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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Dear Notre Dame Law School Class of 2008,

Welcome as a potential student to Notre Dame Law School! We are thrilled to be among the first to receive you into our family. We know that this is an exciting time for you and that, if you are anything like we were just a couple of years ago, you probably have plenty of questions about law school and Notre Dame. That's why we've prepared the *Guide*. We hope it will answer many of your questions and that it will provide a window into Notre Dame Law School. We also hope that once you look through that window, you'll be as eager to join us as we are to have you!

This is called an *Insider's Guide* because it has been written entirely by students. Over the past semester, we've updated and revised old sections, compiled and created new sections, and edited and re-edited the whole in hopes of making your transition to law school at Notre Dame easier. (As you will soon learn, however, the Notre Dame community is made up of more than just students and it is only fair to mention that a number of faculty and staff members have recommended a "great little restaurant" or the like, to us for inclusion in the *Guide*.) This isn't a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know to get through law school, but it is a great place to start. Whether you're trying to figure out where to live next year, what is the best way to get to and around South Bend, where to find a good Italian restaurant, or what law students do on the weekend, the *Guide* will be a terrific resource.

Although many of us never expected to, we have come to treasure our experiences here at NDLS. The professors, the students, and the staff of this law school are unique—their warmth, friendship, and true support have made studying law at Notre Dame fun and, undoubtedly, has provided us with a better hope that our enthusiasm, and that of other students, will be apparent throughout the *Guide*. We have appreciated reflecting on our experiences here and enjoyed putting the *Guide* together for you. And, although we know that you have already been inundated with information from the law school and the university, we hope that this look at NDLS from the perspective of your soon-to-be colleagues will be valuable as you prepare for classes in August.

Once again, welcome! We hope to see you in August!

Best wishes,

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Stories from the Inside

A Different Kind of Lawyer – A Catholic Law School – A Community

A Different Kind of Lawyer

It's Not Just Hype

Okay, you've seen the admissions material; you've heard the catch-phrase that Notre Dame trains a different kind of lawyer. It sounds terrific that we are different, but what does it mean? We tried to write something that explained it, but what we wrote ended up sounding too formal and too much like it was written by someone in the public relations department. So instead, we asked students for examples and thoughts as to what being a different kind of lawyer means. Here's a sampling of what we heard:

> The case of *PepsiCo v. Leonard* is becoming a favorite among law students. Indeed, most of us had heard of it before we even got here – it's the one about the guy who collected 7,000,000 Pepsi Stuff points and demanded the Harrier Jet portrayed in the commercials. And so when we got to it in Contracts class, we all assumed that Professor Mr. Bellia would just point it out as an amusing illustration of the doctrine of offer and acceptance and move on – but his first question was whether the jury should have awarded Leonard the plane regardless of the strictures of the law. He led a discussion on the importance of discovering when observing the letter of the law doesn't necessarily produce a just result – and that justice is often best served by the jury's expression on conscience. I suspect that there are few other schools where a discussion of whether a Pepsi commercial constitutes an offer for the purposes of contract leads to a discussion of deeply rooted values of justice and right – but at Notre Dame, it's a daily exercise.
>
> Kate Leahy, Class of 2006

> The summer before I started law school, I was scared. I had watched the movies, read the books, and heard the stories. I was expecting to be miserable for three years, never taking my nose from a book and constantly competing with my classmates. However, I was pleasantly surprised by my first year at Notre Dame. The students, in my class and the 2Ls and 3Ls, were nice and helpful—sharing outlines, forwarding notes when I missed class, and discussing readings when I was confused. Furthermore, the professors encouraged us, even as 1Ls, to get involved in other activities and not allow law school to take over our lives. They even gave us "pep talks" before our exams. I enjoyed my first year of law school, much to my surprise and delight!
>
> Anna Jencopale, Class of 2006

The natural reaction to an organization's promises, especially when the promises are sent to prospective students, and sound as good as the ones in *Insider's Guide*, is a healthy dose of skepticism. At least, that was my reaction when I read the 2004 edition. I remembered past friends who had gone to law school and found law school life far different from what the law school and its students promised about law school life.

As usual, Notre Dame is different. You could call my 1L year a vindication of the 2004 *Insider's Guide*. From Notre Dame's sense of community to football excitement, from life in South Bend to life outside of the law school, what you read really is what you will experience. Notre Dame really is that good.

A few days into the semester, Professor Tidmarsh called on me in Civil Procedure class. I was nervous, but I soon found that he was not asking me questions to trip me up. He wanted to know if I thought justice was done in the case. He also made me more curious about the law we discussed, and that same day he happily spent half an hour with me in his office discussing legal and ethical issues surrounding that day's discussion.

The professors may have different methods, but their underlying spirit is much the same as Professor Tidmarsh's. If you find yourself in Professor Rick Garnnett's Criminal Law class, first go thank the Registrar. Then watch *Minority Report* and all the episodes of "Law and Order" you can, because they will come up in class. And when you show up in class, be sure to bring your moral compass, because it is every bit as important as your casebook.

David Mathues, Class of 2007

The Notre Dame Law School faculty exemplifies Catholic self-gift. Father John Coughlin finds time to offer daily mass in the law school and spiritually mentor students, even as he remains one of the world's leading canon law scholars. Professor Gerard Bradley pours countless hours into the ND trial advocacy program and offers to speak at numerous pro-life and pro-family academic forums, even as he fathers eight children and remains a leading academic in constitutional and natural law. Professor Charles Rice has spent thirty years helping Notre Dame students succeed professionally, athletically (coaching the boxing program as a charity fund-raiser), and spiritually, even as he raises his own ten children, and authors several books on the natural law. What I have learned from these great men is how to marshal my intellectual, physical, and spiritual abilities to serve God and mankind in my generation. They have taught me how to completely give of myself.

Ryan Dwyer, Class of 2005

A Catholic Law School

Calling and Identity

"We believe in God here," Professor Richard Garnett said, to begin his first year criminal law class. "You are free to disagree. But at Notre Dame, belief in God means that the law is about more than a paycheck. It means the law is about justice. And we believe justice is a reflection of the mind and heart of God."

At Notre Dame, we affirm that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Students of all faiths, races, and political beliefs attend this school. They are all welcome, loved, and accepted in a community that many students have characterized as closer than they would have expected, and closer than any other law school with which they are familiar. You do not have to be Catholic to attend Notre Dame or to enjoy this school.

When you get here, however, you will notice that who we are, as a Catholic law school, is neither vague, nor ethereal; who we are is a transcendental sign to the world. In an age of moral relativity, we champion God's natural law. In an American academia that is largely godless, we acknowledge our dependence on our Heavenly Father. In a society that values individualism and secularism, we define the human person in relation to others. In a culture that celebrates diversity for its own sake, we rejoice not in our differences, but in the unity that we forge by focusing our shared identity as children of God.

"We know who we are. Thus, we know what we are called to do."

Our natural law identity is represented by the Natural Law Institute, housed here at Notre Dame. It is also reflected in the courses on St. Thomas Aquinas; Morality and the Law; and End of Life Issues.

Our humble dependence is embodied in our professors, many of whom begin class with a prayer and lead student prayer groups and faith discussion groups outside of the classroom.

Our relational nature is apparent in our vibrant community, which is seen at Sunday mass in the law school, clothing and food drives for the poor, and meaningful student/professor relationships. It is seen in a faculty that goes out of its way to help students learn and find meaningful employment (and is ranked fifth nationally in student satisfaction).

Our focus on unity is evident in our shared mission of justice. A banner hanging in the library reads: "If you want peace, work for justice." Our Legal Aid Clinic testifies to this mission, as does our Public Defender Program, and the number of Notre Dame law students who enter public service or social justice related professions.

St. Thomas More is quoted as saying, "Each day you hold your self like water in your hands. If you spread your fingers just a bit, the water spills out; you lose your very self." At Notre Dame, we firmly hold our relational, our universal, our Catholic identity as a sign to the world of the duty of justice of all to all. We know who we are. Thus, we know what we are called to do.

CATHOLIC IN MANY WAYS

Come to Notre Dame Law School and you will not miss the fact that this is a Catholic law school—and we believe a premier and Catholic law school. There's a marble bust of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of attorneys, outside the library. There are crucifixes in most rooms in the building. Some professors pray "In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" before each class. But these are just trappings—the real nature of Notre Dame Law School's identity as a Catholic law school comes from its devotion to integrating diverse approaches to the life of faith with the life in the law.

To make this clearer, you have to realize that the word "Catholic" has several meanings. To most people, it refers to things having to do with the Roman Catholic Church – the Mass, the Pope, the Rosary, etc. Notre Dame is Catholic in that sense – we have regular masses, there are two priest-professors (Father Pearson and Father Coughlin), and we have a class in canon law. Catholic also refers to the universal church – what the Bible refers to as Christ's body. Notre Dame is catholic in that sense as well – there are Christians of many different denominations at the law school. Groups such as the Christian Legal Society provide opportunity for fellowship. The beliefs of Protestant and Orthodox Christians are as welcome in class discussions as the beliefs of Roman Catholic Christians. Catholic also means broad in sympathies, tastes and interests.[1] Again, Notre Dame is catholic – viewpoints from all points of the political spectrum are welcomed and probed, believers of all faiths are encouraged to contribute to the dialogue about the law, students of all races find a home in the law school community, and the international LLM program means we always have a number of foreign attorneys in our midst. In short, Notre Dame Law School embraces the diverse views of the nation and world in which we live with the special emphasis on the historic Roman Catholic faith.

> One of the reasons that I chose to come to Notre Dame was the Catholic character it boasted. I think discussing the law at a Catholic school enables a fuller discussion of the relationship between right and wrong than students may receive at other law schools. The Catholic character of this school facilitates discussion between Catholics and Protestants, Christians and non-Christians alike in a way that friends at other universities have not experienced. It also helps strengthen relationships in this community between the student body and the faculty and staff and makes the practice of the law a true vocation in every sense of the word. I feel I've received a complete education—academically, professionally, and spiritually—by coming to Notre Dame.
>
> Courtney Eschbach, Class of 2005

[1] MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY 181 (10th ed. 2000).

I came to Notre Dame Law School, in large part because it is a Catholic School. I am not Catholic myself, but I wanted to go to a school that placed a premium on ethics and morals – in short – a law school where students could openly discuss the *whys* behind our ethical obligations. From working between undergrad and law school, I knew that almost any job forces you to make decisions between doing the right thing, and making compromises to get the job done. I know that Notre Dame is providing each of us with a solid foundation on which to make the tough ethical decisions that I know we'll encounter as attorneys.

It sounds obvious to some, but do know that you're coming to an unapologetically *Catholic* law school. This is a different atmosphere than my friends at state schools experience. I've never felt that discussion on religious issues, or any issue, has been stifled. In fact, one of the things I value about Notre Dame is that students will debate any subject and you'll find all sides represented if you just take the time to listen to your classmates.

Michelle Tyler, Class of 2005

Because I was someone who was familiar with and had been studying and exploring the Catholic faith for several years, Notre Dame Law School was not just about getting a legal education but also about growing in my faith as well. I expected to have to search to find opportunities to learn about the Catholic faith. I had talked to friends that had gone to other Catholic schools who told me that it really made no difference. I was totally surprised to find out that, at Notre Dame Law School, faith *is* taken seriously. This doesn't mean that you have to be Catholic or subscribe to the teachings of the Church, but *if* you want to better understand the history and teachings of the Church and to grow with Christ you have no excuse not to. In the law school alone there are daily Masses, morning prayers and a lunchtime Rosary several times a week. Groups like the St. Thomas More Society, Campus Ministry and Jus Vitae are constantly bring speakers to campus. And I was pleasantly surprised by the resources that my fellow students brought as well, both those who are Catholic and those who are not.

My journey to the faith ended during Easter of my 1L year when I was baptized, confirmed and welcomed into the Church, with two of my classmates as sponsors and another as my godfather, while Fr. Coughlin (a priest and a professor at NDLS) co-presided. It was a very special day, and the beginning of my life within the Church. For me, Notre Dame is not just a place where I learn about the law, but where I learn about the world that God has given us to live in, and where I learn about myself and my own faith.

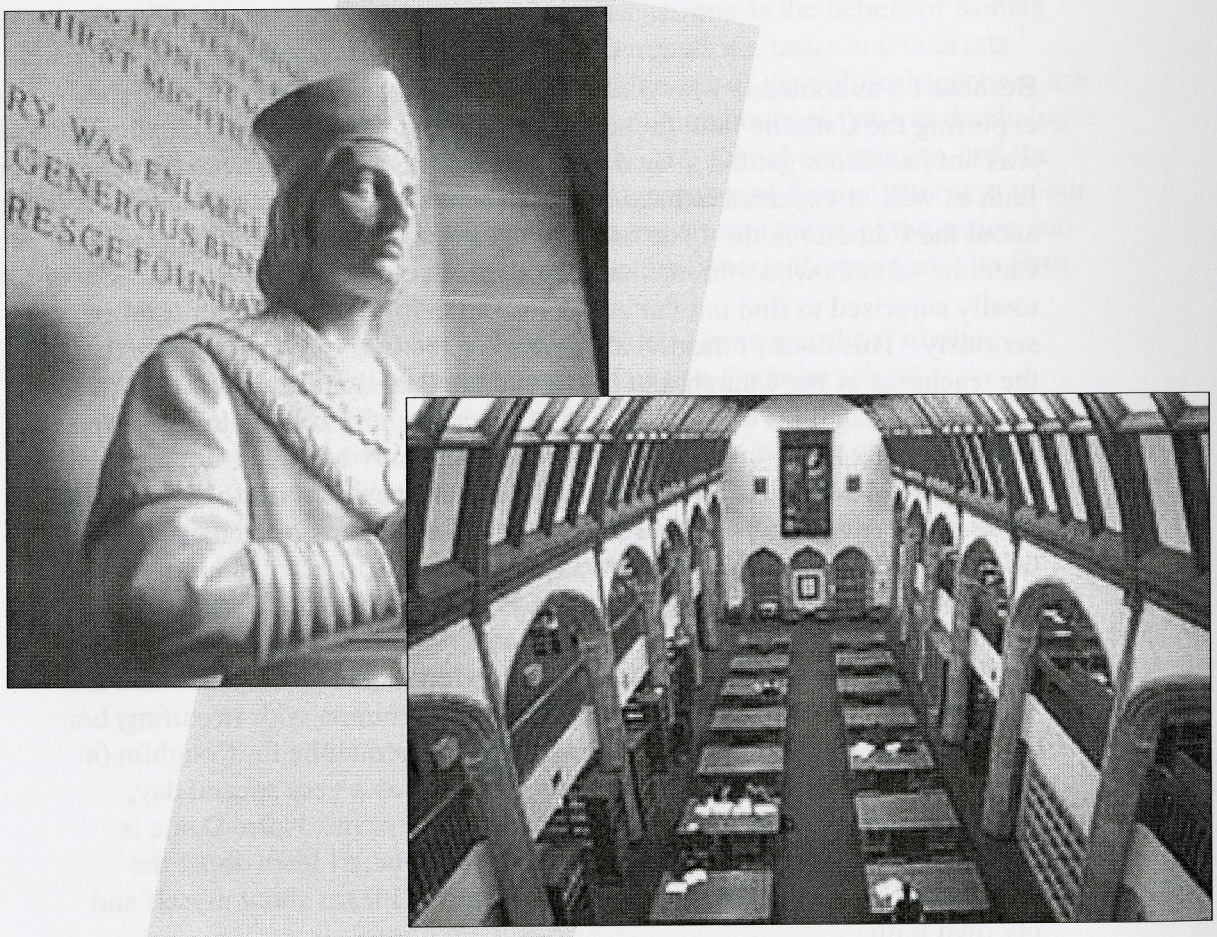
Courtney Tawresey, Class of 2006

One of the best aspects of Notre Dame Law School is its Catholic character. The integration of discussions of values, a prayerful learning environment, and academic excellence provided at Notre Dame was the solid foundation I was seeking in a legal education. I believe that Notre Dame alumni are more well-rounded, complete people, and become superior lawyers as a result of its Catholic character. The integration of Christian and Catholic values adds something valuable to the legal acumen that you can't get at most law schools.

Brian Noonan, Class of 2005

Although I thought attending Notre Dame and being a member of the Latter Day Saints Church might have posed some difficulties, I found Notre Dame to be a great community where individuals of any faith background can feel welcome and appreciated for their beliefs.

Ryan Dahl, Class of 2004



Bust of St. Thomas More outside the library, the Main Reading Room of the Library

A Community

OK, You'll Hear A Lot About This

You will spend a lot of time in the law school building, there's no way around it. Three years at Notre Dame Law School are both difficult and enjoyable. Let's face it, law school anywhere is hard work, but going to law school at any of the first tier law schools in the country will be incredibly demanding. You have to read thousands of pages of legal material each semester, write at the highest standards, be prepared for picayune questions from professors, and study hard for endless weeks to prepare for exams that determine your entire grade—and that's just the first semester. In spite of everything else you read in this guide, realize that everyone at Notre Dame works hard. The long hours and work aside, spending three years at Notre Dame is enjoyable. It's enjoyable because the people who come here care more about people than grades; more about community than competition. Grades are still important, and some competition still exists, but the most distinctive feature of Notre Dame Law School is the genuine concern that the people here, from the Dean to Vicky who works at the Irish Café, show for each other.

> I learned I had been accepted to Notre Dame Law School on the day after my father's funeral. In the weeks and months that followed his unexpected death, there were a lot of questions that I had to answer, including whether I would go to Notre Dame for law school as well as whether I would even go to law school at all. The admissions office worked with me and gave me the extra time I needed to make those decisions and when I did visit Notre Dame, I fell in love with the school. And I committed myself, then, to becoming "a different kind of lawyer" and part of the "Notre Dame community." What I didn't realize at the time was that the Notre Dame community had also made a commitment to me as well, a commitment to support and encourage, to challenge and to strengthen me. I have experienced several instances of being welcomed and challenged and supported by the members of the law school (faculty, staff and students alike), yet one stands out and exemplifies this community. On the morning after the six-month anniversary of my father's death, I had a hard time concentrating in class and wound up "missing" the lecture, despite being in the classroom. When I talked to the professor, Rick Garnett, after class and explained why I had been distracted, his first response was to me as a person in pain, not as a student. His parting comment to me that morning – "Take care of yourself, Sarah" – was also directed toward me as a person and not a nameless face in the third row. A few days later in our next class, Professor Garnett called on me to discuss the case of the day. The result, intended or not, was a renewed sense of connection with the law and the law school community.
>
> Sarah Fuhrman, Class of 2005

Notre Dame law students become part of a genuine community, notable for its fellowship. I know; I've lived it. The first day of May finals during my first year, my daughter seized for an hour. The doctors diagnosed her with a brain tumor. We, and they, thought she might die. The law school cancelled my finals before I'd even contacted them, enlisted the entire community in prayer efforts, and started engulfing us with love and support that hasn't yet stopped. Notre Dame made meals, raised all the necessary funds (without being asked), and remodeled our apartment to accommodate our daughter's illness. Notre Dame perfectly fits the needs and aspirations of people like my wife and I, who while not Catholic, look for a school devoted to intellect, but an intellect embedded in love and a devotion to the highest human virtues.

Adam Greenwood, Class of 2004

Notre Dame Law School really has the "family" approach that all their marketing brochures advertise – from the football games to the teachers' comic relief and the never ending battle between which 1L section is better. It has a special something when you're studying yet still laughing and smiling. Law school is tough, but it isn't as bad when you're enjoying yourself.

Joyce Sioson, Class of 2005

My experience so far at Notre Dame Law School has been highlighted by the staff's willingness to help, the accessibility of the faculty, and the cohesiveness of the students. I will illustrate each unique aspect of this law school with a personal anecdote.

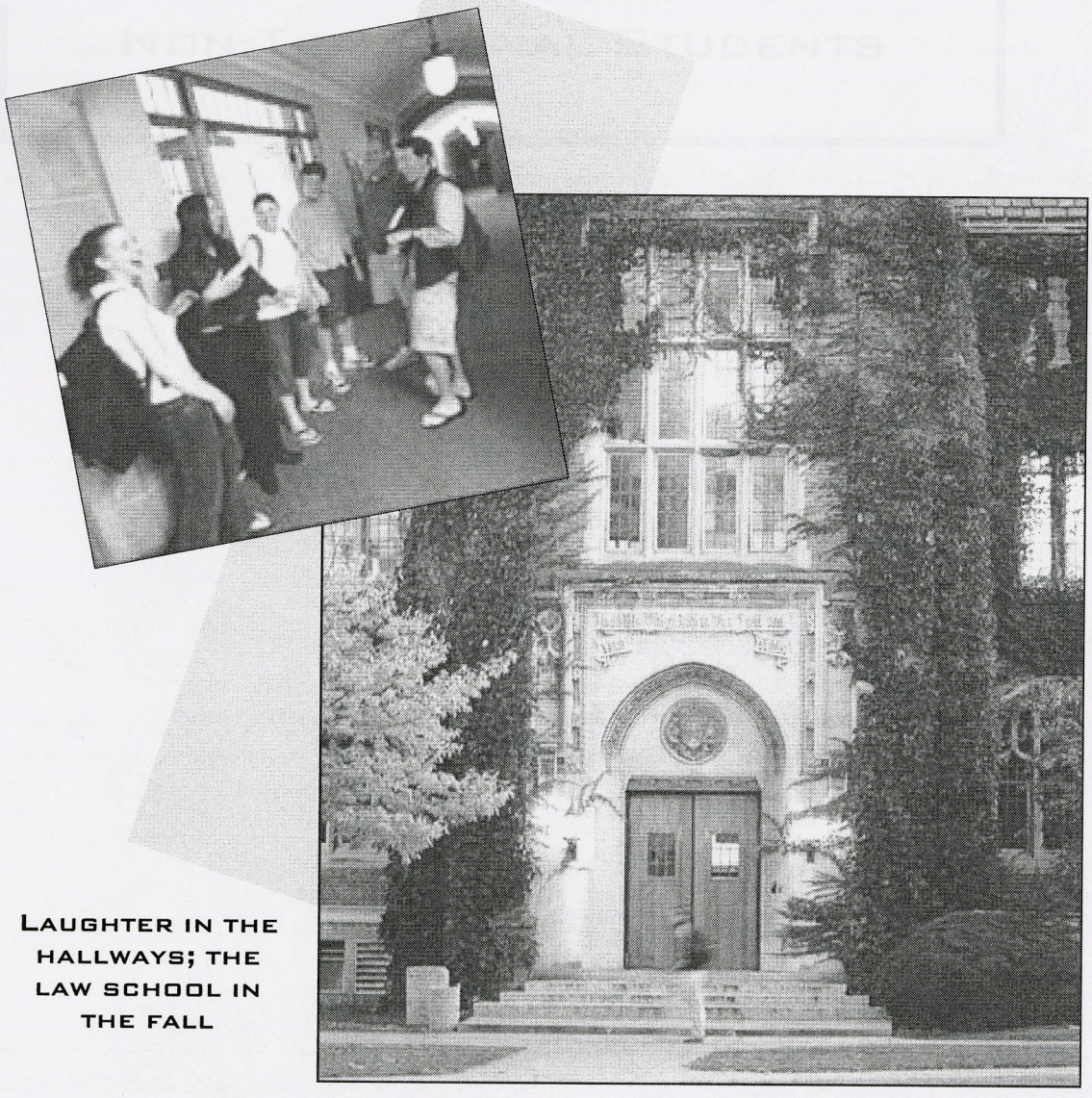
The first week of the second semester, Ms. Hamilton, the law school registrar, was in the process of manually entering in all of our grades into the IrishLink computer system. On top of this students were lining up outside her office to get their grades. I stopped in unannounced to ask her for help regarding a transcript request and immediately Ms. Hamilton put everything else aside so that she could fax my request right over to the administration building!

At the start of my second semester, I made an appointment with Professor Tidmarsh, my Torts professor, to discuss my final exam from the previous semester. He graciously opened his office to me right after he had finished teaching at 3 p.m. on a Friday. We talked for about an hour. He gave me helpful critiques of my exam, compliments on sections that I had done well in, and talked to me candidly about both my professional goals and his personal journey to being a professor. I was thoroughly touched by his humility, his sincerity, and his commitment to helping students.

Finally, an event last semester brought together the law school in a way that I have never witnessed before in any collegiate setting. One of

my close friends found out two months into the first semester that she would have to undergo emergency open-heart surgery. It was totally unexpected and shocking news for the entire law school community. The response from my peers was both heart-warming and inspirational. Prayer meetings were held before and on the day of her surgery. One of my classmates hosted a party to celebrate her birthday, which happened to be two days before her operation. A mutual friend of ours purchased a tape-recorder and volunteered to record all of the classes she was going to miss. The whole class donated money toward the expenses of this purchase and toward a large "Get Well Soon" card, which we all signed. I think this tremendous show of support was one of the reasons she was able to recover from her surgery so quickly. I feel blessed to be surrounded by such a caring community of people.

John Haung, Class of 2007



LAUGHTER IN THE HALLWAYS; THE LAW SCHOOL IN THE FALL

1L, 2L, 3L

The Big Day – Orientation – Study & Time Management Tips – The 2L and 3L Years – Non-Traditional Students

The Big Day: 1L Day One

Or, What in the World Have I Gotten Myself Into

For some, the first day of classes in law school is no big deal; for others it can be a terrifying experience. Many may have read *One L* or watched the *Paper Chase*, but it is safe to say that while the books might represent Harvard in the 1960s, they do not even come close to representing the Notre Dame experience. No professor even resembles Kingsfield, but they do expect you to have prepared well for class each day. Some will use the Socratic method a lot (calling on a random student to discuss the cases assigned for that class period); others will not use it quite as much.

Your first major introduction to the Law School community will be orientation, which is a fun-filled, two-day whirlwind during which you will be shown everything there is to be shown about the school. You will also meet your new classmates. Worry not, there will be no corny icebreaker games. You won't believe how friendly everyone will be or how quickly you begin to feel at home. Do remember to get your ID Card (in the basement of the South Dining Hall) before the Orientation festivities – you won't have much time during Orientation to go, and you'll need it to get into the building on the weekend.

As for the first day of classes, the best way to prepare for classes is to do the assigned readings, and be ready to answer questions about the material. To that end, be sure to stop by the announcement boards on the north side of the lounge, which you will be shown during orientation. There you will find that most, if not all, of your teachers have placed assignments to have prepared for the first day of school. Yes, you have homework before you've even officially started. Welcome to law school. Please, please, please – don't think you can blow off the reading just because it's the first day. The professors do call on students on the first day and, while they won't expect you to be perfect, they will expect you to have read the material. Once again, welcome to law school. You'll quickly learn to love it.

Quick note: you may find that briefing the cases is also helpful, which basically means writing a quick summary of the facts, what legal issue(s) are presented, how the court resolved the issue, and the reasoning that it used. At least one of your teachers will explain this process to you within the first couple of days. Briefing the cases as you read also makes outlining easier at the end of the semester.

On the first day, be sure to bring your textbooks, laptop and/or notepad, a pen or pencil, and money or your ID card to purchase food and beverages. If you do have a laptop, note that the building is wired for wireless internet, so bring a wireless card with you for the down time between classes. Beware of surfing the net in class, however; not only is it disrespectful but at least one professor is sure to catch you off guard. You are not required to use a laptop in class, although about 85% of students use computers to take notes. The rest prefer to do so by hand. It's a matter of personal preference. Some professors make diagrams or use tables, both of which can be tough to duplicate with a

laptop. In other classes, the professor may move through the material quickly so a laptop can help prevent those nasty hand cramps.

Also worth noting is the opportunity to take exams on a computer, using a program called Securexam (which was introduced in the '04-05 school year). The Law School administration expects to provide this option for more students in the future.

You'll also want to bring a combination or key lock for the lockers, graciously provided for us by the administration, as the books get heavy quickly! If for some reason there is already a lock on your assigned locker, see the registrar of the law school.

As far as dress for the first day of classes, wear whatever you feel comfortable in. If there's one thing Notre Dame students are not, it's uniform. You will be required to wear a suit the first day of Orientation, but after that, it's (almost) anything goes. The last thing you want to worry about is your clothes being uncomfortable on your first day of law school.

Finally, don't stress out about the first day. Professors will be understanding, helpful and kind – just make sure you've done the readings. The 2Ls and 3Ls, as well as the law school staff, will be around and eager to help you with any questions or problems that you have. Enjoy the first day of many, and welcome to Notre Dame Law School!

Before Classes Start & Orientation

Like Kindergarten—You Get To Stand In Line

Getting everything in order before class starts is pretty simple at ND. The law school will send you a continuous stream of correspondence making sure you know when and where you can get everything you'll need: parking permits, books, supplies, etc. The law school will also let you know the schedule for registration, and there is a great orientation program to make sure enrollment goes smoothly and you're ready for that exciting first day of class.

Meal Plans

There are some things of which you should be particularly aware. The university itself will send you particulars regarding each of these, but keep them in mind and don't forget to take care of them. First, whether you lucked out and got into Fischer or O'Hara Grace grad apartments on campus, or you're living in the "rustic opulence" that is Turtle Creek, it's nice to have someone else take care of your dining needs at least occasionally. Notre Dame Food Services has a variety of meal plans for all students, on and off campus, ranging from a few meals per week to a full 21 meal-per-week plan, and varying amounts of Flex Points (usable at a number of campus favorites including Burger King, Subway, Sbarro, Recker's, etc.). If nothing else, it's handy to have a few meals so you can hit one of the two dining halls with friends for lunch every now and then. The convenience of having your choice of meals at a buffet instead of fending for yourself at home is especially nice when you need to eat and your contracts assignment looms due in an hour.

> The dining hall at Notre Dame is unlike any other dining hall I've ever eaten in before. The selection is unbelievable and a lot of food is made to order. When you can sample breakfast food, dinner entrees, Asian cuisine, pasta, pizza, a full salad bar, and Mexican fare all in the same meal, who's going to complain? There really is something for everyone. Be careful not to create the "first year fifteen" though!
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> Shannon Morales, Class of 2007

Health Insurance

Health insurance is required to enroll in classes. During the summer, you will receive insurance information. If you have insurance already, send proof of insurance to Health Services. If you forget, the university will bill you for the standard student insurance. If you forget to mail the insurance information in during the summer, take proof of insurance to health services (just north of the Main Building) before classes start or during the first week. Also, after classes have started, check to make sure you haven't been charged for the University health insurance if you already had your own. Student Accounts has been known to make this mistake but will correct it without much fuss.

Campus Parking

Campus parking is a must for those living off campus, though some living in houses near campus may find a brisk jaunt to the law school better than the trek from the C1 lot where most law students park. A parking decal is easy to obtain, affordable, and useful, especially since fines for parking in the all-too-inviting bookstore lot near the law school can add up fast. For the 2004-2005 academic year, the parking decal cost $95. The easiest way to get your parking decal is to sign up online – just remember your license plate number and registration. You'll be able to pick up your permit within a few days of signing up. We recommend taking care of this ASAP, but don't worry – the University police are really lenient the first week. Just stay out of the bookstore lot and the circle by Law School!

Student IDs & Computer IDs

We recommend getting your student ID prior to Orientation. This will save time, since the freshmen class of about 2,000 will be arriving and settling in. You should receive information about where to do this (usually South Dining Hall) over the summer. It might also prove useful to get your computer set up for ResNet, the university's computer network. Everyone is issued an "AFS ID" which will be your key to technology while at Notre Dame. Go to the Office of Information Technology building located between the football stadium and Hesburgh Library (aka "Touchdown Jesus") to get the required information and software for dial-up access from an off-campus apartment. Once again, the sooner you get this done the better, as they tend to be swamped during the first couple weeks of classes. The law school has its own computer staff, so you may want to check with them first. Believe me, you will get to know Dan Manier and Tim Gritten very well. More information about technology is on the Class of 2008 website and this will be updated in late spring or early summer.

Orientation

You'll receive information from the law school about the mandatory Orientation weekend. Besides introducing you to the school and getting all of the formalities of enrollment taken care of (which can now almost be done completely on the web), Orientation will be the first time that you officially meet your classmates and some of the older 2Ls and 3Ls as well. Take advantage of getting to know the unique and interesting people you'll be sharing your next three years with BEFORE you are swamped with reading assignments and studying. By the way, Orientation weekend will also be the time that you can find the class assignments for the first day of law school. Check the assignment board, located in the basement by the lounge, on Sunday to see how much you have to read for Monday morning. Don't worry, it's never that bad.

The second day of Orientation (the non-dress up day) will be long and draining. Be prepared to be overwhelmed by people, books, materials, forms, etc. Dress comfortably; in particular, wear good shoes, because a campus tour should be on the schedule. Also, bring some sort of money (cash, checks, credit cards) to pay for fees and your books. Remember, too, to bring your car's license plate number to get a parking sticker.

