

Black Church Conference.

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NDLS Communicator

Week of 9.25.23

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

The Latest News

We were honored to have US Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan visit Notre Dame Law School last week. You can watch a video of Justice Kagan and Dean Cole's conversation [here](#).

Leading up to her visit we asked ND Law students one question they'd ask Justice Kagan if they could. See their responses [here](#).

Photos and a story about the event will be in our next issue.

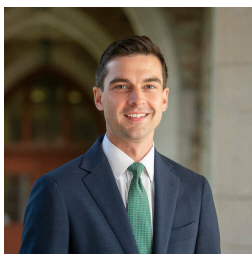
Religious Liberty Clinic Defends Catholic Charter School's Mission to Expand Educational Options for Underserved Children

The Religious Liberty Clinic has helped the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa secure approval to operate a Catholic charter school & represents St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School in a lawsuit, along with attorneys from Dechert LLP. Read more [here](#).



Derek Muller was quoted in the Tampa Free Press article, "Trump's Eligibility For The 2024 Ballot Could Be Headed To The Supreme Court." Read more [here](#).

He was also quoted a Georgia Law News article, "Prosecutors in Georgia pushed back against allegations of anti-Trump bias in heated hearings involving three fake GOP electors," [here](#).



John Meiser wrote an op-ed piece for The Hill where he discusses a version of the Secure The Border Act that unfairly targets religious charitable organizations. Read the full piece [here](#).



Mary Ellen O'Connell spoke last 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.

She is pictured here with ND Law alumnus, U. S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Joe Donnelly.

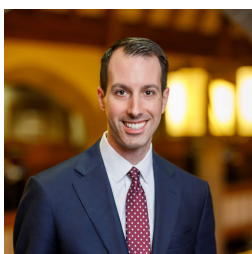


Nicole Garnett was quoted in an Reuters article about a proposed accreditation rule under consideration by the American Bar Association that would require law schools to adopt free speech protections. Read more [here](#).



Diane Desierto reviewed Tom Ginsburg's book, "Democracies and International Law" in the European Journal of International Law. See more [here](#).

She also presented "Entrenching Business and Human Rights in a Multi-Aligned Global Economy: The US, China, Middle Powers, and the Global South" hosted by the [Center for the Study of Contemporary China](#) annual conference at UPenn Law School.



Christian Burset's new book, "An Empire of Laws: Legal Pluralism in British Colonial Policy," will be available on Sept. 26. See more [here](#).

The Law School will host a celebration of his book on Wednesday, October 4th, from 5-7 PM in the Eck

Commons.



Sam Bray has a new book chapter, "Equity Will Not..." considers the "equity will not doctrines," examining the formal structure of these doctrines (i.e., rule-exception) and how they shape access to equity and help to preserve equity's legitimacy. The chapter is forthcoming in *Interstitial Private Law*, which Sam and Paul Miller are editing. Read more [here](#).

He also talks about the chapter in this Volokh Conspiracy post [here](#).



Rick Garnett was quoted in Bloomberg Law in the article, "Gay Teacher's Case Latest to Probe Religion-Sex Bias Boundaries" about how the freedoms that religious institutions have under federal law aren't limited to the Title VII exemption. Read more [here](#).



Sherif Girgis spoke last week at Columbia Law School on Living Traditionalism.



Stephanie Barclay presented her paper, "Government Reasons and Constitutional Rights" at [The Collective: Women in Legal Philosophy conference](#) last week at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

She is also speaking at Michigan Law today on "A Defense of Strict Scrutiny."



A Moot Court team composed of Chris Ostertag, Alicia Armstrong and Zach Damir competed in a Religious Liberty Moot Court competition in Milan, Italy. The team won the competition and Chris Ostertag was named Best Oralist.

The Judges were Judge Richard Sullivan of the Second Circuit, Judge Chad Readler of the Sixth Circuit and Professor Gunn of the International University of Rabat in Morocco.

Faculty/Staff Professional Photos

We have scheduled a photographer for faculty and staff professional photos on **Thursday, Oct. 5**. The photos will be taken under the Law School arch.

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

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.

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. 25

Law & Economics Workshop: Jonathan Tebbes, "Stopped by the Police: The End of 'Stop-and-Frisk' on Neighborhood Crime and High School Dropout Rates," joint with Jeffrey Fagan, Columbia Law School, 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law

An Introduction to Federal Indian Law with Nell Jessup Newton, 12:30 p.m., 3140 Eck Hall of Law

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Faculty Colloquium, Fr. Pat Reidy, 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law

Wednesday, Sept 27

Coffee and conversation with Dean Cole is 8:30-10 a.m. in Eck Commons.

Thursday, Sept. 28

The Black Church and Religious Freedom Conference, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Smith Ballroom, Morris Inn

Central to the goal of advancing critical conversations on this topic is recognizing the profound influence of the Black Church in advocating for religious freedom. In addition, the conference aims to recognize Notre Dame as a place where people of different faiths come together to pursue religious liberty and to establish Notre Dame as a key player in the fight for racial justice.

Find the [full schedule here](#).

Obie Anthony's Story, 12:15 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law

Obie Anthony will talk about the wrongs done to him, his fight for his freedom, and his commitment to supporting other exonerees. Anthony will also be joined by Dave McLane, the civil rights attorney who represented him.

Lunch with professor A.J. Bellia, 12:30 p.m., 2171 Eck Hall of Law

Friday, Sept. 29

The Black Church and Religious Freedom Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Smith Ballroom, Morris Inn

Saturday, Sept. 30

Notre Dame at Duke, 7:30 p.m. 🍀



The Black Church & Religious Freedom Conference

28 & 29 SEPTEMBER, 2023
NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Hosted by
Notre Dame Law
School Religious
Liberty Initiative
in collaboration
with The Seymour
Institute.

The conference will
include a keynote by
Rep. Bobby Rush and
a performance by
Grammy award
winner, CeCe Winans.

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The poster features a dark blue background with yellow and red geometric shapes. It includes portraits of Representative Bobby L. Rush and Jacqueline C. Rivers. The text is in yellow and white, providing details about the conference dates, location, hosts, and featured speakers.

On September 28 and 29, Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative will host the **Black Church & Religious Freedom Conference** at the

University of Notre Dame in partnership with the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies.

Faculty and staff are welcome to attend any of the sessions. See the schedule [here](#).

Around the Watercooler



Happy September Birthdays

The first monthly birthday celebration was a great success. Happy birthday to everyone who celebrates their birthday in September!





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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

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 23, 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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