven Citizens Association in Bethesda. Surviving are his wife of forty-five years, Maria Landis, and a son, David Henri Landis, of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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#### **PROMINENT NDLS ALUM DIES IN FLORIDA**

Samuel Leeper Devine, NDLS '40, died in his sleep at the age of 81 on June 27. Three daughters and nine grandchildren survive him.

Born in South Bend, he lettered in football, track, and swimming in high school. At Ohio State, he ran track with Jessie Owens.

Joining the FBI, Mr. Devine worked during World War II as a liaison with the Navy's espionage department, arresting eight German saboteurs who had landed in Florida and New York. Ultimately he joined Hamilton & Kramer in Columbus. He served three terms in the Ohio legislature. In 1955 he became Prosecuting Attorney for Franklin County, Ohio. He spent twenty-two years, from 1959 through 1979, as Central Ohio's leading Congressional Delegate. He served as both Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Republican Conference. He served under six United States presidents and pursued his political career as a consultant to Presidents Reagan and Bush. Following his Congressional service, he joined Bricker and Eckler in Washington, D.C.

A Memorial Service took place at Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville on July 2. Memorial contributions should go to The Educational Fund of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation, c/o Richard S. Woods, General Counsel, P.O.

Box 5914, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938, or to Central College Presbyterian Church, 975 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville, Ohio.

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#### **FEDERAL JUDGE, NDLS ALUM, DIES AT 76**

Clarkson S. Fisher, NDLS '51, died of lung cancer July 27 at the Medical Center of Princeton. He was 76. Judge Fisher spent thirty-three years as a jurist at the county, state and federal levels. Judge Fisher assumed senior status in 1987. He maintained his chambers at the Federal Courthouse in Trenton.

A lifelong resident of Long Branch, New Jersey, Judge Fisher did his undergraduate work at Notre Dame. Following Law School, he entered private practice. After a brief stint as a state assemblyman in 1964, he became a Monmouth County judge. He served on the Superior Court from 1966 through 1970, and was then appointed to the United States District Court by President Nixon. Perhaps his most publicized case involved the "Camden 28." In that case, anti-war protestors won acquittal of stealing and destroying draft records from the Federal Building in Camden. That acquittal provided what was perceived to be a major victory for Viet Nam War opponents.

Judge Fisher is survived by his wife, Mae Hoffmann Fisher, his son Clarkson, Jr., a Superior Court judge in New



Brunswick; three other sons; two brothers; a sister, and five grandchildren. His funeral Mass took place on July 31 at St. Michael Church in Long Branch.

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### **NDLS ALUM HEADS CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION**

Patricia C. Bobb, NDLS '72, is the new president of the Chicago Bar Association, which boasts 22,000 members. Only three women, including Patricia, have headed the organization in its history. In 1983, unsurprisingly, Patricia was named one of five outstanding female trial lawyers in the nation by TIME MAGAZINE.

Patricia grew up in New Mexico, which her father served as Governor in the early 1960s. Following her graduation from law school, she entered the Cook County state's attorney's office. After six years there, she joined Philip H. Corboy's firm for two years before joining the firm of Bobb, Kane, Obbish & Propes. In 1985, she left that firm to practice on her own. She and her husband, Robert J. Bobb, also NDLS '72, live in downtown Chicago with their ten-year-old daughter, Brooke Elizabeth.

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### **CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR APPOINTS NDLS ALUM TO JUDGESHIP**

Gerard S. Brown, NDLS '76, has been appointed by Governor Wilson of

California to a San Bernadino Municipal Court judgeship. Brown currently heads corporate legal affairs for Comedy Three Productions. Brown earned a bachelor's degree at the University of California at Riverside, and a master's degree in business administration at Notre Dame.

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### **BELGIAN JURIST TO VISIT NDLS**

Marc Bossuyt, Judge of the Belgian Constitutional Court, will visit the Law School September 8 through 10. Professor Bossuyt previously served as Belgian High Commissioner for Refugees. He has also been elected President of the United Nations Human Rights Commission and is a member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. He is a professor of international law at the University of Antwerp and author of leading works on discrimination and the United Nations human-rights system.