Remember a lock for your locker (you can also pick one up at the bookstore) and a big sturdy backpack with which to haul all of the books you will be buying from the bookstore back home to your apartment. It's tempting to buy your books early, but we recommend waiting. First, you won't get your final schedule until Orientation. And, more importantly, during the Orientation "field trip" to the bookstore, 2Ls and 3Ls will be on hand to make sure you buy the exact books you need for your classes and make recommendations as to study aids.

Another great inside tip (that not too many students know about on the first day but learn to *love*) … at Notre Dame, you can "charge" purchases at the bookstore to your student account. What this means is that as long as you have your student ID card, you can go to the bookstore and pay for your books with it. The purchase will automatically show up on your student account. Also, your student account does not accrue interest like credit cards, so you can actually put your books on your student account and pay them off throughout the course of the semester. However, be aware that the Office of Student Accounts knows of this strategy and will not allow you to simply keep a running balance straight through to graduation. If you abuse the privilege of "charging" to your student account at the bookstore, they will cut off your card, so be careful. It is always a good idea to bring a credit card along during Orientation anyway, just in case.

> The Orientation Weekend is a valuable experience, and it is a good idea to attend all of the sessions. In addition to receiving an introduction to the law school, you will also have the opportunity to meet and socialize with your new classmates. Also, remember to bring some sort of business attire with you to school. You may need this for one of the orientation sessions or for other events during the course of the year.
>
> Elizabeth Gray, Class of 2005

> Orientation doesn't stop on the Saturday before school starts. Expect random announcements/emails about just one more orientation event that requires your attendance. It's all valuable information … but they forget to tell you that you belong body and soul to Orientation until the end of September. There aren't that many, but don't begrudge the hour that some well-meaning university official requests. It's all to help you excel at Notre Dame.
>
> Brady Fritz, Class of 2005

Pretty much everything else you'll need to take care of occurs as part of Orientation. Just be sure to get your books early so that you can complete the reading assignments due on the first day. Orientation will include a law school tour (when you're assigned lockers and mailboxes and get to see the library where you'll spend a fair amount of time), your schedule of classes, your ID for accessing the campus network, and other basic orientation activities, including the trip to the bookstore to get the required texts for classes. Orientation also includes optional group service projects, such

as volunteering for the afternoon at a Goodwill Store or making care baskets at a woman's shelter.

A FINAL CHECKLIST OF THINGS YOU SHOULD GET/TAKE CARE OF BEFORE CLASSES START

____ Student ID

____ Health insurance

____ Parking

_____ ResNet/Dial-up access

_____ Books & a bag (during Orientation)

_____ Meal plan

Study & Time Management Tips

Or the Anti-"Paper Chase"...

You'll quickly find that everyone in law school handles the academic side of school a little differently... but there are some common things that help everyone. Here's a sampling of what those who have been through it have discovered:

Read Thousands of Pages and Still Be Home by Six

I think I was the only person in the country who was frightened by "Legally Blonde." The fiercely competitive classmates, hostile study groups, and unforgiving professors that tortured Reese Witherspoon's character made ME wonder what I was about to encounter at law school. As I left the movie theater, those images merged with other warnings about the lost hours of sleep and the thousands of pages of reading into a big tangle of worry, fear, and concerns about whether or not I needed to rethink my wardrobe for law school.

Luckily, all of these fears except one vanished rapidly. The pages of reading did reach into the thousands by the end of the first semester, but I was amazed then, and continue to be amazed, by the students, faculty, and administrators I encountered here. I'm sure you will find yourself impressed, as I often was, by classmates' eloquence, intelligence, and readiness to help. The faculty and administrative staff reflect these attributes – please consider them allies and resources.

The workload is impressive, but I have took a "business approach" to the challenge. I arrived at school by 9:00 a.m. and left by 5:00 or 6:00 p.m., depending on what assignments were due. I am old-fashioned in that I outlined the readings by hand, and then created outlines on a computer for all of my classes at the end of the semester as a review.

The hours between classes provided enough time to read homework assignments, eat lunch with my friends, and take occasional walks around the lakes when the weather cooperated. If I was focused enough during the day, my evenings were free to exercise, cook dinner, keep in touch with my family, and go out with my friends. This schedule left my Saturdays free for football in the fall (very important!) and I continued the "Saturdays Off" tradition into the spring semester. My Sunday afternoons were often spent in the library preparing for Monday and working on long-term assignments. The Law School Mass in the student lounge at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays usually finished up the day with a chance to reflect on the past week, anticipate the week ahead, and reflect on how grateful I was to have the opportunity to attend school at Notre Dame.

Susan Brichler, Class of 2004

Procrastination—It Can Work In Law School Too

Despite a number of claims to the contrary, a day in the life of a typical law student doesn't have to consist of working constantly, pausing only to sneak in an occasional meal or doze off for a few hours before the 8:00 a.m. Property class for which you, naturally, didn't have time to fully read. That's not to say law school is a walk in the park, by any means. I hope this little narrative shows that you can have at least a little fun while at NDLS, as long as you remember there is still work to be done, and realize that you can still do well in your coursework without giving up all semblances of a life.

Weekdays are fairly standard for most first year law students … wake up around 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. (except for those blessed days when class starts a bit later, giving you more precious hours of sleep), pack up for the day and go to the law school. I had every intention of remaining there until sometime late in the afternoon, or possibly early evening – this is a very realistic scenario. It's always good to grab a quick breakfast (those cereal bars are great on the run), and I liked to get to the building with time to spare before class for relaxing, socializing, or just trying to wake up.

To be honest, it didn't really matter to me which classes were up for the day. Some were obviously more enjoyable (some much more so) than others, but in the end, they all count for roughly the same. I made sure to get the reading done in advance and hope that, should I be called on to answer, the professor wouldn't ask me about the one point in the assignment I didn't understand or skipped over – this is always a distinct possibility (Murphy's Law is very appropriate for law students). Basically, I tried to get what I could out of the lecture/Socratic questioning, take plenty of notes, and plan on studying it later (it's amazing that "later" seems to mean, for every class, the week before the final).

Aside from class, there's still plenty of work to be done for the day…this is why I would plan to be at the law school for many hours in a given day. Between classes is a great time to sneak in a reading or two – unless you're like me, in which case it's a great time to sit down with buddies and do a crossword or play around on the internet for a while (procrastination is essential, if you ask me). Lunch at the venerable (and nearby) South Dining Hall with friends also was a welcome break from the day's labor, and it's fun to sit around and relax for a while, eating whatever "gourmet" selection is up in the rotation and chatting about various things. At some point, however, usually after my last class, I would sit down and get to work. This meant several hours of reading, perhaps note taking, and otherwise preparing myself for class. Not much to say about this part of the day, but it has to be done. My philosophy was to treat it like a job: go to school, go to class, get the work done, and try to keep my evening free (this does not always work, but it's a decent enough plan). And very occasionally, I would indulge my urge to be somewhat athletic and play some basketball or lift weights for a while after the work is done.

Evenings are actually good times, assuming you've used your time wisely and gotten everything done. Like I said, I try to do this, but there were many occasions when I stayed in my room, trying to balance watching TV with reading my Contracts assignment.

What to do depends largely on the night of the week. Mondays and Tuesdays are rather plain – perhaps an occasional meal out, a movie, or, if I'm in a strangely responsible mood, I might even work ahead a bit (this is extremely rare and I basically kicked this habit after the first week). Wednesday, it all changed. There's truly nothing like a good evening spent at Legends, where you can hang out with friends, throw some darts, play some pool or shuffleboard, and generally just forget any aspect of law school for a few hours (except, perhaps, to complain about how you still have to wake up and go to class at 9:00 a.m.).

But that's not all. Thursday might be a night at places like the 'Backer or just something non-law related once again. Never underestimate the value and fun of all-you-can bowl at Strikes and Spares; the law school even has an extremely popular bowling league in the spring semester. And, if that's not enough (after all, rolling a fourteen pound ball into a set of pins for several hours isn't everyone's thing), you might take a late night trip to Michiana's own "dance club," Heartland, where a mix of undergrads, some law students, and a host of townies get their proverbial "groove on" till the wee hours of the morning. At the very least, the curiosity factor should merit a trip.

The weekend is, well, the weekend. Friday and Saturday nights see some law students descend upon the local beverage establishments like locusts, free for a few hours from the law school's clutches. Saturdays in the fall are days in which absolutely no work can, or should, be done (for anyone wondering why, please refer to the section about Notre Dame football), and basketball games are a nice diversion during the winter months, whatever day they happen to fall on. Sunday is not so much a day of rest as it is a day of getting all the work done for Monday that you planned to do on Friday and Saturday but just never got around to it. And the cycle begins anew.

Basically, I just wanted to give you a glimpse into some of my typical days at NDLS. I firmly believed in not stressing myself out about work, thus I tried to find alternative activities for normal days and attempted to restrict my work to the daylight hours while at the law school. Obviously, this changed at times (especially finals), but this method kept me sane, despite the admittedly heavy workload. My ways may not be for everyone, but I hope this provides an idea that you don't have to go full tilt and work 24-7 while

you're here, though I suppose one is always free to do so…you'll just be missing out on the fun!

Chad McTighe, Class of 2004

Trust Yourself

The best advice older students passed onto me was to trust yourself. Remember that you got into Notre Dame for a reason – you wouldn't be here if you weren't smart and capable of learning. Law school involves a lot of work, of course, but some of the biggest difficulties stem from the fact that it's a new way of learning, with a new lexicon and ways of thinking. But that doesn't mean that you can't rely on ways of studying that you have cultivated in the past. The most important aspect of studying in law school is to do what makes you feel comfortable that you are following along with the professor in class. Some students never make a single mark in their books, others highlight in "technicolor," still others type detailed briefs of the cases and notes from the readings. But no matter what way you choose, if you feel like you're comprehending the reading and understanding class discussion, then ignore what you see others doing and stick with what works for you.

Erin Gallagher, Class of 2005

Unveiling the Mysterious Outline Process

Outlining is absolutely necessary for law school success. With that said, it's important for you to understand that outlining techniques vary greatly between students. I start outlining for each class 48 hours before the final. I have friends that spend every Saturday of the semester outlining. Both techniques have landed students on law review. But if you're tempted to try the 48-hour approach, keep two things in mind. First, only experienced procrastinators need apply. This approach requires that you study up to 16 hours a day for two weeks straight – many can't handle that pressure and those who can still curse themselves for getting into such a bind. Second, both approaches ultimately take similar amounts of time. The workload is just distributed differently.

My personal study strategy goes something like this: Read for class every day. Read every page that's assigned, even the notes. (I'll venture to say that a large portion of students would disagree with that last point, but I personally think it's important.) Take notes over what you have read. (Note: Some people take their notes in the margin rather than in a separate notebook. This can work, but if you use this method and choose not to outline as you go, keep in mind that you'll have to flip through 2000 pages to review at the end of the semester.) Go to every single class. Take notes over what is said. If the professor's version of the law and the book's version don't seem to connect, talk to the professor about it. Make sure that you understand the material as you go. Whenever your class is moving on to a new subject (e.g. from conspiracy to complicity), make sure you understand the old subject. At the end of the semester, this process generally results in 80-120 pages of typed notes for each class.

The key to outlining is to review all of your notes and then condense them. The ultimate goal is a summary of the semester that is less than 25 pages long for a closed book exam. It will usually take several intermediate drafts to boil 120 pages into 25. It is this process of review and "boiling down" that prepares you for the final. It ensures that you see everything once, and the important information a dozen times. Remember that for a closed book exam, the sole purpose of outlining is to review and to memorize. The final product doesn't need to be pretty. If you have an open book exam, your outline can be more detailed but should be indexed and tabbed for fast reference.

The major difference between outlining techniques is when (not whether) you choose to review and condense and whether you refer to routine note-taking as outlining. Set the schedule that fits your personality and your tolerance for stress. The methodology that I have described may sound grueling and it is true that many don't follow it (including my 2L self). But I assure you that if you work steadily there is time to do all of the following and to enjoy life. Last year I never missed a football game, bowling match, or opportunity to visit the Backer.

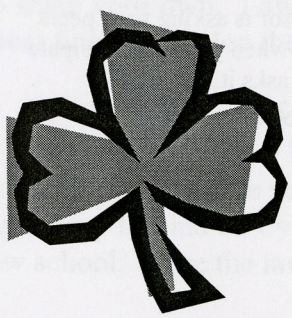
Diane Hellwig, Class of 2005

Surviving and Thriving in Law School

Some people found the book *Law School Confidential* by Robert Miller helpful as they began their tenure at Notre Dame. Just remember that any "how to" law school book you buy is written generally, and the situation at Notre Dame might be different. Accordingly, here are some reflections by students specifically about the NDLS experience.

Early on in the fall semester, Professor Garnett distributed a 'survival' tip sheet for his incoming 1Ls. The tip that left the greatest impression on me was his advisement to us to 'take care of each other.' That's what the Notre Dame Law School community is all about. This school recognizes cooperation over competition, respect over righteousness, and ethics over easy answers. Many law schools will preach justice and truth; Notre Dame calls for us to live each day in search of these things. How privileged we are to study law in this environment.

Jaclyn Villano, Class of 2005



Adjusting to the demands of life in law school can be overwhelming, but NDLS and the friends you'll make here help to maintain a perspective, and always provide you with that needed chuckle. The atmosphere is definitely not one of competition, but rather one of support and encouragement. We're all in the same boat – we can take pride in one another's accomplishments and help pull each other up from heavy demands of the work load. You'll be surrounded by inspiring and intelligent peers and professors who continually amaze and encourage you to work hard, but be sure above all else to enjoy everything that the NDLS community has to offer.

Kathleen Eich, Class of 2005

The greatest piece of advice I heard prior to law school was 'know your priorities.' Simple, but it made a huge difference to me. Bringing your life into balance with the things that matter most while acclimating to law school might be the thing that keeps you the most sane. Law school isn't that bad – people wouldn't actually go if it were the living nightmare that everyone suggests. Just know how to resolve law school with the pillars in your life.

Brady Fritz, Class of 2005

In undergrad, almost all those who are intelligent enough to be admitted to Notre Dame could avoid studying during the semester, pull a few all-nighters before finals, and still get good grades. I think the most important thing for incoming law students to realize is that those days are over! Law school is a super-intensive endeavor, with literally thousands of pages to read and digest over the course of the semester. Those students who stay up on their reading, adequately preparing for their classes each day, find it all very doable, and generally do well grade-wise. Those who procrastinate in their reading, putting it off until the week before finals, find themselves overwhelmed. So, my advice to incoming students with regard to studying is: Be self-disciplined. Do your reading when it is assigned! You can still go to football games, hang out with friends, and generally be a well-rounded person. But, you must determine to be a law student FIRST!

Joe La Rue, Class of 2006

I think it is easier to come in with the expectation that the first year is going to be very demanding and that you will probably have to work harder than you ever did in college. That being said, it is also important to make some time for yourself along the way. Work hard, and stay focused, but keep perspective and know that everything is going to be just fine in the end.

Ana Perez-Arrieta, Class of 2005

"Get into a routine!"

Angela Petrucci
Class of 2005

The most important thing for a 1L to remember is not to get caught up in what everyone else is doing. Find what works for you – when to study, where to study, what your outlines look like, etc. – and don't worry that your classmates are doing something different. The test is not how many hours someone sees you pouring over your casebook in the library. Instead, test your mastery of the subject by investigating the numerous questions in the "notes" sections of the casebook, taking practice exams, discussing your questions with a study group, and trying to answer the questions that the professor is asking your peers during class. You'll know you're doing well when you can anticipate what the professor is going to ask before she asks it.

John Bradley, Class of 2005

Don't forget there is life outside of law school. Take time for yourself. Schedule time when you absolutely won't study – whether that's every Saturday (a good idea during the fall) or a couple evenings a week. Don't let work overwhelm you. Those breaks help you remember the other stuff in life that makes you happy – and keeps you sane.

Michelle Tyler, Class of 2005

Do practice exams even if you do them the day before the final. Especially if one is not used to writing three hour exams, this can really help in getting the correct organization for writing an exam.

Jeremy Moseley, Class of 2005

Please recognize the importance of these three years of your life. I don't mean the pressure of making the grade and finding the job. I'm referring to the fact that for most of you this will be your last chance to be a student. Your last chance to spend the day in old jeans and T-shirts. Your last chance to stay out all night and sleep in the next morning. In short, your last stop before the working world. Realize that it is possible, if you are (key word) disciplined, to have a full and complete life and still make stellar grades. Prepare for class. Don't wait until the last minute to start outlining. Make serious efforts to understand the material as you go along. Come up with a schedule that works for you and stick with it. Law school has been infinitely more fun than I ever could have hoped it would be. Make sure you experience the whole of it while you're here.

Kristen Bailey, Class of 2005

Three pieces of advice

I have three pieces of advice for future 1Ls:

(1) Time management is of the utmost importance. Constantly ask yourself 'how can I use this present moment most efficiently?' You certainly need time to read, to think about what you've read, to outline, to formulate questions for the professors, but you also need time to do the other things in your life… like reading a book for pleasure or going to the football games.

(2) Your classmates are your most valuable resource. Talk to them about the law; debate with them. Ask them hard questions; ask them for study tips but also be prepared to share your own. Lawyers need to be able to talk well with people, and law school is a great time to develop these skills even more than you already have.

(3) Learn to love the study of law. It is not just a professional degree; law school touches every aspect of life, and since you have to study so much, make sure you enjoy it. Some of the cases are actually interesting, and as you learn more, you often find yourself becoming fascinated by things that would have bored you to death in your days before law school. Love the law, and be prepared to eat, drink and breathe it.

Anson Rhodes, Class of 2005

Work Hard,

But Don't Forget...

When I was admitted to Notre Dame a few years ago, I was eager to get all the information I could about law school. So, once I gave my deposit check to Margaret and bought my Notre Dame Law School t-shirt (the latter being the *real* sign of commitment), I eagerly read every page of my copy of The Guide. This anecdote remains one of my favorites.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL

Contrary to the horror stories most people tell about the first year of law school, the reality is that life as a 1L at Notre Dame is, overall, a relatively enjoyable experience. The typical description of the first year experience normally concentrates on just two things: studying an obscene amount, and existing in an ultra-competitive environment. It is my experience, however, that this generalization could not be any more inaccurate in attempting to describe first year life here at Notre Dame. Now, I am not going to claim that you won't study a lot during your first year; you will, and that is going to be the case wherever you attend law school. All I am trying to say is that if you do decide to go through with it, Notre Dame provides a relaxed, even fun, environment in which to do it.

The social aspect that Notre Dame provides first year students was the biggest and most pleasant surprise that I encountered in my first year. Maybe it was a product of reading *One L* about a week before I arrived on campus, but I envisioned law school as an all-encompassing endeavor, one that would barely allow me enough time to eat, much less go out with classmates. I was amazed to discover that it was not just empty rhetoric when our professors harped upon the importance of "life outside law school." From football games in the "House that Rockne Built," to a variety of law-school sponsored social events throughout the year, the social life that exists here at Notre Dame is a welcome, and much deserved, break from the rigors of Torts and Criminal Law.

As far as classes go, I know that there is nothing I could say that can completely put your mind at ease, but here goes anyway: Don't stress about them. If you do the work, you will be fine. The bottom line is that you would not be a future Notre Dame law student if you were not capable of handling the academic requirements. Notre Dame does not rank its students, so any stories that you hear of hidden books and conniving classmates that may exist at other places do not occur here, so don't even waste any time worrying about that aspect. This place is as laid back as it comes, and that is a major part of what makes it so special, at least in my opinion.

"The bottom line is that you would not be a future Notre Dame law student if you were not capable of handling the academic requirements."

Relax about the decision you have made to go to law school and enjoy the summer. Take some time to have fun in your last remaining months, before you are introduced to such spicy topics as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and you get to experience first-hand the joys of writing an appellate brief. Don't let yourself become overwhelmed by anyone else's first-year nightmares, these stories are much like tales of the South Bend winters: they are designed to frighten and instill fear, when in all actuality it is not all that bad. Stay away from *One L* and *The Paper Chase*; they are severely dated and dramatized for entertainment purposes, and serve no purpose other than raising your heart rate.

If you still are not convinced that you can handle law school after my account of things, then there is only one other thing that will certainly make next year seem a little brighter: there's always hope for ND football!

Jeff Troxclair, Class of 2004

The 2L and 3L Years

The Rest of the Story...

In addition to a lot of lawyer jokes, chances are you'll have heard this bit of conventional wisdom by the time you make it to law school: *The first year, they scare you to death. The second year, they work you to death. The third year, they bore you to death.* I admit there is some truth to this: the first year *is* scary and the second year *is* busy. The third year is something else again, but I'm not sure it's boring.

One of the difficulties in describing life beyond the 1L year is that there is no one experience or class schedule common to all. We all have to take the required upper-level classes (Fed Tax, Jurisprudence, Business Associations, and Ethics) and get our 90 hours to graduate, but the way we go about it varies greatly. As a 2L, you can go to London for a year, a summer or not at all. You can be involved in journals or law review, or try out for one of the legal competition teams including moot court, barristers and client counseling. You can sign up for the legal aid clinic or the public defender externship and deal with real clients. You can concentrate on getting your required courses out of the way as a 2L and save hands-on classes like trial advocacy, deposition skills and moot court for later. Or do just the opposite. You'll probably be involved in one or more of the law school clubs, and you may be an assistant rector in one of the dorms on campus. One of the few things you are almost guaranteed to do as a 2L is participate in on-campus interviews in the fall semester – which accounts for a lot of "busy" and a lot of "stress" for the typical student.

By the time your third year rolls around, you'll probably feel like an old hand at the whole law school thing. You'll know the *Eldridge* factors, the definition of hearsay, and what "the punctilio of an honor most sensitive" is. Things will make more sense, you will see connections, you will be able to anticipate your professor's next words. But the bar review course, the bar application and the bar exam will loom ahead of you. Chances are you spent your 2L summer working somewhere in the legal profession and getting a taste of the lawyering life. You'll get the Job Offer. You'll plan Your Move. You'll take the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). You'll be eager, or terrified, or both, when you think about graduating and becoming A Part Of The Profession.

You'll also have to vote for 3L awards, attend or host the 100 Days parties, order your tickets for graduation, write your last paper, acquire your academic garb, take your last exam, house your relatives when they come for graduation, and, finally, try to figure out how to say thank you to the people who've made the last three years so special.

Like I said, boring may not be the right word to describe third year…

Assistant Rectors

Back to undergrad?

Each undergraduate residence hall is headed by a Rector, who is assisted by one or more assistant rectors. Student Affairs likes to hire rising second-year law students as assistant rectors because, with two years remaining in law school, law students can provide continuity in the hall by serving a two-year term. This gives 2Ls an unique opportunity to get involved with Notre Dame's undergraduate community and, in the process, cut into the costs of attending law school.

Assistant rectors live side-by-side with undergrads in their respective residence halls. ARs, as they are called, contract for a full-time academic-year appointment, and are provided with an apartment (fully or partially furnished) and a University meal plan. In addition to room and board, assistant rectors also receive laundry benefits, partial tuition remission and a stipend of approximately $7,000 per semester.

Assistant rectors are expected to be educators and ministers in their respective dorms. The exact responsibilities vary among residence halls because each rector determines how they want to make use of their assistant rectors. General responsibilities include attending weekly staff meetings, being on duty three to four nights per week, attending hall events, working with the hall government, and planning hall programs throughout the year.

The job can be a lot of work and I don't recommend applying if your motivation is solely to pay the bills. Assistant rectors sacrifice a lot of their study and social time in order to meet the needs of their residents and generally are precluded from other employment. With that said, though, the job can be extremely rewarding, both emotionally and financially.

Non-Traditional Students

IT'S NOT EXACTLY A WALK IN THE PARK, BUT YES, YOU CAN DO IT.

If you're more than a year or two out of undergrad, or married, or have kids, or some combination of the above, then you're probably tired of people thinking you're crazy for wanting to go back to school. The good thing is, we don't think you're crazy.

In fact, yet another up-side to the whole community thing at Notre Dame Law School is that it is a real benefit to students who have additional demands on their time or who have been out of the academic groove for a while. Students, professors and administrators alike are willing to help, incredibly understanding, and genuinely interested in the unique perspective such students bring to the classroom and the community. As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is certainly pro-family, from the plethora of cheap-or-free entertainment options to the "family time" hours at the athletic and recreational centers on campus. And, the lower cost of just about everything in South Bend means that students with spouses and families just might be able to make those student budgets stretch a little farther here than in the various urban meccas tempting with their siren songs.

This section is devoted to the information and resources that non-traditional students in particular might find helpful. *But even if you don't meet that description, keep reading.* If we've done our job properly, you just may discover some hidden gems of wisdom that will have you feeling like an Insider in no time.

HOUSING

As an addendum to the overall section on apartments and housing, we recommend you hit the web or make some phone calls to verify the information in this guide. Some of the complexes may actually have three-bedroom, or bigger, units, but they weren't originally included in this guide because they are out of the typical student's price range. But with a spouse and a kid, or two, or more (don't laugh – one member of the Class of 2007 has four kids), that extra space is likely more important to you than a few extra dollars to drop at Bookmaker's.

Most married students cannot say enough good things about University Village, Notre Dame's housing for married students. If you're even thinking about Notre Dame, be sure to check it out. As the wife of one NDLS student put it:

> I have found that nobody helps married students more than the Village. It's tight living, but it's the BEST deal in town. We get all the perks of on-campus housing for dirt cheap. Our amenities include water, sewer, trash, local phone service, Ethernet, an all-enclosed playground in the center of the buildings, an organic community garden, a playroom, NDSP and fire security (which lowers our renter's insurance dramatically), and a club house that's free to rent. Our rent is a little over $400, which includes our local phone service, but does not include long distance and electricity.
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> When we moved in, people came out in droves to help us. We didn't know anybody here before we came. One person brought us

zucchini bread, and two people invited us to dinner. Everyone here is in the same boat. We're all graduate student families with kids. There are tons of activities going on all the time. BBQs for couples without kids, family campouts on the playground, Village picnics, playgroups, Rosary group, La Leche League, story time, etc. We also have something here called Parents' Night Out each month. It's free babysitting by members of the freshman class for a few hours.

We also have the Village Exchange. People donate good, gently-used clothing. Some moms volunteer each month to sort it. Then you can go "shopping" for some new clothes, toys, linens, etc. We have quite a few clubs here, so there are lots of ways to get involved.

And have I mentioned the shuttle? Our daughter loves taking "the school bus" to Daddy's school. It literally picks him up at our door and drops him off at the door to the Law School – and it's free. It's a great way to save on a parking pass – and a great way to give older relatives/visitors a tour of the campus without having to walk.

Emily Grantham, wife of Matt Grantham, Class of 2005

Other housing options include both renting and buying a single-family home. If you're interested in buying, check out realtor.com or similar sites listing houses for sale. If you'd rather rent, the University's Residence Life and Housing website has a section for graduate students – http://orlh.nd.edu/housing/graduate/index.htm – that includes links for both family housing and off-campus options. Once you're an "admitted and confirmed student," you can go through the off-campus section of this website to access a master list of all rental properties in the area that have registered with Notre Dame. This is an extremely valuable list that will simplify your house hunting greatly.

Finally, the admitted students' website will include a list of houses available for rent or sale, usually from current or recently-graduated law students. Heather in the Admissions Office helps facilitate the passing of property from one law school generation to the next, so if you're looking to rent, be sure to let Heather know.

Some web sites that may be useful:

- http://www.apartmentz.info/south-bend.html
- http://www.rentclicks.com/default.asp?ws=476
- http://orlh.nd.edu/housing/family/index2.htm

JOBS

Okay, so South Bend isn't exactly New York or Chicago. Maybe they're just giving away jobs to everybody who sets foot in the big cities, but in our little hamlet, finding a job for your spouse might take just a smidge of effort. Fortunately, there are many resources to help here as well.

For starters, try the University itself. One of the area's largest employers, Notre Dame always seems to have several openings, including some that are particularly appropriate for spouses of students. Check out the list of currently available positions at https://greentree.hr.nd.edu/asewebexternal/ASEPage_JobListMenu.asp (accessible through the main Human Resources page at www.nd.edu).

While you're looking for university employment, don't forget about nearby colleges and universities -- Notre Dame's sister school, St. Mary's College; Holy Cross Junior College; Bethel College; Indiana University-South Bend; Goshen College, and, Ivy Tech. Still in the educational vein, South Bend Community Schools, Penn-Harris-Madison district, and the City of Mishawaka schools are the major school systems in the area.

If your spouse works in a health care field, there are two major hospitals in the area, South Bend Memorial and St. Joseph's, which would be good starting points. And if there's one thing South Bend has plenty of, it's doctor's offices of every conceivable specialty.

If there's something else South Bend has plenty of, it's retail space. Right next door to Notre Dame is the Grape Road Shopping Conglomerate, a couple miles' worth of virtually every big box chain store known to man, as well as a good-sized regional mall (see the Shopping section, *infra*) and chain restaurants galore (see the Restaurants section, *infra*). Such places are always in need of additional help.

Sure, it may not be the glamorous position your spouse is dreaming of. But pretty much no matter where you go to law school, your spouse may need to sacrifice a little in terms of their career aspirations, just as you two agreed would be the case when you decided to embark on this path. (You *did* have that "sacrifice today for a better future tomorrow" talk, right?)

Another option to consider is locating so that your spouse can commute somewhere other than South Bend for his or her job. For example, the cities of Edwardsburg, Niles, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor in southwest Michigan all offer expanded opportunities for a job search if you're willing to drive a little further. To the east of South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen offer additional options, and to the west, Chesterton, Merrillville, and even Chicago are potentially doable.[2]

Finally, if all else fails, look to the local newspaper, the South Bend Tribune (www.southbendtribune.com) for job listings. The bottom line is, the jobs are here. They have to be, or else they wouldn't keep building new subdivisions.

Child Care

As challenging as it can be to go back to a college-esque environment as a married person, in a perfect world there would be a special notation on one's diploma for undertaking to earn a degree full-time while not only being married, but a parent besides. As noted earlier, Notre Dame is perhaps one of the few places where one can study law in an environment conducive to raising kids. Many of the faculty are themselves raising young families, and a number of students have rightly perceived that the family-friendly community of both Notre Dame and the South Bend-Mishawaka area, coupled with a

[2] Sometimes the spouse does the commuting, sometimes the law student. Both methods have been done successfully. Students have lived in South Bend during the week and returned to faraway families only on the weekends. Students have driven an hour (or more) each day for class and returned home each night. One student arranged his class schedules so that all his classes were on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thus he only had to spend two nights a week in South Bend, away from his wife, and could work on Mondays and Fridays back home. His only complaint seemed to be that the drive down could be a bit iffy if the weather is bad. All of which is to say that it can be done and has been done. – Eds.

lower cost of living, make this an especially attractive place to pull off the feat of going to school and being a parent.

And while the stars may align just right and permit your spouse to stay home with the kids while you attend classes and study, the likelihood is that you will need child care in South Bend. The Insider's Guide is here to help.

The following is a list of just a few of the major child-care options in South Bend (read: the options this writer actually investigated for his own children). It is by no means a complete or comprehensive list, so do not feel constrained by these options. A number of other possibilities exist, from licensed pre-schools to church-run co-ops to nice neighbors who take care of kids in their own homes. As with any city, big or small, the decision of where to leave your kids for several hours a day is as personal as it is important, and we encourage you to use this information as a starting point.

Early Childhood Development Center of Notre Dame

http://hr.nd.edu/worklife/ecdc.shtml

574-631-3344

The Early Childhood Development Center, or ECDC, is affiliated with the University but is officially its own organization, with a separate Board of Directors. It actually operates two facilities – one on the campus of Notre Dame, on Bulla Road right across from Fischer-O'Hara-Grace, and another on the campus of nearby Saint Mary's College.

The advantages of ECDC are location – right on campus; you must be affiliated with Notre Dame as a student, staff, or faculty member in order to qualify; and, at the Notre Dame site, the cost is calculated on a sliding scale determined by your income (which in the case of students means it is likely to be the lowest point on the scale!). The disadvantages are that, because it is an extremely popular and sought-after program, it fills up quickly – as soon as February for the year beginning the following August. But don't despair – schedule changes and cancellations do occur, so if you're interested, be sure to get on the waiting list just in case. Another disadvantage – they don't enroll children under two years of age.

