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# ***NDLS UPDATE***

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## **NDLS LAW ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET**

The Law School's Advisory Council will visit Notre Dame from Thursday, October 22, through Saturday, October 24. On Friday, the group will meet with Father Malloy and with Bill Sexton, Vice-President for University Relations. The rest of the day will be spent in the Law School, hearing and deliberating various reports on the Law School's progress. Francis M. Gregory, Jr. (NDLS '66), of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan, Washington, D.C., chairs the Council; Robert W. Cox (NDLS '62), chair of the Executive Committee of Baker and McKenzie, Chicago, Illinois, is vice-chair of the Council.

## **SEVENTH CIRCUIT PANEL TO VISIT WITH FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

As announced in the February, 1992 issue of *NDLS Update*, a panel of the Seventh Circuit will sit in the NDLS courtroom on Thursday, October 29. Our colleague Ken Ripple arranged the visit, about which more details are now available.

The panel will hear three cases, at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., respectively. Briefs for each of the cases will be available at the Law Library reserve desk. Faculty and students are invited to attend any one or more of the cases; indeed, Judge Ripple has made clear that students should feel free to enter in mid-argument. (As appropriate, members of the



faculty may wish to assign attendance at one of the arguments in lieu of a class period.)

At 12:30 p.m. the panel will lunch with the Faculty. At 2:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge, the Panel will hold an informal discussion of appellate advocacy, clerkships and government service. This session will provide students the opportunity to ask questions on these or other topics.

### **FEDERAL RULES COMMITTEE TO VISIT NDLS**

The Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States will meet at NDLS on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 and 21. On Tuesday, the Law School will host a luncheon for the Committee at 12:15. The lunch will feature the presentation of a plaque honoring the late NDLS professor Bernard Ward, who, twenty-five years ago, drafted the appellate rules here at Notre Dame. NDLS involvement with the rules has continued; Judge Ripple of our faculty has served as the Reporter for the Appellate Rules Committee, and our colleague Carol Mooney currently serves in that position.

### **DISTRICT COURT JUDGE LAUDS TOM BRODEN**

Allen Sharp, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, South Bend Division, has issued an unusual "Memorandum" in the case of *Smith v. Aiken*. That Memorandum praises NDLS Prof Tom Broden, appointed by the court to represent the death-row plaintiffs involved in *Smith*. Stated Sharp: "The record in this case will clearly disclose that Professor Broden and his associate lawyers have performed their task with high professionalism (and without fee). . . . This court could not let this act of highmindedness go unnoticed. . . . The conduct of Professor Broden and his associates [represents] a classic case of highmindedness, and this court is deeply appreciative of it and could not let it pass without making a formal

note of it. This court . . . takes this formal occasion to thank Professor Broden and to wish him personal and professional happiness in all his future endeavors." Congratulations, Tom, on this well deserved tribute!~

### **CULVER COVE SITE OF FACULTY RETREAT**

The 1992 Fall Faculty Retreat will take place at the Culver Cove Condominium Resort Hotel. Faculty members will assemble at 9:00 a.m. over coffee and doughnuts. The morning meeting will break for lunch at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon session will begin at 2:00 p.m. Faculty spouses are invited to the Mass, at 5:00 p.m., and the dinner immediately following.

This year's Retreat will feature a discussion of "Legal Education and Professional Development--An Educational Continuum" (the so-called "MacCrate Report"). The Report addresses the problems of narrowing the gap between legal education and the profession. A copy of the Report has been distributed to each member of the faculty.

### **INTERNATIONAL-COURT JURIST TO VISIT NDLS**

The Honorable Stephen M. Schwebel of the International Court of Justice will visit Notre Dame from November 15 through November 19. He is tentatively scheduled to address our students concerning international law as a professional career on Monday, November 16; to deliver a lecture to the general University community concerning the work of the International Court of Justice at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17; and to participate in a Colloquium with the Law Faculty on the work methods of the International Court of Justice on Wednesday, November 18. Father Bill Lewers and the Center for Civil and Human Rights are hosting the visit.



## **LAW SCHOOL MASS AND BRUNCH SCHEDULED**

The NDLS Family Mass and Brunch will take place on Sunday, November 8, in the Law School Lounge. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m., with brunch at 10:45 a.m. (depending on the length of the homily!) Hosted each semester by the Faculty spouses, the event welcomes faculty, staff and students (and their families) of all religious persuasions.