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### **NDLS HOSTS VISITING SCHOLARS FROM JAPAN**

Continuing a long-time tradition, two visiting scholars from Japan will be in residence at NDLS this year: Yasushi Iijima, of the Yokohama District Public Prosecutor's Office; and Judge

Ritsuko Mizokuni, of the Yokohama District Court.

Mr. Iijima was appointed Public Prosecutor in April of 1992 for the Tokoyo District. Since that time, he has served in other districts before his current appointment this past Spring. Judge Mizokuni, first appointed a Judge in April of 1993, initially served in a family court, handling juvenile-delinquency and family-affairs conciliation cases. She was promoted to her current position in April of this year.

Both will attend classes and participate in the life of the Law School. We welcome them warmly.

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### **BLIND ALUM FEATURED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

Mario Pieroni, NDLS '40, and his wife Jane were featured in an article in THE NEWS & OBSERVER. The Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper, on July 10, reported the inspiring story of this couple who, both blinded since childhood by congenital glaucoma, "do just fine living independently."

The couple met at the Indiana School for the Blind at age eleven. They attended Ball State University together. After college, Mario came to the Law School, graduating *cum laude*. In this pre-technology period, Mario relied solely on the help of readers and his own Braille notes made with a slate and stylus. Mario was the first blind person to sit for, and pass, the Indiana Bar exam.



Mario went into private practice with his older brother, specializing in truck-transportation law. He spent four years as a Municipal Court Judge, made a run for mayor of Muncie, and served two four-year terms as Superior Court Judge.

The newspaper article notes that, meanwhile, Jane "was at home raising their children without the help of sitters or a nanny." Incredibly, the Pieronis provided "quite a normal, if not extraordinary upbringing for their children—all of whom have normal vision."

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#### **NDLS HOSTS RECEPTION FOR ALUMS AT ABA ANNUAL MEETING**

On August 3, the Notre Dame Law School hosted a reception for Notre Dame alumni, students, and friends at the Post Street Pavilion in San Francisco. The reception took place in connection with the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association there. Dean Link served as host and spoke at the event. The Law School Relations Office made arrangements.

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#### **WOMEN'S LEGAL FORUM HOLDS RECEPTION**

On August 28, the Women's Legal Forum hosted a "Wine and Cheese Party" for faculty, staff, and students. The

event took place in the Notre Dame Room of the Morris Inn.

The Forum will hold its first General Meeting on September 3, at 12:15 p.m., in Room 105. Inquiries concerning the forum should be addressed to Cynthia Morgan (631-7424) or Ha Kung Wong (243-9475).

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#### **NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY**

The Indiana CLEO program, in favor of which Lucy Payne testified before a committee of the Indiana Assembly, has now become law. The program was established to assist Indiana minority, low-income, or educationally disadvantaged college graduates to pursue a law degree and a career in the Indiana legal and professional community. Beginning July 1, 1999, the state general fund will provide \$555,000 annually. The legislation requires that the annual summer program be held at Indiana law schools. The program will be organized and administered by the Chief Justice of Indiana. Congratulations to Lucy for her role in making this program a reality.

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On June 25 Laura Ping broke her leg (while doing aerobics). She returned to work on July 28 but is confined to a wheelchair while her leg heals.

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Joe Thomas and his wife Tracey announce the birth of their daughter, Elinor Catherine, on June 3. Elinor weighed nine pounds, eight ounces, at birth. Everyone is doing fine. Congratulations to the Thomas family!

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Sue Wiegand, in the Access Services Department, completed her MLS degree at Indiana University-South Bend. Congratulations to Sue!

This spring, Sue worked on the creation of electronic request forms for the Library's Web page.

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#### **NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Garth Meintjes published *Human Rights Education as Empowerment: Reflections on Pedagogy*, in a volume entitled HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. The book, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, is edited by George Andreopoulos and Richard Claude.

Garth wrote *An Introduction to the Symposium*, in TRANSNATIONAL LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS. The topic of the symposium: "Prosecuting International Crimes: an Inside View."

Garth also participated in the production of a video and educational materials entitled *Forsaken Cries: The Story of*



*Rwanda and Educating for Action.* Amnesty International produced the video and the materials.