La Petite Academy

http://www.lapetite.com/home.html

574-255-3701 or 219-234-7109

La Petite Academy is a nationally-based chain of day-care facilities. In this area you have your choice of the Mishawaka location, just off Main Street on Catalpa; the South Bend Memorial Hospital location on St. Joseph Street; or an Elkhart location. What makes La Petite Academy unique is its standardized curriculum – every location in the country works from the same basic handbook in terms of lessons and goals. You can learn more about their curriculum and how it is applied at the website listed above.

Growing Kids Learning Center

www.growingkids.com

574-273-9048 (location closest to campus)

Growing Kids Learning Center is a local chain of facilities that is well-liked by its patrons. The location at Douglas and 23 is most convenient to campus, unless you live closer to one of the others. The kids love "Main Street," an indoor gross motor playroom decorated like a town. They can play inside or outside the "buildings," climb, slide and jump about. Growing Kids is one of the few day care centers that offers late-evening care – until 11:30 pm.

Starz Academy

No website

574-259-1966 (location closest to campus)

It's unfortunate that Starz Academy apparently still doesn't have a website, because it's another extremely convenient option in this area. There are several locations around town, including one on Edison Road near Grape, and another on State Road 23 in Granger. A third is located on Jefferson Boulevard near Ironwood. The big feature at Starz Academy that the kids love is a giant indoor play structure that enables them to climb way up high, look out plexiglass windows, and eventually climb or slide down. Think of a McDonald's Playland, but bigger. Starz Academy emphasizes the different curricula in their classrooms, as well as their security procedures for drop-off and pickup.

Beyond these relatively few options, literally dozens of other day-care facilities exist in the South Bend area. Some elementary work on Google will turn up websites such as http://www.daycare-info.us/IN/South-Bend.asp that can help you find many of those other options. But of course, web searches and cold-calling can only go so far when it's the care of your kids at stake. Only personal visits to see the facilities and meet the teachers will truly suffice, and for that you kind of have to be here. Still, hopefully this information will help you use your limited time most efficiently.

A Few More Words About Kids ... and Insurance

Another challenge you'll face is finding decent, affordable health care for you and your children. If your spouse can cover them (and maybe you, too) through his or her work, then you're in much better shape. But you may find that your most obvious option is to enroll your entire family in the university-sponsored student insurance plan. While there's certainly nothing wrong with this option and it may be all you or your spouse need, you may feel a little better knowing that your children have additional coverage. Take a look at Hoosier Healthwise. It's Indiana's version of the federally supported State Children's Health Insurance Program, which means yes, it's a form of government assistance. But virtually every student family in University Village participates in the program, and it's designed to help people in situations like yours. Find out more

information at http://www.in.gov/fssa/hoosier_healthwise/, and remember: everybody's doin' it.

If you can't or don't want to qualify for Hoosier Healthwise, the consensus seems to be that Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the next best alternative for health insurance. Explore your options and get a rough quote at www.anthem.com.

Finally, our ghost writer, Emily Grantham, passes on this salient tidbit:

> The BABE store is a great way to get stuff your kids need for free. By going to your doctor appointments when you're pregnant, and/or taking your kids to their doctor appointments, you can earn BABE coupons. You can also earn them by attending approved parenting classes, seminars, La Leche League meetings, etc.
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> You can use the coupons to shop at the BABE store. It's a great reward system for those who are proactive about taking care of their kids. There are at least two BABE stores in the area. They offer clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, cribs, car seats, strollers, formula, baby bath, bottles, bibs, and seasonal things. It doesn't take much to earn the coupons, and it doesn't take many coupons to buy things.

Budget Savers

Okay, so you're here, you've found a place to live, your spouse has a meager source of income to supplement your loans, and your kids are in decent day care and are adequately insured. On those rare occasions when you're not studying, how can you and your family have a good time on the approximately eleven cents per day you can devote to recreation?

The following suggestions, compiled from various law students, offer ways to make those dollars stretch – without going without:

- If you live in South Bend, get a library card, which allows you to check out children's movies for free; grown-up videos are $0.75. Sure beats Blockbuster! Also, don't forget the Kresge Library right here at the law school has several dozen popular movie titles available for free checkout. Granted, most of them have a legal theme to them, so they might not be the best choice for those nights you want to think about anything other than the law. But in general, it's another free entertainment option to keep in mind.
- That South Bend Library card also enables you to check out FREE passes to the Studebaker Museum, the College Football Hall of Fame, and the Northern Indiana Center for History, which has a kids' museum and a homes tour, where you can tour the Oliver Mansion and a working-class family's home.
- The Rockne Memorial recreation center and the Rolfs Sports Rec and Aquatic Center offer family swim times on the weekend – no charge to ND students and their families. Also, because you are a student, your spouse can get his or her own ID card to access Rockne and Rolf, free of charge.

- The Notre Dame bookstore has an "AWESOME" story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. They read a story, sing songs, and do a craft. (A lot of moms at the Village either walk or take the shuttle together for the morning time.)
- Papa Murphy's has the best pizza and prices around. It's take and bake, but their ingredients are so good and fresh (think fresh, homemade dough), you might find yourself nibbling the cheese and tasting the sauce while you wait for your oven to heat up. How good a deal is it? Right now, they are offering an extra-large cheese pizza for $5.99. It's located at 316 W. Cleveland Rd., between Grape and Main, next to Talbots. Their phone number is 272-0072.
- Admiral Petroleum (on 933, aka Michigan Ave.) always has the cheapest prices around. Phillips 66 (next to the Village) is a decent second choice for gasoline.
- Notre Dame Security Police has a car-seat expert on staff who can inspect your car-seat(s). Even better, they can get you a free car-seat, if you need one. The South Bend Police Dept. can do the same. They love it when parents get their car-seats inspected, so they will reward you with tons of freebies.
- The Farmers Market. Great prices, great local produce, and they also sell other things, especially in the winter. Says Emily Grantham: "We bought a fresh chicken there one time. The flavor was incredible! I have never had such a tasty chicken in my life. My grandmother says that's the difference between farm-raised and store-bought. Her mother raised chickens, and she remembers the way they tasted – like nothing you can buy at the supermarket." Quite a few people have heard of the Farmer's Market, want to go, but don't know where it's located. It's at 1105 North Side Blvd., South Bend, 282-1259. It's in a big, red, barn-like building with white trim. It's in the phone book.
- Bike Repair. The word is that Pro-Form Bike shop, on Ironwood and Edison, loves to gouge students. You are hereby advised to try Outpost Sports on Grape Rd. (near ALDI's market).
- Bamber's Superette, a specialty grocery, is located across from the Farmer's Market. You can get international specialty foods, gourmet cheeses, specialty beers and wines, and fresh bread really cheaply. Go in early and get hot, fresh bread for $1 to go along with your nostalgia for Italy.
- Consider using prepaid phone cards for your long distance needs. Sam's Club has the best deal at 3.47 cents per minute – no surcharge. It's cheaper than most long distance plans. Plus, it's renewable at the same rate. Even if you factor in the cost of a Sam's Club membership, you come out ahead (but surely you can find somebody who already has a membership and tag along with them).
- Finally, a word about groceries. ALDI's, mentioned above, is known as a bargain chain. You won't find the extras and amenities at ALDI's that

populate the other chains like Martin's and Meijer. But those extras aren't rolled into the price of everything you buy at ALDI's, either. And here's another inside tip – for a few extra minutes' drive, you can "escape" the constant traffic and crowd in the Grape Road juggernaught, and do your shopping at the Meijer at Cleveland and Portage Roads. The Meijer itself may not be any less busy, but it sure *feels* less hectic. (There's also a Super Wal-Mart across the street, plus an Applebee's and some fast food as well.)

Survival Tips

We end this section with a few quick pointers on how to manage the juggling of your many responsibilities. We would not presume to declare any one way to be *the* way to get through law school as a non-trad. Indeed, part of the beauty of being a non-trad is to come up with the best solution that meets your unique needs. But there are still some things that can apply across the board – universal truths, if you will – which, in keeping with most hard-and-fast laws of nature, you may feel free to accept or reject. In no particular order:

- As an older student, you've probably spent some considerable time in the workforce, and as a result, you've learned how to manage your time and developed the discipline to stay relatively focused from 9 to 5, or longer. These skills will serve you very well in law school, where the direct demands on your time are much fewer – you're only in class a few hours a day – but the workload is enough that if you stick to the 40 (or more) hour week you're already used to, you'll find you have a lot more time than you thought you would (but note this is *not* the same thing as "a lot of time").

- Notre Dame Law School is in the process of joining the 21st century by permitting students to take all exams via notebook computer, unless the professor objects (previously, all exams were taken via handwritten bluebook, unless the professor allowed the use of laptops). If you've been out of school for a while and have grave concerns about your grades depending on writing longhand for three hours straight, you may rejoice in this news. While it's still not definite and irrevocable, all signs are that by the time you would arrive, Notre Dame Law School will have joined the majority of its brethren in permitting you this option.

- Speaking of computers, some non-trads believe that taking notes on a laptop is superior to taking notes by hand, because it enables you to keep up with the professor better and record more of what is said, while others feel that taking notes by hand is better because it forces you to listen and think while you're taking notes, rather than rely on typing in whatever you hear. This is one of those things that come down to personal preference for every student, traditional and non-traditional. But it helps to think about this issue in terms of your past experience – did you use a computer in your job? Are you more used to writing or typing in your pre-law-school day-to-day routine? The

bottom line is, don't listen to advice that "feels" wrong to you. Only you know what will work best for you, based on what has worked best for you before.

- **TAKE THE PRACTICE EXAMS.** Yes, this advice contradicts the previous point to some extent, but hear me out. You've been out of school for a while, so exams are probably a distant memory. Now throw in the fact that, even for those fresh from undergrad, the law school exam is a very different animal from anything you've likely encountered before. Not only do you have to deal with the unique challenges of a law school exam, you also need a refresher course on exams in general. That's what the practice exams are for. They let you get that "do-or-die", "crapshoot" feeling out of the way in October, when they don't really count, and they give you some idea of what to expect when the real thing rolls around in December. Even if you don't study for them, just the experience of reading the questions under time pressure will be instructive.

- As an aside, one valuable piece of advice regarding the practice exams is to study diligently for just one or two of the four courses, and don't worry about the others. That way you can use that one (or two) exam to see whether your study method is working for you. If you try to study for all four classes, the likelihood is you won't prepare thoroughly for any of them, and as a result you won't get very meaningful feedback on your study habits.

- Don't be afraid to socialize. With this bullet point, we end this section where it began – talking about that whole community thing. The married and unmarried students, the younger and older students, the students *with* kids and the students who *are* kids, all tend to mingle and interact almost without any regard for their demographic differences. Many non-trad students agree that the thing they found most surprising about Notre Dame was how they did *not* feel ostracized or segregated on account of their status. Of course, friendships form and groups solidify during the first few weeks of classes, but there is amazingly little homogeneity in the cliques. As daunting as it may seem to be returning to school with "peers" who are from a few to several years younger, the bottom line is that you're all there for the same reason. The reading, the materials, the assignments, the workload – all are equally new and challenging and time-consuming to everyone. In the end, you find out, as happens in all good tests of character, that you have a lot more in common with one another than you ever would have guessed.

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Faculty

Intimidating? Sometimes. Convivial? Always!

The faculty sets Notre Dame Law School apart. It is easy to be impressed by the credentials of a particular law school's faculty but we believe no school in the country has a faculty that has as many well-respected AND gracious professors as we do. For example, a previous *Insider* staff member left the law school at 10:30 one night after it had snowed heavily and was walking down Notre Dame Avenue. Dean O'Hara stopped as she was driving by and offered a ride. It's the little things that make the faculty here special.

In this section, we have given you some comments by current students, as well as a list with some comments about professors who are likely to teach first year courses, and finally, a list of most of the rest of the faculty.

Comments on the Faculty

This is a sampling of comments about particular faculty members we received from students. We also heard about how Professor Velasco can be found pacing the halls at the beginning of the semester memorizing all his students' names; how Professor Rick Garnett plays basketball with a student team each winter; how Professor Nagle has students in the Christian Legal Society to his home every semester for a barbeque; and how the research librarians will regularly drop whatever they're doing to help students research for projects. We hope these comments will give you a glimpse of the sorts of relationships the professors form with the students here at NDLS.

Before classes began, I was visiting campus and the law school doors were locked. A man (with his son) walked up to me and we started joking around, and he took out a key and let me in. We chatted for maybe 10 minutes; he was very curious about my background. As I thanked him profusely for his kindness and suggestions, he told me he was a dean at the law school! It was Dean Pratt, and since then he has gone out of his way to make me feel welcome and offer his help. I spent time at the "top" law schools and I can tell you that the administrators and faculty are not anyway near as accessible and genuinely caring as they are here.

[The Professors Garnett are] very committed to students learning the concepts and thinking for themselves. Both of their classes were very stimulating and encouraging in that they actually did help me to see how being a "different kind of lawyer" had implications for ethics, practice and my personal faith as an individual and a Christian.

Many professors are very friendly and helpful – it's a true open door policy. Especially Mr. Professor Bellia and Professor Tidmarsh; they have a way of making you feel like you're never interrupting, and what you have to ask them is important.

My advisor, Professor Seckinger, has been really great. Last week (the week before practice exams) he invited all his advisees (1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls) out to dinner, paid for our meals and let the 1Ls use the opportunity to get all kinds of advice and study tips from the older students. I feel like this was a really friendly gesture on his part and he really wanted to help us feel comfortable as our workload increases.

In my first few days on campus a 2L told me that at the end of the year I'd actually be sad that Contracts was over because A.J. Bellia was just that good. I didn't believe him at first, but now I do. I think that truly exceptional teachers are rather rare and he is undoubtedly one of the finest. His lucid and concise explanations of even the most elusive subtleties of contract law make it almost easy – and his Seinfeld references and personal stories make it fun.

Professor Tidmarsh was late for a meeting one day. Nevertheless, he stayed in his office with me and explained something TWICE, until I understood it. It was a HUGE help.

I've had great interactions with so many professors. Probably the best was with Professor Amy Barrett, when I went to ask her a question about Civil Procedure class. She actually bothered to ask me how the class was going, and if I thought I was following along. That struck me, because I think the common perception about law school is that the professors don't really care if you understand or not, they just stand in front of the room, belittle people who don't know the answers, and then give grades out at the end of the semester. But here she was caring. And she isn't the only one who cares either – all the professors have been very open to questions, making comments on drafts of my outlines, etc. From talking to friends at other law schools, I know this isn't the case at other places. I think that is really what sets Notre Dame apart…

When I first joined the Women's Liturgical Choir and the director handed me over to Patti Ogden (law librarian and legal research teacher), I figured it was just because he assumed I'd know her from the law school. I soon discovered that he puts every new member under her care. I was impressed to discover not only that she had chosen to involve herself in the college community so closely but that she was the go-to person for making new choir members feel welcome.

I've had so many wonderful experiences with teachers that it's hard to pick one or two to comment on. Professor Bauer is a wonderful teacher, and he brings a lot of energy and fun to Civil Procedure. One of my favorite memories from 1L year is the day we did the *Burger King* case. Imagine our shock and surprise when he came to class wearing a Burger King crown! So during his birthday party (which his 1L class throws for him every year), we all wore the crowns. He spent the class period telling us war stories from his practice days.

First year, you will all take the same classes, fifteen credits each semester. In this section we have provided a list of professors who will probably teach first year classes in 2005-06, followed by a description of those classes.

Amy Barrett

Teaches: **Civil Procedure II**, Evidence. J.D. from Notre Dame. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Professor Barrett is known for her no-nonsense attitude and her incredible command of the material. Her students will tell you that learning from her is a pleasure.

Joseph Bauer

Teaches: **Civil Procedure I**, Conflict of Laws, Copyright & Trademark, Anti-Trust. J.D. from Harvard University. His yearly birthday party is one of the most highly anticipated events of any 1L's first semester. Although the 3L editor wanted to make it one of your first research projects, kinder voices have prevailed: Professor Bauer's birthday is November 3. Besides, we don't want your class to be the one that breaks the tradition of surprising him with a unique celebration. You may spend weeks on *Pennoyer*, but you'll know it like the back of your hand.

AJ Bellia

Teaches: **Contracts I & II**, Federal Courts. J.D. from Notre Dame. Professor Bellia is one half of Notre Dame's two husband-wife teaching teams. He clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. His contracts class is highlighted by his humorous asides. Because of his love for both, you'll be able to discuss contracts in terms of Seinfeld by the end of the year.

Patricia Bellia

Teaches: **Constitutional Law**, Cyberlaw, Copyright & the Constitution. J.D. from Yale. Married to Bellia, *supra*. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Wore red every day for the Red Sox during the playoffs. Don't think you'll go unnoticed in her class—she has a knack for knowing people's names on the first day.

Fr. John J. Coughlin, O.F.M., B.A., M.A., Th.M., J.D., J.C.L., J.C.D.

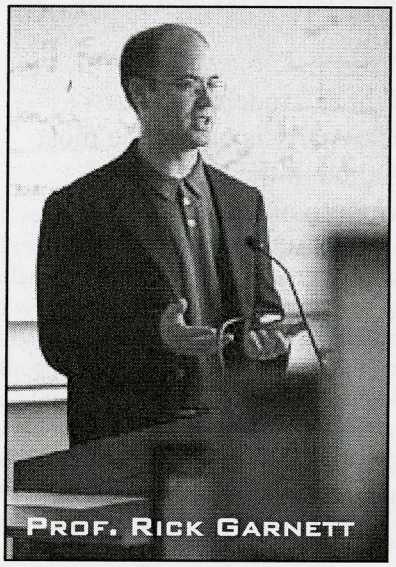
Teaches: **Legal Ethics**, Intro to Canon Law, Canon Law of Marriage, Professional Responsibility. Despite apparently having more initials after his name than any other professor in the building (his law degrees are from Harvard University and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome), Fr. Coughlin is both friendly and approachable.

Fernand "Tex" Dutile

Teaches: **Criminal Law**, Law of Education. J.D. from Notre Dame. No one knows how a professor from Maine with a Boston accent got to be called "Tex" but his criminal law class is very popular with first year students, despite his other nickname – The Smiling Assassin. Along with his University position as faculty NCAA rep comes an enormous football national championship ring from 1988.

Nicole Garnett

Teaches: **Property**, Local Government Law, Urban Property Seminar. J.D. from Yale. Professor Garnett is another half of one of the husband and wife teaching teams. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Recently appointed by President Bush to serve on the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission. Bright and funny, Professor Garnett can demonstrate most property law concepts by reference to The Carolina Blue House and the use of table saws in suburbia.



Richard Garnett

Teaches: **Criminal Law**, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Death Penalty, First Amendment. J.D. from Yale. Professor Garnett is married to Professor Garnett, *supra*. He clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Given his ever-increasing number of little children, it's not too surprising that one of his passions is school choice. Only Professor Garnett's family and obsession with Duke basketball beats his love of teaching the law.

Jimmy Gurulé

Teaches: **Criminal Law**, Complex Criminal Procedure, Criminal and Scientific Evidence, International Criminal Law. J.D. from University of Utah. A former Undersecretary of the Treasury for Enforcement and an internationally known expert in complex criminal litigation, Professor Gurulé also recently helped train the Iraqi judges presiding over the arraignments of Saddam Hussein. If you're interested in criminal law, Professor Gurulé can be a great resource. He has a passion for encouraging students to pursue this side of the law – with the utmost integrity. His classes are always peppered with "war stories" from his days prosecuting major crimes.

Associate Dean Roger Jacobs

Teaches: **Legal Research**, Directed Readings. J.D. from University of Detroit. In addition to being a former librarian to the United States Supreme Court, Professor Jacobs is an excellent communicator and a very skilled professor of legal research. Has been known to distribute candy in exchange for correct answers during class.

Cathleen Kaveny

Teaches: **Contracts I & II**, Ethics and Law at the End of Life, Mercy and Justice. J.D. from Yale. Whether the topic is consideration or chickens, Professor Kaveny has a real knack for bringing potentially dull cases to life with her vivid descriptions of the "characters," whom she often "casts" for hypothetical Hollywood movies. Pop-culture references flow freely in her class. Her pre-exam pep talks have a well-earned reputation for helpfulness.

William Kelley

Teaches: **Constitutional Law**, Administrative Law. J.D. from Harvard. Clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Burger and Justice Antonin Scalia. Helped President Bush litigate his election victory in 2000. Uses parentheses and a microphone in class. You will get to know *Marbury v. Madison* very well in Prof. Kelley's class.

Dwight B. King

Teaches: **Legal Research**. J.D. from University of Michigan. Poetry and cartoons are both part of the teaching of legal research when Professor King is in the room. A very popular teacher of legal research. Well, we'd tell you more / We'd give you the score, / But it's a delight / to get to know Dwight.

Associate Dean John Nagle

Teaches: **Property**, Biodiversity and the Law, Environmental Law, Election Law, Legislation. J.D. from University of Michigan. Professor Nagle's property class is a joy for students and teacher alike, and his sense of humor never fails to delight.

Patti Ogden

Teaches: **Legal Research**. J.D from University of Texas. Professor Ogden loves to teach legal research to first year students who love to learn it from her. Her availability in the library in the days leading up to the legal research exam is always appreciated by her students. Keeps healthy chocolates in her office for student sweet-tooths.

Fr. John Pearson

Teaches: **Property**, White Center Seminar, Environmental Law. J.D. from University of California-Berkeley. Most avid user of PowerPoint in the law school. He even ties in audio clips. Loves baseball.

Teresa Phelps

Teaches: **Moot Court and Legal Writing**, Gender Issues and the Law, Law and Literature. Masters of Science of the Law from Yale Law School. Professor Phelps, in addition to teaching first years how to avoid passive voice in their legal writing, is also the advisor for the very popular Group Alternative Live-In Legal

Educational Experience (GALILEE). Considered to be one of the top legal writing professors in the country.

Warren Rees

Teaches: **Legal Research**, Advanced Legal Research. J.D. from Southern Illinois University. Professor Rees is a quiet fountain of knowledge for first years eager to learn how to do effective legal research. Although he earned his wings as a pilot not too long ago, it's those "Buff Warren" posters that really keep his head in the clouds.

Associate Dean John Robinson

Teaches: **Ethics I**, Trusts and Estates, Street Law. J.D. University of California-Berkley. Professor Robinson's sense of humor is renowned throughout the law school and his knowledge of the details of the cases he teaches never ceases to wow his first year students.

Vincent Rougeau

Teaches: **Contracts I & II**, Real Estate Transactions, Catholic Social Thought. J.D. from Harvard. Professor Rougeau brings a lot of energy to his classes and obviously enjoys his role in the learning process. His one-man rendition of the drunken negotiations in *Lucy v. Zehmer* is already an instant classic.

Jay Tidmarsh

Teaches: **Torts, Civil Procedure I & II**, Federal Court Jurisdiction, Modern Tort Liability, Remedies, Complex Civil Litigation, Law Review. J.D. from Harvard. Well-liked and funny, Professor Tidmarsh has *the* coolest ties in the law school. He's also apt to use "props" and card tricks to demonstrate the facts of cases read by his class.

First-Year Classes

Civil Procedure I & II

Civil Procedure is the set of rules governing civil trials in the federal court system. The class focuses on the constitutional and statutory framework within which the civil justice system operates. In particular, it examines the sources and limitations of judicial power over people and organizations (personal jurisdiction) and over cases (subject matter jurisdiction). The course also explores the extent to which state law must be applied in federal court.

In addition, the course examines how litigation is conducted in federal courts, from the initiation of the lawsuit (pleadings) to the manner in which claims and parties are added to or dropped from the lawsuit (joinder, intervention, interpleader, class actions), to the exchange and gathering of information among parties to the lawsuit (discovery), to the resolution of the lawsuit (summary

judgment, trial, appeals) and the impact of the completed lawsuit on future litigation (claim and issue preclusion). Five credits (2F/3S).

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law examines the structure of our government as defined by the federal Constitution, Supreme Court precedents interpreting that document and the traditional practice of the elected branches. Two major themes are the distribution of power among the three branches of the federal government and the division of power between the federal government and the states. Three credits (3S).

Contracts I & II

Contracts Presents a comprehensive study of the creation, transfer and termination of contract rights and duties. Contracts deals with the formation of private law between parties, the resolution of ambiguities that are within contracts, and the resolution of disputes that arise from them. Five credits (3F/2S).

Criminal Law

Criminal Law deals with the basic principles of American criminal law, such as the definition of crime, defenses, proof and punishment, and the basic structure and operation of the American criminal justice system. You will learn what the cool sounding and often-used Court TV terms, such as voluntary manslaughter and malice aforethought, really mean. *Law and Order* will make a whole lot more sense after this course. Three credits (3F).

Ethics I

This course studies and analyzes law as a profession, as well as the duties and responsibilities of lawyers to society, clients and the profession. Ethics develops in prospective lawyers both an awareness and an understanding of their relationship with and function in our legal system, and the consequent obligation of lawyers to maintain the highest standards of ethical professional conduct. The course has been team-taught by various professors who discuss topics from ethical billing practices to an attorney's duty to report a colleague for misconduct. One credit (1S), satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Legal Research

Legal Research is designed to introduce you as a 1L to the tools and methodology of legal research and to help develop the research skills that are essential both in law school and in law practice. Although seemingly impossible, you will also quickly learn your way around the library. You'll not only learn the location of Reporters, Digests, Law Reviews and ALRs, but you'll also learn what to do with them once you find them. This is a team-taught seminar, guaranteed to take you back to your childhood with the showing of a certain cartoon about how a bill becomes a law. One credit (1F).

Legal Writing

Legal Writing introduces you to the new world of the legal discourse community. The course provides instruction, experience and guidance in learning how to write the basic documents – memos, letters and briefs – you will someday write as lawyers. You will learn to despise the passive voice, nominalizations and the other cardinal sins of the legal writing world. Two credits (2F).

Moot Court

Moot Court introduces you to techniques of appellate advocacy. Each student is required, with a partner, to brief and argue one appellate case before a panel of "judges." This class is one of the most fun classes of the 1L year. Two credits (2S).

Property

This course addresses the issues surrounding the creation, transfer, sale, possession, and inheritance of both real and personal property. Although you didn't know that you wanted to, you will learn the difference between a fee simple absolute and a fee tail. You will also become familiar with covenants, servitudes, future interests, and the always helpful landlord-tenant relationship. This is the only class during first year that discusses RAP. Four credits (4S).

Torts

Torts addresses the legal rules which determine whether civil liability attaches to conduct resulting in harm to others. Try to define "tort" as you may, it is most often described as a "civil wrong." Brush up on your Latin, and be prepared for some of the most interesting cases you will read during your first year. Topics include proximate cause, negligence, assault, false imprisonment, and foreseeability. You can start preparing for class now by repeating after me: Duty—Breach—Causation—Damages. Four credits (4F).

List of Faculty

In case you are as confused by faculty titles as we were, assistant professors are the most junior faculty and are untenured; associate professors may be both tenured and untenured; professors are tenured, senior faculty. Deans are involved in the management of the law school and may also teach. Professors with titles like "Michael Corleone Professor of Law" are chaired professors.

The list below contains professors who generally do not teach first year classes. For more information about a particular faculty member, or to retrieve contact information (which almost all professors will respond to, even though you haven't enrolled yet), visit the faculty web pages at www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/faculty/profiles.html.

Matthew Barrett, B.B.A., J.D.
Professor of Law
University of Notre Dame (x2)
Federal Income Tax (required), Accounting for Lawyers, Accounting Law Seminar, Not For Profit Organizations
Provides exciting Tax Trivia for each class

G. Robert Blakey, A.B., J.D.
William and Dorothy O'Neill Professor of Law
University of Notre Dame (x2)
Federal Criminal Law, Federal Criminal Procedure, Jurisprudence (required)
Drafted the federal wiretap statute and the RICO statute; litigated numerous cases before the Supreme Court

Gerard V. Bradley, B.A., J.D.
Professor of Law
Cornell University (x2)
Public Defender Externship, Moral Realism and Constitutional Theory, Trial Advocacy

Paolo Carozza, A.B., J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
Harvard University (x2)
Comparative Legal Thought, International Law, International Business Transactions, Jurisprudence (required)

Lisa Casey, A.B., J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
Stanford University (x2)
Business Associations (required), Commercial Sales, Securities Litigation & Enforcement Seminar

Barbara Fick, B.A., J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
Creighton University, University of Pennsylvania
Advanced Labor Topics, Dispute Resolution, Employment Discrimination Law, International and Comparative Labor Law, Labor and Employment Law, Negotiation

John M. Finnis, L.L.B., D.Phil., FBA
Biolchini Family Professor of Law
University of Adelaide, Oxford University
Social, Political and Legal Thought of Thomas Aquinas, Jurisprudence (required, taught his section in London)
Widely-regarded as the world's leading natural law scholar; also teaches at Oxford University

Judith Fox, B.S., J.D.
Associate Professional Specialist in Law
Wilkes College, University of Notre Dame
Legal Aid

Robert Jones, B.A., J.D.
Director, Legal Aid Clinic
University of Notre Dame, Harvard University
Clinical Ethics

Michael Kirsch, B.A., J.D., LL.M.
Associate Professor of Law
Cornell University, Harvard University, New York University
Federal Income Taxation (required), International Tax, Estate & Gift Tax

Donald Kommers, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Joseph & Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Government and International Studies and Concurrent Professor of Law
Catholic University, University of Wisconsin (x2)

Patricia O'Hara, B.A., J.D.
Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law
Santa Clara University, University of Notre Dame
Graduated first in her class at NDLS.

Gail G. Peshel, B.S., J.D.
Assistant Dean for Students
Valparaiso University (x2)
The principal liaison between the Law School administration and students

Walter F. Pratt Jr., B.A., D.Phil. J.D.
Associate Dean and Professor of Law
Vanderbilt University, Oxford University, Yale University
American Legal History Topics, Constitutional Convention, American Legal History
Clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger. Bakes excellent cookies.

Charles Rice, B.A., J.D., LL.M., J.S.D.
Professor Emeritus of Law
College of the Holy Cross, Boston College, New York University
Morality and the Law

Hon. Kenneth Ripple, A.B., J.D., LL.M., LL.D.
Professor of Law and Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
Fordham University, University of Virginia, George Washington University
Judicial Process, Federal Courts-Contemporary Problems in Practice and Policy
Served as Special Assistant to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger.
Appointed by President Reagan to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

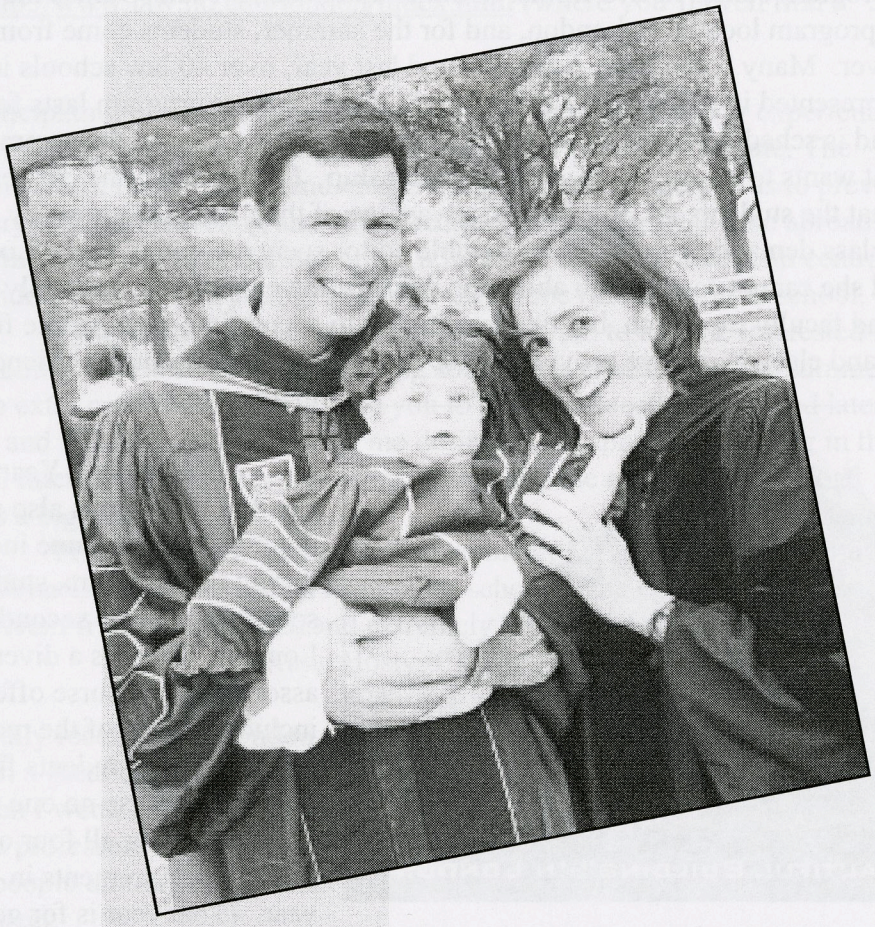
Robert Rodes Jr., A.B., LL.B.
Paul J. Schierl/Fort Howard Company Professor of Legal Ethics
Brown University, Harvard University
Administrative Law, Ethics II (required), Jurisprudence (required), Medieval Law, Pleading, Discovery and Pretrial

James Seckinger, B.S., M.S., J.D.
Professor of Law
St. John's University (Minn.), Vanderbilt University, University of Notre Dame
Deposition Techniques, Trial Advocacy
National reputation as an expert in trial advocacy, directs Notre Dame's trial advocacy program

J. Eric Smithburn, B.A., M.A., J.D.
Professor of Law
Indiana University (x3)
Evidence, Family Law, Juvenile Law
Also a local juvenile court judge and an English barrister

Barbara M. Swzeda, B.A., J.D.
Assistant Professional Specialist in Law
Lawrence University, Pepperdine University
Asylum Law, Immigration Law, Legal Aid, Legal Aid Immigration Clinic

Julian Velasco, B.S.B.A., J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
Georgetown University, Columbia University
Business Associations (required), Corporate Finance, Securities Regulation, Mergers & Acquisitions



THE PROFESSORS BELLIA AND DAUGHTER KATIE AT GRADUATION 2003.

