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NDLS Communicator

Week of 1.9.23

Good morning and welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday and a relaxing break. Please read below for the latest law school news to start off the year.

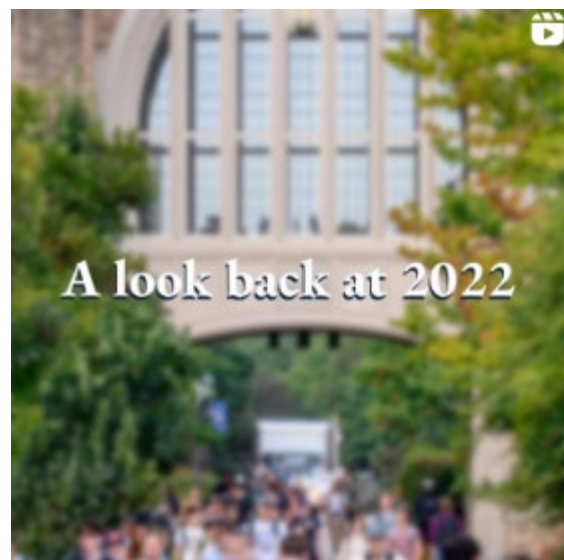
The Latest News



Professor Emeritus John Finnis made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire

John Finnis was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his services to legal scholarship. Finnis is renowned throughout the world for his work in moral, political, and legal theory, and constitutional law. Read more [here](#).

Daniel R. Suhr, managing attorney at the Liberty Justice Center, wrote this op-ed, "A high honor for a giant of the law," about John. Read more [here](#).



Take a look back at ND Law's 2022 highlights — from enrolling the most diverse class in our history (36% students of color) to hosting speeches by

Supreme Court justices and death penalty abolitionist Sr. Helen Prejean, as well as events like the Religious Liberty Summit in Rome. See the highlights [here](#).



Mary Ellen O'Connell was quoted by the AP in a report on Russia targeting essential utilities in Ukraine. Read more [here](#).



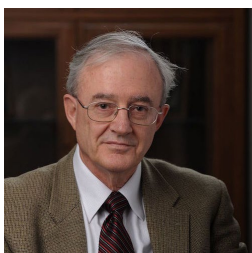
Sam Bray shares a guest post by **Steven Mitchell** about his new course at ND Law, "History & Language in Practice," in Volokh Conspiracy. Read more [here](#).



Christian Burset wrote a new article, "Redefining the Rule of Law: An Eighteenth-Century Case Study," that will be published in the American Journal of Comparative Law. Read more [here](#).



Sherif Girgis published, "Defining "Substantial Burdens" on Religion and Other Liberties," in the Virginia Law Review. Read more [here](#).



John Finnis was mentioned in the Wall Street Journal article, "Is the Catholic Church Rethinking Contraception?" Read more [here](#).



Diane Desierto wrote, "Favourite Readings 2022 - Pursuing International Law and Human Rights Outcomes," for EJIL Talk. Read more [here](#).

Diane shared about her experience being stranded in the Philippines airport and the horrible travel situation she experienced traveling over the new year. Read more [here](#).



Sam Bray, along with his co-authors have published the 5th edition, "The Constitution of the United States, 5th." See more [here](#).

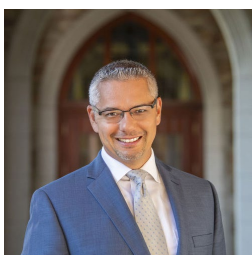


Rick Garnett recently co-moderated a FedSoc webinar, "Parental Rights and Religious Liberty: Examining New Conflicts Between Parents and the State." Watch the discussion [here](#).



Carter Snead was quoted in the article, "How the Catholic Church influenced the pro-life movement before and after Roe." Read more [here](#).

Carter's book was cited in the article, "Expressive Individuals" in the American Conservative. Read more [here](#).



Phillip Muñoz discussed his new book, "Religious Liberty and the American Founding: Natural Rights and the Original Meanings of the First Amendment Religion Clauses" on First Things. Listen [here](#).

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](#).

Events

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

The [University commemoration](#) of MLK Day and Walk the Walk Week will take place Thursday, January 19, through Friday, January 27.

Around the Watercooler

Congratulations Sheila Block

Sheila Block (wife of Jim Seckinger), a partner at Torys LLC in Toronto, has been [appointed to the Order of Canada](#). The Order of Canada is one of the country's highest honours, recognizing people across all sectors of society who have made extraordinary and sustained contributions to the nation.
Congratulations!

Legends of Notre Dame Reopening

Legends will reopen on January 17th. Updates and the new menu are [here](#).

Christmas Party Photos

If you missed the Christmas Party photos they can be viewed here. [here](#)
(password: christmas)

We would love to share more news, milestones, and accomplishments of our Law School colleagues. Drop us a note [here](#).

Have a great break!



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