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For the current academic year, fifteen participants have enrolled in the graduate programs in International Human Rights Law sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Thirteen students join the LL.M. program and two the J.S.D. program.

The thirteen LL.M. candidates come from such varied countries and cultures as Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Korea, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, South Africa, Ukraine, and the United States.

Mr. Pablo Saavedra of Chile, a graduate of the Center's Master's program in 1996, returns as a doctoral candidate. Mr. Saavedra completed an internship with the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights this past June. He aided in the conclusion of an agreement providing for an annual internship program with the OAS. The second doctoral candidate, Mr. George Mugwanya, is a Ugandan lawyer. His work will involve a comparison of human rights in Uganda and in South Africa.

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#### NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Matt Barrett gave a presentation on tax ethics to the Taxation Committee of the

Indiana State Bar Association at its Spring meeting in South Bend, on April 17.

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Geoffrey Bennett, co-director of the London Programme, published *Criminal Procedure in ALL ENGLAND LAW REPORTS ANNUAL REVIEW 1996*.

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Paolo Carozza spoke on "Private Law Theory and Comparative Law," at a conference on "New Approaches to International Law." The event took place at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, May 11.

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On June 6, in Indianapolis, Tex Dutile represented the Law School at the ceremony at which applicants were admitted to the Bar of the Indiana Supreme Court and admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts. Following the ceremony, Tex attended a business luncheon hosted by the Indiana Board of Law Examiners.

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Tex Dutile, Bill Hoyer, and John Robinson attended a meeting of the Editorial Board of the JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW in Seattle, on June 17. Bill and

John serve as co-editors of the JOURNAL, while Tex, a former editor, serves as an Advisory Member of the Editorial Board. All three remained in Seattle for the annual meeting of the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

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Barbara Fick published the ABA GUIDE TO WORKPLACE LAW, issued by Times Books. Barbara also did several interviews regarding her new book.

She also published an article entitled *Federal Labor and Employment Law*, in SPECIALIZED LEGAL RESEARCH, a book edited by L.F. Chanin.

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Jimmy Gurulé discussed the alarming problems of corruption and organized crime in Russia and analyzed recent efforts to reform and democratize the Russian criminal-justice system, at a conference on International Organized Crime sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and hosted by the Procurator General's Office of the Russian Federation. The event took place in Moscow, on April 23-25.

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On May 20, at the annual President's Dinner, University Provost Nathan Hatch announced that longtime NDLS profs Frank E. Booker, who died in May, and Tom Shaffer have been advanced to Emeritus rank.



Cathy Kaveny was quoted in a story entitled, "Public Apology: Truly Repentant or Just PR?," in the July 2 edition of THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR. The article explored whether Mike Tyson really meant his "I'm sorry" in connection with the recent unpleasantness involving his boxing opponent's ear.

Cathy published *Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, and the Law*, in the JOURNAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES.

In February, Cathy addressed the Roman Catholic bishops with regard to the legal aspects of assisted suicide at their annual conference on medical ethics in Dallas. She delivered a paper entitled *Economic Pressures: Managed Care and the Poor*, at a conference on "Life at Risk: A Closer Look At Assisted Suicide," at the Columbus School of Law, the Catholic University of America, in Washington, on March 8. She appeared in a teleconference on the Catholic Common Ground Project Broadcast on the Odyssey Channel on March 10. Cathy delivered the Cardinal Bernardin Lecture at Georgetown University in Washington on April 2. Cathy will teach at Georgetown as a Visiting Professor of Law during the Spring 1998 semester.

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Professor Bill Kelley, who earlier had indicated he would return to private practice, has now decided to remain at the

Law School. That is wonderful news for all of us here at the Law School.

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Doug Kmiec appeared on Jim Lehrer's "NewsHour," on July 24.

Doug appeared on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" on July 1, along with Kevin Hasson, NDLS '85 and spouse of Mary Rice Hasson, NDLS '84. Kevin serves as President of the Beckett Fund for Religious Liberty. Their topic: The Supreme Court's recent holding that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act violates the U.S. Constitution.

