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In Memoriam

Thomas L. Shaffer '61 J.D.



Thomas L. Shaffer, a man who inspired generations of Notre Dame Lawyers as a mentor and legal scholar, [passed away on February 26](#).

Shaffer earned his J.D. from ND Law in 1961 and returned to serve the Law School as a professor, dean, and supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Clinic, now known as the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center.

We will celebrate his life and work on **Monday, April 8**, with a Mass and reception at the Law School. **All are welcome to attend.**

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Alumni Spotlight

Jessica Binzoni



Binzoni '15 J.D. started a nonprofit, Hope+Future, to serve displaced people in northern Iraq. [Read more.](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Chris Stewart



Stewart '09, '15 J.D. broke the mold of a major college athlete, playing his final year of football as a law student. [Read more.](#)

Save the Date

Homecoming is September 28



This year is Notre Dame Law School's sesquicentennial. [We kicked off the celebration](#) with events for students, staff, and faculty during the first week of February.

Please plan to join us for the big celebration during this fall's Homecoming, scheduled for the weekend of **September 28** when the Fighting Irish host Virginia.

Faculty Feature



Women Lead 2019: Nicole Stelle Garnett

In this University of Notre Dame feature, Professor Garnett talks about policy innovation and how the law can help disadvantaged communities thrive. [Read the story.](#)

Student News



Law students transform SB mock trial team

A group of ND Law students led South Bend Clay High School's mock trial team to the Indiana state finals for the first time in the high school's history. [Read the story.](#)

Alumni Notes



Jennifer Hernandez

Jennifer Hernandez '10 J.D. has been promoted to partner at Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP in Coral Gables, Florida. [Read more.](#)



Joe Donnelly

Former Senator Joe Donnelly '77, '81 J.D. is joining Akin Gump as a partner in the firm's public law and policy practice in Washington, D.C. [Read more.](#)



Ginny Mikita

Ginny Mikita '91 J.D. found a new calling in her career by helping children move forward with their lives after they have experienced great suffering. [Read more.](#)



Robert Burns

The Kansas Supreme Court appointed Judge Robert Burns '91 J.D. as chief judge of the 29th Judicial District in the Kansas City area. [Read more.](#)

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