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## NDLS Communicator

### Week of 5.1.23

Good afternoon! Happy May! Please read below for the latest Law School news and events.

## The Latest News

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### Religious Liberty Clinic News



## **ND Law's Religious Liberty Clinic files amicus brief in the Colombian Constitutional Court**

The Religious Liberty Clinic filed an [amicus brief](#) in the Constitutional Court of Colombia earlier this month to defend university students' rights to establish and participate in faith-based organizations.

The case, which involves student members of a faith-based group at the National University of Colombia, highlights the importance of religious freedom issues in higher education and demonstrates that these issues are global. Read more [here](#).

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## **ND Law's Religious Liberty Clinic defends Apache sacred site from mining plan as Ninth Circuit reviews case**

*Apache Stronghold v. United States* was one of the first cases that the Religious Liberty Clinic supported when the clinic was newly established in the 2020-21 academic year. For the past two years, faculty and students from the Religious Liberty Clinic have stood with members of the Apache tribe to protect Oak Flat, a sacred site in Arizona that is threatened by a massive copper mining operation. **Stephanie Barclay** participated in oral argument before the en banc Ninth Circuit on March 21. Read more about the clinic's work on the case

[here](#).

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## **London book launch with Lord David Alton explores need for international response to genocide**



The Religious Liberty Initiative hosted a book launch and discussion in London last month for Lord David Alton's and Ewelina Ochab's recently published book, "State Responses to Crimes of Genocide: What Went Wrong and How to Change It."

The evening included a fireside chat between Lord Alton and Dean Marcus Cole, followed by a panel conversation which focused on broadening the themes of the book from the perspective of three distinguished panelists whose work centers on advocating for human rights. Read more [here](#).

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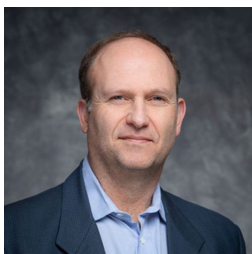
**John Meiser** and Olivia Rogers were on the 2023 ND Day broadcast last week talking about the Religious Liberty Clinic. Watch their video [here](#).

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**Jim Kelly** filled on [amicus brief](#) in the case, *Tyler v. Hennepin County*. The brief was mentioned in the Bloomberg Tax article, "States' Forfeiture Rules Are on the Line in Supreme Court Case" [here](#) and in a Star Tribune article [here](#).

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**Avshalom Tor** has published two new articles.

[The Private Costs of Behavioral Interventions](#), 72 Duke Law Journal 1673 (2023). The article was also just published in the Duke Law Journal [here](#).

[When Should Governments Invest More in Nudging? Revisiting Benartzi et al. \(2017\)](#), 18 Review of Law and Economics 347 (2022) (with Jonathan Klick).

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**Ed Edmonds** wrote "Should sports betting be legal in all states? What are the pros and cons?" for WalletHub. Read the article [here](#).





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**Nicole Garnett** gave a talk, "Parental Choice: The Implementation Imperative" at the University of Arkansas on April 21.



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**Diane Desierto** moderated a session, "International Law as a Tool Against Democratic Backsliding" at this year's American Society of International Law Annual Meeting. The FCIL Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries published a recap of the session [here](#).



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**Alex Yelderman's** article, "[Danger as Deterrent](#)," will be published in the Boston College Law Review.

Alex recently accepted a new job as an assistant professor at Jacksonville University College of Law. Congratulations! See more [here](#).



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**Jodi Clifford** recently left ND Law to take a job as a trademark examining attorney at the Patent & Trademark Office. Jodi served as the director of the Law School's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic for 11 years. Congratulations Jodi on your new position and we will miss you here at ND Law!

***Jodi said: I wish everyone a great rest of the school year and thank***

*them for a wonderful 11 years. I loved my time at Notre Dame and the incredibly kind people that work at the law school.*

## Alumni News



### **JoAnn Chávez '86, '90 J.D. devotes energy to helping Detroit youth**

JoAnn Chávez '86, '90 J.D. was profiled recently in a cover story in Vanguard Law Magazine. Chávez is senior vice president and chief legal officer for DTE, an energy provider and Fortune 250 company based in Detroit. The [article](#) describes how Chávez has devoted her personal energy to helping Detroit kids succeed. Read more [here](#).



### **NDLA Board honors Vietnam veteran John Lancaster '67, '74 J.D. for contributions to disability rights**

John Lancaster '67, '74 J.D., a Vietnam War veteran and pioneering advocate for disability rights, was honored this spring with the Notre Dame Law Association's [Father William Lewers Award](#).

Judge Thomas D. Schroeder '84 J.D., president of the NDLA Board, presented the award to Lancaster at the board's spring meeting on March 24 in recognition of his "distinguished service to the United States, his contributions to people with disabilities worldwide, and his life's reflection of Notre Dame values." Read more [here](#).



U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Joe Donnelly, a member of ND Law's Class of 1981, was interviewed on the 2023 ND Day broadcast. "Notre Dame is really special, not only back home but here in Rome as well, and at the Vatican." Watch his interview [here](#).

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](#).

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## Events

### **Monday, May 1**

Law & Economics workshop: Marcus Cole will present "Jurisdictional Competition in the Market for Chinese Companies," 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law

### **Tuesday, May 2**

Last class day

### **Wednesday, May 3**

Faculty Meeting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law

Dog Days in the Commons

3:30 p.m.

**May 3-4**  
Reading Days

**May 5-13**  
Exams

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## Around the Watercooler

*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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