The London Law Program

Or "Programme," as it's spelled across the Pond

The London Law Program is the highlight of many students' tenures here at Notre Dame Law. It allows students to deepen their understanding of this country through study of the English common law roots of the American system, and compare both with other legal institutions.

> The happiness of London is not to be conceived but by those who have been in it. I will venture to say, there is more learning and science within the circumference of ten miles from where we now sit, than in all the rest of the world.
>
> S. Johnson[3]

The program comes in two forms: Summer and Second Year. Ours is the oldest summer law program located in London, and for the summer, students come from schools all over. Many come from Australia, and last year, over 40 law schools in the U.S. were represented in the Notre Dame program. The summer program lasts for about six weeks, and is scheduled so as to allow six or seven weeks earlier in the summer in case a student wants to try out a half-summer internship. Furthermore, the classes are planned so that the students are able to take advantage of their time in Europe by traveling as class demands permit. Your humble editor spent a summer in the London program, and she cannot say enough about the value of the experience. Not only were the classes and faculty top-notch, but the opportunity to spend time with people from Notre Dame and elsewhere have provided close-to-home and cross-country friendships that last today.

Our "Beautiful Building" In London

The Second Year in London Program is also wildly popular. As the name indicates, during this program, students spend their entire second year in London. There is a diverse assortment of course offerings, including some of the required classes. Most students find that a big help because no one wants to be stuck taking all four of their post-1L requirements in the third year. (That year is for golf, remember?) When you get to your second year (if you don't go to London yourself) you'll see lots of new faces around the school. Be careful when you ask them if they're enjoying their first year. They might have just returned from London. Anyone who has been for the year will tell you the lasting friendships they formed with their classmates, and the invaluable experience of it all.

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[3] James Boswell, THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

Both the Summer and the Second Year programs are taught by a distinguished faculty of American and international professors, and the facilities are first rate. We even have our own beautiful building! It's located right in central London, just a skip from Trafalgar Square. The building is lacking in no modern convenience. There's a library with wireless capabilities, several computer labs, lockers, and a café and lounge area with a television, vending machines, and ping pong tables in the basement. Even though you'll get quite your fill of exercise walking around London, the building also has a gym, which contains exercise machines and basketball courts for your pleasure.

Although the program has an international focus, students need not be planning to work in the areas of international law upon graduation to appreciate the courses. In this ever-shrinking world, a lawyer working in any legal arena should be aware of the world around him, and this is just the program to provide that perspective. Don't forget the website: http://www.law.nd.edu/london/index.html (where you'll even find a "Survivor's Guide").

Participating in the London summer program was an amazing experience for me, and definitely the highlight of my legal education to date. The coursework is interesting and challenging, but not so onerous as to prevent everyone from traveling and wholeheartedly enjoying their time abroad. Further, the accommodations are in a fantastic location. You're in central London close to everything, and it's a short tube ride or walk to school.

I wholeheartedly recommend this program to anyone interested in spending time abroad, or just getting some extra credits over the summer. The extra credits you earn enable you to take a reduced course load later on, and this was very helpful to me during on-campus interviewing in the fall. Interviewing is very time-consuming, and the reduced course load was a big help.

Plus, London is great. We had so much fun getting to know our classmates and law students from other schools. The environment is so different from South Bend, and extremely enjoyable!

Katie Hosty, Class of 2005

I really recommend London to anyone who is even considering it! It is such a great opportunity, and the city is fantastic. I had such a good time when I went, and my only regret was that the program was not longer. The professors are great, the building is in the best location, and I met a lot of people on the program that I normally would have never had the chance to meet.

Anna Smith, Class of 2005

When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.

S. Johnson [4]

[4] *Id.*

Journals & Law Review

Excuses to Stay in the Law School into the Wee Hours

Although you won't be involved with any of the journals or law review in your first year, you will certainly hear plenty about them. A law review or journal is a legal periodical that includes articles by members of the legal community and public policy figures on a current topic of interest. Students in their second or third years have the opportunity to publish a note or case comment on a particular subject. The subjects of the articles, case comments and notes vary depending on the focus of the publication.

Notre Dame Law School has four Journals. 1L's compete for staff positions on the journals during a writing competition at the end of the spring semester. For Law Review, however, the top 10-15% of people in the class "grade on" and do not have to submit a written sample. A few other spots are reserved for which students may compete with a writing sample. There will be a meeting near the end of your first year where the editors-in-chief will present information about each journal, and explain what the writing competition is all about.

The journals provide a great opportunity for students to improve their organizational, management, leadership, and writing skills. Second year law students serve as staff members for the periodicals, while third year students make up their editorial boards. The University of Notre Dame publications include: the *Notre Dame Law Review, The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy, The Journal of College and University Law,* and *The Journal of Legislation.*

The Notre Dame Law Review

The Notre Dame Law Review was founded in 1925 and was known as the Notre Dame Lawyer until the name was changed in 1982. It is published five times a year by students of the Law School. It affords qualified students an invaluable opportunity for training in precise analysis of legal problems and in clear and cogent presentation of legal issues. The Law Review contains articles and lectures by eminent members of the legal profession and comments and notes by members of the staff. Entirely student edited, the Law Review has maintained a tradition of excellence, and its membership has included some of the most able judges, professors and practitioners in the country. Members of the staff are selected at the end of the first year of study on the basis of either academic standing or demonstrated writing ability. The editor-in-chief of the Law Review is elected by the staff from senior members on the basis of scholastic, literary and leadership achievements. The editor-in-chief, in turn, selects the other officers.

Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy

The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy is unique among legal periodicals insofar as it directly analyzes law and public policy from an ethical perspective. Published by the Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government, the Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy strengthens the Law School's moral and religious commitment by translating traditional Judeo-Christian principles into imaginative, yet workable, proposals for legislative and judicial reform. Directed at both scholarly and public audiences, the Journal publishes in a symposium format and solicits contributions from distinguished scholars and prominent members of the public community. Recent issues have addressed the problems posed by serious juvenile crime, homelessness, as well as criminal punishment and marriage and the law. Forthcoming issues will focus on issues of national security and liberty, and legal and ethical issues in the news media.

The Journal of College and University Law

The Journal of College and University Law, published by the Notre Dame Law School and the National Association of College and University Attorneys, is the only law review in the United States dedicated exclusively to the law of higher education. Since post-secondary education represents a microcosm, virtually all legal issues of significant interest – including, for example, interests of race, gender, freedom of speech, religion and bioethics – arise on our campuses. The Journal has a national circulation of 3,800. Headed by both faculty editors and a student editor, the Journal maintains a staff of 25 students who both process the work of outside authors and contribute their own work for publication. The Journal publishes four times a year.

The Journal of Legislation

The Journal of Legislation is published by students of the Notre Dame Law School. Of national orientation and scope, the Journal contains articles by both public policy figures and distinguished members of the legal community. In addition, it publishes notes written by members of the staff. All material contained in the Journal concerns either existing and proposed legislation or public policy matters. Some articles and notes make specific suggestions regarding legislative change. The Journal is presently one of the country's leading legislative law reviews and is a member of the National Conference of Law Reviews. Staff members are selected among students who have either written a note of "publishable quality" or completed a major research project approved by the editorial board. Journal work enables students to add to their legal education practical experience with legislation and the legislative process. These programs enable students at the Law School to influence various legislators, public interest groups and members of Congress.

Computers

An Occupational Hazard: The Blue Screen of Death

Computers are essential to law school. We can't imagine what typing 60-page law review notes with hundreds of footnotes or even moot court briefs on a typewriter was like. You will be frustrated enough if you have to type your bar application on a typewriter during your third year to make you forgive any problems you have ever had with a computer.

Many students have laptops, and they're growing more common with each class. Professors allow students to use laptops during class to take notes and the like, but it's usually not a good idea to hide behind your screen when you are answering a question. The entire building has a wireless computer network, so it's especially nice to have a wireless card. The network supports both Macs and PCs and laptop users can even print directly to the printers in the computer labs from anywhere in the building.

For those who don't have a laptop or a computer at all, the law school has two computer clusters that are open 24 hours a day. On the main floor of the library you will find the main cluster with 34 PCs and 2 Macs. On the third floor, the instructional law has an additional 13 computers that are available for student use except when Westlaw and Lexis hold computer training (these sessions are often pretty good, by the way, and you get free points and/or goodies). There are also three computers in the lounge downstairs, for checking e-mail. The labs have three high speed laser printers and printing in the law school is free for law students.

Computer clusters are also sprinkled around the campus and, of course, are available to you as a Notre Dame student. Because you have your own private account on the university server, you are able to access work saved to the "N:" drive from anywhere, on campus or off, which is especially handy when you've inadvertently used your last diskette as a coaster. One word of caution, however: if you choose to print in a "remote forum" (say, at the main library), printing will be charged against your student account. Students start each semester with $100 on their account for printing and pages are 10¢ each.

As mentioned earlier, the law school is moving toward allowing students to take exams on computers using Securexam. The program basically turns your computer into a dedicated word-processor with a timer on it, preventing students from accessing prohibited files on their laptops. In addition, the software will automatically turn your work in for you.

You will get access to Westlaw and Lexis when you arrive on campus. Westlaw and Lexis are powerful legal databases that provide access to just about any legal source you can think of (except the one you need at 2:00 a.m. the night before a paper is due). Both provide training, competitions to encourage use, and free printing. The Lexis and Westlaw printers in the law school can be selected from the company's internet sites and

are available from anywhere, including off campus. Lexis and Westlaw also provide employment opportunities for 2Ls and 3Ls as student representatives. In addition to handing out points, the reps get extra training in using Lexis and Westlaw – and then hang out at the lab, ready, willing and able to answer all your research questions.

If you have computing questions, the Law School has several onsite computer experts and they're incredibly helpful. Contact Dan Manier (manier.2@nd.edu, 631-3939), Director of Information Technology, or Tim Gritten (gritten.2@nd.edu, 631-9793), for assistance. Tim usually has a bowl of jellybeans or seasonal candy available in his office when you come by to chat or ask why your computer is not working again. If you are the type of person (like I am) to name your computer, he'll even remember her name and ask about her health from time to time. Campus-wide computing assistance is available through the Office of Information Technology, Room 111, CCMB (www.nd.edu/~ndoit, 631-1111.)

Cell Phones

Can you hear me now?

As cell phones are rather popular these days and many law students carry them, we thought we ought to mention something about them in this Guide. Since all of the major cell phone companies provide service in South Bend, picking a provider is probably going to be based on what kind of a plan you can get, and not what kind of a signal you can get.

Reception inside of the law school building is a tricky thing, although it is somewhat better now that the wireless computer network has been installed. To use your phone down in the lounge usually requires standing on one of the couches by the window and holding your nose just right. Sometimes that doesn't work and you only look silly. Most folks go outside to make their calls or stand next to the door if it's really cold out. There are also a few other windows that attract cell phone users, such as the one on the third floor by the elevator.

In the library, reception varies wildly although it's usually a no-go in the stacks and a maybe everywhere else. The policy for cell phones in the library is to be courteous: don't make calls from the library and don't take calls in the library. Leaving your phone on vibrate-only mode is fine … unless you leave and leave your phone on your desk and your significant other calls repeatedly wondering where you are. And, because it was mentioned in an email recently, remember that when you take your call out of the library and into the hallway, there are still other people about, people who may not be interested in learning all about your weekend in New York.

In most classrooms, the rule seems to be that there is no reception except on the one day you forgot to turn off your cell phone. On that day, your mother will call in the middle of the lecture to ask if you're eating right or if you got the warm socks she sent you last week. Not surprisingly, professors don't like it when your cell phone rings during class. We recommend not letting it happen.

The Irish Café, Campus Eateries, and Domer Dollars

Service with a Smile

Located in the Law School lounge, the Irish Café is open daily to serve the needs of your taste buds. It offers daily soup selections, along with a daily lunch special. Also available are deli sandwiches, salads, desserts, and an extensive selection of coffees and other beverages. It's most popular at lunch (especially on rainy days when no one wants to leave the Law School). On most days, if you're planning on having a calzone or picking up a danish for breakfast, stop early or they'll probably be out.

Get to know Vicky, the woman who runs the Irish Café – she's friendly, helpful and a fixture in the law school. When she had a relapse of cancer recently, students raised money to help Vicky and her family take a trip to Disney World before she began chemo.

The lounge is a great place to see people, watch TV, check your e-mail, nap, or read The Observer (Notre Dame's daily newspaper). The lounge is usually full of activities from arranging Thanksgiving baskets for needy families to Westlaw and Lexis displays offering free goodies. The lounge also has pennants from the undergraduate schools that Notre Dame law students have come from. The collection dates back to the 1980's. If you're the lucky first NDLS student from your undergrad, you will have the opportunity to add your school's pennant to the wall.

The Irish Café is not the only on-campus eatery; there are seven other "express" options for lunch, serving sandwiches, salads, pasta and other quick, often portable, victuals. They include **Café Commons** (in Mendoza College of Business), **Café de Grasta** (in Grace Hall), **Café Poche** (in Bond Hall/Architecture), **Decio Commons** (in the Decio Faculty Building), **Waddick's** (in O'Shaughnessy Hall), **Warren Grille** (at the golf course) and the **Bookstore Café**.

North Dining Hall and **South Dining Hall** are located on the North Quad and South Quad, respectively. They offer a variety of all-you-can-eat-but-not-take-out food at every meal. You don't need a meal plan to eat there, but it is a lot cheaper if you have one. Huddle Food Court in LaFortune Student Center includes five food sources: **Burger King**, **Subway**, **Starbucks** and **Huddle Mart** (think: convenience store with a deli counter, salad bar and ice cream cones) upstairs and **Sbarro** downstairs. Also downstairs: the bank, the barber shop, the hair salon, the travel agency, the print shop, the design shop, the florist and the arcade.

Varying in formality and price as well as menu, there are four restaurants on campus. **Sorin's**, located in the Morris Inn, gets the prize for high-end and doesn't garner a lot of student business (probably because they don't take FlexPoints). **Legends of Notre Dame** which is located just south of the stadium, on the other hand, is both pub and restaurant, and thus more welcoming to students (and not just because they accept FlexPoints). **Greenfields** International Café is located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, located across from the bookstore, and offers delicious breakfast and lunch fare with an international twist. On the south side of South Dining Hall, **Reckers** is the only 24-hour eatery on campus and, as such, is very popular with students at all hours of the day and night.

We've alluded to Meal Plans, Flex Points and Domer Dollars a few times already without really explaining the differences and advantages among them. You can get all the details on the Food Services website (see below) but here are the high points.

- A **Meal Plan** allows you to eat a specified number of meals per semester *at the dining halls only*. If you have a "premium" meal plan (14 or 21 meals per week), your unused meals expire at the end of each week. If you have a "block" meal plan (25 to 120 meals per semester), your unused meals expire at the end of the semester. Meals do not roll over to the next semester (but if you break your leg halfway through the semester, and your mom comes to town to take care of you for three months, and she cooks good food for you every night, and you can't really use your meals at the dining halls, Food Services will work with you on this policy.).

- **Flex Points** can be purchased on a dollar-for-dollar basis and used for *food at (almost) any campus restaurant*. You can have Food Services add Flex Points to your card and charge it to your student account. Flex Points roll over until the end of the spring semester when they expire. It's easy to use them up, though, if you are approaching the end of the semester with a balance remaining – just treat your buddies to a cool drink at Legends or stock up on 20-ounce colas at the Huddle. One advantage of Flex Points, at least if you have a weakness for shopping in the bookstore, is that you can't blow all of your lunch money on the latest ND apparel.

- **Domer Dollars** can also be purchased on a dollar-for-dollar basis and can be used in a wide variety of ways on campus. In addition to food purchases, you can buy stuff at the bookstore, the copy shop and other services on campus. For those living on-campus, one of the most useful features of Domer Dollars is that they can be used to do laundry or to purchase items from the vending machines in residence halls. Unlike meal plans and Flex Points, Domer Dollars do not expire but continue on your account for as long as you are a student here. If there is a balance when you graduate, you'll get it back. One drawback of Domer Dollars is that you apparently have to *actually* purchase them and can't just charge them to your student account.

For more information, including hours, menus and all the details on meal plans, Flex Points and Domer Dollars, see the Notre Dame Food Services website at http://food.nd.edu.

Student Organizations

Or How to Change the World and Eat Lots of Free Pizza

While there are only about 525 law students at Notre Dame, there are more than twenty student organizations, and each year students form new organizations. Early in the semester, the SBA organizes a club night. All the student clubs have tables in the lounge and provide information on who they are and what their plans are for the coming year. Most club meetings and guest lectures are held during the lunch period between classes (12:15-1:00 M-F). The clubs often provide free pizza, so if you're feeling particularly poor, it's usually a great way to pick up a free lunch.

American Civil Liberties Union

The Notre Dame American Civil Liberties Union (ND ACLU) is the student chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Since its founding in 1920, the ACLU, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, has been the guardian of the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States through direct advocacy efforts in the nation's courts, legislatures, and communities. The ND ACLU seeks to further the civil liberties through advocacy, dialogue, and education, staying ever respectful of the religious nature of the University of Notre Dame.

American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) is one of the nation's leading progressive legal organizations. Founded in 2001, ACS is comprised of law students, lawyers, scholars, judges, policymakers, activists and other concerned individuals who are working to ensure that the fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice are in their rightful, central place in American law.

Asian Law Students Association

ALSA provides its members with a forum for addressing their needs and expressing their concerns. Through its activities, ALSA informs its members about events of particular interest to Asian American law students and promotes the public's awareness of Asian American issues.

Black Law Students Association

Since 1972 Notre Dame's Black law students have been organized as a chapter of the Black Law Students Association. The purposes of BLSA are to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of African-American law students; to foster and encourage professional competence; to focus upon the relationship of the Black attorney to the American legal structure; and to instill a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black community.

Business Law Forum

The BLF's goal is to promote interest in transactional and business law among members of the Notre Dame Community. Presentations throughout the year are aimed at bringing in speakers to the Law School from the worlds of both business and law. In the past, speakers have included General Counsels of various corporations, attorneys specializing in transactional work, as well as attorneys whose practices involve sports law. Other goals of the BLF include increasing student awareness of the opportunities that are available to them when business and the law are combined.

Christian Legal Society

CLS is an ecumenical group of law students and professors committed to reflecting Christian principles in their practice of the law. CLS invites legal practitioners and scholars to speak on topics such as social responsibility, professional success and practical advice for Christian living in the legal profession. Other CLS activities include Bible studies, service projects, fellowship activities, and seminars sponsored by the national CLS.

Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

The Notre Dame Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is committed to oppose the application of capital punishment in the United States and around the world. In pursuit of this goal, the coalition seeks to network with attorneys and organizers who work on death penalty issues as well as promote dialogue and education on death penalty issues within the Notre Dame Law School community.

Environmental Law Society

The Environmental Law Society is a group of students focused on increasing awareness of environmental issues in the law school community and learning more about law and the environment. They support talks and programs at the law school and encourage networking with legal professionals who work with the environment.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

The NDLS chapter of the Federalist Society facilitates the conservative and libertarian legal philosophies, particularly in the arena of judicial restraint. The Federalist Society frequently hosts prominent speakers, including a number of federal appellate judges, who give talks on issues ranging from natural law to affirmative action to judicial philosophy. In 2003, our chapter hosted the national Federalist Society Symposium on Law and Human Dignity.

Hispanic Law Students' Association

The Hispanic Law Students' Association seeks to support all incoming law students interested in Hispanic culture and to welcome them with current HLSA members who may serve as mentors or guides. While encouraging diversity, HLSA also seeks to promote inclusiveness among all students and with other

Notre Dame law clubs or ethnic law associations. Events sponsored by HLSA include an exam outlining session, mentoring, social outings, cookouts, and Latin dancing excursions. HLSA also awards the prestigious Graciela Olivarez Award, in honor of the first woman and first Hispanic to graduate from the law school, to a Hispanic Lawyer or Judge annually.

Intellectual Property Law Society

IPLS aims to foster leadership in, promote intellectual curiosity about, and encourage dialogue on IP law. The Society challenges its members to engage educators and practitioners, as well as each other, in learning about the various areas of IP law. Active participation in the IP community is strongly encouraged, both by way of written publications and oral presentations designed to educate the student body about IP law. By hosting professionals in academia, government, and the private sector at the Law School, the group and its members seek to stay current with IP law developments and learn of available resources that may be valuable both during school and following graduation.

International Human Rights Society

The goal of the International Human Rights Society is to increase awareness of human rights abuses around the world through advocacy. The organization also seeks to enhance the practical skills of future human rights attorneys by providing opportunities to work with human rights organizations during the school year and providing funds for summer internships in human rights. Finally, IHRS works to increase the knowledge and understanding of human rights by all of Notre Dame's future attorneys, with the understanding that human rights crosses professional specialties and is essential in the practice of every sphere of law.

International Law Society Association

The International Law Student Association (ILSA) is a national organization dedicated to international law topics, especially dealing with humanitarian activities. We sponsor speakers on various topics and presentations regarding interning and practicing in different countries and different areas of international law.

Irish Law Society

Founded in 1996, the Irish Law Society is a group of Notre Dame law students dedicated to creating an awareness and interest amongst the greater Notre Dame community in legal issues in Ireland and especially on civil rights issues involved in the ongoing Peace Process. Past events include talks by Congressman Peter King, (R-NY), award-winning journalist Don Mullan, human rights lawyer Eamonn MacMenamin, NPR Reporter MaryAnn Maguire; a forum on The Good Friday Agreement with a panel of prominent Irish-American judges and attorneys, Belfast Attorneys from Madden and Finucane, and Peace Activists.
Social/Fundraising events have included several social nights at Club 23 with traditional Irish Music by Kennedy's Kitchen

Italian Law Students Association

The Italian Law Students Association is a social organization created for the benefit and support of students at Notre Dame Law School. Law students of Italian heritage, or just interested in the Italian culture, are encouraged to participate in social events and community activities to promote and benefit the Italian community.

Jewish Law Student Society

The Jewish Law Student Society (JLSS) is an organization of law students interested in promoting awareness of Jewish cultural, legal and religious heritage; fostering dialogue on legal, political and ethical issues important to the Jewish people; and raising funds for students interested in working on causes within and beyond the Jewish community. Our recent activities have included bringing in speakers on issues of importance to the Jewish community, participating in community service and charity events, raising awareness of Jewish culture, and celebrating Jewish holidays. Membership in the JLSS is open to all law students regardless of religion or ethnicity; our activities extend beyond the law school to include the University and local Jewish communities.

Jus Vitae

Jus Vitae is an organization founded on the belief that all human life is sacred. We seek to uphold the value of human life, from conception to natural death, through activism, community service, education and prayer. Among the events and activities our members have participated in recent years are: sponsoring pro-life speeches; conducting legal research on pro-life issues; publishing a newsletter for the law school community; volunteering at the local care center for women; praying outside the local abortion clinic; maintaining a small library of pro-life literature, cassettes, and videos; and attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Married Law Students Organization

The organization's goals are to promote family involvement and understanding in the law school experience. Additionally, the organization exists to address the needs and concerns of married students at NDLS. Activities include tailgates, picnics, skating parties, and holiday dinners, all geared toward the whole family.

Military Law Students Association

MLSA, the organization of veterans at NDLS, was formed to promote community among former, current and future military types of any armed services, whether actives or reserves. Recent activities included a picnic, dining in/out and also "Officer Calls" at local establishments.

Native American Law Students Association

The Native American Law Students Association is a social organization created for the benefit and support of students at Notre Dame Law School. The group focuses on generating awareness of Native American issues within the Law

School, actively serving the community, and fellowship. NALSA is open to law students of Native American heritage and to those just interested in Native American Culture. Each year, NALSA sends members to the Federal Bar Association's National Indian Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Phi Alpha Delta

As the world's largest legal fraternity, PAD was founded on ideals of integrity and professional service. It exists to form bonds between law students, professors, and members of the Bench and bar.

Public Interest Law Forum

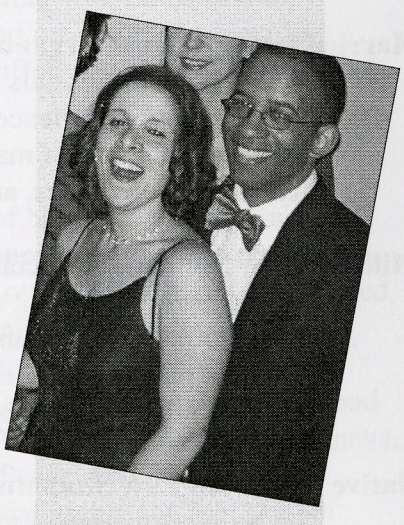
PILF aims to promote awareness of and interest in public interest law. PILF defines "public interest law" broadly in recognition of the wide variety of career opportunities typically encompassed within the category of "public interest law," including careers as legal services providers, criminal defenders and prosecutors, government attorneys, judicial clerks, and attorneys for non-governmental and non-profit organizations. PILF fundraises for summer public interest fellowships, invites speakers on public interest law topics and has worked with the administration to develop a Loan Forgiveness program for NDLS, so that public interest law can be economically feasible for NDLS graduates.

Social Justice Forum

Established in 1983, the Social Justice Forum (SJF) exists to promote and encourage social responsibility within the Notre Dame Law School and to create and maintain a network of concerned individuals who are willing to work toward social justice. To these ends, students and faculty members have sponsored speakers and community service projects, proposed changes in curriculum structure and placement programs, and helped to establish the Notre Dame Law Student Sponsored Fellowship.

Student Bar Association

SBA serves as the student government of NDLS. Monthly town meetings address important issues. In the past, topics included the Honor Code, financial aid, grading and attendance policies and employment issues. SBA sponsors various events for the Law School community, including the 1L Practice Exam Party, the Halloween Party, the Fall Ball, Spring Bowling (and other athletic events), the Father Mike Show and the Barrister's Ball. SBA elections to fill the 1L class representative positions are held in September (you'll see some very ingenious as well as some ridiculous campaign signs). Elections for 2Ls and 3Ls are held in the spring.



SBA Members at the Fall Ball

St. Thomas More Society

The mission of the St. Thomas More Society is to foster full integration of our Catholic faith into the daily practice of law, and thereby to emulate St. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers. They strive to fulfill this mission by living lives worthy of the title Christian and by holding fast to the teachings of the Gospels and the Magisterium of the Church. Their activities are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Women's Legal Forum

Open to both men and women, WLF was formed for the discussion of legal issues directly affecting women and, thus, indirectly affecting society as a whole. Activities include monthly meetings featuring faculty and outside speakers, presentations on domestic violence and sexual harassment litigation, and an annual auction fundraiser which goes toward WLF's student-funded summer fellowships. The auction items donated by faculty and staff members in the past have included "pizza and Law & Order" with the Professors Garnett, one hour of flying time over Michiana with research librarian Warren Rees, the use of a Chicago apartment for the weekend, an autographed copy of RICO, and numerous other interesting items.

Career Services

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

The career services office (CSO) is a resource that is open to all law students throughout the year. The NDLS staff members are very good at what they do and are always willing to help. In addition to providing basic information about how to do a job search, CSO sponsors numerous events throughout the year with speakers from many different practice areas, including public service, government, and the private sector to help students find out what kind of job they may want. From judicial clerkships to public interest, from big-city firms to the public defender, CSO can help you find a job.

The CSO is "off-limits" for 1Ls until November 1 of each year (this is a national policy, not a Notre Dame policy) but after that time, you'll find them extremely helpful. In particular, they will help each of you create an appropriate resume and cover letter to send out in "resume drops" (bulk mailings to certain firms via the career services office sent out in early December) or to individual firms for summer jobs. Because you'll likely be studying for (or stressing over) finals by then, we recommend having a resume together when you come in August.

> It would have been helpful to have my resume put together when I came. Career Services is going to pull it apart anyway, but if you have a base to work with, it saves a lot of time – especially when you're trying to get last minute writing assignments done and study for the legal research exam! Having a list of all the stuff you've done already together in some form makes putting together a resume for a potential firm a heck of a lot easier!
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> Courtney Eschbach, Class of 2005

Mock interviews are available beginning second semester of your first year. Professional interviewers will come in, interview you and then offer feedback on how to improve. CSO has a wealth of information on employers, cities and practice areas and they are eager to share. They also have a tendency to serve food at their functions, which makes CSO events popular with students.

At the end of your first year, CSO will introduce you to the on-campus interview process, or OCI, which is available to 2Ls and 3Ls, primarily in the fall. The job search for second year students is important because often the position you have during your 2L summer (between your second and third year) will turn into your first permanent position. CSO will encourage you to begin your job search before returning to school for the second year. The office is open during the summer, and career services personnel remain in contact during this time to help students plan and organize the job search.

Notre Dame has an extensive OCI program with hundreds of public and private employers who come to campus from across the country. Oddly, these visits often coincide with home football weekends. Students sign up for interviews, ranging in length from 20 to 30 minutes, with employers they are interested in, via eAttorney (an on-line

database of employers about which you will learn much). After the interview, usually within a few weeks, the firm will contact you. If they are interested in hiring you, you may get what's called a "call-back." Typically, the firm will invite you to their office (at their expense) where you will spend the day being interviewed by various attorneys, asking questions and, generally, getting wined and dined. The idea is for you to get to know them and for them to get to know you. Some firms wait until the end of "the season" before making any hiring decisions, others make offers throughout the season. CSO is available to help you throughout the process, including the etiquette of interviews, call-backs and offers.

Not surprisingly, public interest law is also quite popular among Notre Dame law students, and the Career Services Office can provide advice for obtaining any necessary funding for those positions as well. Judicial clerkships, state and federal, are another option, both for the summer and after graduation. Hiring guidelines for federal clerkships determine when application can be made for these highly coveted positions.

One career resource that can be very helpful is the Notre Dame alumni network. Alumni clubs are located across the country and are always willing to involve more people in their activities. Emails are frequently sent out in regards to alumni club activities in cities throughout the country during academic breaks. These activities are a great way to make contacts that could lead to a job, so take advantage of them when you are at home. Also, one of the things that distinguishes Notre Dame is the willingness of the students to help each other. This transfers across into the alumni network as well, and the university's alumni directory (about the size of a phone book) is full of individuals ready to help Notre Dame students in any way they can.

Student Services

Go see Peter, He can help

Peter Horvath, the Director of Student Services, serves as a liaison between students and the administration in the law school. Most aspects of non-classroom law school life come within his bailiwick. Among his other duties, Peter approves student organization expenditures, helps student groups find additional funding when necessary, and ensures that students are aware of the various and sundry policies in du Lac (University rules www.nd.edu/~orlh/dulac/index.htm) and the Hoynes Code (Law School rules http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/currentstudents/hoynes/hoynes_code_brochure.pdf).

In addition to handling various fiscal matters, Peter deals with individual and group student concerns, exam schedule conflicts, exam accommodations due to illness or disability, and excused absences. Peter also provides counseling services for students with academic or personal challenges. (Additional counseling resources at Notre Dame can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/student_services/links.html.)

To sum up,

- If you have five exams in three days, go see Peter
- If your student group's faculty advisor left the country before approving the expenditures for that special party, go see Peter
- If you are depressed and you can't take an exam, go see Peter
- If you broke your leg and you can't get around, call Peter
- If you wake up thirty minutes after your Civil Procedure exam began, go see Peter really fast – he can help.

