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# ***NDLS UPDATE***

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## **LEGAL AID CLINIC EYES EXPANSION**

The University is seeking to buy a multi-unit apartment building for conversion into a new home for the Law School Legal Aid Clinic. The purchase hinges upon the rezoning of the building, which is located at the northwest corner of Howard and St. Peter Streets. Three floors of the eastern part of the building would be available for Clinic use. The addition would more than triple the Clinic's floor space.

## **TEACHER OF THE YEAR: DOUG KMEIC**

The Class of 1992 has selected Doug Kmiec as its Distinguished Teacher. Doug, who teaches Property and Constitutional Law, addressed the graduating class at the Law School

Diploma Ceremony last Sunday. Congratulations to Doug on this wonderful and important award.

## **TIDMARSH REAPPOINTED; THOMAS PROMOTED**

Jay Tidmarsh's contract has been renewed for three years, effective September 1, 1992. Joe Thomas has been promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian, effective July 1. Congratulations and best wishes to Jay and Joe.

## **RIPPLE RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE**

Judge Kenneth F. Ripple receives an honorary degree from George Washington

University this month. Judge Ripple received a Master of Laws from George Washington's Law School in 1972.

### **MEINTJES AND VENTER BECOME FIRST CANDIDATES FOR J.S.D.**

Garth Meintjes, Assistant Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, and Christine Venter, NDLS (LL.M.) '92, have been formally admitted to candidacy for the J.S.D. degree. The J.S.D. program, already approved by the Law School and the University, now wends its way through the ABA processes. The Site Visitation Report was very favorable and the ABA Accreditation Committee, at its meeting in early May, recommended that the Council of the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar approve the J.S.D. program.

### **LAW STUDENTS TO AID HAITIAN REFUGEES**

Fifteen NDLS students will volunteer time and expertise to assist Haitian refugees in Miami from May 18 through 28. Working under the direction of Barbara Gasperetti, Sabrina McCarthy, and Garth Meintjes, the students will help Haitians complete applications for political asylum. The NDLS Legal Aid Clinic is coordinating the project in conjunction with the Haitian Refugee Committee in Miami. Barry College in Miami has donated dormitory rooms for the students. Campus Ministry, the Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Miami and the Notre Dame Law School have provided financial assistance.

### **STUDENT SPONSORED FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AWARDS**

The Student Sponsored Fellowship Committee has announced the following award winners for the Summer of 1992:

- Teresa Kozik (to work with a family-law judge in Pennsylvania)
- Susan Wilham (to work at The Shelter, a domestic-violence refuge in Columbia, Missouri)
- Paul Fulkerson (to work with the Indiana Civil Liberties Union in Indianapolis)
- Kathleen Rice (to work at the Women's Care Center in South Bend)
- Christine Wu (to work at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco)
- Gilberto Perez (to work at the Dade County Bar Association Legal Aid Society in Miami)
- Dianne Tillman-Reed (to work at the St. Joseph County Public Defender's Office in South Bend)
- Joseph Spiegler (to work at the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey)
- Kay Rottinghaus (to work at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Kansas City, Missouri)
- Donald Chisholm (to work at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston)
- Glenn Smith (to work with the Cuyahoga County Public Defender in Cleveland)
- Mark Yoshida (to work both with the Haitian Refugee Project and with El Rescate in Los Angeles)

Congratulations to these students for their commitment to public service, and deep thanks to the Committee for its difficult, but important work.

### **SALVATION ARMY PRESENTS H.E.R.O. CERTIFICATE**

The Salvation Army of Mishawaka has presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the students of NDLS for the time and effort they put into the H.E.R.O. program. The children especially enjoyed The Annual Spring Olympics sponsored by the Social Justice Forum.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Esther Batten retired from the Kresge Law Library in April, 1992, after twenty years of service; Phyllis Strom will retire from the Kresge Law Library at the end of June, 1992, after fifteen years of service. The entire Law School community extends warm thanks and best wishes to both Esther and Phyllis.

Roger Jacobs took part in a meeting at the Library of Congress on May 11 to discuss programs and opportunities for extending law-library and information services to Eastern Europe. The Register of Copyrights, the Law Librarian of Congress, the Library Director of the USIA, the Program Director from the Congressional Research Services, and interested foundations attempted to assess the extent of ongoing initiatives and how, if the initiatives could not be coordinated, the associations and groups supporting these efforts could be kept informed.

Janis Johnston will attend a seminar at the Bodleian Library, Oxford University, from May 24 to June 6, 1992. The seminar, conducted by leading British librarians, provides an opportunity to examine problems and challenges facing academic and other research libraries. The seminar is limited to twenty participants. While in England she will visit our Albemarle facility.

On May 10, Chevelle Williams, Research Services Assistant, received a Scholastic Achievement Award for distinction in her studies at Indiana University, South Bend.

Lucy Payne appears in the 1992 edition of *Who's Who in American Law*. Lucy was also very liberally quoted by Norman Bauman in his article, "Seven Rules for Using LEXIS and WESTLAW More Effectively," 2 *Law Office Computing* 45 (April/May 1992).

Ken Kinslow was awarded the degree of Master of Library Science by Indiana University on May 9. During the spring semester Ken also participated in two courses offered by the Office of University Computing: "WordPerfect 5.1, Papers and Publishing" and "Accessing Resources on the Internet."

