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NDLS UPDATE

News of the Notre Dame Law School

U.S. NEWS RANKS NDLS TWENTIETH IN NATION

The 1992 *U.S. News and World Report* survey of America's best law schools rated Notre Dame's twentieth among 175. The magazine based its rankings on two reputational surveys, as well as on statistical data that measured student selectivity, faculty resources and placement success.

JUSTICE KENNEDY PRESIDES OVER NDLS SHOWCASE ARGUMENT

On March 18, the NDLS Courtroom provided the arena for the Moot Court Showcase Argument. Presiding over the Argument was Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Serving with him were Dean Henry Ramsey, of

Howard Law School, and NDLS alumna Ann Williams, Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Participating students were: Geoffrey Blazi, John Crowley, Susan Hall, Douglas Liedberg, and Jayant Tambe. Congratulations to Faculty Moderator Jack Pratt on a superb event.

ATTANASIO TO LEAVE NDLS

John Attanasio will leave Notre Dame to assume the Deanship of the Law School at the University of St. Louis on July 1. John joined the NDLS Faculty in 1984 and became Director of the Peace Institute in 1991. Although his departure constitutes a serious loss to us, we wish him every success at St. Louis.

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM TO FEATURE ROBINSON

On Friday, March 27, John Robinson will lead a Faculty Colloquium entitled, "Should We Acquit Nine Guilty Defendants in Order to Avoid Convicting One Innocent One?" The usual box lunch will be served (though meatless, due to the Lenten Friday).

BLSA HONORS CLEVELAND and KING

At its Annual Reunion Dinner, held on March 21, the Black Law Students Association of NDLS honored Granville Cleveland, upon his impending retirement, for his many years of service. BLSA also recognized Dwight King for his great and steady assistance to NDLS students.

CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS RECEIVES FORD FOUNDATION GRANT

The Center for Civil and Human Rights has received a grant of \$65,000 from the Ford Foundation to support a translation and publication of the Report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation. The grant will support work over a two-year period that began February 1, 1992. Congratulations to Bill Lewers and his staff for this fine achievement.

IRISH PARADE QUEEN

Mary Claire O'Neil, a second-year student, served as Queen of Chicago's 37th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Loop.

1992 SFF DRIVE BEGINS

On March 18, the Notre Dame Public Interest Law Foundation kicked off its annual Student Funded Fellowship Pledge Drive with a showing of the 1991 film, "Class Action."

EXPERTS DEBATE MANDATORY PRO BONO

On March 20, Ivan E. Bodensteiner, Professor of Law at Valparaiso University, and Ernest Gellhorn, a partner with Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, of Washington, D.C., met in debate of the following issue: "Should Mandatory Pro-Bono Work or Legal-Aid Credit Be Required for a Juris Doctor Degree?" The Social Justice Forum of NDLS sponsored the debate. A wine-and-cheese reception followed.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

On February 27, Bill McLean made a presentation concerning the admissions process to the Professional Staff of the Development Office. On March 24, he addressed the Junior-Class members of the Notre Dame Pre-Law Society. His topic: "Applying to Law School."

Roger Jacobs was recently appointed Vice-President for Referral Services Pro Tem for the District Council of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for St. Joseph County. Until he leaves for London, he will provide liaison between the officers of the District Council and the division of the Society providing food, clothing and household goods to those in need throughout the County.

On March 4, Doug Kmiec testified before the House Judiciary Committee on the Freedom of Choice Act.

Kent Hull, Adjunct Professor, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Circuit Rules by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Aubrey Diamond, Co-Director of our London Law Programme, already an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics, a Fellow of Queen Mary and Westfield College (University of London), and an Honorary Member of the Royal College of Physicians, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of

Civil Law by the City University at the ancient Guildhall in the City of London on May 20, 1992.

John Pearson was recently featured in a five-part article, "Priest-Lawyers: Advocates for God," in *Catholic Twin Circle* magazine.

Jim Seckinger served as Program Coordinator and as a faculty member for the NITA/O'Melveny and Myers Law Firm Trial Advocacy Program in Los Angeles on February 5 through 8. He lectured to the NITA faculty on Effective Teaching Techniques. Jim also made a presentation on the NITA Teaching Method at the ICLE Advocacy Institute, in San Francisco, on February 6. Over Spring Break, Jim participated in NITA programs in Singapore and Thailand. (His family accompanied him).

On March 10, Charlie Rice and Co-Counsel filed in the Supreme Court of the United States a "Petitioner's Reply Brief" in the case of *Constangy v. North Carolina Civil Liberties Union*.