For a number of reasons, I wasn't quite ready to start law school when I started law school. The big two were that I had put my house on the market in March (thinking it would easily sell by August in time to move), but I hadn't gotten a single offer by the time orientation started; and that my wife and I were expecting our second child sometime in October. I was concerned about the potential impact of both of these factors on my first semester of law school, but in retrospect, things could not have gone more smoothly. Peter in Student Services put my wife and me at ease from the very start, and when I finally got an offer on my house, every professor was extremely understanding about missing class. I had some catching up to do, of course, but in general I feel like I didn't miss a beat. (And fortunately, the baby came during Fall Break – what a good kid!)

Brian Foster, Class of 2007

The University of Notre Dame du Lac

Notre Dame Traditions –
Football Weekend –
"wee ahr ehn dee" –
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Notre Dame Traditions

A Rich History

It is very possible that few colleges (and undoubtedly even fewer law schools) are so rich in the history and tradition that make the collegiate atmosphere so much fun. At the root of much of Notre Dame's tradition is its football team. On football weekends, the campus bustles with tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world clamoring to take part in the traditions of Notre Dame. Take some time away from your books to enjoy the rich history that is Notre Dame. While a whole separate guide could be written about Notre Dame Traditions,[5] here are a few to help you become acclimated:

Start by watching a few noteworthy movies in Notre Dame history

- *Knute Rockne: All American* – In possibly his most famous role, Ronald Reagan plays George Gipp, former Notre Dame football coach in this biographical picture that traces the life of former Notre Dame football player and coach, Knute Rockne.
- *Rudy* – *Rudy* is the story of Rudy Ruettiger, an undersized Notre Dame undergraduate who fulfilled his dream of playing football for the Irish.

Things you need to know about Notre Dame Football[6]

- Notre Dame Stadium is one of the most hallowed arenas in the history of college and professional sports and seats over 80,000 fans.
- Every Notre Dame football game is televised nationally on one of the major networks.
- Since the AP began certifying winners of its national title in 1936, Notre Dame has won more national championships than any other college. Notre Dame has won eight titles: 1943, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1966, 1973, 1977, 1988.
- The 2005 Notre Dame Football Schedule:

September 3	at Pittsburgh
September 10	at Michigan
September 17	MICHIGAN STATE
September 24	at Washington
October 1	at Purdue
October 15	USC
October 22	BYU
November 5	TENNESSEE
November 12	NAVY
November 19	SYRACUSE
November 26	at Stanford

[5] For greater depth on Notre Dame traditions and some wonderful campus photos, visit http://www.nd.edu/~wcawley/default.htm and http://www.archives.nd.edu/ringel/default.htm

[6] For a story about how a Notre Dame football skeptic fell in love with our campus and a detailed portrayal of a football weekend, visit: http://espn.go.com/page2/s/darcy/031030notredame.html

How did a school in Indiana with a French name become the "Fighting Irish?"

While the true etymology of the "Fighting Irish" is unknown, two stories endure. One suggests that while Notre Dame was leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime, Northwestern students began to chant, "Kill the Fighting Irish, Kill the Fighting Irish."[7] Another story suggests that one Notre Dame player chastised his teammates during a 1909 halftime in Michigan when Notre Dame was trailing by saying, "What's the matter with you guys? You're all Irish and you're not fighting worth a lick." [8]

What is that song I keep hearing the first week on campus?

After the first week of school, most Notre Dame students can sing the fight song in their sleep. The Notre Dame Victory March is easily the most recognizable fight song in all of collegiate athletics. The song was written by two brothers, John and Michael Shea, who were Notre Dame graduates.

The Notre Dame Victory March
Rally sons of Notre Dame:
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true:
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame
We will fight in ev'ry game,
Strong of heart and true to her name
We will ne'er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame

Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory. [9]

Other Traditions

- The Knute Rockne Memorial Building – Students rub nose on the bust of Knute Rockne for good luck on their final exams
- The "Backer" – Yes, the infamous Linebacker Lounge, which has become the time honored tradition of Domers near and far. Visit this tiny, jam packed place on football and weekends, or any weekend, for that matter, for a rollicking good

[7] http://und.ocsn.com/trads/nd-m-fb-name.html
[8] http://und.ocsn.com/trads/nd-m-fb-name.html
[9] To download the Notre Dame Victory March and Alma Mater audio files, visit: http://und.ocsn.com/multimedia/nd-multimedia.html

time dancing the night away with friends when you just can't seem to keep your head in a book.

- The Golden Dome – While not "enforced" it is said that only those who are alumni of Notre Dame may walk up the steps of the Main Building. Those of us who have yet to earn our degrees should enter at ground level.

Law School Specific Traditions

- The Facebook - otherwise called the Student Directory - has everyone's picture in it, for that guy or girl you met the first day and whose name you just can't remember.
- Law League Bowling – Spring semester. Thursday nights. Bowling. What more is there to be said? Bowling, cavorting, and trash-talking wrapped up in a single evening. Good times.
- 3L "100 Days" Parties – Starting 100 days before graduation, the 3Ls hold parties for themselves every 10 days leading up to the final farewell. 1Ls and 2Ls also invited—we are a family, after all.
- Law Ball and Barrister's Ball – one semi-formal, one formal, both great occasions to get all dressed up for a night with friends
- Father Mike Show / WLF Auction – one of the highlights of the spring semester, the Father Mike Show is a talent show of sorts, with law students *and faculty* strutting their stuff on stage. In between acts, the Women's Legal Forum auctions off a number of items donated by faculty and staff. You've got to see it to believe it!

Football Weekend

It's Not Just Football, It's NOTRE DAME Football

Notre Dame has approximately 10,000 students. But our football stadium holds over eight times that many people and every weekend the minions stream into South Bend and turn Notre Dame's picturesque campus into a big festival. A home football "weekend" in the shadow of the Golden Dome starts as early as Wednesday. That is when you first start to notice the many, many fans. These are not just people coming to the game; these are people on a pilgrimage to one of the meccas of American sport. Even several weeks into the season it is still just a little strange to see people posing for pictures outside of buildings you consider just part of the campus landscape. But of course there is one building on campus that is way more then just part of the landscape.

Notre Dame Stadium. The house that Knute Rockne built (literally). Capacity of more than 80,000. Over 150 straight sell outs. Home to the 11-time national champion Fighting Irish.

So while you start to feel the beginning of the home football weekends on Wednesday and Thursday, the festivities truly kick off on Friday at noon with the football luncheon in the Joyce Center (Notre Dame's Basketball/Hockey Arena). The luncheons are opportunities to meet with Irish coaches and players, and the keynote speaker is always Notre Dame's head coach. By mid-afternoon the "buzz" on campus is evident. The Student Bar Association normally hosts a TGIF party on football weekends at the law school, which is always good food and a good time. Friday's events culminate in the famous Friday-night pep rallies. While this may sound like a high-schoolish event, it certainly is not. The gates to the Joyce Center usually open at 5:30 and by the time the "Best Band in the Land" marches in at 6:30 the arena has been packed to the gills with 12,000 people. The pep rallies feature cheerleaders, the Notre Dame band, the football team and coaching staff and of course special guests. Past guests have run the gamut from Wayne Gretzky to Dick Vitale, Regis Philbin, Dusty Baker and Jenny McCarthy. After the pep rally it's off to some of the famous sports bars around South Bend to rub elbows with alumni, fans and of course fellow students. Don't miss out on the Midnight Drum Circle.

Saturdays are game days and they are packed with activity. Most people start their day off with a trip to the Grotto to light a candle and then a tour through the Basilica, where you might see the team going to Mass. After seeing the team walk across campus from Mass you might be hungry, so grab a Bratwurst and a soda from one of the dozens of student-run concession stands set up on the quads. Another must see on game days is the band's "Concert on the Steps" at Bond Hall where you can hear the best college fight song in the land, the Notre Dame Victory March. By now it's nearing noon and it's probably time to check out the open air tailgating parties going on in the parking lots surrounding the stadium, truly a sight to see and take part in.

Game time is almost always 2:30 eastern time (which is 1:30 South Bend time for the first few games of the year because of the time zone differential) because every Notre Dame home game is broadcast on live, nationwide television by NBC (aka the Notre Dame Broadcasting Company). But the TV coverage doesn't matter because one of the best fringe benefits of being a law student at Notre Dame is getting to buy football season tickets in the student section. So after tailgating, grab your ticket booklet and ID, and head over to the stadium. Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes … the students at Notre Dame stand for the entire game. Several hours later feeling tired and hopefully very, very happy (because Notre Dame won) you file out of the stadium and either participate in some post-game tailgating or you can head over to the law school for a post-game reception. The reception, in the law school lounge, for alumni and students, is a great opportunity to network with ND law graduates who have returned from across the country. Of course there is much more to a Notre Dame football weekend but you just have to come here and experience it for yourself to truly understand … at least that is what we had to do!

"Wee ahr ehn dee"

Another football story

I was not a fan of Notre Dame football when I got here three years ago, although I do love football. My first year, I spent Saturdays in the library studying. I kept track of the game by the roar of the crowd from the stadium (literally) and the gleeful yelp of the librarian from the next room. My second year, I spent Saturdays under a rock and thoroughly stressed out. But this year, I spent Saturdays selling "*hot* dogs, *ham*burgers, brats, *cold* drinks, and crispy chips" and watching the Irish play – live and in person from my "stand" in the student section. I also managed to fall for the Irish, despite my best intentions to remain unattached.

It happened, late in the game against Michigan, with a simple four word chant.

Wee … ahr … ehn … dee	*("We" … so far so good.)*
Wee … ahr … ehn … dee	*(wow, the whole stadium is into this!)*
Wee … ahr … ehn … dee	*(I should cheer louder.)*
Wee … ahr … ehn … dee	*(hey, why are the cheerleaders stopping?)*
Wee … ahr … ehn … dee	*(aw, who needs them anyway?)*
WE … ARE … N. … D.	*(oh, no … I think I'm hooked…)*

Eventually, the cheer broke up but not before I lost my heart to the Fighting Irish.

After you've been here a few weeks, and gone to a few games, you may want to consult this checklist to see if you, too, might be falling for the Irish. Don't worry if you are; it happens to most of us, sooner or later.

You might be falling for the Irish, if …

1. …you think Knute, Rudy and Ara would be great names for your newborn nephew.
2. …you own at least one Notre Dame Band CD.
3. …you can quote whole scenes from *Rudy*.
4. …you buy your dog a Notre Dame water bowl, *and* a Notre Dame leash, *and* a Notre Dame chew toy.
5. …the Alma Mater makes you cry.
6. …your week just doesn't feel right unless you say, "Go Irish!" at least once.
7. …on days when you can't watch the game, you approach total strangers who are wearing ND apparel and ask, "What's the score?"
8. …you know who Tim McCarthy is.
9. …in talking about Notre Dame, you say "we" instead of "they."
10. …you can go through an entire football game without once considering the liability involved in 10,000, possibly-impaired college students dancing the Irish Jig on old, narrow wooden boards.

The Ticket Process

Getting into the House That Rockne Built

Although as a student you are guaranteed the opportunity to buy a seat (or, more accurately, a "stand") for the football games, there is A Process which must be endured to get the tickets. The Athletic Department often revises the process but here are the basics of the system.

At Orientation (or shortly thereafter), you will receive a Ticket Order form. At the designated time a few days later, you will take your Ticket Order form and your student ID to the stadium ticket office (on the east side of the stadium, by Juniper Road), and a friendly person in a yellow jacket will put a Lottery Number on your Ticket Order form. After all the Lottery Numbers are distributed, two numbers will be drawn at random – one for the undergraduates and one for the law/MBA/graduate student pools. Then, again at a designated time, you return to stadium ticket office with your Ticket Order form, your student ID and money (cash or check) to purchase your actual Student Ticket Booklet. Your designated time (and thus your seat at the game) is determined by the number drawn in the ticket lottery.

Two more points about getting tickets. Both for getting your Lottery Number and your Student Ticket Booklet, one person can bring up to six IDs and order forms. If you want to sit together as a group, this is the way to do it, because you need to have sequential numbers. Also, for the married folks among you, you can purchase a second ticket for your spouse/child at the student rate if you have proof of marriage with you (i.e., a copy of your marriage certificate).

On game day, you return once again to the stadium with your signed Ticket Booklet and your student ID. Don't detach your tickets, by the way, because you won't be able to get in if you do.

Once you have your ticket, you may want to exchange it in some way. A limited number of student tickets can be exchanged, for a fee, for general admission tickets which can be used by non-students. Ticket trading among students also goes on ("I'll trade you my Pitt ticket for a Navy ticket") and you will see many, many signs begging for tickets in the law school. Your best bet is to consult a Double Domer about how to do it without incurring the wrath of the ushers – who can confiscate your booklet and kick you out of the game.

The demand for Notre Dame football tickets, regardless of the kind of season we are having, is great and some people are willing to pay *a lot* of money for a ticket. Although you may be tempted to sell your ticket so you can afford to buy Prosser on Torts and the like, be aware of the Athletic Department's Resale Policy. If you sell an individual ticket for more than face value, you lose ticket privileges for two years. If you sell your ticket booklet for more than face value, you lose ticket privileges for five years. Ticket privileges for repeat offenders may be permanently revoked.

Student season tickets for men's basketball are handled differently, as there are only a limited number of tickets available to students. On the designated day (or rather the night before), students get in line and hope to get a ticket before they are all gone. Rising interest in the games, however, has prompted the Athletic Department to change its policy about student tickets. Individual tickets can be detached from a booklet and be used by any student with an ID. In other words, you can buy a book and share the tickets with your buddies. Tickets for games during academic breaks are much cheaper (and sometimes free), if you happen to be in town.

Admission is charged at women's basketball, hockey, baseball, women's soccer, men's soccer, and volleyball games but students are admitted free with an ID. Some restrictions apply, but most of the time you'll have no problems getting in. Admission to swimming, fencing, lacrosse, tennis and softball is free for everyone. See http://und.collegesports.com/tickets/nd-tickets.html for more information.

Athletics

Class, Brass, & Kicks (Butt)

Athletic Department

Just the mention of Notre Dame suggests images of legends. National Championships, NCAA tournament appearances, New Year's Day Bowl Games. With colors of Navy Blue and Gold, and the occasional Kelly Green for good luck, the Fighting Irish mystique makes the University of Notre Dame's athletic department the most storied collegiate program in the country. Its rich history is embedded with tales of heroes who have overcome overwhelming odds to lead the Irish to victory. A truly national University, the Irish sports teams are comprised of athletes from coast-to-coast, and you're sure to find at least one "subway alumni" in every city across the country.

Joyce Center

Notre Dame's legendary double-domed home of basketball, fencing, hockey, volleyball, and swimming. Named after former executive vice-president and chairman of the Faculty Board on Athletics, Father Joyce, the Joyce Center houses Notre Dame's athletic offices in addition to several varsity teams. It opened in the fall of 1968 and is due for renovation. Within the past several years, the building has hosted other community events, including a U2 concert, World Wrestling Federation shows, and the Harlem GlobeTrotters show.

Facilities and teams

From legendary Notre Dame Stadium to the Joyce Center, to the one-of-a-kind Loftus Field House boasting the finest indoor track-and-field complex not in a dome, the Irish sporting venues are about a five minute walk from anywhere on campus. Fall sports include football, women's volleyball, cross-country, and men's and women's soccer. Winter sports include ice hockey, fencing, men's and women's swimming, and men's and women's basketball. Spring sports include baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's track-and-field, and men's and women's golf.

National Championships

The women's soccer team captured its second national championship in 2004, demonstrating again that championship caliber play is expected under the Golden Dome. A member of the Big East Conference in all major sports, with the exceptions of hockey (CCHA) and football (independent), Notre Dame has claimed 23 team national championships to date. Notre Dame football has won more national championships (11) and hosted more Heisman Trophy winners (7) than any other program in the nation. The Irish fencing team has racked up six national championships, the most recent being in 2003, and the women's basketball team captured the national title in 2001. The football team hasn't captured a national championship since 1988 but we are hoping that the luck of the Irish will return next year, under new head coach Charlie Weis.

Student Section

Well over 90% of the Notre Dame student-body attends football games, a weekly rite of passage on the typical fall Notre Dame weekend. Standing upon the wooden bleachers in the Notre Dame student section, one can be sure to leave the stadium feeling somewhat hoarse – certainly in merriment of another football triumph. Notre Dame is ranked No. 1 in the categories of "Students Pack the Stadium" and "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" in The Princeton Review's The Best 357 Colleges (2004). The latter is certainly no surprise especially because the law school even has their own intramural league (see Intramurals section later in this guide).

Pep Rally

The appetizer for the Notre Dame Football Weekend is the traditional Friday evening pep rally at the Joyce Center. With incredible guest speakers each week, the rally normally attracts high-profile speakers with an electric capacity crowd on the edge of their feet. The September 5, 1997, pep rally before the Georgia Tech rededication game was held in Notre Dame Stadium and attracted more than 35,000 fans.

Olympians

Dating back to the Antwerp Games in 1920, Notre Dame has been represented in 15 of the 20 Summer Olympics, including each one of the last 10. The 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, were particularly golden for Notre Dame – of the nine future, current or former students who competed in the Games, four won gold medals. These Domers included:

Mariel Zagunis—U.S. women's fencing
Kate Sobrero Markgraf—U.S. women's soccer
Shannon Boxx—U.S. women's soccer
Ruth Riley—U.S. women's basketball
Monica Gonzalez—Mexico women's soccer
Christel Bouvron—Singapore women's swimming
Andrew MacKay—Cayman Islands men's swimming
Jan Viviani—U.S. men's fencing
Jeff Smoke—U.S. kayaking

Zagunis, Sobrero Markgraf, Boxx, and Riley all brought home gold medals for the United States.

Intramurals

Your Chance for Physical Activity, or Stop Studying and Do Something Fun

Even though you're in law school, you can still be active! You may find that having time to get to the gym is tougher now (is it ever easy?), but there are plenty of chances to get involved in organized leagues through RecSports (Notre Dame's organized Recreational Sports … hence the nickname) or even the law school itself.

The RecSports office has a flag football league where students can compete for a chance to play for the championship in Notre Dame Stadium. There are graduate student and open leagues. Teams can be single sex or co-ed. Sign-up is early in the semester, so be on the lookout for fliers in the law school and at the two gyms on campus, Rolfs and The Rock. If you want extra incentive to join, the law school almost always has a team in the stadium game – keep the tradition alive.

In addition to football, in the fall there is a RecSports graduate soccer league with games played outdoors in the evening, and the winter season also brings about RecSports basketball. Basketball starts after Fall Break, with another exciting playoff bracket. Just like the football league, the championship game is played where the varsity team plays – this time on the floor of the Joyce Center (and it wouldn't make much sense to have it in the stadium, would it?). The law school had its first racquetball tournament last fall, and a ping-pong tournament and dizzy bat race have been rumored to be in the mix in the future. Okay, not really a dizzy bat race, but you get the idea. Also in the fall/winter, you can find CoRec (campus-wide co-ed) volleyball and indoor soccer.

The spring season is the most diverse. Upon your return from Winter Break, the law school bowling and basketball leagues await you. Ask any law student (we'll call him "that guy") and that guy will tell you that Thursday night bowling is one of the most popular activities during the spring semester. It has also been moved to a new bowling alley even closer to campus. For basketball, the law school has an informal league with competition among law students, mostly on weeknights. Finally, once the ground thaws, RecSports has a graduate softball league.

If you want any more information on any of these programs, you can visit the RecSports website at http://recsports.nd.edu/programs/intramurals/index.html. Just watch for deadlines, because they sneak up on you pretty quickly and you may miss your chance to dazzle your peers with your athletic prowess. If you lack prowess, bloopers are always a good conversation piece in the law school lounge.

South Bend & Beyond

Living in and Getting out of the Bend

Basics
Groceries – Housing – Banking – Copies

Beyond Bread
Worship – Community Service

Good Times
Bars – Bowling – Golf – Movies – Restaurants – Area Attractions – Shopping – Road Trips – Summer in South Bend

Transportation
Airlines & Airports – Bikes – Buses & Trains

Map

Groceries

Places to Buy Food, Drinks, and . . . Nine Irons?

The Usual Suspects . . .

Kroger

Closest to Campus: State Road 23, in University Commons (behind University Park Mall)

Other locations: South Bend: Western Avenue, E. Ireland Road; Mishawaka: Hickory Road

The only national grocery chain in South Bend. Typical grocery store – no bells and whistles, but the prices are fair. Be sure to get the discount card! All locations are open 24 hours; the University Commons location has a 24-hour pharmacy

Martin's

Closest to Campus: State Road 23 and Ironwood

Other locations: South Bend: Western Avenue, Erskine Plaza; Granger: State Road 23; Mishawaka, McKinley, Ironwood, Bittersweet

Chain supermarket local to the Michiana area. A typical big grocery store with some specialty items like sushi, a sizeable deli, and a not-too-shabby wine selection. The location at SR23 and Ironwood also houses a Starbucks outlet, has a good selection of prepared food (including excellent garlic mashed potatoes), great baked goods and is open 6 a.m. to midnight. It also has a small café area that's nice for studying.

Meijer

Closest to Campus: Grape Road in Mishawaka (where else?)

Other locations: South Bend: Cleveland, Portage

The Midwest's very own contribution to the super-store lineup. Even if you don't buy anything, it is a must-see. You can buy a lobster, whipped cream, a nine-iron, a car battery and embroidery floss on the same trip. They also feature some self-checkout lanes – which come in handy on Sunday afternoons when everyone in Michiana descends on the place. Those of you coming from big cities will need resuscitation after seeing the prices. Best of all, it's open 24 hours.

Sam's Club
Closest to Campus: Indian Ridge Road in Mishawaka, next to Wal-Mart (between Grape and Main, across from Indian Lakes)

A members-only shopping club like BJ's or Costco. Everything is in bulk, which carries two benefits: lower prices and time savings. The hours aren't as convenient as the other grocery stores in the area, but the saved money and time might compensate.

Super Target
Closest to Campus: University Drive in Granger (off Main in Mishawaka)
Other locations: South Bend: Ireland Road; Goshen: Midway Road (both are "regular" Targets which means no groceries)

Another multi-service grocery/department store. Not as many extras as Meijer and Super Wal-Mart, but there is a pharmacy, photo lab and optical store as well as groceries and the usual department store fare.

Wal-Mart Supercenter
Closest to Campus: Indian Ridge Road in Mishawaka
Other locations: Portage Road in South Bend

A bigger-than-life Wal-Mart with a big grocery section. Has everything that Meijer offers, plus a beauty salon, a portrait studio, vision center and a bank. Mishawaka location is open 24 hours.

AND THE OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY

South Bend Farmer's Market
Location: 1105 Northside Boulevard, just below the river

South Bend has the distinction of having the nation's largest farmer-owned market. Local farmers sell their own products in season and imported produce at other times of the year, as well as bulk spices and organic meats at killer prices. Other merchants sell antiques and crafts. The obscenely good Great Harvest Bread Company also occupies a stall. It's open year round, during the day on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. During growing season, there are additional hours on Friday. And it's all inside, so you don't have to worry about the weather.

Specialty Grocery Markets

Asian markets

Asian Food Market	1837 South Bend Avenue
Saigon Market	206 W. Colfax in South Bend
Mekong Oriental Market	428 Lincolnway West in South Bend
Oriental Market	3618 Grape Road in Mishawaka
Sari Sari Oriental Grocery	307 E. McKinley in Mishawaka

All stores sell specialty Asian foods as well as bulk rice and specialty pans and utensils.

Organic/natural products

Harmony Market — Grape Road in Mishawaka
Offers a juice bar, organic produce, deli, vitamins and other alternative medicines, and cooking classes.

Down to Earth	State Road 23 in Granger
Garden Patch Market	228 W Edison Road

Mexican/Latin American foods

Santa Rosa	429 S. Walnut in South Bend
Super Mercado Rosales	620 S. Meade in South Bend
	1518 S. Michigan in South Bend

Jose and Marciela Navarro make specialty Mexican cheeses out of their home. Contact Broadway Christian Church at 289-0247 for information.

Fair Trade Coffee

FTC is available on campus through the Sacred Heart Parish Center (631-7508).

Housing

Yes, There are Nice Places to Live in South Bend

This is our attempt to help you find a place to live. Honestly, finding a place to live in a city where you don't have any connections to is not easy, but we hope that this list of apartment complexes, ratings, and references will help you track down someplace you will enjoy living during your three years at Notre Dame. Fortunately, housing in the South Bend/Mishawaka area is very affordable, especially if you're used to living on the East or West Coasts.

We have tried to provide ratings of some of the more popular complexes by contacting law students who currently live in these complexes and asking them what they think of their current digs. These ratings are the opinions of students, NOT of the University or the Law School, and you may find that you disagree with them. We tried to be as thorough as possible in putting the ratings together. We have tried to include off-campus complexes where a lot of law students live and others that seem like they might work for law students. There are two complexes we want to warn you against. Hillcrest Apartments and the Notre Dame Apartments, while close to campus, are not in particularly nice areas and are not known for being well-maintained.

Caveat emptor (look, we're law students, so we had to use at least one Latin phrase). Keep in mind that you should verify this information and any information you get from the Housing Office with the landlord or management agency. We haven't been able to update the rental rates on some of these places in a few years…

Getting Started

Call the University Office of On-Campus and Off-Campus Housing (574) 631-5878 and ask them to send you the informational packets on on-campus and off-campus housing options. The information provided on on-campus housing is thorough and very helpful. The packet on off-campus housing (you'll get it in the mail, but you can also log onto their website and print it once you have an AFS ID) has a lot of practical information, like phone numbers and addresses, but it doesn't really tell you what different housing opportunities are like, how far they are from campus, who lives there, etc. We've tried to fill in some of those gaps with the information below. The packet the University puts together for off-campus housing can be really excellent if you're looking to sublet, want to find a roommate, would like to live with a family, etc. Make sure you look at it and cross-reference with the information below.

If you want to live on-campus, submit your application AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! There are many more graduate students who would like the convenience of living in university housing than there are spots. The university recommends you submit your housing applications as soon as you are accepted. If you wait to look for housing, it's unlikely that you'll find an availability on-campus. There is a waiting list, but a spot on a list is not a roof over your head.

Decide what you need out of a living situation before you begin your search. Sit down and ask yourself whether you need to live alone or want to be surrounded by people, do you already have a roommate(s) in mind, what kind of hours you like to keep, what kind of study habits do you have, do you like to cook, do you have a car, how much can you afford to spend, etc. If you know what you want in a place to live, it will be a much smoother process.

Look online. Go to www.rent.net and search by South Bend and Notre Dame University campus and try www.southbend.com/RealEstateHome.shtml. Also try www.apartmentguide.com. To find apartments around Notre Dame, choose to look for apartments in the state of Indiana in the metro area "Michiana and NW Indiana." On the next screen, choose St. Joseph County. Quite a few of the rental companies have good websites as well. The best we have found is www.edwardrose.com. They run several complexes in both Mishawaka and South Bend.

Good Luck! The good news is that even if you don't like your first year living situation, you'll probably never be there because it's first year, and let's face it, you live at the library! To be totally honest, almost everyone I know is happy with their living situation. South Bend is cheap, the people are nice and nothing is too far from campus. So don't sweat the housing search too much and worry about more important things — like finding a bag big enough to haul around 137.5 lbs of law textbooks!

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Contact Info & Websites

(574) 631-5878
http://www.nd.edu/~orlh/housing/graduate/index.htm

FISCHER GRADUATE HOUSING

Description

New construction two-bedroom apartments. These are the nicest option for on-campus housing so everyone wants to live here. People who stay on campus for more than one year generally request to live here. You're still right on campus, but you're safely separated from the undergraduate dorms by a parking lot.

Everyone living here is a graduate student. If you apply to live in graduate student housing the University will match you up with one or more roommates from any of the graduate programs, but you can also request a roommate. People keep odd hours because everyone is a student, but there are 24 hour quiet hours (which most people abide by – this doesn't mean that having people over for a party will necessarily get you in trouble, but you may have to tone it down a bit on occasion). It is clean and, best of all, it's managed directly by the University, so problems tend to get fixed extremely fast.

Distance to the Law School

About a 10 minute walk from your door across campus to the door of the law school. You can ride your bike, but you'd never need to drive—although it's not unheard of for people to drive to the lazy lot (you'll have to ask some 2L or 3L about other places we park but aren't supposed to when you get to campus). The student shuttle also stops at FOG, which will also deliver you to the law school in ten minutes. (It takes about 30 minutes to ride back because the shuttle stops at

Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and University Village as well. At night and especially during the holiday season, though, it is well worth the time, given how beautiful the campus looks.)

Rent, Utilities & Parking
$2,231/semester, $4,462/year
All utilities included
Parking available steps from your door for $95/school year. Unfortunately, there's no covered parking so come January get your shovel and scraper ready! It's a good thing you won't need to drive to class.

Amenities & Pets
There is coin laundry within walking distance. It is only accessible to Notre Dame graduate students, so you can feel safe washing your lucky exam socks alone late at night. No pets (not even fish anymore).

Student Comments
The first great thing about Fischer is the price. It's dirt cheap, and it includes some pretty good furniture. All utilities are paid for at a flat rate (also a very low price), so we had our AC roaring 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is almost no noise whatsoever, any time – so it's no Turtle Creek (i.e. MTV Spring Break). The apartment is a decent size – living room, small breakfast nook, 2 bedrooms, bathroom + extra sink, and kitchen. The kitchen is adequate, with a garbage disposal, but unfortunately no dishwasher. Decent closet space, but not great. No laundry machines – you have to walk to the community center, and sometimes it's a very cold walk. Never a security problem, nice area, no thugs or ruffians around. A few more notes: you have a chance of getting a crappy, antisocial roommate – it is a grad student residence, after all. I've lucked out twice, but I know people who haven't fared as well. Also, all ND on-campus housing has PLENTY of rules that they try to mom-and-dad you with – but enforcement is lax. Finally – if you want to live here, book your spot EARLY – it fills up fast.

Rating

O'HARA-GRACE GRADUATE HOUSING

Description
Older four-bedroom townhouses. You're right next to Fischer, still safely separated from the undergraduates. There are probably more 1Ls (that's you) in O'Hara-Grace simply because it's harder to get a spot in Fischer. Some 1Ls complain that the apartments are a little run down, but maintenance is reliable. A slightly shorter walk to the law school than from Fischer. You can ride your bike, but you'd never need to drive. And the same shuttle will pick you up.

Rent, Utilities & Parking
$1,851/semester, $3,702/year
All utilities included
Parking available steps from your door for $95/school year. Unfortunately, there's still no covered parking

Amenities & Pets
There is a coin laundry in walking distance. It is only accessible to Notre Dame graduate students. Again, no pets.

Student Comments

It's cool, depending on who you're living with. A lot of 1Ls live around you and you get to know/party with them. Plenty of space.

O'Hara-Grace Townhouses are located on-campus, right next to the Fischer Graduate Student Housing complexes. Each townhouse is fully furnished and has four bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, a kitchen, and living area. The bedrooms are located on the upper floor while the living area and kitchen are located on the first floor. It is cheaper to live in O'Hara-Grace than in the Fischer apartments. However, it comes with its share of drawbacks as well:

- Four students share one full bathroom. That's one shower for four people!
- Four students share one phone line. Students can opt for a personal line for a hefty fee. But it's well worth the price if you want to make and receive phone calls freely.
- The buildings (and the furniture) are older than those in the Fischer apartments.

Living at O'Hara-Grace has its advantages too. It is close to school & many of your friends live nearby. Also, the rent (for the entire semester or year) is directly deducted from your student account so you never have to worry about paying rent and/or electricity.

Between O'Hara-Grace and the Fischer apartments, I would personally would prefer to live in Fischer. I moved off-campus after my first year at O'Hara-Grace. And I wonder if I would have moved at all if I was living in Fischer.

Rating

CRIPE STREET APARTMENTS

Housing for married students without children. More information on the website provided above. $527/ month. Includes rent and phone.

Rating

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE APARTMENTS

Housing for married students with children. More information provided on the website above. $431/month with washer and dryer. Includes rent and phone.

Rating

AUTUMN LAKES
Mishawaka

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	2
Price from	$525	$665
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage	691-714	977-1016

Lease terms are 6 & 12 months.

Contact Info & Websites
1109 Hidden Lakes Drive, Mishawaka 46544
(888) 223-4129
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating
None

BITTERSWEET POINTE
Mishawaka

Distance from the Law School
3.25 miles.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1
Price	$499-505	$605-620
Deposit	$100	$100
Square Footage		

Lease terms are 12 months. Pets up to 20# welcome.

