

Welcome to the 23-24 academic year.

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NDLS Communicator

Week of 8.21.23

Good morning! Welcome to the first day of classes of the new academic year. Please read below for the latest law school news and events.

The Latest News

Notre Dame Law School welcomes new faculty for 2023-24 academic year

Eight new faculty members are joining Notre Dame Law School for the 2023-24 academic year.

They include: Professor of Law **Derek Muller**, Associate Professor of Law **Michael Francus**, Associate Professor of Law **Rev. Patrick Reidy, C.S.C.**, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Law **Jorge Barrera-Rojas**.

Associate Teaching Professor **Kari Gallagher**, Associate Teaching

Professor **Jacqueline Carney**, and Associate Teaching Professor **Kristina Swanson** are new faculty in the Legal Writing Program.

Michael Greenlee has joined the faculty as associate director of the Kresge Law Library.

Read more [here](#).



Congratulations to **Stefan McDaniel** on being appointed an associate professor of law. He has served as a visiting professor for the past two years, and as the Program on Church, State & Society Rodes Fellow last year.

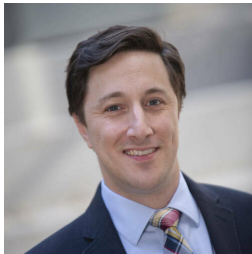
"Notre Dame Law School is simply the best place in the world to be a Catholic legal scholar. Nowhere else can boast Notre Dame's combination of excellence in teaching and scholarship, warm collegiality and unwavering focus on Catholic mission. I immediately felt at home in this community when I arrived two years ago, and I am grateful and delighted to join the regular faculty."



Mary Ellen O'Connell recently met up with our three exchange students from Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. Vitalis, Solomiia, and Adriana studied at ND Law last spring.

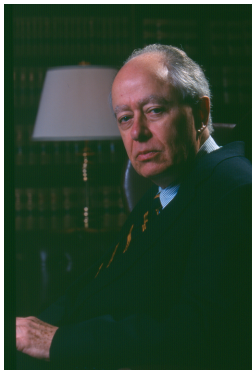


Jimmy Gurulé was on Bloomberg Law podcast, “Trump and 18 Allies Charged in Georgia RICO Indictment.” Listen [here](#).

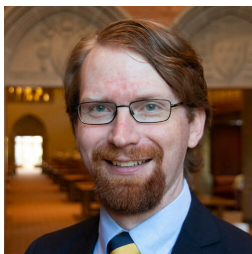


Derek Muller was quoted by Bloomberg in “DeSantis Crushes Trump in Cash from Lawyers Seeking Alternative.” Read more [here](#).

He was quoted in a Los Angeles Times article, "This issue could knock Trump off ballots nationwide. Get ready for it to dominate primary season." Read more [here](#).



G. Robert Blakey was quoted by the Daily Beast in the article, "Rudy's RICO Origin Story Is as Fake as His Hair Color." Read more [here](#).



Please join the Kresge Law Library in congratulating outgoing Research and Rare Books Librarian **Steven Mitchell** on his new position as Research Services Fellow at Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library!



Notre Dame Law School hosted a conference on English legal history recently in London. The conference was organized by **Christian Burset** and **David Waddilove**, and Cambridge Law Professor **David Ibbetson**, who teaches in the London Law Programme.

Student News

Welcome Class of 2026

Last week we officially welcomed 180 new members of the Class of 2026 to Notre Dame Law School.

Some of the highlights of their orientation programming included a welcome address from Dean Marcus Cole followed by a reception, sessions to learn about student life and resources for academic success, a business dinner sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association and Ropes and Gray, and service projects throughout the community.



Allison Morcus and **Sarah Barritt**, students in the National Immigrant Justice Center externship, helped their client win asylum at the Chicago Immigration Court.

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, August 21
Classes begin

Tuesday, August 22

Law School Kickoff Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Smith Ballroom, Morris Inn

Opening of the Academic Year Mass, 5:15 p.m., Purcell Pavilion, Joyce Center
Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., will serve as presider and homilist. All are welcome.

Wednesday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 26

Notre Dame vs. Navy in Dublin, 2:30 p.m. EST 🍀

Upcoming



Tuesday, September 5

[President's Faculty Address: A Roundtable on the Strategic Framework](#), 4:00 p.m.,
Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo
Performing Arts Center

To mark the launch of the University's
new Strategic Framework, University

President, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., has organized a conversation between Provost John McGreevy and two external higher education leaders about Notre Dame's future, the unique place Notre Dame occupies in the landscape of global higher education, and the University's opportunities and challenges in the current moment. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.

Around the Watercooler



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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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TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

Nelson Mandela

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