

Staff Town Hall, Sept. 19. RLI drafts report on religious liberty in Nepal.

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NDLS Communicator

Week of 9.18.23

Good afternoon! Please read below for the latest law school news and events.

The Latest News



Religious Liberty Clinic students help draft UK Parliamentary report on the state of religious liberty in Nepal

A group of student fellows in the Religious Liberty Clinic worked with the All Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief to draft a report that was submitted to the United Kingdom Parliament. This report aims to assist the Nepalese government in ensuring that religious freedom is fully respected throughout Nepal. The students worked alongside **Mark Hill KC**, as part of a parliamentary delegation exploring the state of religious liberty in Nepal, in partnership with Bellwether International. Read more [here](#).

ND Law names four first-year law students as 2023-24 Murphy Fellows



Breck Giltner, Blake Perry, Jessica Smith, and Dennis Wieboldt, all first-year Notre Dame Law School students, have been named 2023-24 Murphy Fellows. Read more about this year's Murphy fellows [here](#).

Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Clinic represents client in asylum proceedings before the Immigration Court

The Religious Liberty Clinic represented an Iranian convert to Christianity in his asylum proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). The Religious Liberty Clinic represented the client before the Santa Ana, California Immigration Court at a hearing this week. Read more [here](#).

ND LAMB serves as co-sponsor for annual International Behavioral Public Policy Conference

The Notre Dame Program on Law and Market Behavior (LAMB) co-sponsored the Second International Behavioral Public Policy Conference last week at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This annual conference offers an interdisciplinary forum for those working at the increasingly active intersection of behavioral science and public policy.

Avishalom Tor is a member of the IBPPA International Advisory Board and



presented his ongoing research on "Scrutinizing Digital Nudges" during the conference. Read more [here](#).



In this interview for the DEI podcast, Max sits down with three Black men who are law students at Notre Dame to discuss their perspectives and experiences in life and law. This episode is part one of a two-part interview. You can listen [here](#).

Thomas Berg explores how religious liberty can reduce polarization in book talk hosted by ND Law's Religious Liberty Initiative

The Religious Liberty Initiative hosted a book talk by author Thomas Berg who spoke about his book, "Religious Liberty in a Polarized Age," and the importance of religious liberty and how it can reduce polarization. The event

also included a discussion with Berg, **Stephanie Barclay**, **Rick Garnett**, and **Sherif Girgis**. Read more [here](#). Watch a video of the talk [here](#).



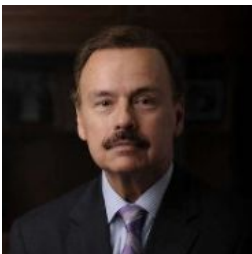
Derek Muller was quoted in the Washington Times article, “Trump says he was ‘given an option’ to pardon himself, but declined.” Read more [here](#).

He was also quoted in the CNN Politics article, “Election officials reject calls to unilaterally block Trump from ballot using 14th Amendment but will defer to courts.” Read more [here](#).

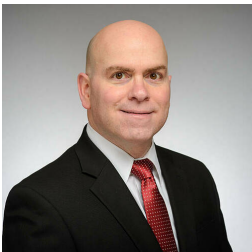


Mary Ellen O'Connell was quoted in Our Sunday Visitor about the Catholic Church's position on cluster munitions in the article, “Holy See urges more nations to sign treaty banning cluster munitions.” Read more [here](#).

Mary Ellen will speak this week on AI-enabled weapons at the conference, "Pacem in Terris: War and other Obstacles to Peace," being held at the Vatican to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Pacem in Terris. See more [here](#).



Jimmy Gurulé discussed the latest in the RICO case against Donald Trump and 18 others in Georgia on the Bloomberg Law podcast, “Procedural Mess in Trump Georgia Trial.” Listen [here](#).



Julian Velasco defends the career path of corporate law for those in the Catholic faith in an essay for the Notre Dame Journal of Law Ethics and Public Policy. Read his paper, "A Catholic Defense of Corporate Law and Practice" [here](#).



Sherif Girgis argues that the Supreme Court Justices' increasing reliance on historical traditions in interpreting the Constitution has surprising practical implications. Read his article, "Living Traditionalism," forthcoming in the New York University Law Review [here](#).



Bruce Huber was a featured panelist during Notre Dame Energy Week. His comments were mentioned in an Observer article about the event [here](#).