Contact Info & Websites
411 Rosewood Drive, Mishawaka 46544
888-202-3153; (574) 257-0024
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating
None

CLOVER RIDGE APARTMENTS

23 & Ironwood, South Bend

Distance to the Law School

Just a minute farther down the road than Turtle Creek and Oak Hill. You could walk to campus in 20 minutes or ride your bike in 10 or so. If you have a car you'll probably want to drive, and that will only take about 10-12 minutes door to door.

Description

These apartments are very close to campus and just around the corner from the supermarket and drug store. Remodeled in 2000.

Who Lives There

Pretty much exclusively students, both graduate and undergraduate.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	2	2
Price	$640	$810	930
Deposit	$250	$250	$250
Square Footage	750	1000	1000

Only includes water, sewer and trash for utilities. 10 and 12 month lease options. $300 pet deposit.

Amenities & Pets

Air Conditioning; Summer Lease Agreements; Laundry Facility;
Cable / Satellite TV; Swimming Pool; Pet-friendly – Cats Allowed;
Outdoor Tennis, Basketball, and Volleyball Courts;
24 Hour Answering Service for Maintenance

Contact Info & Websites

1801 Irish Way, South Bend IN 46637
(574) 272-1441
www.southbend.com/RealEstateHome.shtml (listed under Campus View)
www.springstreet.com/ext/45397

Rating

None (As Campus View Apartments, had a two-clover rating)

CANDLEWOOD APARTMENTS

Edison & Grape, Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School

Usually under 10 minutes (to C-lot) with a six or seven minute average. Too far to ride a bike, so make sure you have a car.

Description

Right by the movie theater on Edison Road and not too far from campus, Candlewood apartments are spacious and in great condition. Quiet with a strictly enforced noise policy and safety patrol at night.

Who Lives There
While the management claims that there are very few law students and most of the residents are senior citizens and families, don't believe them. This is one of the more popular places for law students to live.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom Townhouse	3 Bedrooms
Bathrooms	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	2
Price	$605-620	$705-775	$1,025	$890-900
Square Footage	710-925	950-1150	1430	1160

Heat is included with your rent, but all other utilities are your responsibility. Carports or garages are available for no charge. Deposit is $250. Term of lease can be 6, 9 or 12 months.

Amenities & Pets
Dogs under 35 lbs and cats allowed – $250 deposit ($100 of which is nonrefundable) and $ 25/month extra. Washers and dryers in all apartments; believe me this is such a huge convenience! Indoor pool & outdoor pool. Playground for the kids and a weight room.

Student Comments
Convenient location with moderate prices. About twelve minutes to campus with quick access to shopping and restaurants on Grape and McKinley as well as Cinemark Movies 14. Heavy traffic on Edison can make exiting the 'Wood an adventure, but apartment buildings are far enough from the street to avoid noise problems. Facilities include both an indoor and an outdoor pool, small exercise area, and covered carport. Two bedroom apartments include a small washer/dryer unit and a dishwasher, but some of the bedrooms do not have phone jacks. Atmosphere varies from building to building depending on the number of students. Generally, Candlewood is quiet with law students scattered throughout the complex. It lacks the convenience of Fischer Grad, but the in-apartment washer/dryer and dishwasher are a real plus.

Contact Info & Websites
3902 St. Andrew's Circle, Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 271-9010
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

CASTLE POINT APARTMENTS
Ironwood & Cleveland, South Bend

Distance to the Law School
About a 10-15 minute drive. You could possibly ride your bike in the warm weather.

Description
The closest thing to Camelot you'll find in South Bend. The complex was built on this bizarrely landscaped hilly terrain to look like a medieval forest (no, I'm not kidding). The buildings are named things like "Enchanted Forest" and "Camelot". If you have King Arthur fantasies, look no further. In all seriousness, the apartments are relatively new and very attractive. Most students

living here are very happy with the experience and have enough space to throw a few parties for the rest of us.

Who Lives There
Students and non-students alike. Quite a few law students live at Castle Point, especially 1Ls.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	2 Bedroom +Den
Bathrooms	1	1.5	1.5
Price	$550-715	$715-800	$925
Deposit	$300	$300	$300
Square Footage	739-944	1025-1109	1340

Leases: Month to month, 12 months, ask about student options.

Amenities & Pets
This place has every amenity known to man. It's more of a country club than an apartment complex. You have a pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, a workout facility, a banquet hall, etc. Cats only.

Student Comments
While most residents agree that the medieval theme of Castle Point is silly, bordering on ridiculous, the complex offers a reasonably priced alternative to living on campus that is no more than a ten minute drive from the Law School.

Units are fairly spacious for the price. Many of the units have been recently renovated with new carpets, paint, kitchen counters, bathrooms and wallpaper (these units are available for a small surcharge). However, all the units have old (and noisy) appliances. Dishwashers are standard, the kitchens have ample counter space and each unit is wired for cable television in both the living room and the bedroom(s). While each building has a laundry room, there are not many machines in each facility, which can be inconvenient, especially on Saturday and Sunday. Laundry is expensive. The staff is helpful and willing to work with students to accommodate preferences and possibly bring the rent down.

The facility also has a fitness club, an outdoor pool (open only in the summer for reasons which will soon be obvious to you) and several tennis courts. The tennis courts are nice, but the weight room is a joke. Admission is free.

Overall, Castle Point offers a convenient and affordable option for those interested in living off campus. Just be prepared to be laughed-at when you provide your mailing address.

Contact Info & Websites
18011 Cleveland Rd., South Bend, IN 46637
(574) 272-8110
www.castle-point.com

Rating

COURTYARD PLACE

Distance to the Law School
Two miles from campus.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	Studio/Efficiency	1 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1
Price	$439	$500
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage		

Contact Info & Websites
425 South 25th, South Bend, IN 46615
(574) 288-2597

Rating
None

CREEKSIDE TERRE
Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School
3 miles

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1.5
Price	From $475	$550-620
Deposit	$250	$300
Square Footage	753	924-1030

Term of lease: 12 months. 25# pet restriction.

Contact Info & Websites
1000 Creekside Court, Mishawaka 46544
(574) 255-6572; 888-504-6186
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating
None

GEORGETOWN

Distance to the Law School
About a seven minute drive, straight north from campus.

Description
Not far from campus. Very nice, but you pay for the quality.

Who Lives There
Very few students. Mostly young families and professionals.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1.5
Price	$625-725	$825
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage	820-1020	1100

Term of lease: 6, 9, 12 month leases.

Student Comments
Pluses: Apartments are spacious, clean, and well-maintained. Each apartment includes a washer and dryer. All appliances are new. Garages are also available. Apartment complex has outdoor swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and clubhouse. Located in a quiet residential area about 1/2 mile north of Cleveland Road.

Minuses: One of the more expensive apartment complexes in the area. Traditionally, Georgetown has not been a popular choice among law school students – the tenants are primarily younger professionals, families, and senior citizens. Not the best place to live if you like throwing late-night parties at your apartment.

Recommendations: Although a bit expensive, these apartments feature a number of nice amenities and are located fairly close to campus. Those interested in Georgetown may also want to look at Main Street Village Apartments in Granger. For a slightly higher price, Main Street Village offers brand new apartments with more amenities.

Contact Info & Websites
4315 Wimbledon Ct., South Bend, IN 46637
(574) 272-7286 or (888) 997-3662
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

HICKORY VILLAGE

Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School
About a ten minute drive to campus, but also only a few minutes from shopping on Grape Road and the movie theater on Edison.

Who Lives There
A decent number of law students as well as young families.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	Studio/Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1	1
Price	$350 – electric $395 – gas	$380 – electric $425 – gas	$445 – electric $505 – gas
Deposit	$125	$200	$125
Square Footage	450	550	660

Term of lease: 6, 12 month leases. No pets.

Student Comments
Good place to live. Full kitchen, but no dishwasher. Air conditioning provided. Community laundry. Carpeting is a little old. Not far from campus and close to the movie theaters and the restaurants on Grape Road. Security is pretty good, but I do see some strange people walking through the complex from time to time. Overall it's been great and I'd live here again.

Contact Info & Websites
4312 Hickory Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 272-4070; 888-679-9783
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

HURWICH FARMS

Distance to the Law School
It's a hike. Probably a good ten to fifteen minute drive during "rush hour."

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	2
Price	$520-585	$650-675
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage	688-841	922-991

Term of lease: 6 or 12 months. No pets.

Contact Info & Websites
2687 Arabian Court, South Bend, IN 46628
(574) 273-1800; 888-495-7078
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

INDIAN LAKES APARTMENTS
Main St. & Douglas Rd., Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School
Just a little over three miles from campus. About a 10 minute drive with traffic.

Description
You will never have to drive more than three minutes to get to any major store. Literally right next to Sam's Club. Beware, the drive back during rush hour can take as long as 20 minutes. The corner apartments have porches that are perfect for hanging a hammock on.

Who Lives There
Lots of graduate students. Very few undergraduates.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1	2
Price	$535-620	$645-665	$685-705
Deposit	$200	$200	$200
Square Footage	713	890	922

Water and gas included in rent. Parking is available in front of your building, or you can rent a carport for $22/ month. There are 6 month or 12 month leases. The management office said that sometimes graduate students rent for 6 months and then rent for three months but you pay a premium once you go month-to-month with your rent for those last three months. Each apartment has a patio or balcony off the living room with enclosed storage, and there are two entrances on each floor. Third floor apartments have cathedral ceilings.

Amenities & Pets
There are washers & dryers in the apartments as well as dishwashers and garbage disposals! Sorry, no pets allowed. There is a swimming pool open from the end of May to the end of September as well as a basketball court.

Student Comments
The best thing about living here is the noise policy. People are seriously considerate about other people's hours. I would say that most of the people here are grad students of some kind. I have found their staff to be very helpful. I did all of my planning from out of town and never had a problem with getting information or reaching my rental agent.

Contact Info & Websites
5726 Seneca Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 277-6541
www.edwardrose.com/indianlakes

Rating

INDIAN SPRINGS
Portage & Cleveland in South Bend

Distance to the Law School
About a thirteen minute drive.

Description
Inexpensive housing. Very close to Meijer with easy access to the airport and the Toll Road. You're getting what you pay for here—it's cheap but it's not the nicest complex.

Who Lives There
While some law students live here, it's mostly South Bend residents.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom Townhouse	3 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1	1.5	2
Price	$485-535	$580	$620-803	$745
Deposit	$250	250	250	250
Square Footage	600	750	870	1000

Lease terms are 6, 9, or 12 months.

Amenities & Pets
Pets up to 70 pounds. Dishwasher.

Student Comments
The greatest benefit to living at Indian Springs Apartments is that it is cheap. In addition to cheap, they come with a washer and dryer inside the apartment. That definitely is a plus. The apartment also pays for heat, water and gas leaving only electricity and other luxuries to be paid for. If you're looking for a cheap place to stay with easy access to laundry (machines are in the kitchen area), Indian Springs is your place.

Living here isn't perfect though. Indian Springs is about 10 to 15 minutes away from campus. It is probably farther away from campus than most of the other apartment complexes. It's also on the opposite side of town than the other apartments. The neighborhood isn't the greatest either. While the complex itself seems pretty safe, it's pretty bad down the street. Also, while maintenance is pretty quick to help out, if there's a maintenance emergency after hours, like broken car horns going off at dinner or a leaking washer at midnight, you'll have to wait until morning. All in all, I think that the rent is cheap because of the apartment's distance from school and its location. If Indian Springs were closer to campus, I would rate it higher.

Contact Info & Websites
2636 Trader Court Suite 18, South Bend, IN 46628
(888) 547-1697
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

IRISH HILLS

Distance to the Law School
4 miles

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1.5
Price	$400-520	$495-625
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage	544-714	707-889

Term of lease: 6 or 12 months. No pets.

Contact Info & Websites
4245 Irish Hills Dr., South Bend, IN 46614
(574) 277-6541 or (888) 942-7522
www.edwardrose.com/irishhills

Rating: None

MAIN STREET VILLAGE
5504 Town Center Drive, Granger

Distance to the Law School
2.25 miles—probably about fifteen minutes during "rush hour."

Description
Probably the premium apartment complex in the area. In Granger, a community (OK, South Bend's version of urban sprawl) where a lot of law professors live. Very yuppy.

Who Lives There
Young professionals and families. Not many students.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	2	2
Price	$640-915	$840-1270	$1460-1565
Deposit	$350	$350	$350
Square Footage	653	999	1312

Lease terms are 3, 6, 9, and 12 months.

Amenities & Pets
Pets allowed (50# limit). You name it, this place has it. Terrific athletic facilities, pool, clubhouse with surround-sound theater. Fireplaces in the apartments.

Contact Info & Websites
5504 Town Center Drive, Granger, IN 46530
(574) 272-7450 or (888) 307-2942
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

THE POINTE AT ST. JOSEPH ON LASALLE ON THE RIVER
South Bend

Distance to the Law School
A five to ten minute drive. Wouldn't bike it as it takes you through some pretty rough neighborhoods.

Description
Nice looking complex overlooking the St. Joseph River downtown. Only a few blocks from Corby's and Macri's. Ready access to the river walk and the chase (for kayaking).

Who Lives There
Mix of students and young professionals.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	2
Price	$645-690	$710-890
Deposit	$200	$200
Square Footage	700-800	1020-1151

Variable, 6 & 12 month leases. Pets allowed.

Student Comments
The Pointe is a great place. The apartments are spacious and clean. They come with washer and dryer. Everything is included in the price, except electricity and gas. The staff is friendly and usually services your requests promptly. Not many students so it's very quiet. Although it's in downtown South Bend, it's pretty safe. However, my wife and I are pretty careful if we venture out past 10:00. My car was broken into once, but nothing was stolen. If I were to come back to South Bend after graduation, I'd stay at the Pointe again and not look anywhere else.

Contact Info & Websites
307 E. LaSalle Ave. South Bend, IN 46617
(574) 272-2684; 1-888-601-6741
www.apartmentguide.com
www.sheltercorp.com

Rating

RIVERSIDE NORTH APARTMENTS
On Riverside Drive, one block north of Angela/Edison

Distance to the Law School
Right around five minutes to get to the school parking lot (and another five minutes walking from there).

Description
A quiet, fairly affordable complex two miles west of campus.

Who Lives There
Mainly families and elderly residents, with only a handful of law students living there and seemingly no undergraduates around.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1, 2	2
Price	$545-560	$590-805	$865-910
Deposit	$200	$200	$200
Square Footage	700	900-1000	1300

Lease terms: 6, 9, 12 month options.

Amenities & Pets
Dishwasher, compact washer & dryer included in rent, but electric heat is not included in the rent. Apartments are fully carpeted, with walk-in closets and a porch/balcony for each unit. Carports can be rented month to month (especially for the winter). Pets accepted

Student Comments
It is a more affordable alternative to Candlewood or some of the other places if you want to live by yourself. There is a $25/month Notre Dame discount, so be sure to ask for that when you are applying. I've found on-site management to be pretty friendly and helpful. It's kept up pretty well for an older building, and repairs have been attended to within 24 hours of my requests. It is a

great quiet place to study if you like to do that at home instead of at school. It is conveniently located to school and to groceries, and it is a great place if you are a jogger. The complex is situated across from the river, so when it's warm enough you can jog or bike up and down the river, which is about as pretty as South Bend can get (away from the Notre Dame campus, that is). Also very safe, if you're considering living alone.

Contact Info & Websites
(574) 233-2212
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

RUNAWAY BAY
Just off Main in Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School
About a ten minute drive to campus—just south of Grape Road.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom
Bathrooms	1	1, 2
Price	$575-635	$660-705
Deposit	$0	$0
Square Footage	710	868-1000

6 & 12 month leases. 35# pets.

Student Comments
Runaway Bay offers a good combination of quality for price in an apartment complex. They may run slightly more expensive than some complexes, but the additional square footage in your kitchen and bathroom make it worthwhile.

Every unit has a fireplace and balcony. Most have laundry hook-ups with the option to rent a washer and dryer (this is where they get you, though). If you prefer to use this room for storage space, a public washer and dryer is available for every twelve units. The walls are a bit thin, so don't talk about your guests as they arrive since they can hear everything in the hallway.

The service from the office and repair staff is great. They resolve every repair the day you raise it. The facility has a fitness room, an outdoor pool and two tennis/basketball courts. I opt for the on-campus facilities, so I cannot vouch for them.

Contact Info & Websites
302 Runaway Bay Circle, Mishawaka, IN 46545
(888) 648-9511
www.apartmentguide.com

Rating

TURTLE CREEK APARTMENTS
Edison and State Road 23, South Bend

Distance to the Law School
A hop, skip and a jump between the athletic fields on foot gets you to the law school in 15 minutes. On your bike under 10 minutes. I drive and park in C1 by the stadium and I get from my door to school in 10 minutes. In terms of distance, you won't find a more convenient location than this.

Description
This is the closest possible living arrangement to campus. The apartments are nice and in relatively good shape. The management is professional and there is a police officer living in the complex.

Who Lives There
The undergraduate hockey team! Well, not just them, but TC is notorious for its rowdy undergraduate parties, so know in advance what you are getting yourself into. The trick is to request to live in the one building which only has quiet students … seriously they have one, I live there, it's as silent as the grave. Meanwhile people are doing kegstands in the building next door. If you like the undergrad life and aren't quite ready to let go, then live in one of the "not so quiet" buildings. There are a few law students here, but mostly people who don't mind a little noise. People here are friendly and the maintenance staff is great.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	Furnished Studio	1 Bedroom	1 Bedroom Garden	2 Bedrooms	2 Bedroom Townhouse
Bathrooms	1	1	1	1	1.5
Price	$530-595	$590-655	$625-690	$735-955	$900-1250
Square Footage	255-400	650	650	850	1200

12 month or 10 month leases are available. Water is included, you pay electric, which is normally about $30-50/ month. Parking is included, visitor parking is available. You can pay a little extra for a covered carport.

Amenities & Pets
Pool, beach volleyball court, outdoor barbeques, cement turtles, "rally in the alley." Sorry, no pets

Student Comments
"The boys lacrosse team lives here, what can I say."
"I recommend living here, it's equidistant from groceries, the bar and school!"

Contact Info & Websites
1710 Turtle Creek Drive, South Bend, IN 46637
(574) 272-8124
www.turtlecreeknd.com

Rating

(But **only** because of convenience.)

UNIVERSITY PARK APARTMENTS
Douglas Rd. & Grape Rd., Mishawaka

Distance to the Law School
Only a couple miles from the law school. About a 5-10 minute drive.

Description
One of Gene Glick's properties. Everything is in great condition and the management is responsive and professional. The apartments are nice and the appliances are fairly new… no 30 year old stoves like at O'Hara-Grace or Turtle Creek. Best of all, there is a rent discount for Notre Dame Law Students!

Who Lives There
Graduate students, both married and single. There are not very many couples here with children.

Rent, Utilities & Parking

	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms Townhouse	3 Bedrooms Townhouse
Bathrooms	1	1	1.5	1.5
Price	$554-589	$612-659	$723-741	$832-880
Deposit				
Square Footage	702	905	1000	1200

Trash removal & water included in rent. You pay for gas & electric. Parking is free in front of your building or you can pay $15/month to rent a carport.

Amenities & Pets
24 hr/day coin laundry available on property. There are washer/dryer connections available in the townhouses, so you can install your own or rent from the management. You can have two pets, no more than 75 lbs. The pet will cost $15/ month with a refundable $200 deposit.

Student Comments
University Park is located near the corner of Grape and Douglas Roads in Mishawaka. It is approximately 2.5 miles from campus. In good traffic, the drive is seven minutes to campus. To get from door to door in most conditions is a 15-20 minute proposition. For ND students and employees, the complex does not require a security deposit. The apartments are clean and functional, and the staff is generally friendly. There is a pool and a sauna on site. On the bad side, there is only one central laundry facility that you must drive to in order to wash clothes. Also, there are more townies than in other complexes. The distance is a good buffer from campus and its bustle. The proximity to Grape Road shopping is a double-edged sword because while it is convenient to have close shopping, there can be noise problems. All in all, though, this is a great option for 1Ls; it can be summed up as convenient, clean, and affordable housing.

Contact Info & Websites
(574) 277-7730
www.genebglick.com

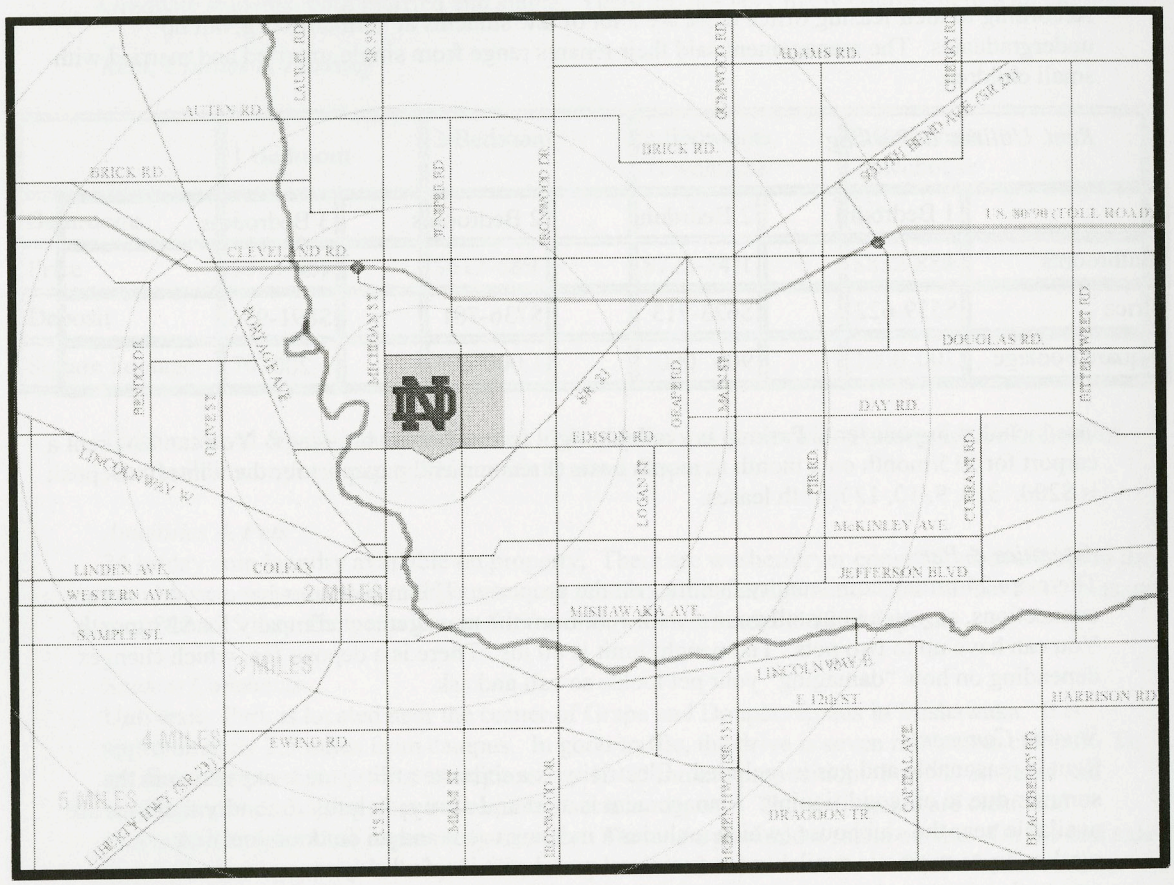
Rating

ROOMS/APARTMENTS IN HOUSES & HOUSES

The housing office has a list of houses, rooms, and apartments in houses that are available for rent. If you are interested, please contact the housing office or go to the office's website at www.nd.edu/~orlh. You can also find a local real estate agent.

If you want to buy houses, the best time to look is in the spring, but fortunately, property prices in South Bend are very good. Also check out www.Southbend.com/RealEstateHome.shtml.

MAP



Banks & Banking

Where to Store that Student Loan Money

Area Banks[10]

Bank One

2101 S. Bend Ave. 283-4150
www.BankOne.com
Two branches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Value One Checking offers a basic checking account with a $9 monthly service fee that is waived with a minimum balance of $700. Basic One Checking offers a lower monthly fee for people who prefer internet and ATM banking. Special offer to Notre Dame students at this branch: first box of checks free.

1st Source Bank

2230 South Bend Ave. 235-2230
www.1stsource.com
Sixteen branches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Operates an ATM machine in the Hesburgh Library. Value Checking offers a basic checking account with no activity, maintenance, or per check fees. Also ask about special accounts for Notre Dame students.

Fifth-Third Bank

218 W. Washington 245-5000
www.53.com
One branch in downtown South Bend. Totally Free Checking offers basic checking with no fees and no minimum balance. An e53 account offers free checking with statements available on-line. Free gift with any new account. The bank's name comes from the names of two banks that merged to form it—the Fifth Bank of Ohio and the Third Bank of Ohio.

Key Bank

525 W. Cleveland (next to mall) 237-5384
www.keybank.com
Eleven branches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. ATM machines located throughout the area.

National City

1345 N. Michigan 800-774-2424
www.national-city.com
Thirteen branches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area.

[10] All information for branch closest to campus.

Notre Dame Federal Credit Union
LaFortune Student Center at Notre Dame
19033 Douglas Rd. 800-522-6611
www.ndfcu.com
Six branches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Numerous ATM machines on campus, including an office in the LaFortune Student Center. Share Draft Checking offers basic checking account with no fees. Interest is paid on balance. Very popular with law students.

CAMPUS ATM'S

Hammes-Notre Dame Bookstore
West side of the building in the west entrance. West doors are kept locked, so you need to walk through the Bookstore. Access limited to Bookstore hours. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Credit Union does not charge ATM fees, so the only fees are from your home bank.

Hesburgh Library
In the basement. Available only when library is open. Operated by First Source Bank.

Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center
Southwest corner of building facing parking lot C1. 24 hour access. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Credit Union does not charge ATM fees, so the only fees are from your home bank.

LaFortune Student Center
In the basement of the building. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. 24 hour access. Because they charge non-NDFCU customers an access fee, it's more expensive to use than other campus locations (unless of course you have an NDFCU account).

Main Building (the Dome)
In the basement. 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday-Friday. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Credit Union does not charge ATM fees, so the only fees are from your home bank (but the rumor is that this may be changing soon).

North Dining Hall
24 hour access. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. This is also the ATM within shortest walking distance to graduate student housing.

Reckers
Next to the entrance for Reckers on the south side of the South Dining Hall. 24 hour access. Operated by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, and a very short walk from the law school in case you are ever in desperate need of cash while studying.

Copies

Where to Go to Get Moot Court Briefs Printed

The Copy Shop
LaFortune Student Center (on-campus) 631-2679

Has student discounts but experience says that roughly 40% of you won't be done with your moot court briefs in time to make it to the Copy Shop before it closes.

Kinko's
At the intersection of Ironwood and SR23 271-0398

Open 24 hours. The 40% of you listed above will be visiting this place after that all-nighter to finish your moot court briefs second semester. Also does passport photos. (The best, i.e., cheapest, place for passport photos, however, is Osco's at the corner of 23 and Ironwood.)

Mail Boxes Etc.
2043 South Bend Ave. (SR23) 277-6245
5776 Grape Road 273-8382

For when you need copies… or when you have to ship your copies somewhere… or both!

Worship

Taking Time to Be Holy

Not surprisingly, there are numerous opportunities to participate in Catholic services at Notre Dame, from formal High Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to more humble celebrations of daily Mass in the dorms. Both on and off campus, however, there are also many opportunities for those not of the Catholic faith to worship. In addition to many Protestant congregations, there are three synagogues, an Islamic center and an LDS ward in South Bend.

We've included a sampling of worship opportunities on campus and in the area. The list is by no means exhaustive, and if you don't find what you're looking for here, please check the yellow pages and ask around the law school. The Campus Ministry website (http://campusministry.nd.edu) also contains a listing of area churches under Liturgy and Music, as well as fuller listing of the various services on campus.

Worship at the Law School

There are opportunities for prayer and worship each day at the law school. The St. Thomas More Chapel, located on the first floor, is the center of the law school's formal religious life. The St. Thomas More Society prays the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mass is celebrated on Fridays at 12:15 p.m., as well as other times during the week. Morning prayer is held at 8:05 a.m. daily. The chapel is open 24-7 for students wishing to retreat for meditation and prayer.

Many law students join together each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the lounge to celebrate Mass. Students often wander down from the library to join the law school community in worship. The Mass is usually presided over by the Fr. John Pearson, CSC, "[his] very self."

The Christian Legal Society hosts a regular student-led Bible study as well as outside speakers. The St. Thomas More Society hosts speakers and discussions of current topics of interest to Catholics in the law.

Catholic

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart is the center of Notre Dame's religious life. The beautiful basilica is next to the Main Building. As you walk up to the law school, you can see the Virgin Mother on the Main Building and the cross on the Basilica. Services are held throughout the week at the Basilica, including daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. with Confession before each Mass. The Basilica is a functioning church, and parishioners gather each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church, is sung every Sunday that school is in session at 7:15 p.m. in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica; the service lasts about 45 minutes and is a great way to end the weekend. The Rosary is prayed each evening, regardless of the weather, at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is located below the Basilica, across from the lakes.

No one should miss the opportunity to participate in services at the Basilica during Holy Week. The Tenebrae service on Holy Thursday and the Celebration of

Christ's Passion on Good Friday are especially poignant. Similarly, services during Advent are beautiful.

Each dorm on campus (including the graduate housing at FOG) celebrates Mass on Sunday evening and at least one night during the week. Many law students who were undergraduates at Notre Dame enjoy going back to their old dorms for Mass.

Catholic

If you would like to get away from campus for services on Sunday, there are numerous Catholic churches in South Bend. These are just a few. For a complete list, please visit the Archdiocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's website (www.diocesefwsb.org).

Little Flower
54191 N. Ironwood Drive
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-7070

St. Joseph
226 N. Hill Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 234-3134

St. Pius X
52493 Fir Road
Granger, IN
(574) 272-1112

St. Hedwig
331 S. Scott Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 287-8932

St. Matthew Cathedral
1701 Miami Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 289-5539

St. Adalbert
2420 W. Huron Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 288-5708
(Spanish-language Mass daily)

Jewish

Sinai Synagogue (Conservative)
1102 E. LaSalle Avenue
South Bend, IN
(574) 234-8584

Hebrew Orthodox Congregation
3207 S. High Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 291-4239

Temple Beth-El (Reform)
305 W. Madison
South Bend, IN
(574) 234-4402

Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley
3202 Shalom Way
South Bend, IN
(574) 233-1164

Islamic

Islamic Society of Michiana
3310 Helper Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-0569

Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
930 Park Place
Mishawaka, IN
(574) 243-1633

Other Christian

Calvary Baptist Church
3001 W. Cleveland Rd.
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-8334

Caroline Street Church of Christ
1827 Caroline Street
South Bend, IN
(574) 287-5603

Christ the King Lutheran Church (ECLA)
17195 Cleveland Rd.
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-4306

Clay United Methodist
17646 Cleveland Rd.
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-8068

Community Congregational Church
19671 Cleveland Rd.
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-2991

Cornerstone Community Church
52277 Hickory Road
Granger, Indiana 46530
(574) 277-4737
Law School Contact: Prof. John Nagle
(nagle.1@nd.edu)

Emmaus Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)
929 E. Milton
South Bend, IN
(574) 287-4151

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
(ELCA)
1021 Manchester Dr.
South Bend, IN
(574) 232-9418

Grace Baptist
52025 Gumwood Rd.
Granger, IN
(574) 272-2040

Granger Community Church
630 University Drive East
Granger, IN
(574) 243-3599

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
53720 N. Ironwood
South Bend, IN
(574) 243-0632

South Bend Christian Reformed Church
1855 North Hickory Road
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-8424
Law School Contact: Sarah Looney
(slooney1@nd.edu)

Vineyard Community Church
1006 S. Merrifield Avenue
Mishawaka, IN
(574) 257-1924
Law School Contact: Blake Hanson
(bhanson@nd.edu)

Westminster Presbyterian
(PC U.S.A.)
1501 W. Cleveland
South Bend, IN
(574) 272-8141

Community Service

Opportunities to Serve the Local Community

As someone interested in Notre Dame's philosophy of "educating a different kind of lawyer," you may be searching for community service opportunities in the South Bend area. And for those of you concerned about the demands of first year studies, you may find that spending a few hours in community service is a fulfilling and relaxing study break!

As you advance in your legal career, you will find that a law degree and your specialized training give you unique opportunities and abilities to serve the community. The one-credit GALILEE (Group Alternative Live In Legal Educational Experience) course—a three day group-designed program of public interest and legal aid exploration in the city of your choice over Christmas break—attempts to reveal some of these opportunities so that you may carefully consider the direction and pursuits of your legal career. After your first year of studies, you may participate in the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic or the Immigration Clinic. In addition, the Law School and student organizations such as the Public Interest Law Forum (PILF) and the Women's Law Forum provide grants for unpaid summer internship positions in legal aid and public interest. There are also a number of highly competitive alumni-sponsored summer public interest internships throughout the country. The Career Services Office also provides career direction and networking in the legal aid and public interest fields.

