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NDLS Communicator

Week of 11.18.24

Good afternoon! We will not publish a Communicator next Monday. We will resume publication on Dec. 2. We are thankful for our Notre Dame Law School faculty and staff and wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Please read below for the latest news and events.

The Latest News

What Would You Fight For?

Fighting for Religious Liberty



Since 2021, Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative has worked side by side with Apache Stronghold to protect Oak Flat, a sacred land to the Apache Nation threatened by government contractors. Most recently, the Lindsay and Matt Moroun Religious Liberty Clinic has filed amicus briefs ahead of the Supreme Court's decision on the Oak Flat case.

The Law School's work on the case was the feature of NBC's "What would you fight for?" television feature that aired during halftime of the Notre Dame football game this past Saturday. Watch the video above and read the complete story [here](#).

ND Education Law Project files amicus brief in support of families excluded from California program because of their faith



The Notre Dame Education Law Project recently filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in support of families who have been excluded from a California program that allows homeschoolers to work with independent study charter schools to customize their children’s curriculum but prohibits them from including religious content in it. Student fellows—third-year student Will Vickery, along with second-year students Cameron Grinnell and Nate Wertjes—assisted Professor Nicole Stelle Garnett, director of the Education Law Project, in drafting the brief. Read [more](#).

Notre Dame BLSA visits NYC for networking with top law firms and insights on DEI initiatives



On October 22, Notre Dame Law School’s Black Law Students Association (BLSA) traveled to New York City to meet with several law firms, including Jones Day, Reed Smith, and Kelley Drye & Warren. They networked with managers and directors, actively exploring career paths and developing meaningful connections. BLSA members also gained insight into each law firm’s current DEI initiatives, further expanding their understanding of diversity efforts within the legal profession. Read [more](#).

University of San Diego Law Professor Steven Smith delivers the Rice-Hasson Distinguished Lecture

On November 1, University of San Diego Law



Professor, Steven Smith, delivered a compelling lecture as part of the [Rice-Hasson Distinguished Lecture Series](#) to honor the legacy of Professor Charles E. Rice, as well as Kevin J. “Seamus” Hasson and his wife, Mary Rice Hasson. This event brought together students and faculty to engage in a vital discussion about the nature of truth. Read [more](#).

Notre Dame Law students provide critical legal aid through Appalachia Externship



For over a decade, our students have dedicated their fall and spring breaks to immersing themselves in the rich culture of Appalachia while confronting the stark realities of extreme poverty and providing legal services to those in need. Their experience is part of the Appalachia Externship, a partnership with AppalReD Legal Aid, the primary legal services organization serving eastern Kentucky, and private attorney Ned Pillersdorf. Students tackle a diverse array of legal needs, ranging from civil rights cases

to environmental issues tied to rural poverty and coal mining operations. Read about the fall cohort [here](#).

Notre Dame Law School co-hosts Law and Finance Conference, faculty members present research

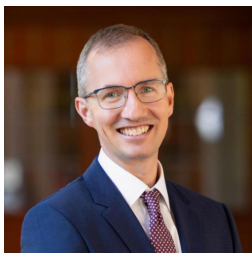


Earlier this month, Notre Dame Law School and the University College London hosted their

third annual Law and Finance Conference in Chicago. Organized by Carsten Gerner-Beuerle and Patrick Corrigan, the conference brought together an international group of law and finance scholars to present and workshop their current research.

Patrick Corrigan, Carsten Gerner-Beuerle, and Maria Maciá presented recent research papers at the conference. Read [more](#).

Faculty News and Briefs



Bruce Huber wrote an article for The Conversation about the challenges of eliminating fossil fuels because of global governmental subsidies. Read it [here](#).



Last week, **Mary Ellen O'Connell** spoke on a panel about "Opening questions in governing AI" at a conference jointly sponsored by the Global Commission on Responsible AI in the military domain and South Africa's Defense AI Research Unit.



Last week, **Diane Desierto** spoke on a panel at the 2024 National Lawyers Convention about U.S. engagement with the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court.



Christine Venter spoke at a roundtable at the University of Michigan Law School about her forthcoming article on Developing a Professional Identity. The article will appear in the Michigan Journal of Gender and the Law.



Nicole Garnett's co-authored article about *Loffman v. California* was featured in Mosaic Magazine. Read [more](#).



This week, **Derek Muller** was featured on the 1A NPR podcast where he spoke about anticipations for President Biden's last few months in office. Listen [here](#). He also published a new article for Election Law Blog. Read it [here](#).

Derek was a panelist for ND Democracy Talks about the results of the 2024 U.S. election. The Observer covered the talk [here](#).



Kari Gallagher moderated a panel, "Effective Revising and Editing," for The Clerkship College, a two-day clerkship preparation program co-sponsored by Wake Forest University School of Law Program for Leadership and Character and the Legal Writing Institute.



On Tuesday, **Rick Garnett** will speak on "Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment" as part of the Hesburgh Lecture Series for the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County (Illinois).



David McIlroy's chapter on "The Reformation and human rights" is forthcoming in *[The legal legacy of the Reformation: Catholic and Protestant approaches to law](#)* (Routledge, 2024).

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, November 18, 2024

Law and Economics Workshop: Sadie Blanchard, ESG Reputational Reckoning Bonds

12:30 p.m. in 2130 Faculty Meeting Room

Book Talk: "Ending Persecution: Charting a Path to Global Religious Freedom" by Knox Thames

12:30 - 1:45 p.m. in 1310 Biolchini Hall

Boxed lunches provided.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Faculty and Staff Birthday Celebration!

9:00 a.m. in 3140 Eck Hall

Coffee and light breakfast provided.

Public Lecture with Judge Eric Murphy, US Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit

12:30 p.m. in 3140 Eck Hall

"The Importance of Levels of Generality in Constitutional Interpretation"

Hosted by the Program of Constitutional Structure

Thursday, Nov. 28-Friday, Nov. 29

Thanksgiving Break

Around the Water Cooler



Jenna Tracy, an adjunct faculty member for the IP Externship, welcomed her firstborn baby, Martin, on November 2.

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

Have a great week!



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