

Last issue of 2023. Merry Christmas!

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NDLS Communicator

Week of 12.18.23

Good afternoon! Congratulations on completing another successful semester. This is the last Communicator for the year. We will resume publication on January 8. We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, a restful break, and many blessings in the New Year.

The Latest News



Roger Alford testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee last Wednesday on "The New Invisible Hand? The Impact of Algorithms on Competition and Consumer Rights." Watch the hearing [here](#).

His expert testimony in a National Association of Realtors antitrust case earlier this fall was mentioned in a Law.com article "NAR Commission Case: What's Next After the \$1.8B Verdict?" Read more [here](#).



Randy Kozel has published "Is Chevron Binding Law" in the Yale Journal on Regulation. Read more [here](#).

Randy also wrote two guest blog posts for the Duke Center for Firearms Law on "Is the Bruen Test Binding Law." Read post 1 [here](#) and post 2 [here](#).



Carter Snead wrote "The Jurisprudence & Politics of Abortion" for Commonweal in response to Bernard G. Prusak's recent article "The Pro-Life Movement: Less Popular Than Ever?" Read more [here](#).



Derek Muller was on the Bloomberg Law podcast, "SCOTUS Asked to Rule on Trump Immunity Claims," Listen [here](#).

He was quoted in the BPR article, "The Supreme Court is poised to answer the 2024 election's biggest questions" [here](#).

The Houston Chronicle also quoted Derek in their article, "U.S. Supreme Court Allows Galveston County to Keep New Voting Maps" [here](#).

Additionally, he contributed several articles to the Election Law blog [here](#).



Stephanie Barclay's article, "The Historical Origins of Judicial Religious Exemptions," was cited in the Virginia Supreme Court's decision last week in Peter Vlaming v. West Point School Board, et al. Read her work [here](#).



Nicole Garnett released a new [Manhattan Institute report](#) on the persistence of unconstitutional religious discrimination in state programs, including in education. The Wall Street Journal ran Nicole's op-ed, "Slow Progress Toward Free Exercise" about the report summarizing her findings on discrimination in public programs across several areas. Read more [here](#).



Lloyd Mayer was quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle article, "When it comes to disaster relief, 'donate now' is a bad idea." More [here](#).



Bruce Huber recently did an hour-long interview about climate change on the Good Faith podcast. The episode is available [here](#) on Apple Podcasts or [here](#) at the Good Faith website.

Notre Dame Law School event highlights the need to protect the Jewish community amid the rise of antisemitism on U.S. college campuses

On November 30, the Religious Liberty Initiative hosted the event, "The Rising Tide of Antisemitism on American Campuses and Beyond." The event, co-organized by Avishalom Tor and Stephanie Barclay, sought to raise awareness of the need to protect Jewish students and reinforce a culture of respect, dignity, and safety amid the surge in antisemitism across U.S. college campuses. Read more [here](#).



The most recent DEI Podcast with Max Gaston is now available: "The Danger of Racial Colorblindness" with Dr. Evan Apfelbaum. Listen [here](#).

Alumni News



Anna McGinn, a 2022 ND Law graduate and Bank of America Foundation Fellow, was one of the attorneys with Great Northern Innocence Project representing Marvin Haynes, a Minnesota man who was exonerated and released from prison last week after serving nearly 20 years for a crime he did not commit. Marvin's story was

covered by several national media outlets.

Judge Elizabeth Tavitas '90 J.D. has been recognized as 'courageous' judge by National Judicial College. Read more [here](#).



Student News



Dennis Weiboldt has published an article on the history of the Red Mass. Read "Natural Law Appeals as Method of American-Catholic Reconciliation: Catholic Legal Thought and the Red Mass in Boston, 1941–1944" [here](#).

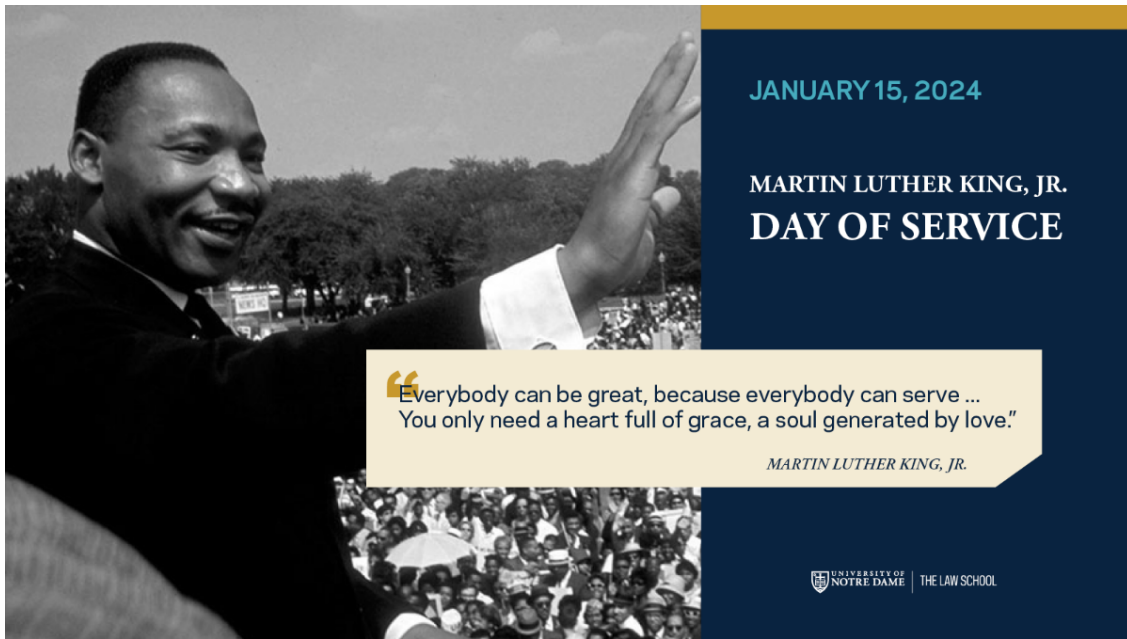
Dear faculty and staff,
We want to share your scholarship and other news and accomplishments with the ND Law community. If you have a new research piece, receive an award, or have anything else to share please let us know. You can email news [here](#).

Events

December 22-January 2

Christmas break

The Law School will close at 2 pm on December 21 and reopen on January 2



REMINDER: We will hold our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 15, 2024. We do this to honor Dr. King’s unwavering fight for racial and social justice, to embody the University of Notre Dame’s Catholic mission, and to embrace our responsibility to serve others.

Those of you who wish to spend part of the day volunteering with other law students, faculty, and staff can sign up for a service project from a list of options [here](#).

At the end of the day, the Law School will host a gathering with food and fellowship for all volunteers.

Around the Watercooler

December Birthday Celebration

We will celebrate our December birthdays on Wednesday, December 20
from 3-4 in the Admissions Conference Room



Christmas Party Pictures

If you missed last week's Communicator, you can see some of the Christmas party photos in that issue. All of the pictures are [here](#) and you are welcome to download them.

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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