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Dean Link spoke on "Teaching and Learning Professionalism" in Washington, on June 3. The Notre Dame Alumni Club of Washington sponsored the event, which took place at the offices of Covington & Burling.

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Terry Phelps presented a day-long workshop entitled "Advanced Legal Writing and Editing," at the annual conference of the Council for Appellate Staff Attorneys, in Burlington, Vermont, on July 2.

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On June 30, Jack Pratt's wife, Dottie, successfully defended her dissertation. This "last step" before actually

graduating earned her a Ph.D. (and, Jack notes, "more degrees than anyone in our family"). Congratulations, Dottie!

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Greg Ripple, son of Judge Ken Ripple and his wife Mary, was named "Teaching Fellow of the Year" at Fordham University. His nomination for the Award came from the Department of History, in which Greg taught European History during the last academic year. Congratulations to Greg on this wonderful achievement.

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Patrick Schiltz has been appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist to a three-year term as Reporter to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. In this position he succeeds Carol Mooney, whom Justice Rehnquist promoted from Reporter to member of the committee. Judge Kenneth Ripple occupied the position of Reporter prior to Carol's service.

Patrick made a presentation on legal ethics at the annual convention of the Kentucky Bar Association in Louisville, June 20.

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On September 3, Jim Seckinger underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Medical Center for a detached retina.

Jim was quoted in an article in the July 9 INDIANA LAWYER concerning the growth



of NITA. Said Jim: "NITA grew like a mustard seed turning into a mighty oak tree." Jim directed NITA for many years.

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Tom Shaffer delivered the keynote address, "Faith Disrupts Legal Order," at a conference on "The Role of Religion in the Work of a Lawyer," at Fordham University, New York City, June 1. He presented a paper on teaching legal ethics clinically, at a national conference on the teaching of legal ethics, March 20-22, at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Tom, along with Julia B. Meister, published *Is This Appropriate?*, in the DUKE LAW JOURNAL.

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Dorothy Walter, mother of Jeanne Garvey, died on August 15 at the age of 90. John Garvey noted, "She had a long life and a happy death." She was buried in West Chester, Pennsylvania, on August 18. Memorial contributions should go to the First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Miner Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382. Please keep Mrs. Walter and all of her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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#### NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Eleni Angelopoulos,  
Cheryl Greene, Karie Holder,

Alfred Lee, Joseph McCarron, and Thomas Waggoner successfully took the Indiana Bar Examination in February, 1997. The admission ceremony took place on June 6, in Indianapolis.

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James P. Bowers, NDLS '66, is counsel for the public-works section in the Navy's Public Works Center in Yokohama, Japan. He took that position after several years in the Army's Procurement Fraud Division, in the Pentagon, and then in the Navy's Procurement Integrity Office, both located in Crystal City, across the river from the District of Columbia. He is working now on the development of corporate-ethics plans for companies that do business with the U.S. military. Address: U.S. Navy Public Works Center, PSC 473, Box 13, FPO AP 96349-1103.

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Julie Briscoe, NDLS '93 and a member of the state bars of California and Michigan, is now registered as an investment broker with A.G. Edwards in Santa Barbara, California.

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Tom Demetrio, NDLS '69, a member of the NDLS Advisory Council, and a partner at Chicago's Corboy & Demetrio, earned an "Honorable Mention" in THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL's

listing of *The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America*. The listing appeared in a special supplement entitled "Profiles in Power." Only twenty-one lawyers nationwide secured an "honorable mention"; Tom is the only personal-injury trial lawyer in the country among this group. It is the third time Tom has been included. Tom made news in January when his \$21 million verdict in a personal-injury case became, according to THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, the largest jury award ever sustained by the Illinois Supreme Court.

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Clark Durant, NDLS '76, has joined Munder Capital Management, an employee-owned investment-advisory firm, one of America's largest investment-management operations.

Clark has served most recently as "Of Counsel" to the Detroit law firm of Timmis & Inman. He is a member of the Michigan State Board of Education and Chair of the nationally recognized Cornerstone Schools, an organization serving inner-city children in Detroit. Clark did his undergraduate work at Tulane.