John Robinson recently appeared on WBEZ, a Chicago-area radio station, to discuss the Eighth Amendment and its application in recent cases.

Eric Smithburn served as a faculty member at the Indiana Trial Advocacy Program from March 15 through March 22 in Indianapolis.

During Spring Break, Tex Dutile traveled to London for the ABA Site Visitation, and then, at the invitation of Dean Pullo, who spent a week at NDLS last Fall, visited the Law Department at the University of Gdansk, Poland.

On February 29, Roger Jacobs and Tex Dutile addressed a group of major Notre Dame Scholarship donors in the Law-School Courtroom. A tour of the Law Building followed.

PLACEMENT NEWS

Several NDLS students participated in the Midwest Public Interest Career Conference at Northwestern Law School in Chicago on February 8. The Conference gives student their best opportunity to interview with several public-interest organizations in one setting. Throughout the day, there were panels and workshops for the students. This was the fifth year of the Conference.

Job interviews at the Conference are assigned by lottery. Like in every other year, some NDLS students who tried to get interviews failed because of the hundreds of students from all over the Midwest who travel to the Conference.

Nancy Kommers attended the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Midwest Regional Meeting in Kansas City from February 12 to 14. She served on a panel addressing the principles and standards of NALP, primarily regarding the timing of offers, and led a roundtable discussion of the utilization of alumni in recruiting and placement.

As a member of NALP's national nominating committee, Nancy was in Dallas from February 24 to 26 to help the committee select a slate of nominees for president-elect, vice-president and the national board of directors. That slate will stand for election at NALP's national conference in Boston in June.

FACULTY PUBLICATION

Doug Kmiec authored "Private Property Rights under Siege," an "op-ed" piece in the *Chicago Tribune* on March 4, 1992.

LEGAL-AID NEWS

On March 9, Sabrina McCarthy and Barbara Gasperetti attended a Harvard conference on refugees. The conference dealt with Haitian refugees and the problems they

have encountered with United States immigration policy. The Haitian Refugee Committee has requested help in the processing of Haitian asylum claims. The Legal Aid Clinic will assess student interest in going to Miami to assist in such a project.

In February the Clinic opened twenty-eight new cases, closing twenty-four. Given its caseload of 164 active cases, the Clinic was forced to reduce the number of cases accepted in March. In March it opened twelve new cases, and closed six.

ALUMNI NEWS

Cathleen P. Black, wife of Thomas Harvey, NDLS '66, has been elected to the University of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. She is President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. She was appointed President of *USA Today* in 1983 and Publisher a year later.

Kathleen K. Brickley, NDLS '82, has been elected Chair of the Michiana Community Hospital Board. She has served on the Board since 1985 and had served as Vice-Chair since 1986. She practices with Barnes & Thornburg.

Carolyn P. Short, NDLS '80, has been elected to partnership at Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Philadelphia.

Harold E. McKee, NDLS '63, died on March 12. He was a partner in the Chicago law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt. A resident of River Forest, Illinois, he leaves his wife, Suzanne, two sons and three daughters.

Frank Julian, NDLS '82, Director-Tax Counsel for Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, co-authored an article entitled, "State and Local Tax Issues: Chapter Eleven Proceedings," in the Spring 1992 issue of the *Journal of California Taxation*.

MISCELLANY

In late February Bob Blakey's daughter, Katy, played a lead role in "Our Town". The presentation is one of four plays sponsored this year by the Department of Communication and Theater.

On March 16, Bert Lockwood, Director of the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights at the University of Cincinnati, spoke on "Litigating Basic Needs in the United States: Is There a Role for International Human Rights Law?." The talk was sponsored by the White Center.

On March 23, in the NDLS Courtroom, Stephen Carter, Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale, spoke on "God, Truth, and Oaths." The Thomas J. White Center sponsored the lecture.

Judge Alex Kozinski, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, will address "The Toyota Principle" in the Courtroom at Noon on Thursday, March 26. The White Center will sponsor the event.

At 4:00 P.M., on March 26, John Borman, member of the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee and member of Amnesty International, will speak on "Jews and Palestinians: A Human Rights Perspective on the Bush Policy," in Room 110 of the Law School. The lecture will be sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Ed Gaffney, Dean at Valparaiso University School of Law and former Director of our Center for Constitutional Studies, will deliver the Faculty Inaugural Lecture on March 26, 1992, in Wesmann Hall, at Valparaiso. His topic: "Religious Conformity and Political Correctness -- the Origins of the First Amendment in Tudor and Stuart England."

TEX DUTILE