However, you don't need a law degree to serve the community. Various organizations within the law school participate in community service activities including serving dinner at the Dismas House, collecting clothing for the YWCA Women's Shelter, sponsoring blood drives at the law school, and providing Thanksgiving Dinners to area families in need. The Student Bar Association has a Service Committee that plans a Halloween Party for the Boys and Girls Club, an Easter Party, a day at the ND Baseball game and many other activities as well. However, many organizations in the local area also need individual volunteers. The following is a list of local agencies seeking volunteers and their contact information:

AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assistance

Volunteers work with the agency to support and enhance the lives of those infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS.
Contact: Debra Stanley, 234-8870 ext. 1151, www.aidsministries.org

American Lung Association of Indiana

Sponsors a variety of services for the prevention and control of lung disease.
Contact: 287-2321, www.lungin.org

American Red Cross

Community Volunteer Services plans, programs, recruits, trains and places volunteers to meet community needs through community education and emergency services.
Contact: Jeannette Simon, 234-0191 ext. 21, www.stjoe-redcross.org

Boy Scouts of America

Former Boy Scout volunteers act as helpers and mentors for several packs at the South Bend Housing Authority. The packs meet on Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Harbor Homes, 501 S. Scott Street, South Bend.
Contact: Peggy Soderberg, 289-0337 ext. 315, www.lasallecouncilbsa.org

Boys & Girls Club

Volunteers assist with tutoring, health and recreation programs for children ages 6 through 18.
Contact: Director, Rebecca Rogers, 232-2048, www.bgcsjc.org

Broadway Christian Parish

Volunteers help with the Sunday Community meal (cooking, serving and cleaning up), the Jubilee Christmas, the Summer Arts Program for Children, and weeding and planting flowers in the Peace garden.
Contact: Anne Kumeh, 289-0333

CASIE Center

CASIE Center provides services for abused and neglected children. Volunteers assist staff with both routine duties and special projects that benefit children and their families.
Contact: Caron Marocha, 282-1414

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers a variety of services. Volunteers can help with the food pantry, coordinate food drives, assist refugee and immigrant families, and assist with office work.
Contact: Rob Ercoline, 234-3111, www.diocesefwsb.org/charity

Center for Basic Learning Skills

Volunteers tutor adults working toward their GED for two hours once a week.
Hours: 8am-12pm M-F
Contact: Sister Marita Stoffel, 259-5427 (Between 4-9pm)

Center for the Homeless

Volunteers are able to assist with children's and adult activities, children's and adult tutoring, serving meals, chapel services, exercise programs, special events, and the front desk. They are also able to assist in the Montessori classroom, with the donation room, and with both the teen and adult leadership programs.
Contact: Felicia Moodie, 282-8700 ext. 344, www.cfh.net

CSC South Bend Community Schools Partnership

Volunteers give classroom presentations and work with students grades K-12 as mentors and tutors.
Contact: Christine Pochert, 243-7325, www.sbcsc.k12.in.us/mentoring

Chapin Street Clinic (St. Joseph Health Center)

Volunteers work in a one of three medical clinics that provide services to low-income adults and families. Volunteers will perform clerical duties, take back patients, follow doctors, and any other service the center needs.
Contact: Michelle Peters, 239-5299

Charles Martin Youth Center

Volunteers work with children in after-school tutoring programs, computer skills training for kids, conflict resolution programs, and to help clean-up grounds and inside the building.
Contact: Gladys Muhammad, 280-7092

Christmas in April

Volunteers upgrade neighborhood homes and lift residents' spirits. The undergraduates coordinate Notre Dame volunteers for this project and several hundred students from Notre Dame volunteer for this project. Watch for advertisements in the student newspaper, The Observer, and for signs in LaFortune Student Center. Students may sign up in groups of up to 10.
Contact: Darrell Paulson, 631-5827, www.nd.edu/~cia/

College Football Hall of Fame

Volunteers can help out in a variety of areas, ranging from guest services to special events to greeter. Call for more information.
Contact: Jim Baumgartner, 235-5709, www.collegefootball.org

Corvilla, Inc.

Small organization that provides loving homes and services for people with developmental disabilities. Seeking for volunteers to help with "fun" activities for residents, i.e. bowling, picnics, dances, hayrides, and movies. Volunteers can also help with the web site, developing brochures and helping with fundraising events.
Contact: Diane Dolde, 289-9779, www.corvilla.org

Dismas House

Dismas House is a halfway house for individuals transitioning out of the prison environment. Volunteers are needed to help prepare evening meals then dine with the residents Monday-Thursday evenings. Volunteers serve as board members, mentors, GED or computer tutors; help with home repairs and special events.
Contact: Maria Kaczmarek, 233-8522, MichianaDismas@cs.com

El Buen Vecino

Volunteers tutor in English and assist people in studying for high school equivalency. Also help with child care and work with at-risk families to teach values, management skills, nutrition, and healthy living.
Contact: Sara Haber, 287-2712

El Campito Day Care Center

Volunteers act as role models for young children from single-parent families. Volunteers also assist regular daycare instructors in planning and implementing their organized program and with childcare during parenting classes.
Contact: Rosa Rickman, 232-0220

Family and Children Center

Join the Family Partners program to take a child to your place of worship or become a Sponsor if you can give 3-4 hours per month sharing activities with a child.
Contact: Doug Brown, 259-5666 ext. 256, www.familychildrencenter.org

Hope Rescue Mission

Volunteers needed for cleaning, painting, construction, preparing and serving meals, chapel service, tutoring, mentoring, counseling, clerical, teaching classes, and assisting with addiction programs.
Contact: Don Bloore, 235-4150 ext. 231, www.hoperescuemission.org

Home Management Resources

Home Management Resources is a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening the family. Volunteer positions exist in childcare, clerical, and computer technology.
Contact: Elena Flynn, 233-3486

Hospice of St. Joseph County, Inc.

Volunteers provide respite care and support services for terminally ill patients and their families.
Contact: Jackie Boynton, 243-3127, www.centerforhospice.org

Indiana Legal Services

ILS is funded to provide free legal representation to low income persons in civil matters. ILS seeks volunteers to serve as Intake Workers to assist potential clients with the application process and summarize legal problems for staff attorney review.
Contact: Heather Dicks, 234-8121, www.indianajustice.org

La Casa De Amistad

Help students with schoolwork. Be seen as a big brother or sister. Provide students with self-esteem and a positive look at the future through education and self-respect to improve their way of life.
Contact: Olga Larimer, 233-2120

Literacy Council of St. Joseph County, Inc.

Volunteers tutor adults in both basic reading and English as a Second Language. Requires a 6-month commitment.
Contact: Brenda Green, 235-6229, www.stjoereads.org

Logan Center

Volunteers are involved in a variety of activities with people with disabilities, including art classes, bowling, dances, and Saturday morning Recreation times.
Contact: Marissa Runkle, 289-4831, www.logancenter.org

Madison Center

Private, non-profit behavioral health care facility providing various levels of treatment to all age groups has volunteer opportunities available to assist children and adolescents who have emotional and behavioral difficulties.
Contact: Human Resources, 283-1123, www.madison.org

Meridian-Cardinal Nursing Center

Volunteers are needed to visit clients on a one-to-one basis and organize evenings of bingo. Also looking for a group to take a younger crowd to play pool in the early evenings.
Contact: Linda Dehayes, 287-6501

Milton Home

Volunteers visit with elderly residents on a one-to-one basis and also assist with evening activities from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Contact: Maria Krewson or Lou Ann Nebelung, 233-0165

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Volunteers help with Labor Day telethon, general donation seeking, work as summer camp counselors and assist with various events throughout the year.
Contact: Stephanie Santos, 259-9912, www.mdausa.org

Portage Manor

Volunteers needed to pay regular visits to individual residents who have no family. There are also opportunities for students who do need work. Group volunteer opportunities are also available.
Contact: Toni Grisham, 272-9100

Potawatomi Zoo

The zoo in South Bend has many opportunities for students to volunteer, including presentations and fundraisers.
Contact: Jason Jacobs, 288-4639, www.sbpark.org/zoo/zoo.htm

Project Warmth

Volunteers help collect, sort, and distribute jackets and coats to share with individuals in need. In the fall, donation boxes are placed throughout campus including in the law school and undergraduate dorms.
Contact: Judson Strauch, 631-3356

REAL Services

Volunteers can be matched on a one-to-one basis with clients who need transportation or companionship. A 6-month commitment is requested. Volunteers are also needed to assist elderly/disabled clients of REAL Services with one-time assignments for outside yard work projects. Group opportunities are available.
Contact: Diane Heimberger, 284-2644, www.realservices.org

Reins of Life

Volunteers act as horse leaders or side walkers for people with disabilities during therapeutic horseback riding classes. There are also opportunities to help with special events and care for horses.
Contact: Chris Flowers, 232-0853

St. Hedwig's Outreach Center

Volunteers help with tutoring and providing stable role models for children, ages 6-14, who come from families that are in crisis. Volunteers also help prepare and supervise during snack and meal, and yard work.
Contact: Christopher Holvoet, 287-8935, www.sspatrick-hedwig.org/services_outreach.shtml

St. Joe Regional Medical Center—Community Outreach

Volunteers assist nursing staff with various duties.
Contact: Michele Peters, 239-5299, www.sjmed.com

St. Margaret's House

The House is open to adult women and girls and boys under twelve. Volunteers needed for cook and kitchen help, receptionist, tutoring, assist with donations, assist with food pantry, assist with art program, interact with children, interact with women, assist with clothes closet, and miscellaneous jobs as needed.
Contact: Kathy Schneider or Patricia Marvel, 234-7795, www.stmargaretshouse.org

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Volunteers work in the thrift store to prepare used goods for sale and help with special projects at Christmas. Anyone organizing a food or clothing drive can work through this grassroots organization.
Contact: Joan Ash, 234-6211, www.stvinnies.org

Salvation Army

Volunteers provide food for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter baskets for families in South Bend. Student volunteers can "adopt" a South Bend family through the Salvation Army.
Contact: 233-9471

Sex Offense Services (S-O-S) of Madison Center

After training, Volunteer Advocates sign up for one six-hour shift per week during which they agree to be reachable by phone in the event crisis intervention services are needed. Volunteers also work at the Madison Center and assist victims of sexual assault and their families.
Contact: Laurel Eslinger, 238-1308

South Bend Community Schools Adult Education

Volunteers work individually or in small groups with adult students (16 years of age and older) who are studying basic academic, job, life skills (including literacy), learning English as a Second Language (ESL), and/or preparing for the GED exam.
Contact: Gayle Silver, 283-7563, www.sbcsc.k12.in.us/adult.htm

South Bend Heritage Foundation

Volunteers are able to work in all facets of neighborhood revitalization.
Contact: Gladys Muhammad, 289-1066

United Health Services

Volunteers are needed to help with special events including a fundraiser in October.
Contact: Mary Heck, 234-3136

United Religious Community

Volunteers are needed to work on special projects, with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program and with the Advocacy Centers. Computer skills, journalism and editorial skills also needed.
Contact: Carol Mayernick, 282-2397, www.urcsjc.org

Volunteer Blood Donor Program

Students are needed to organize blood drives on campus.
Contact: Donor Recruiter at Central Blood Blank, 234-1157

Women's Care Center

Volunteers help welcome pregnant women and couples by helping them gather the resources that they need to complete the pregnancy. Volunteers are also needed for counseling and childcare assistance for clients.
Contact: Laura Druley, 273-8986, www.womenscarecenter.org

Youth Service Bureau

The Youth Services Board has several day and evening service opportunities including supervision and recreation for teens living at the runaway shelter, providing supervision for small children during monthly educational meetings for their parents, and staffing the newly created helpline. Hours of service are geared to student needs.
Contact: Youth Links Director, 235-9231

YWCA of St. Joseph County

Volunteers serve as children's activity aids, clerical assistants, mentors, court monitors, as well as cover crisis lines, sort donations, assist in the kitchen, provide transportation, create welcome bags, plan parties for clients and help with food drives.
Contact: Maggie Shoe, 233-9491

Liquid Refreshments

Bookmakers 574-272-1766

2046 South Bend Avenue

A very large bar, where the Student Bar Association holds many of its functions. The food is not great, but Bookmakers, due to numerous TVs, is a good place to watch a game. Watch out for ridiculously large crowds on football weekends!

C.J.'s 574-233-5981

417 North Michigan Street

Some say the best burgers in the area (but not me, see Oaken Bucket below), C.J.'s is a place to catch dinner, a drink and listen to live music (on Friday nights).

Club 23 574-234-4015

744 North Notre Dame Avenue

A less crowded bar with sticky carpeting, Club 23 is for the law student who is feeling adventurous. It is open later than most bars in the area, which is a plus. Not a popular destination for most law students.

Club Landing 574-289-4122

1717 Lincolnway East

A place to go dance and grab a beer, mostly a younger crowd. Salsa dancing on Thursdays.

Club LaSalle 574-288-1155

115 West Colfax

The classiest place to get a drink in South Bend. Located above the LaSallle Grill in downtown South Bend, business casual dress is required. A great place to catch live jazz on the weekends.

Corby's Irish Pub 574-233-5326

441 East LaSalle

The best bar in South Bend according to most law students....Corby's has the best atmosphere of any bar around. Have you watched the movie *Rudy*, this is the place. You are always sure to see a fellow law student when you go to Corby's. Corby's has several pool tables and a great outdoor area, for use when the weather is nice. This is a starting place for most law students' weekend excursions!

Current Affair Martini Bar 269-684-2233

In the Niles Riverfront Café, 219 N. Front Street, Niles

Upscale, chic lounge with specialty drinks, wines, micro-brews and, of course, martinis! The Riverfront is also a coffeehouse and smoke-free.

Fiddler's Hearth 574-232-2853

127 North Main Street

Arguably the second best bar in South Bend, if not the best, Fiddler's Hearth features the best Guinness in town, good Irish-pub fare and lots of good music. Popular every night of the week, tends to get very packed on Friday and Saturday nights. Wednesday night is open mic night.

Heartland 574-234-5200

222 South Michigan Street

South Bend's only true "night club." Although it features country music most of the week, on Thursday and Saturday nights you'll hear popular top 40 dance music. Very popular on Thursday nights for 1Ls, this might just be the reason you are running slower than normal on Friday mornings.

Legends 574-631-2582

University of Notre Dame

The new on-campus bar/nightclub. Great place to start off an evening. Has the best collection of bottled beers in the area. Known as Senior Bar before recent renovation.

Linebacker Lounge ("Backer") 574-289-0186

1631 South Bend Avenue

All roads lead to the Backer! Chances are that most weekend excursions will end at the Backer. The Backer tends to get packed every Friday and Saturday after midnight. Almost impossible to get into on Football weekends. The Backer is truly a Notre Dame Institution.

Mishawaka Brewing Company 574-256-9993

3703 North Main, Mishawaka

German-style food and their own really good micro-brewed beers (and root beer!) are the signatures of the Brew Co. The focus here is more on relaxing with friends and taking your mind off of things than anything else. Definitely one place you have to try while you're here. Tuesday night $4 pitcher specials.

Oaken Bucket 574-289-1616

1212 South Ironwood

Not too many people know about this place, but it has the BEST burgers in the area. It is about a 10 minute drive from campus, but it is definitely worth the trip, especially if you are looking for food along with your drinks!

Pat's Colonial Pub 574-259-8282

901 W. 4th Street, Mishawaka

Near downtown Mishawaka; ND Fight Song is played often.

The Pub

Grape and Cleveland

Owned by Mishawaka Brewing Company and The Vine.

Rumrunners 574-259-7522

100 Center, Mishawaka (just off Main)

Described as a dueling piano bar and grill, one of the draws is Wednesday nights – 75 cent well drinks all night long.

State Theatre Lounge 574-232-0679

214 ½ South Michigan Street

Located next to Heartland, it's another place to go dancing in South Bend. Typically popular among undergraduates on Wednesday nights.

The Vine

103 West Colfax, South Bend 574-234-9463

Wine bar in downtown South Bend.

Bowling

You Don't Want To Be The Only Law Student Who Can't Bowl

Each spring semester, the Student Bar Association organizes the law school bowling league. The league typically runs from January until mid-April when we enter the final stretch of the semester and finals. There are as many teams as there are lanes, and teams usually have 5 to 10 members; team names often have a legal flavor to them. Scores are based on the top five scores in the same game by any five members of your team. At least 100 law students (and most of the time, many more) participate during these busy weeks. The scores range from people who score less than 25 to those who own their own bowling balls (one lights up as it speeds down the lane) and regularly make 200. It's really less about bowling and more about having a little fun with your classmates. Of course, there is some friendly competition; after all, we are law students.

Beacon Bowl
Location 4210 Lincoln Way West (on your way to the South Bend Airport)
Phone 234-4176

Beacon Bowl is a 10-15 minute drive from campus. On Thursday nights, Beacon Bowl has College Night All-You-Can-Bowl for $7.95. Rock-n-Bowl (black lights & '80's rock) after 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays is $11 per person and $2.75 for shoe rental.

Chippewa Bowl
Location 225 W. Chippewa Avenue
Phone 291-5093

Chippewa Bowl is about ten minutes south of campus, across the street from the Showplace 16 Theater. Rock-n-Bowl Fridays from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. are $10.95 plus shoe rental. Chippewa Bowl has daily specials that frequently change, so be sure to call ahead and see what great deal you can get. While subject to change, Wednesday nights are currently $0.99 per game from 9 p.m. until midnight!

Strikes and Spares
Location 5419 N. Grape Road
Phone 243-BOWL

This is the area's newest bowling alley and is conveniently located on Grape Road, along with everything else. The law school bowling league, after many years at Beacon Bowl, will be here on Thursday nights during the spring semester and we'll have the place all to ourselves. We'll let you know how it goes.

Golf

What the Third Years You Never See in Class are Doing

As none of the current staff knows much about golf, we must provide this section with a warning that the information may no longer be entirely accurate. If you see someone lugging a golf bag around the law school one fine afternoon, you may want to stop him or her and ask any burning golf-related questions, such as which professors have the most forgiving attendance policies when the links are calling.

Miniature Golf

Putt-Putt Fun Center 3615 N. Main Street Mishawaka, IN (574) 259-4171	With three courses and 54 holes of fun, in addition to a games room and snack bar, this could be just the break you need. But if you have more serious golfing in mind, check out the courses below.

Indiana Courses

9-Hole Notre Dame Course
(574) 631-6425

Distance from Campus: On campus	Price: $6, more on weekends, but only $3 during winter season
Driving Range: NO	Twilight Rate: YES
Par: 35	Cart Rate: Believe me, you don't need a cart
Pro Shop: Not Really	Yardage: Short

Comments: The course is basically a cow-pasture, but for the price and convenience it is hard to beat. Be sure to call ahead for a tee time, because the tee is usually full when the weather is nice, and the staff will make no effort to work you in. Don't try and talk them into a five-some, because they are very strict on their four-some limit.

Warren Course
(574) 631-4653

Distance from Campus: Across Douglas Road	Price: $17, $22 on weekends
Driving Range: YES – $8 large bucket, $5 small bucket	Twilight Rate: $12
Par: NONE	Cart Rate: $16
Handicap/Slope Rating: 70.6/122	Yardage: 6346
Pro Shop: YES	Accepts tee times 14 days in advance

Comments: A definite step up from the 9-hole course. The course is challenging, but it is still young and will be much more impressive after it matures a bit. For the level of play offered and the student discount, it is well worth it. The Warren is moderately long, and relatively tight, especially the back.

Blackthorn
(574) 232-4653

Distance from Campus: 8 miles	Price: $31, $38 on weekends
Driving Range: YES – $8 large bucket, $5 small bucket	Twilight Rate: $25 after 3pm
Par: 72	Cart Rate: $14
Handicap/Slope Rating: 72.7/129	Yardage: 6497
Pro Shop: YES	Accepts tee times 14 days in advance

Comments: This course has an Irish atmosphere, and is one of nicest courses in the area. At its inception, Blackthorn hosted the Senior PGA Tour. The degree of difficulty of this course greatly depends on which tees you choose to play. The course has many elevation changes, and good character.

Elbel
(574) 271-9180

Distance from Campus:	Price: Reasonable
Driving Range: YES	Twilight Rate:
Par: 72	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating: 68.3/108	Yardage: 6100
Pro Shop: YES	

Comments: I believe that this course is built into a swamp, which makes it fun. There are a lot of dog-legs, but aggressive players can cut them with a good drive. If you play this course enough, you can learn how to manipulate it. All in all, it is one of the areas' better courses.

Erskine
(574) 291-3216

Distance from Campus: 10 miles	Price: Cheap
Driving Range: NO	Twilight Rate:
Par: 70	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating: 68.5/120	Yardage: 6098
Pro Shop: YES	

Comments: This course is a great value, and it is reasonably close to campus. I have never played here, but I hear that it is a welcomed step up from the 9-hole Notre Dame course.

Studebaker Park
(574) 287-6634

Distance from Campus: 5-10 miles	Price: Cheap
Driving Range: NO	Twilight Rate:
Par: 29	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating: N/A	Yardage: 1898
Pro Shop: YES	

Comments: This course is a great place for young beginners. If you have kids or someone that you believe has no business on a regular course, take them here. The course is primarily made up of par-threes, and can be a place to work on your short game.

Juday Creek
(574) 277-4653

Distance from Campus: 6.5 miles	Price: $20-$49
Driving Range:	Twilight Rate:
Par: 72	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating:	Yardage:
Pro Shop:	

Comments: This public is mostly wide open, so don't be afraid to bust out the old driver on some of the longer holes. The terrain is flat and easy to walk, but water hazards (creeks and ponds) come into play on thirteen holes. In addition, there are numerous sand bunkers spread throughout the design.

Michigan Courses

Brookwood Golf Course
(269) 695-7818

Distance from Campus: 15 miles	Price: $16, $22 on weekends
Driving Range: YES	Twilight Rate: YES
Par: 72	Cart Rate: $16
Handicap/Slope Rating: 70.0/124	Yardage: 6418
Pro Shop: YES	

Comments: Located in the beautiful town of Buchanan, Michigan. This is one of my favorite courses to play because the front and the back nine are substantially different. The front is blind and tight, while the back is open enough to bring out the big stick. This course is also a favorite of Lou, Ara, and the retired Notre Dame golf coach.

The Oaks
(269) 429-8411

Distance from Campus: 35 miles	Price: $17, $27 on weekends
Driving Range: YES – $3 bucket	Twilight Rate: $10 after 6pm
Par: 72	Cart Rate: $13
Handicap/Slope Rating: 71.0/123	Yardage: 6350
Pro Shop: YES	Accepts tee times anytime

Comments: This course is long, and you will likely use all of the clubs in your bag here. There are a few easy holes, but placement shots are required. Playing this course for the first time will probably cause you trouble, but once you understand the tricks, it will become more manageable.

Hampshire
(269) 782-7476

Distance from Campus: 25-30 miles	Price: Reasonable
Driving Range: NO – but there is a practice area	Twilight Rate:
Par: Original – 72; Dogwood – 72	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating: Original – 71.0/123; Dogwood – 69.2/122	Yardage: Original – 6645; Dogwood – 6179
Pro Shop: YES	Two 18 hole courses

Comments: Both of the 18 hole courses offer a different view of the game. The Original Course is long from the blue tees and relatively open. Because of its length and slick greens, the Original Course has hosted the qualifier for the Western Amateur for many years. The Dogwood Trail course is shorter, and placement shooting is necessary to get the proper angle for a good approach. The Original Course is good for long ball hitters, while the Dogwood Trail course is more suited for placement players.

Whittaker Woods Golf Community
(269) 469-3400

Distance from Campus: 30-45 miles	Price: Varies, but pricey
Driving Range: YES	Twilight Rate:
Par: 72	Cart Rate:
Handicap/Slope Rating: 74.3/144	Yardage: 7072
Pro Shop: YES	

Comments: The front nine of this course will eat you alive, unless you are Tiger. This course is well maintained and very scenic. There is a good combination of both distance and placement shots. If you decide to tackle this course, I would recommend bringing an extra dozen balls unless you are Professor Kelley, and then you should bring a few. If I could play here everyday, I would.

Movies

Where to find the silver screen

The law library has a collection of law-themed movies which you can check out, both VHS and DVD, and South Bend has all the usual suspects in movie rental places (Blockbuster, Hollywood Video, Family Video). But sometimes you'll *really* want to get away from the real world. Where better than at the movies? Here's a sampling of some of the nearby theatres.

Cinemark Movies 14 254-9685
910 W. Edison, Mishawaka

This is the closest theatre to campus, just down Edison, before you get to Grape Road.

Cinemark 6 277-7336
3464 Grape Road, Mishawaka

Dollar movies! (Need we say more?)

Kerasotes Theatres Showplace 16 299-6060
450 Chippewa Drive, South Bend

Kerasotes is a bit farther from campus, maybe 15 minutes, but another nice place to catch a flick.

Vickers Theatre 269-756-3522
6 North Elm Street, Three Oaks, MI

Not into mainstream movies? Check out the indie/art films at Vickers. They also have a silent film festival in mid-August, if you are in town then.

Tri-Way Drive-in 574-936-7936
4400 N. Michigan Road, Plymouth, IN

Want to be really retro? Try going to the nearest of Indiana's drive-in movie theatres. Yep, we said *drive-in*. The drive-in season at Tri-Way runs from April to September, which is why you'll find more information in the Summer in South Bend section, *infra*.

Restaurants

EVERYTHING FROM FINE DINING TO LATE NIGHT DIVES

SOME SOCIAL SUGGESTIONS...

	Start with...	Go to...	End with...
After Exams	Leahy's / Morris Inn	CJ's	The Backer
Girls' Night Out	A day spa	Fondue!	La Salle
Guys' Night Out	Between The Buns	CJ's	Beer (anywhere)
Football Weekend	Corby's	Legends	The Backer (if you can fit)
Parental Visit	Fiddler's Hearth	The Emporium	(Turn in early)
Hot Date	Carraba's	Francesco's	(You decide)

= Also features vegetarian entrees

AMERICAN

You've heard of most of these places. South Bend has no shortage of chain restaurants. You will find we have omitted fast-food restaurants – don't worry, there's an overabundance of those, too.

Applebee's
6615 N. Main Street, Mishawaka 273-0003
Offers steak, ribs, burgers, soups and sandwiches. There is also a location north of the Toll Road on Portage Road that tends not to be as busy as the restaurants on Grape Road after football games.

BW3s – Buffalo Wild Wings
123 W. Washington, South Bend 232-2293

Chili's
4810 Grape Road, Mishawaka 271-1330
Try their Fajita-Rita Monday Nights (fajitas for two are $10 with $2 margaritas).

Damon's The Place For Ribs
52885 U.S. 31 North 272-5478
Also the place for big screen TVs. You can find better ribs elsewhere, though.

Doc Pierce's
120 N. Main Street, Mishawaka 255-7737
Place for steaks – under same ownership as the Emporium.

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que
6402 Grape Road, Mishawaka 277-1888

Garfield's Restaurant & Pub
In University Park Mall 273-2113

Houlihan's
4240 N. Main, Mishawaka 271-3663

Jersey Mike's Giant Subs
5714 North Main, Mishawaka 247-0056
Located next to Indian Lakes Apartments. They offer great subs at a great price – these authors highly recommends at least one lunch trip there.

Jimmy Johns
54570 North Ironwood, South Bend 277-8500
At the corner of Ironwood and SR 23, this place has great subs.

J&W Taste of New Orleans 289-9237
1212 Beyer Street (right next to the Farmer's Market)
Professor Garnett tells us it is cheap (and tasty) New Orleans, Southern, and Cajun food. Even though he has spent some time in Alaska, I would take his word on this. Closed Sunday.

K's Grill & Pub
1733 South Bend Avenue (SR23) 277-2527
They bring out homemade cookies as appetizers. Ask the waitress about the "student discount" -- $1 hotdogs and $1 beers. You have to ask to get it.

Legends of Notre Dame
On campus 631-2582
Impressive selection of domestic, import and local beers. A little pricey for the quality of the food, but the location can't be beat. Local and up-and-coming bands perform many weekends.

Le Peep
127 South Michigan 288-7337
A good place downtown for a lunch date.
307 E. University Drive, Mishawaka 271-7337

Lone Star Steakhouse
4725 Grape Road, Mishawaka 272-5656
Does a mean pork chop and Delmonico steak.

Main St. Grille
112 N. Main, Mishawaka 254-4995
Casual but upscale with an adjoining art gallery.

Macri's
214 North Niles, South Bend 280-4824
227 W. University Drive, Mishawaka 277-7273
Authors highly recommend this place. Run by an Italian family. Sandwiches are terrific – try the Godfather. The desserts are terrific, as well. The downtown South Bend location is a good place for lunch with family or friends. Try the Mishawaka location to watch a game or play trivia.

Morris Bistro
211 North Michigan, South Bend 245-6085
Located on the lower level of the Morris Performing Arts Center. Open for lunch and for two hours before performances at the MPAC.

Outback Steakhouse
4611 Grape Road, Mishawaka 271-2333
If you've never been, you've gotta go. It's worth the price. This author suggests the Bloomin' Onion.

Panera Bread
4310 N. Main, Mishawaka 243-0001
One of the many new places along Main.

Red Lobster
201 W. McKinley, Mishawaka 256-1565

Ryan's Steakhouse
4811 Grape Road, Mishawaka 277-4949

Smokey Bones BBQ
4010 N. Main, Mishawaka 255-2561
Rustic, mountain lodge décor, yummy BBQ.

TGI Friday's
4730 Grape Road, Mishawaka 271-8443

Asian, Indian and Mediterranean Food

Hanayori of Japan
3601 Grape Road, Mishawaka 258-5817
They cook at your table – be sure to make reservations, especially for dinner.

Tokyo Japanese Restaurant
123 North St. Joseph 288-2288
The priciest of area Japanese restaurants, it is widely regarded as being a surprisingly good sushi joint. Downtown South Bend.

Toyo Grill
620 Edison Road 254-9120

Great Wall
222 S. Dixie Way (US 31) 272-7376
Sunday buffets are the way to go at the Wall.

Mandarin House
2104 Edison Road 287-4414
Many recommend the lunch specials. The House is legendary for its General Tso's Chicken. Some students will say that the House is a place of worship.

New Saigon
2370 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka 257-4670
Very affordable. Don't be fooled by its residential location and its modest exterior. Affectionately known to some as "The Den of Decadence," the New Saigon offers some of the most renowned dishes in all of Michiana.

Sunny's Korean Garden
512 South Spring, Mishawaka 255-5274
Receives many recommendations from the Professors Garnett (try the Princess Chicken).

Khun Daeng-Thai Kitchen
302 E. Russ Avenue, Mishawaka 259-0735
Great menu, will modify for vegan palates. Pad thai is good, curry is very good.

Siam Thai Restaurant
211 North Main, South Bend 232-4445
Small and quaint, but terrific food. Wide array of dishes and desserts as well as the full selection from Republic of Teas. The Pad Thai is superb – try it spicy!

Star of India
620 W. Edison, Mishawaka 254-9924

Shalimar Restaurant
508 W. McKinley, Mishawaka 254-9070

Café Gulistan
13581 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Michigan 616-469-6779
Middle-eastern/Mediterranean cuisine.

Elia's Mediterranean
115 Dixieway North, South Bend 277-7239

Bakeries & Breakfast

Yes, there's more to breakfast than just coffee. Stick your library cup in the dishwasher and venture out to one of these finds for real morning food.

Breadsmith
2022 South Bend Avenue 273-9130
Amazing breads, not far from Stude Bagels.

Colonial Pancake House
508 Dixie Way North (Route 31) 272-7433
Standard breakfast place, located on 31 between the Toll Road and Cleveland.

Dainty Maid Bake Shop
231 S. Michigan 232-8219
We recommend the gingerbread men.

Farmer's Market Café
1105 Northside Boulevard 282-1259

Greenfield's
On campus (in the Hesburgh Center, south of the law school)
Best café on campus. Serves Notre Dame waffles and other great food for breakfast. Drive in early, park at the lazy lot and stop by for breakfast. Very popular for lunch with its international menu. Be sure to say hello to Judy at the register.

IHOP
4115 N. Main, Mishawaka 259-5309
One of the many additions along Main in Mishawaka.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
5615 N. Main, Mishawaka 271-7099
Another new addition in Michiana which was greeted enthusiastically.