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Mary Ambrose Gerak, NDLS '87, and her husband Justin announce the birth of their daughter, Callista ("Callie"), Grace, on June 26. Address: 616 E. Hillside Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010.



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Hugh C. Griffin, NDLS '68, has been elected the thirtieth President of the Appellate Lawyers Association of the State of Illinois.

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Mary Hasson, '84, and her son, Michael Patrick, age 11, were interviewed by CNN on May 30th on the subject of home schooling.

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A tribute to the late John Houck, NDLS '55 and a long time professor of management at Notre Dame, will take place on September 20 at Sacred Heart Parish Center at Notre Dame. Notre Dame students, alumni, faculty and staff will join Houck's friends and family, "to reflect upon his many contributions to the University and community." The event, planned by a committee chaired by Mark Moscovitz, a student in the School of Business, will include a dinner followed by a program on Houck's life and career. Tex Dutile, John's brother-in-law, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the program. For more information, contact Madeline Day by phone at (219) 631-6072 or by electronic mail at day.2@nd.edu.

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John Hund, NDLS '75, is a member of the Faculty of Law in the University of the

North, Savenga, South Africa, where he teaches and writes in jurisprudence, international law, and legal theory.

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John J. Hurley, NDLS '81, has been named Vice President and General Counsel at Canisius College. John has practiced as a partner with the Buffalo law firm of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine and Huber, his professional home since 1984.

John did his undergraduate work in English and History at Canisius. He was an associate with Keck, Mahin & Cate in Chicago for three years before joining Phillips, Lytle. John has served on the College's board of regents and as a volunteer for its annual fund since 1984.

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William Johnson, NDLS '96, recently passed the Michigan Bar.

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Chief Justice William Rehnquist has appointed Vincent R. Johnson, NDLS '78, Professor of Law at St. Mary's University of San Antonio, and Director of the Institute on World Legal Problems, to the Judicial Fellows Commission for 1988-89. Vince did his undergraduate work at St. Vincent College and earned his LL.M. at Yale. During 1998, he will be a Fulbright Professor in Beijing, China. Vince is

also the co-author of a Torts casebook with our own Alan Gunn.

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Rep. Pete King, NDLS '68, will release his novel, *A TERRIBLE BEAUTY*, in the Fall of 1998. He wrote the novel years ago while comptroller in Nassau County, New York.

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John M. Maciejczyk, NDLS '84, has become an Associate at the Elkhart office of Barnes & Thornburg. He formerly practiced law in Houston and served as Associate Director for publications at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

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THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS on July 13 featured Bernard "Bud" Malone, NDLS '63. The story, entitled *That At-Home Feeling; Mortgage Banker Works to Create Affordable Housing*, recounted Bud's interests in revitalizing his adopted city of Dallas, Texas. Last year, Malone Mortgage arranged \$175 million in financing for sixteen commercial projects and anticipates commercial loans of \$200 million in 1997.

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Mark A. Molloy, NDLS '96, spent the last academic year in Belfast, Northern Ireland, working for Madden &



Finucane, a leading human-rights law firm. The job resulted from a meeting Mark had with Peter Madden when the Irish attorney spoke at NDLS. Visiting a pub in Galway on his way to Belfast, Molloy was taken aback when told by a Northern Irishman, "Don't ever tell anybody who you work for. You'll get two bullets in your head." Indeed, John Finucane, the law firm's other founding partner, was fatally shot in 1989 while having dinner with his family. After clerking for a federal judge until August 1999, Mark will return to Northern Ireland to work for Madden & Finucane. On August 1, THE BUFFALO NEWS featured Mark in a story entitled *West Seneca native faces risks as lawyer in N. Ireland*.

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Ginny K. Mikita, NDLS '91 and an associate at Smith, Haugey, Rice & Roegge, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently published an article in the MICHIGAN BAR JOURNAL entitled *The Animal Law Section: An Advocate for Michigan's Animal Population*. Ginny, who did her undergraduate work at the University of Florida, joined Smith, Haugey after a federal clerkship. After joining the firm, she took a leave of absence to work as associate counsel for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and as a staff attorney with the Animal Legal Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. She is the co-founder and chair of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Robert J. Muise, NDLS '97, was promoted to Major in the U.S. Marine Corps. The oath was administered to Major Muise by Prof. Charles E. Rice, Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.R.