## **PROFESSOR BANAKAS TO ADDRESS FACULTY COLLOQUIUM**

At noon, on Friday, October 16, Professor Banakas, of the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, will lead a Faculty Colloquium in the Faculty Lounge. Professor Banakas will speak on, "The Politics of Tort Law in the 1990s: European and American Experiences Compared."

## **NEW CAMPUS-WIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED**

The University is acquiring a new campus-wide telephone system. The entire Law School will receive new instruments. Individual four-digit telephone numbers will remain the same, but the "239" prefix will change to "631." The student-activities "283" prefix will change to "634." On-campus calls will require dialing five digits. To reach another "631" number will require dialing "1" plus the four-digit number. To call a "634" number will require dialing "4" plus the four-digit number. The new system will include "voice mail", which will eliminate the need for answering machines. The changeover to the new system will occur December 28, 1992. Prior to that date, the Law School will prepare phone-number alignments. Of course, we can anticipate the presence of phone-company personnel in the Law School shortly.

## **NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM SET**

The NDLS National Moot Court Team for 1992-93 comprises Joanna Berman, Ed Sullivan, Joe DiRienzo and Mary Rielly. The group, split into two teams, will represent the Law School in the 43rd Annual Moot Court Competition in Chicago, November 12 - 14. In anticipation of that competition, the group will participate in a series of practice arguments over a period of two and one-half weeks. Jack Pratt is the Faculty Advisor, Maria Venturo the Student Director.

## **PERRY DELIVERS PUBLIC LECTURE**

On October 5, Michael Perry, author of *Love and Power: The Role of Religion and Morality in American Politics*, delivered a public lecture, entitled "Does Religious Morality Play an Essential Role in the Argument for Human Rights?", in the NDLS Courtroom. His lecture pursued one of the themes developed in his book.

## **FACULTY NEWS & PUBLICATIONS**

Barbara Fick published "Labor and Employment Law," in the *Indiana Law Review*.

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In mid-July, Alice and Roger Jacobs were presented with their second grandchild -- Kevin Snyder. Residing with his parents Maggie and Tony in Austin, Texas, he seems to be enjoying himself immensely. He will not, however, see his grandparents again until the Spring when the Snyders visit London.

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Judges Jeanne Jourdan and Sandy Brook were featured in an *Indiana Lawyer* article (September 23 - October 6, 1992) focusing on their supplementing their judicial duties with part-time law teaching.

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On September 29, Don Kommers participated in a panel discussion of "Foreign Policy and the Courts: Recent Decisions of the German Bundesverfassungsgericht and the U.S.



Supreme Court." Three Justices of the German Constitutional Court filled out the panel. Chairing the panel was Lloyd Cutler, of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering of Washington, D.C. The dinner-discussion took place at the Embassy Row Hotel in Washington and was sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies.

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Tom Shaffer, Visiting Richard Huber Professor of Law at Boston College Law School this Fall, returned to Notre Dame on Friday, October 2, to meet with representatives of the Keck Foundation. The Foundation has under consideration a grant proposal from the NDLS Legal Aid Clinic.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Douglas Mappin has recently joined the staff as the Collection Updating Assistant. In this capacity Doug is responsible for insuring that the most recent supplementary materials are shelved and filed for immediate patron use. Doug has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from IUSB and worked as a student assistant in its library for five years. He will begin courses next semester for a masters in library science.

### PLACEMENT NEWS

The on-campus interview season has virtually come to an end. There will be a few firms on campus through the rest of October, but the final total will still be lower than that in 1991.

Interviewers give very high marks to the second year class and a lot of good news about call-backs is beginning to be heard. Offers will come in more slowly than in former years, but, according to the Placement Office, most of the really bad news in hiring occurred last year; there is reason for some optimism this year.

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From a letter to Nancy Kommers, Placement Director: "I felt compelled to write

you and let you know how impressed I was with the students I saw. It was a great group of people, and our decisions on call-backs will be very difficult."

### ALUMNI NEWS

James C. Aranda, NDLS '71, a shareholder in Stebelton, Aranda & Snider, a Legal Professional Association, has relocated his offices to One North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio. In February, 1991, before the Ohio Supreme Court, he successfully argued In re Ridenour, an adoption-law case of first impression not only in Ohio, but also in the entire country.

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Karen Mc Cartan DeSantis, NDLS' 86, has been made a partner at Kirkland & Ellis in Washington, D.C.

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All three NDLS grads sitting for the July, 1992, Wisconsin Bar Examination passed.

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