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Shaffer Fellows. Commencement Class of 2023.

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## NDLS Communicator

Week of 5.15.23

Good afternoon! Congratulations on finishing another great semester! We will confer degrees this weekend on our newest group of Notre Dame Lawyers and celebrate the Class of 2023!

The Latest News



## **ND Law's 2023 Shaffer Fellows to address housing issues, provide expungement relief in Chicago and rural Kentucky**

Thomas Haracz and Jeanna James, both members of Notre Dame Law School's Class of 2023, have been awarded Thomas L. Shaffer Public Interest Fellowships. During their fellowships, Haracz and James will address housing and eviction issues for low-income clients and criminal expungement relief.

Read more [here](#).

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## **Justice Leona Theron of the Constitutional Court of South Africa visits Notre Dame Law School**

Notre Dame Law School hosted Justice Leona Theron of the Constitutional Court of South Africa on April 13-14. Read more [here](#).

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## **ND Law's Religious Liberty Clinic represents Sikh, Jewish, and Muslim groups defending a Muslim inmate's religious rights**

The Religious Liberty Clinic filed an amicus brief last month in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit case Loving v. Morton, representing Sikh, Jewish, and Muslim groups. The brief argues that the Second Circuit should re-examine its precedent to allow for monetary damages for individual-capacity suits under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). Read more [here](#).

## **Student News**



### **3L Erica Patterson named ABA Law Student Representative of the Year**

**Erica Patterson**, a third-year student at Notre Dame Law School, was named Law Student Representative of the Year by the American Bar Association.

Read more [here](#).

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## **Studying abroad – in America: Japanese prosecutor at Notre Dame Law to learn about American law**

Indiana Lawyer published a feature on **Yohsuke Nakamura**, a prosecutor from the Japanese Ministry of Justice who spent the year at ND Law. Since 1975 the Law School has hosted a judge from the Supreme Court of Japan and a

prosecutor from the Ministry of Justice through the Overseas Training Program for Judges. Read more [here](#) (subscription required).

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**Marcus Cole** was one of four keynote speakers who provided remarks at the Fairness for All Summit marking the 10th annual Iowa Religious Freedom Day. Church News covered his remarks in this [article](#).

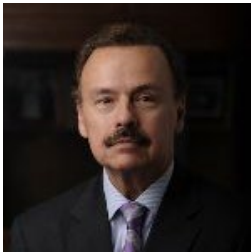
**Marcus** presented at Tel Aviv University last week on "Regulating Digital Money From MPESA to Cryptocurrencies."

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**Jay Tidmarsh** was quoted by Newsweek in the article, "Fact Check: Was Donald Trump found guilty of rape?" Read more [here](#).

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**Jimmy Gurulé** was quoted in the AP News article, "Proud Boys 1/6 verdict boosts Justice Dept. in Trump probe." Read more [here](#).

Jimmy was also quoted by NPR in "Trump wants the death penalty for drug dealers. Here's why that probably won't happen." Read more [here](#).

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**Nicole Garnett** wrote "Tilling the Garden of School Choice" on why education reformers think we're experiencing a revolutionary moment for school choice. Read her piece [here](#).

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**Roger Alford's** Senate testimony was quoted in the





Southeast Texas Record, "Texas Senate hears testimony on bills seeking to expand AG's authority to pursue antitrust litigation." Read more [here](#).

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**Mary Ellen O'Connell** was the guest on the Center for Theological Inquiry's Leading Thinkers Live webinar last week. She spoke on the Art of Peacemaking. Watch the video of the conversation [here](#).

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**Sam Bray** has published, "[The Influence of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition on the Common Law](#)."

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**Rick Garnett** moderated a panel last week at Washington University School of Law on Redeeming Law: How Faith Shapes Legal Thought from Bankruptcy to Patents to Disability.

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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

## **Friday, May 19**

- Law School Awards Day, 1:30 p.m, Dahnke Ballroom

## **Saturday, May 20**

- Law School Prayer Service, 8:45 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Diploma and Hooding Ceremony Commencement, 10:30 a.m., Joyce Center, Purcell Pavilion
- Lunch Reception, Noon, DeBartolo Quad

***Faculty should arrive in full regalia and assemble at the Main Circle at 8:30 am for the Prayer Service procession.***

***Faculty should arrive in full regalia and enter at Gate 6 no later than 10:10 am for the Diploma and Hooding Ceremony procession.***

## **Sunday, May 21**

- University Wide Ceremony, 9:00 am, Notre Dame Stadium

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## **Around the Watercooler**

### **Happy Birthday!**



***Jim Kelly-May 20***

*We would like to celebrate your birthday too! We need your permission first, so please fill out the form [here](#).*

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*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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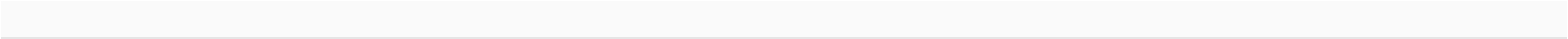
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