Becky Carlton, Circulation Department, attended a Problem Solving workshop sponsored by the Department of Human Resources. Becky also attended a course, entitled "WordPerfect 5.1 Office Productivity," offered by the Office of University Computing.

Rebecca Brothers, Serials Assistant, has received a \$4000 scholarship from the American Association of Law Libraries to complete her Master's degree in Library Science. Beckie is a part-time student at Indiana University at South Bend, and will continue to work as a full-time staff member in the library.

Members of the Research Department prepared several handouts for students to take to their summer clerkships. Patti Ogden prepared "Administrative Law Research." Lucy Payne prepared "WESTLAW for LEXIS Users," and "LEXIS for WESTLAW Users;" each handout shows comparable commands and features on the competing service. Lucy's "Summer Research Hints" discusses how to maximize research potential. Dwight King prepared his "Dirty Dozen" list of reference books, useful for answering frequently asked questions. He also prepared "Legislative History Research." Copies of all handouts are available at the reference section of the Main Reading Room.

## LEGAL AID NEWS

Three third-year students were awarded the Dean Konop Award for exceptional service to clients and the Clinic: Chris Poland, Liza Bucci, and John Lloyd.



Tom and Mary Malone conducted two trials in Small Claims Court and have already received a favorable verdict in one.

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Eileen and Chris Poland conducted a three-day trial in Elkhart Circuit Court. They await a verdict.

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Eight student interns will staff the Clinic during the Summer.

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Tammi Zimmerman will leave the Clinic at the end of May to become a new Mom. Linda Harrington will join the Clinic the first of June.

### FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Alan Gunn presented a paper, "Legally Unenforceable Promises and the Law of Relational Contract," at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, held at the Yale Law School on May 15-16, 1992.

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Doug Kmiec published "The Coherence of the Natural Law of Property"; "Will the Supreme Court revive the 'Original Understanding' of the Contract Clause?"; "Of Demographic Change and Public School Desegregation"; "Transferring Wealth from Landlord to Tenant: A Tale of Mobile Home Rent Controls and Evictions Limits"; and "Will the Supreme Court Bring Coherence to Takings Law?"

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John Robinson was the legal resource for the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Medical Ethics Conference, held at Notre Dame on March 20 and 21, 1992.

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On May 1, Garth Meintjes addressed a prayer vigil concerning the verdict in the Rodney King Trial and the civil disorder occasioned by that trial.

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Jim Seckinger served as Program Coordinator and a Faculty member for the

NITA/Skadden, Arps, Meagher, and Flom Law Firm Deposition Program in New York on April 23 and 24. Jim also lectured the Program Faculty on Effective Teaching Techniques.

### STAFF NEWS

Patrick A. Hall, son of Marlou Hall, received his J.D. from NDLS May 17. On June 13, Pat will marry Melissa B. Byrne, who also received her J.D. last Sunday. Pat and Missy will settle in Milwaukee.

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Melissa Marie Harrington, daughter of Linda Harrington, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame on May 17. Missy worked for NITA during her four years at the University. Missy now works for Cardinal Homes in Plymouth as a Supervisor of a Group Home for the severely retarded.

### ALUMNI NEWS

Charles A. Haskell, NDLS '29, died on April 5, 1992. Surviving are his wife, Irene, as well as several children. Mrs. Haskell's home address: 3938 East Evans Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80210.

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Donald Stuby, NDLS '88, has joined the Grand Rapids office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

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Judge Anne Williams of the Northern District of Illinois, NDLS '75, was featured both on the cover and in the text of the Spring Issue of *The Docket*, published by the National Institute For Trial Advocacy.

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Bernardo Garcia, NDLS '91, addressed a prayer breakfast of the Cuban American Union of Student Advocates (CAUSA) at Notre Dame on May 1. Bernardo is currently a member of a law firm in Phoenix and a member of the U.S. Senate Task Force on Hispanic Affairs, which advises the Congress on matters of domestic and foreign policy.

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Corenn Wright, NDLS '87, announces the birth of a son, Matthew Derek, on April 20, 1992. (Nine pounds, five ounces!)

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Chris Kramer, NDLS '86, has become a shareholder and member of Van Wyck and Kirkpatrick in Flagstaff, Arizona.

### MISCELLANY

Carolyn Berkowitz, former secretary to Dean Lawless and Dean O'Meara, former member of the NDLS library staff, and wife of Edward Berkowitz, NDLS '74, was killed in a traffic accident in California, May 5, 1992.

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Regis Campfield, former NDLS Professor, has been named the first Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Law Faculty Fellow at Southern Methodist University.

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The newly formed Asian Law Students Association of NDLS has announced its student officers for 1992-93. President: Mark Yoshida; Vice-President: Cathy Viray-Lenczowski; Secretary: Patrick Yu; and Treasurer: Scott Arakaki. Trai Le will serve as Faculty Advisor for the group.

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Third-year NDLS student Dan Glivar's Note, "Failure to Protect Witnesses: Are Prosecutors Liable?", 66 *Notre Dame L. R.* 1111-34 (1991), made the "Worth Reading" list of the *National Law Journal*, April 27, 1992. The same issue of the *Law Review* placed another article, Professor Paul Haskell's "Teaching Moral Analysis in Law School," on that list.

[Please note: This is the last issue of *NDLS Update* for the 1991-92 Academic Year. Publication will resume in August, 1992. Thanks to all for your good work this year. Please have a refreshing (and productive) summer.]

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