

EJC receives \$3 million grant. Fall Break.

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NDLS Communicator

Week of 10.09.23

Good afternoon! Please read below for the latest law school news and events. We wish everyone a restful Fall Break. The Communicator will resume on October 23.

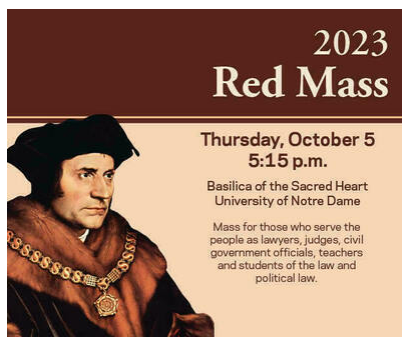
The Latest News

**Exoneration Justice Clinic receives \$3 million
grant to defend Mexican nationals in
U.S. criminal cases**



Notre Dame Law School's Exoneration Justice Clinic has been awarded a \$3 million grant to administer a program for the defense of Mexican nationals in criminal matters in the United States ("PDM"). This grant is the largest ever received by a Notre Dame Law School clinic, and it will greatly enhance the Exoneration Justice Clinic's ability to support clients and provide valuable learning opportunities for students. Read more [here](#).

News about the EJC grant was also covered [here](#).



The History and Tradition of the Red Mass

The annual Red Mass was held last week in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. This tradition dates back to 1245, and was first celebrated at Notre Dame in 1955. Read about its rich history [here](#).



Daniel R. Murray '67 receives Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago

Daniel R. Murray '67, a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council and adjunct faculty member, has been honored with the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago. The award was presented at the reception of the 89th Annual Votive Red Mass of the Holy Spirit, last week. Read more [here](#).



Last week the Indiana Court of Appeals brought its "Appeals on Wheels" program to ND Law's McCartan Courtroom. Students attended an argument for the case *State v. Lucas*, and had the opportunity to ask questions to Judges Robert Altice Jr., Terry Crone, and Elizabeth Tavitas.

WNDU covered the case argument [here](#).



Paolo Carozza was quoted in an AP News article, "Rejected by US courts, Onondaga Nation take centuries-old land rights case to international panel" about land rights. See [more](#).

Rick Garnett authored an op-ed for National Review that discusses the federal Title IX religious exemption, a necessary protection for faith-based universities to uphold their religious identity and mission. See [more](#).



Rick will present the annual Hesburgh Lecture of the Notre Dame Club of Utah next Monday, October 16. He will discuss "Religious Freedom in America Today."



Mary Ellen O'Connell presented virtually "Political Economy of Violence" to a conference at the Freie Universität Berlin, Political Economy and the International Laws of Violence.



Derek Muller was quoted in a Reuters article about his analysis of Education Department data for law schools with the highest debt-to-income ratios. See [more](#).



Jim Farrington spoke at the Texas A&M's Journal of Property Law symposium last week as a member of a panel discussing the book, The Genome Defense. He spoke on how the pharmaceutical industry responded to the gene patents that were the subject of this book and similar intellectual property issues. See [more](#).



Stephanie Barclay has two new article drafts. "Replacing Smith" was accepted for publication in the Yale Law Journal Forum. "A Crust of Bread: Religious Resistance and the Fourteenth Amendment," with Kurt Lash, was accepted for presentation at the upcoming Originalism Works in Progress Conference.



David McIlroy spoke last Friday at the American Chamber of Commerce in Albania about business ethics in practice.



Last week, **Cecilia Lopez Monterrosa**, an adjunct professor, was honored at the Hispanic Heritage Month Community Celebration and Awards Ceremony in South Bend. To commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of South Bend and La Casa de Amistad unveiled a series of billboards throughout the community, honoring local Latino leaders for their significant contributions to South Bend's rich history and culture.

In the above photo, Cecilia is pictured with her husband, Rudy Monterrosa, also an adjunct professor, along with several Notre Dame law students who were in attendance at the ceremony

Student News



Tristan Mullen, was the featured student spotlight for The Appellate Project (TAP): a mentorship program that empowers law students of color to become the next generation of appellate attorneys and judges. See more [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.

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, Oct. 9

- Health Law Regulatory Panel, 12:15 p.m., 3140 Eck Hall of Law
- Law & Economics Workshop, Scott Baker, Wash University in St. Louis School of Law, 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law
- Death Penalty Discussion with Sherif Girgis and Rick Garnett, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law
- Open Conversations: Affirmative Action, Students for Fair Admissions, 12:30 p.m., 3130 Eck Hall of Law

Tuesday, Oct. 10

- What Does it Mean to be a Progressive Prosecutor?, 12:15 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law
 - Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx will speak about criminal justice reform, restorative justice, and equitable legal practices during her tenure as State's Attorney.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

- Faculty meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2130 Eck Hall of Law
- How I Survived Being Framed in an Apartheid-Era Massacre: A Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner Shares His Story, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law
 - Justice Dumisa Ntsebeza, Distinguished Global Jurist in Residence and current justice of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, will present.

Thursday, Oct, 12

- Judges Thapar and McFadden, 12:30 p.m., 1130 Eck Hall of Law
 - Judges Thapar and McFadden will speak to students on the interplay between district and appellate courts and answer questions about their experience.
- Middle Eastern Attorney Virtual Panel, 12:30 p.m., 1310 Biolchini
 - Our panelists will join us via Zoom and candidly share their personal journeys, challenges, and triumphs as legal professionals with roots in the Middle East.

Friday, Oct. 13

- Innovation Rally: Accelerating Autonomy: The Future of Self-Driving Cars, Noon, Idea Center
 - The Law School is a co-sponsor, Dean Cole will give the welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Notre Dame vs. USC, 7:30 p.m. 

Oct. 16-20

Fall Break

Around the Watercooler



Congratulations to Arianne Calingo and Jonathan Bailey for winning the SBA Spirit Week's Squad Day competition!

Save the Date

Law School Community Blood Drive

November 13, 2023

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

More details to come

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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