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Kara Murphy-Kempf, NDLS '95, and her husband, Glenn Kempf, UND '84, announce the birth of their son, McKinley, on April 19.

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Judge Thomas H. Nelson, NDLS '34, died on May 28. Judge Nelson served in the Navy during World War II, retiring with the rank of lieutenant commander. Having practiced law in both Dubuque and Port Angeles, Washington, he earned appointment to the Iowa District Court Bench in 1964. He retired as Senior Judge in 1988.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society; a lector at the church; a life member of the Knights of Columbus; a state and local commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 508; a former member of the 330 Club; and a former grand regent of the Elks Club.

His wife Serena (Kemp) Nelson, whom he married in Notre Dame's Log Chapel in 1948, survives him, as do four sons (Peter, Patrick, Timothy, and Andrew), a daughter (Laura), and four

grandchildren. A daughter, Mary Winifred, and a son, Thomas Michael, preceded him in death. Memorials may be given to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Wahlert High School.

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Christine North, NDLS '85, has left Tilly & Graves to create a new firm, Pond, North & Hugo. The new firm will specialize in products liability, toxic torts and environmental contamination. Christine did her undergraduate work at Georgetown. After law school, she served as an assistant District Attorney in Los Angeles.

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Ronalth Ochaet, NDLS LL.M. '94 and director of the Roman Catholic Church's human-rights office in Guatemala City, was quoted in the June 7 edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES. The article, entitled *Guatemala Digs Up Its Army's Secret Cemeteries*, was written by Larry Rohter.

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Brian M. Sagrestano, NDLS '95, and his wife Christine announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Anelia, on March 29. Katherine weighed in at nine pounds, seven ounces. Brian has left his position at Lum, Danzis, Drasco, Positan and Kleinberg, in Roseland, New Jersey. He and his wife have purchased Flood Search of New Jersey, Inc.



Christine serves as President. The company performs Flood Hazard Certifications in New Jersey for real-estate transactions.

From April through June, Brian ran political campaigns in connection with the local township committee primary and oversaw Flood Search while Christine took maternity leave. On June 9, he returned to the legal profession, joining the Law Offices of Diane McConnell in Oldwick, New Jersey. His practice focuses on estate planning and administration, though he also handles small litigation matters and real-estate closings. The Sagrestanos live at 1704 Breckenridge Drive, Branchburg, New Jersey 08876-3691

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John F. Sandner, NDLS '68, member of ND's board of trustees, and chair of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, was featured in an article on Chicago Exchanges in the June 4 edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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Mike Schrenk, NDLS '95, and his wife Danielle announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Ann, on July 23. Delaney weighed in at seven pounds, six ounces. She was twenty inches long. Wrote Mike to his classmate, Cathy Pieronek: "We can't describe how happy we are" Congratulations to the Schrenk family!

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Jacqueline Sells Homann, NDLS '90, has joined the firm of Jones, Obenchain, Ford, Pankow, Lewis & Woods, in South Bend. Previously, she had served as law clerk for Judge Harry C. Dees, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and as an Associate in the Elkhart office of Barnes and Thornburg.

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For the seventh consecutive year, Richard W. Slawson, NDLS '70 and a member of the firm of Slawson & Cunningham in Boca Raton, Florida, has been cited in BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA for his work in the personal-injury field. The Immediate Past President of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Richard has held leadership positions with the academy for ten years. He lectures frequently on insurance bad faith, personal injury, and wrongful-death litigation.

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Cari Votava, NDLS '85, has now spent five years in Prague, Czech Republic, where she is legal advisor to a subsidiary of Citibank. She recently returned from Russia and St. Petersburg, where she conducted training sessions for bank branches. Cari did her undergraduate work at Western Illinois and earned her LL.M. at the London School of Economics in 1986.

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Michelle A. Lauer, an incoming law student, was featured in an article on July 29 in THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER entitled *Blind Student Pursues a Dream*. Michelle earned a scholarship from the National Association of the Blind.

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