Stephanie Barclay was one of the speakers at an interfaith symposium, "The Evolving World of Religion in Modern America," hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Chicago last week. See more [here](#).



Money Geek recently published two articles featuring expert advice from **Judy Fox**. Read the articles [here](#) and [here](#).

Fall Break Trips

Faculty, if you are participating in any fall break trips with other colleagues or students please let us know. Our communications department would like to know about them as we review story possibilities.

You can email ndlsweb@nd.edu with information.

Faculty/Staff Professional Photos

We are in the process of scheduling one more photography session in October for faculty and staff professional photos. The photos will be taken at the Law School.

If you would like a new photo taken for the ND Law website and for your personal use, please email ndlsweb@nd.edu.

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, Sept. 18

A Life of Faith in the Law: Michael Scaperlanda, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, 12:30 p.m., 3140 Eck Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Faith-Based Charter Schools After Carson: Michael Scaperlanda, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law
Fr. Reidy will provide short commentary after the talk.

Descendants of the First Christians: A Conversation about the Maronite Tradition, 12:30 p.m., 3140 Eck Hall of Law

The conversation will be led by Fr. Michael Shami and Fr. John Paul Kimes and will be moderated by Perla Khattar.

SBA Community and Inclusion DE&I Roundtable, 12:30 p.m., 3130 Eck Hall of Law

APALSA and BLSA will be participating in an open conversation about affirmative action, the recent SFFA v. Harvard and SFFA v. UNC decisions, and how this impacts their communities. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.

Staff Town Hall, 1:00 p.m., Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

See more [here](#).

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Faculty Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Faculty Meeting Room

The Future of Democracy with Professor Anthony Michael Kreis who will discuss major election law cases in Georgia, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law

Friday, Sept. 22

Panel Discussion: Religious Liberty and the American Founding, 9 a.m., Oak Room, South Dining Hall

Join Harvey Mansfield (Harvard), Michael Moreland (Villanova), and the Hon. Jeffrey Sutton (US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit) for a conversation on Religious Liberty and the American Founding by Vincent Phillip Muñoz

A Conversation with Justice Elena Kagan and Dean Marcus Cole, 2:30 p.m., DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

The Law School's allotment is full. If you are interested in attending and you did not register via the Law School's Google Form, general admission tickets will be available starting at 1:30 p.m. at DeBartolo. Please remember to bring your ND ID.

ND Law Association Board will be on campus all day

Saturday, Sept. 23

Notre Dame Homecoming Tailgate, 3-6 p.m., DeBart Quad

Thanks to all who registered. If you're on campus on Saturday, feel free to stop by!

Notre Dame vs Ohio State, 7:30 p.m. 

Around the Watercooler



Monthly Birthday Celebrations

We are launching a monthly birthday celebration for everyone whose birthday falls in that month.

Our first birthday celebration is **Wednesday, September 20 from 3 - 4 pm in 1329A Biolchini** (Admissions conference room). These are informal drop-ins for conversation and a snack. No happy birthday singing or blowing out candles required!

If you want to partake in the celebration, but ***not*** be celebrated yourself, you can opt out using this [Google sheet](#).

We will no longer be publishing birthdays in the Communicator. At each monthly celebration there will be a sign acknowledging those who will be celebrating a birthday that month.

ND LAW SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT 18-21

M	Decades Day	
T	Squad Day	
W	Rep Your Cohort Day	
Th	NotreDame Day	



Wednesday (9/20): Rep your Cohort Day

Faculty/Staff Color: Our Lady White

Thursday (9/21): Notre Dame Day

Wear your favorite Game Day attire! Go Irish Beat Buckeyes!



**Help a neighbor.
Sponsor a family
this Christmas.**



St. Vincent dePaul has shared the following about their Christmas program:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Program sign-ups are right around the corner, and we need YOUR help!

We can only sign up families for Christmas if we know we have someone willing to provide gifts and a holiday meal for the family. This means, BEFORE hundreds of families can sign up for our Christmas Program on October 23rd, we need you to commit to sponsoring a family!

Last year, through your generosity, we helped more than 300 families through our Christmas Program. Sign-up to sponsor a family by clicking the button below by October 19th.

[Sponsor a Family](#)

If you have questions about sponsoring a family, please click [here](#).

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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