Macri's
214 North Niles, South Bend
Considered by these authors to be the best bakery in South Bend. Good bread, terrific Danishes. If you want to impress your family or friends with a terrific desert, try the cannoli or cheesecake. Not open on Sundays. Their wedding cakes have a terrific reputation.

Nick's Patio
1710 North Ironwood Drive 277-7400
A favorite late-night spot for many ND students, Nick's really does serve breakfast 24 hours a day. When you can stomach eggs & cheese after dancing the night away at Heartland, you'll know you have the stamina of a Domer.

The Original Pancake House (Bibler's)
1430 North Ironwood 232-3220
Ritual stop for many after Sunday Mass. Pancakes from around the world, omelette specialties, more breakfast choices than you knew existed. Try the apple pancake – you may as well be eating dessert.

Stude Bagels
1801 South Bend Avenue, South Bend 277-4440
Did you know that Stude*bakers* were once manufactured in South Bend?

Coffeehouses

Ah, caffeine… it may be one of your closest friend over the next few years. But remember to get it in a "library-approved" container so you can take it with you wherever you go in the law school.

Barnes & Noble Café
4601 Grape Road, Mishawaka 277-9482
Lots of tables for studying with good lighting as another bonus. Just stay away on "games night" when flocks of kids squawk upon the place.

Borders Books
4230 Grape Road, Mishawaka 271-9930
Smaller than Barnes & Noble, but less busy. Electrical outlets in the café area make laptop users happy.

Cedar House
808 E. Colfax, South Bend 287-8744
Near St. Joseph's Hospital

FIX Coffee house
2406 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend 288-3499
Features the work of area artists; has an open mike night every Friday.

Higher Grounds
109 W. Washington Street, South Bend 282-2522
Next to the Football Hall of Fame

Lula's Café
631 Edison Road 273-6216
Located right across from the Backer, Lula's is a great place to get a cup of coffee, read, or just hang out. Both healthy and heinous food choices provided. Popular law school study group spot, but be aware they play music and have an extensive collection of board games to add to your procrastination.

Niles Riverfront Café 269-684-2233
219 N. Front Street, Niles
Coffeehouse and gift shop. www.nilesriverfrontcafe.com

Desserts

Cold Stone Creamery
620 W. Edison, Mishawaka 257-7884
This one's new and it's pretty … well, cool. Go see for yourself.

Ritter's
3921 North Main Street (Mishawaka) 255-8000
One of the best-kept secrets in South Bend – located on Main Street between Day and Edison. Their famous frozen custard tastes great in the late summer heat.

Say Cheesecake Coffee & Bakery
213 N. Main, South Bend 233-2233
Next to Siam

The South Bend Chocolate Company
122 South Michigan Street (next to The Vine) 287-0725
After dining at The Vine, make sure to stop by the Chocolate Company for dessert and coffee. Serves chocolates, coffee and desserts.

Fine Dining

So it's Valentine's Day and you're out with your honey. Or you have to take a suit out for a business dinner. The fine dining choices below guarantee a high score.

Bistro on the Race
501 North Niles, South Bend 233-5000
Upscale business casual, with cigar lounge and live entertainment. Your date will be impressed – or at least think you aspire to Manhattan taste. Minimalist décor, maximum quality. Live jazz and blues in the martini lounge.

Bonefish Grill

620 W. Edison

Seafood and steak with great appetizers. Try the Bangor Shrimp. A little pricey, but they offer half price martinis on Mondays. With three very different people demanding this entry be added, there may be something to this place.

Checkerberry Inn

62535 CR 37, Goshen 642-4445

Excellent dining.

East Bank Emporium

121 South Niles Avenue 234-9000

Located downtown on the river. Full glass wall allows multiple seating levels to take advantage of the view. Menu is not very extensive, but inexpensive compared to other nicer restaurants.

Fondue!

100 N. Center, Mishawaka 257-1792

Upstairs in the old brewery. Who knew fondue could be more than cheese? Unique dining experience – just keep your hands away from the hot oil! 25% off on Thursdays for students.

LaSalle Grill

115 West Colfax Avenue 288-1155

Very good food, very expensive prices. After dinner go upstairs and try Club LaSalle for a surprisingly chic little bar that will often host some good jazz and a full humidor.

Miller's Country House Restaurant

16409 Red Arrow Hwy, New Buffalo, Michigan (616) 469-5950

A fancier restaurant serving fresh seafood, steak and pasta.

Tippecanoe Place

620 West Washington 234-9077

The old Studebaker Mansion provides great atmosphere. You can choose to eat in the library, the parlor, or any number of individual rooms. Prices are fairly high, but the food is wonderful – try the highly recommended Sunday brunch for an exceptional value.

The Vine

103 West Colfax, South Bend 234-9463

A newer restaurant, recently moved, now located under the Palais Royale in downtown South Bend. Expanded menu, separate bar. Good food, but small portions. Named for its specialty wine bar and complementing appetizers.

Yesterday's
12594 SR 23, Granger 272-7017
Large selection of exceptional desserts.

ITALIAN

When the moon hits your eyes… choose a fine bottle of wine, order spaghetti to share, and you've got all the makings of amore. Now if you were only sure that darn pesto bit wasn't stuck between your front teeth.

Carraba's Italian Grill
210 W. Day Road, Mishawaka 247-9460

Catalino's Trattoria
S. Michigan & Wayne 233-1000
Downtown near Heartland. A great family-run Italian restaurant. They like ND students and sometimes give discounts, or even free dessert.

Ciao's Italian Bakery & Restaurant
123 N. Michigan 289-2426
Casual, serving lunch and dinner.

Cosimo & Susie's
2446 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka 258-4911
May look like a dive from the outside, but it receives a Professor Garnett recommendation for authenticity. Cash only.

Fazoli's
527770 US 31 277-4008
Serves fast-food Italian. Does not win any awards for authenticity. You've got to love the magical breadstick lady with her basket of goodies.

Francesco's
1213 Lincoln Way West 256-1444
Dine in an old stone home, far away from campus and lit by candles. You can't get much better than that.

Nicola's
1705 South Bend Avenue (SR 23) 277-5666
Meals ranging from pizza and sandwiches to Italian entrees, steaks and seafood. So close to campus that not a lot of people think to go there.

Olive Garden
6410 Grape Road, Mishawaka 277-6503
Also does not win awards for authenticity. Not a bad place to go with your friends for those days when you've got two hours for lunch, especially during their all-you-can eat pasta promotion.

Papa Joe's Casa De Pasta
1209 Union St., Mishawaka 255-0890
Classic old-school family joint.

Papa Vino's
5110 Edison Lakes Road 271-1692
Great food, but almost always crowded. Italian with a funky twist. Don't eat for days before going here, or you'll be crying because it smells so good but you just can't fit any more in.

Parisi's
1412 South Bend Ave. (SR 23) 232-4244
A parent favorite on football weekends. They advertise that you can see the Dome from your table. A bit pricey for the quality, but hey, it's tradition. Isn't everything else here?

Polito's
4615 Grape Road, Mishawaka 243-5385
A well-kept Michiana secret serving excellent pizza and pasta. Across from Meijer. Cheap!

Reggio's
1215 E. Jefferson, Mishawaka 255-0588
Eat on red-checkered tablecloths at plastic tables & chairs. The owners like to come out of the kitchen and socialize with their guests. Big Italian laughs are in store for you here.

Sunny Italy Café
601 N. Niles Avenue 232-9620
Yet another small, family-owned Italian restaurant. Like the others, it receives excellent reviews for authenticity. Checkered tablecloths and loud waiters. You'd think you were in Italy for all the choices here in Michiana – oh yeah, it can't possibly snow that much in Italy.

Tosi's Restaurant
4337 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Michigan 800-218-7745
A relatively short ride to get there is rewarded with some of the best minestrone outside of Chicago. Directions at www.tosis.com.

Mexican

Borracho Burrito
On Ironwood, next to Nick's Patio 271-2033
Just try to fit your mouth around one. Huge portions and open late (Tues. through Sat. 4 a.m.; Sun. & Mon. 2 a.m.). After midnight you'll see all colors of hair, along with piercings in places you'd hopefully never consider. The Giant Burrito Meal is only $5.25 – good luck finishing more than one.

Don Pablo's
4160 Grape Road, Mishawaka 254-9395
Where to go for American-Mexican.

Fiesta Tapatia
119 W. McKinley, Mishawaka 258-4502
Great homemade salsa and fresh chips

Hacienda
Grape Road, Mishawaka 277-1318
700 Lincoln Way West (Mishawaka) 259-8541
See Don Pablo's.

La Esperanza
1636 N. Ironwood Drive 273-0745
Where to go for authentic Mexican food. A quality restaurant located close to campus with excellent prices. The trout and pork chops are excellent as are the desserts.

Mazatlan Authentic Mexican Restaurant
508 West McKinley 254-1805
Inexpensive lunch and dinner specials.

Pizza – Dine In

Barnaby's
713 East Jefferson 288-4981
3724 Grape Road 256-0928

Bruno's
119 North Dixie Way (U.S. 31) 273-3100
2610 Prairie Avenue (the original) 288-3320
202 W. Edison Road 256-9000
They make the best pizza because they do.

Rocco's
537 North St. Louis Blvd. 233-2464
A Notre Dame favorite, but they don't take credit cards.

Pizza – Delivery

Bruno's
119 North Dixie Way (U.S. 31) 273-3100
2610 Prairie Avenue 288-3320
202 W. Edison Road 256-9000

Domino's 271-0300

Marco's 243-1122

Papa John's 271-1177

Pizza Hut 273-9944

Area Attractions

WHERE TO TAKE/SEND YOUR VISITING RELATIVES WHEN THEY ARE DRIVING YOU CRAZY

College Football Hall of Fame

Located in downtown South Bend, the Hall of Fame is home to the second most recognizable football field in South Bend. If you are a sports buff, this should be on your list of things to do when you're looking to get away from the Law School. Admission is $7 for students. The Hall of Fame is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on home football weekends. Call (574) 235-9999 or see www.collegefootball.org for more information.

Morris Performing Arts Center

Located in downtown South Bend, the Morris hosts the Broadway Theater League, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, and the Southold Dance Theater. For information and tickets, contact the Box Office at (574) 235-9190 or see www.morriscenter.org.

Potawatomi Greenhouse and Conservatories

2105 Mishawaka Avenue. Call (574) 235-9442.

Potawatomi Zoo

The oldest zoo in Indiana will celebrate its 103rd birthday this year. It is home to over 400 animals, birds and reptiles. Open daily 10-5 and located on 500 S. Greenlawn in South Bend. Call (574) 235-9800 or visit www.sbpark.org/zoo/zoo.htm for more information.

South Bend Regional Museum of Art

Located on South St. Joseph Street in South Bend. Call (574) 235-9102 for more information.

South Bend Silver Hawks

In the spring and summer months, you can take a trip to the "Cove" and watch the Class A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks play baseball at Coveleski Stadium in downtown South Bend. Dollar Mondays are popular with many law students, as admission, hot dogs, soda and beer are all $1 each. Call (574) 235-9988 for more information or log on to www.southbendsilverhawks to find the schedule of games.

Studebaker Museum

South Bend is the home to the original Studebaker factory, but now all that's left is the history of the famous carmaker. Located at 525 South Main Street, it is open Tuesday-Sunday and costs $5.50 for students.

Vickers Theatre

Located about a 35-minute drive to the west at 6 North Elm Street in Three Oaks, Michigan, the Vickers Theatre is a turn-of-the-century film house that's been restored into an intimate art house with film, live theatre, music, poetry readings and more. Call 269-756-3522 or visit www.vickerstheatre.com for more information.

Yesterday's

See listing in Restaurants. Since it's an expensive place (but worth every dime), you may want to get the folks to spring for it. Call for reservations first, though; they are often full up.

South Bend Chocolate Factory

Located at 3300 W. Sample Street in South Bend. If you want a factory tour, give them a call at 574-233-2577.

Hackers Golf and Games

Miniature golf and batting cages. Located at 3019 S. 11th Street in Niles, Michigan. Phone: 269-684-6868.

St. Patrick's County Park

Part of the county parks system, St. Patick's is located at 50651 Laurel Road in South Bend. With almost 300 acres, St. Patrick's features wooded trails, ponds and St. Joseph River frontage; activities include hiking, canoeing, hayrides, cross country skiing, winter intertubing and picnic sites. For more information, call 574-277-4828 or visit www.sjcparks.org (which will also give you the skinny on all the local parks).

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve

Another place to get your gorgeous greens, Fernwood is located at 13988 Range Line Road in Niles, Michigan. Call 269-683-8653 or visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org for more information.

East Race Waterway

Located at 126 North Niles Avenue, South Bend, this is the first artificial whitewater course in North America. Opened in 1984, the raceway hosts national and world class whitewater slalom races. The waterway brings Olympic winners and national champions to South Bend each session. For more, call 574-233-6121.

Other attractions

- Several antique malls line the sides of US 33 shortly after you enter Niles.
- Amish Acres (Nappanee), Amish Village (Elkhart) and, of course, Shipshewana are also not far away. See www.shipshewana.com for more information on the one and only Shipshewana.

Shopping

From Quick Fix To Deluxe Get-Away

South Bend: University Park Mall
Website: www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=192

Located at the intersection of Grape and University in Mishawaka, the University Park Mall offers stores where one could find almost anything, from new running shoes, to books, CDs and DVDs, to hip clothing for the semi-formal dance *and* Thursday night bowling. The mall is anchored by department stores such as J.C. Penney's and Marshall Fields, but includes a variety of specialty stores, highlights of which are listed below. The food court also offers many options at a low price as well. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Specialty stores include: Gap, Banana Republic, Victoria's Secret, Limited, Express, Express for Men, Ann Taylor, Abercrombie and Fitch, Aeropostale, American Eagle, Eddie Bauer, Hollister Co., Wilson's Leather, Radio Shack, Foot Locker, Bath and Body Works, Sam Goody.

Michigan City: Lighthouse Outlets
Website www.outletsonline.com/nelpin.htm

Although one might guess this mall is located in Michigan, this is actually not the case. Located in a small community, the shops, and the city get their name from being on the corner of Lake Michigan, but in fact are still within in the state of Indiana. About 45 minutes from Notre Dame (via Interstate 90), the outlet malls make a perfect Saturday afternoon study break for anyone looking for great deals on premium brand products. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stores include: Ann Taylor Loft, Bath and Body Works, Create and Barrel, Burberry, Coach, Donna Karan, Eddie Bauer, Gap Outlet, Guess, Harry and David, J. Crew, Jones New York, Nine West, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger, Ultra Diamond Outlet and more.

Chicago: Magnificent Mile
Website www.themagnificentmile.com

Although certainly not as convenient as the University Park Mall, or Lighthouse Outlets for that matter, Chicago offers another world of shopping. The Magnificent Mile is known as the premier shopping area in Chicago and one of the top in the world. Odds are, if it exists, you can find it here, though you may end up paying a few extra pennies for it.

Department stores include Nordstrom's, Nieman Marcus, Sax Fifth Avenue, and Marshall Field's. Some stores are located in their own buildings, and there are five shopping centers as well. Other specialty stores include: Banana Republic, Gap, Burberry, Benetton 012, Louis Vuitton, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Ralph Lauren, Boss

Hugo Boss, and Coach. For a full listing of stores, locations, hours, as well as nearby hotels and other attraction see the Magnificent Mile website.

Indianapolis: Circle Center Mall
Website www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=163

Located in downtown Indianapolis, Circle Center Mall is the ultimate get-away for shoppers. It includes over 100 stores, spanning two city blocks and boasting four floors of shopping paradise. The directions for getting there are simple. Take U.S. 31 South to downtown Indianapolis (via Meridian); the mall will be on the right, between Washington and Georgia. Mall hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For a complete listing of stores, locations, restaurants, and area attractions see the Circle Center Mall website.

Department stores include Nordstrom's. Specialty stores include: Coach, The Disney Store, Abercrombie and Fitch, Aeropastal, American Eagle Outfitters, Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer, Gap, Hollister Company, PacSun, Sam Goody, Finish Line, Nine West, Brookstone, Ann Taylor, Express, and Victoria's Secret.

Road Trips

Getting Out of South Bend

Do you have the time?

Actually, we're not asking if you have the time to leave the Bend for a break – we know you'll want/need to eventually – but rather we're trying to help make sure you get there in good time. One of the editors (who grew up in Indiana) thinks this is normal, but most folks find Indiana is just weird in this regard.

Most of Indiana remains on Eastern Standard Time all year-round, which is another way of saying there are **no time changes** during the year. South Bend and Indianapolis are on the same time all the time. Michigan City, however, observes Central Standard and Central Daylight Time, as does Chicago. From October until April, Michigan City and Chicago are an hour behind South Bend; the rest of the year, we are all on the same time. Michigan (the state, that is) observes Eastern Standard and Eastern Daylight time, which means that, from April until October, Michigan is an hour ahead of South Bend and the rest of the year we are all on the same time.[11]

Chicago

Okay, so South Bend isn't the greatest city in the world, and you're going to have to get away from it every once in a while. Fortunately, the Windy City is less than two hours away and offers more to do than you can imagine.

Getting There...

It's really easy to get to Chicago. If you're driving, just hop on the toll-road (80/90) and take it west. You can either stay on 90 which takes you over the Skyway and into the city from the south side (great if you want to go to a White Sox game), or you can get off and take Lake Shore Drive. This provides one of the most scenic views around and leaves you minutes from downtown. Also, if you don't feel like driving, the South Shore train leaves from the South Bend airport and can take you right into downtown. It's about ten bucks each way, less on the weekends. See www.nictd.com for schedules and rates.

Shopping & Dining...

In a city of three million people, there are more places to shop and eat than you can imagine. One of the places you will probably want to check out is the stretch of Michigan Avenue known as the Magnificent Mile (check www.themagnificentmile.com for more info). Aside from shops and restaurants, the Mile also is home to great architecture. In addition, while you're there, don't forget to stop at Water Tower Place

[11] Our Indiana editor notes that, at this writing, the new governor has declared that he will do something about the time zone issue. Of course, there is also legislation pending in the Indiana General Assembly to deal with the time zone issue. However, our Indiana editor also notes that there is *always* legislation pending in the Indiana General Assembly to deal with the time zone issue, and most governors have wanted to do something about the time zone issue.

(835 N. Michigan, (312) 440-3166). Inside the building is an eight-story mall with over 100 shops and dozens of places to eat. (See Shopping.)

Another place to check out is State Street. The best time to do this is around Christmas. I know that you will have finals looming over your head, but it's hard to beat the beauty at this time of year. There's a chill in the air, the trees lining the street are all decorated and lit… and don't forget to see the windows at Marshall Field's (111 N. State). People come from all over just to see how they have decorated them for the season. Don't forget that you can shop there too (usually after you've secured a summer job).

If you make your trip while it's still warm outside, check out the beaches. North Avenue beach will probably be the most popular choice and the busiest. Afterwards, try visiting Navy Pier (just look for the 150-foot high Ferris wheel… it's kind of hard to miss). They have all kinds of shops and restaurants, an IMAX theatre, and on certain nights they have fireworks shows. Call (800)595-PIER for more info.

These are just a few of the things you can do in Chicago. For more choices as far as restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and more, try www.chicago.citysearch.com. Or, you can ask another law student. It seems like a lot of them are from the Chicago area anyway.

Sporting Events…

Chicago is a sports town; that's all you really need to say. There are the Bears and the Bulls – and the Blackhawks, the Cubs and the White Sox. While you may not be a fan of any Chicago teams, you can still go and see your favorite teams play against them. And by watching the fans go after, then lose, then regain a home-run ball hit into the stands, you will be ready to talk about wild animals in Property (trust me, it will make sense come spring semester).

Cubs games in the summer and fall are good times. Even if the Cubbies are losing, Wrigley Field will still be full. If you're going for the game, anywhere is a good seat but if you're going for atmosphere, try getting bleacher seats. Be warned though – bleacher seats are the most popular and tend to sell out the fastest.

Museums and Other Attractions…

Yes, Chicago has a cultural side too. If you've got the time, check out the "Museum Campus" on the lakeshore. The Museum of Science and Industry ((773) 684-1414), the Field Museum ((312) 922-9410… just look for the really big dinosaur skeleton), the Shedd Aquarium ((312) 939-2426), and the Adler Planetarium ((312) 922-STAR) are all located next to each other. And if you're into art, the Art Institute (111 S. Michigan, (312) 443-3600), with its famous bronze lions guarding the steps, is a must.

Other areas of interest include the Civic Opera House (home to the Lyric Opera), the Second City comedy club (which has come to campus on occasion), the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, the Auditorium Theatre, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Brookfield or Lincoln Park Zoos (the Nation's oldest free zoo).

In Closing...

Chicago offers a wealth of experiences if you're looking for a weekend of fun, or just a day away from the books. The list above is by no means all-inclusive... in fact, it only covers part of the city and doesn't even begin to discuss what the suburbs have to offer. Remember that your purpose in getting away is to have fun... don't try and do too much in one day. Besides, that just means that you'll have to make another trip later which is just another day of not having to worry about work.

Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Indiana's capital and largest city, is located about three hours south of South Bend. Although Indianapolis does not have as many attractions and sights as Chicago, it's definitely worth making at least one visit there during your law school career.

Getting There...

There's really only one way to get from South Bend to Indianapolis—by car. Just follow U.S. 31 south for about 130 miles. Once you get to Indianapolis, U.S. 31 becomes Meridian Street, which will take you into downtown. With the exception of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the airport, just about anything of interest in the city is either in the downtown area or on the city's north side.

Shopping & Dining...

Indianapolis has six major shopping malls that are located throughout the city. The two best known malls are Circle Centre Mall (located downtown, see Shopping for more information) and The Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing (located on the north side near the intersection of 86th Street and Keystone Avenue). The north side neighborhood of Broad Ripple (located near the intersection of Westfield Boulevard and College Avenue) is home to some of Indianapolis' best ethnic restaurants, including several French, Greek, and Indian establishments. Broad Ripple also has several nice shops and nightclubs. The Jazz Kitchen (5377 North College Avenue) is Indianapolis's premier jazz venue for local, regional and national talent. For blues, you'll want to visit The Slippery Noodle Inn (372 S Meridian Street) – which is also Indiana's oldest bar (est. 1850). Both offer full menus in addition to some great music.

Sporting Events...

Indianapolis is best known throughout the world for auto racing. Three of the biggest races in the world take place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (located near the corner of 16th Street and Georgetown Road on the city's west side) – the Indianapolis 500 (IRL race in late May), the Brickyard 400 (NASCAR race in early August), and the U.S. Grand Prix (Formula One race in mid-September). Although each race draws hundreds of thousands of spectators, getting tickets to any of these events should not be too difficult.

Indianapolis also has a number of major professional sports teams including the Indianapolis Colts (who were 12-4 in the 2003 and should have won the Super Bowl), the

Indiana Pacers (NBA) and the Indiana Fever (WNBA). The Indianapolis Indians, the triple-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers, play ball at Victory Field in downtown Indianapolis. If you end up working in downtown Indy for the summer, be sure to take advantage of at least one of the Indians' day games – Victory Field is incredible and has been recognized as the Best Minor League Ballpark in America by Sports Illustrated. Victory Field, the RCA Dome (home of the Colts) and the Conseco Fieldhouse (home of both the Pacers and the Fever) are literally within walking distance of each other. Indianapolis is also known as the amateur sports capital of the world, hosting numerous college and amateur championship events, including the NCAA Men's Final Four in 1997 and 2000.

Museums and Other Attractions...

The Indianapolis Children's Museum (located at the corner of North Meridian and 30th Streets) is the largest children's museum in the world. Besides numerous hands-on and regular exhibits, the museum also has an IMAX theater. There are several attractions in White River State Park (on West Washington Street, just west of the Statehouse), including the NCAA Hall of Champions, the Eiteljorg Museum (collection of Native American paintings and artifacts), and the Indianapolis Zoo. Our Hoosier editor also notes the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the Circle was the first in the country to honor the common soldier, and that the Statehouse is magnificent.

Michigan City

Michigan City, Indiana, is home to both Indiana's maximum security correctional facility and the Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Center. We recommend visiting the latter. Lighthouse has a terrific variety of outlets spread out in a pedestrian mall.

Getting There...

There are several variations on this route to the outlet stores, but this is the easiest way to get there. Take I-80/90 west to Michigan City (exit 39). Drive north on US 421/ Franklin Street for nine miles to Sixth Street, which will take you through downtown Michigan City. Turn left on Sixth Street and go about two blocks to the Outlet Center. It takes about an hour to drive to Michigan City from South Bend. You can also take the South Shore Line from the South Bend Airport. The train stops at 11th Street, which is six blocks south of the Outlets. A shuttle meets selected trains.

Shopping...

There are more than 120 outlets at Lighthouse (see Shopping). Law students have been known to get incredible deals on suits for interviews from Brooks Brothers and Hart Schaffner & Marx. There are also numerous house wares outlets with much better prices than you can find in South Bend. If you have a long list of basic things you need to furnish your apartment in South Bend, a trip to Michigan City may be worthwhile.

Other Attractions...

Uhm, did we mention the maximum security prison? (Actually, the Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty has sponsored trips to the prison at Michigan City, as it is the home of Indiana's Death Row.)

Summer in South Bend

IT'S NOT ALWAYS COLD HERE. REALLY.

Between local law firms and research positions, quite a few law students will find themselves staying in South Bend for the summer. For those transplants to South Bend, don't despair. There is actually quite a bit going on in the area during the summer. Below are some of my favorites. The Student Bar Association usually organizes a list of students who will be residing in any given city, including South Bend, so you can meet up with your peers and go explore.

Silver Hawks Minor League Baseball Team

Web: www.silverhawks.com Phone: 574-235-9988

South Bend is home to one of the Arizona Diamondbacks' minor league teams. Home games run from April through August. Coveleski Stadium hosts a beer garden and runs promotional events throughout the home schedule. Tickets are $5-7 each.

Sunburst Marathon

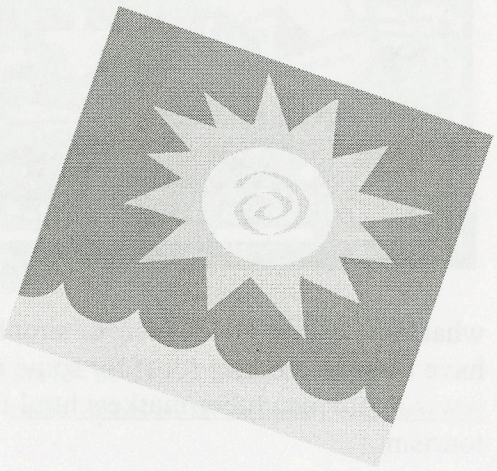
Web: www.sunburstraces.org Phone: 574-647-3394

"From Hall of Fame to Notre Dame." The Sunburst offers something for both the serious runner and the casual fitness enthusiast. Opportunities include not only a marathon but also a half-marathon, 10K, 5K and fun walk. Sunburst also sponsors the traditional pre-race dinner and race day festivities. Races begin at the College Football Hall of Fame and historically finish on the 50-yard line of the Notre Dame Stadium. The event takes place the first week of June.

East Race Waterway

Web: www.sbpark.org/parks/erace.htm Phone: 574-299-4765

The East Race Waterway is a 1500+ foot long artificial whitewater course operated by the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department. The Waterway routinely hosts national and world-class whitewater slalom races but is also open to the public on summer weekends. Rental inflatable kayaks and rafts are available beginning at the price of merely $2/person/ride. If you rent your vessel from the park district, they will also supply personal flotation devices, helmets and paddles. A rescue team is on duty along the course during public operation hours.



Public Swimming Pools

Web: www.sjcparks.org

Phone: 574-277-4828

South Bend can get quite sticky in the summer, but fortunately many area parks have public swimming pools. The most impressive is the Olympic-size wave pool in Mishawaka's Merryfield Park.

Firefly Festival

Web: www.fireflyfestival.com Phone: 574-288-3472

The Firefly Festival for the Performing Arts is a summer series of events taking place on weekend evenings from mid-June through the first weekend in August in the amphitheatre setting of St. Patrick's County Park in South Bend. Series includes varied music, dance and theatre programs. Adult ticket prices depend on the program, but start at $11. Past artists have included Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, the National Shakespeare Company, The Temptations, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Tom Jones, Isaac Hayes, Kathy Mattea, Bobby McFerrin, The Oak Ridge Boys, Lou Rawls and many more.

Local Wine Tasting

Web: www.michiganwines.com

Michigan is home to a large number of vineyards, many within 20 to 30 minutes of South Bend. See the website above for a list of wineries. You can also access summer hours, tasting room information and a tour map. Some of the wineries even host special events – the Round Barn Winery, for example, has classes on the art of winemaking and summer jazz concerts.

South Bend Farmer's Market

South Bend hosts a farmer's market that is open year round but is clearly best in the summer months. You will find vendors selling fresh produce, meats, flowers, antiques and other handicraft items. In the center of the market, there is also a great restaurant that features menu items made from the fresh ingredients – found right there at the market. During the summer, the farmer's market is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Get there early to get the best selection.

U-Pick Fruit Markets

Web: www.swmichigan.org

Southwestern Michigan grows a wide array of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables every year. Michigan is well known for its cherries and blueberries but is also among the state leaders for apples, plums, sweet cherries, asparagus, grapes, snap green beans, pears, strawberries, sweet corn, cauliflower, peaches and cucumbers. The area boasts over 60 roadside markets and pick-your-own farms. You can research farms and what is in season in advance, or simply drive up I-94 and look for signs. If you'd rather have Indiana produce (or if for some reason you can't leave the state), visit www.in.gov/oca/other/markets.html for a comparable list of Indiana u-picks and agri-tourism.

Drive-in Movies

Web: www.driveinmovie.com Phone: 574-936-7936

Indiana has over 20 drive-in movie theatres in operation. The nearest is Tri-Way Drive-in in Plymouth. The site boasts three screens and a double feature every night, except on the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends when they run pictures from dusk to dawn. Their season runs from April through September. Tri-Way Drive-In is located at 4400 N. Michigan Road in Plymouth, Indiana.

Vickers Theatre

Web: www.vickerstheatre.com Phone: 269-756-3522

A turn-of-the-century film house located about 40 minutes away. The theatre focuses on independent films but has offered other art forms including live theatre, music ranging from folk to punk, as well as performance art and poetry readings. The Vickers Theatre's Outdoor Film Event (Sounds of Silents Film Festival) in August is well-respected among theatre patrons.

College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

Web: www.collegefootball.org Phone: 574- 235-9999

Held in August each year, the Enshrinement Festival is an opportunity to rub shoulders with college football legends. Events include acceptance speeches, a Youth Football Clinic, a Celebrity Flag Football Game and a party with fans on the Gridiron Plaza.

Fridays By The Fountain

Web: www.morriscenter.org Phone: 574-235-9198

Every other Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout the summer, the Morris Performing Arts Center located in downtown South Bend sponsors an outdoor fair on their front lawn. Community members who work downtown come out during their lunch hour to enjoy live music, contests and tastes from local eateries.

You should also check out the Morris's website for its calendar of summer events. Tickets can be a little pricey on a student budget but the Center does attract well-known performers like Lynyrd Skynyrd and Jewel. The Morris is also the home of the Broadway Theatre League, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and the Southold Dance Theater.

"Meet Me On The Island"

"Meet Me On The Island" is a summer concert series at the Century Center Convention Complex downtown. Listen for the many radio spots in advance of events.

Summer Festivals

Most of the towns in the area host a summer festival each year. South Bend and Mishawaka usually hold their events in June. You can hit up South Bend's Summer in the City Festival in a couple of hours. Mishawaka's Summerfest is a more elaborate festival encompassing three days of special events including a fireworks display, a movie in the park, live concerts and more. Everything but the carnival games are free. Be sure to check out the whole schedule and come and go throughout the weekend. And, don't forget the numerous smaller towns in the region which also like to celebrate summer in style.

Here are a few more sources of information on local events....

WNDU

Web: www.wndu.com/local

WNDU, the local television station, hosts a calendar of local events accessible through their website that is really quite thorough. Check it out throughout the summer for the latest on what is going on around town. Events are already being posted for Summer 2005.

Michiana Area Yellow Pages

For more events, see the Schedule of Events in the very front (page 10 or so) of the Michiana Area Yellow Pages that comes out in May each year.

St. Joseph County Parks

Web: www.sjcparks.com

St. Joseph County is home to over 100 great parks. My personal favorite is the Shiojiri Niwa Friendship Japanese garden in Mishawaka's Merryfield Park Complex. Throughout the summer the parks department sponsors classes and programs at the parks like the Leeper Park Art Fair. Information is available on the website above. The parks department also publishes spring and summer activity guides.

And remember, if you're still looking for something to do, Chicago, Indianapolis and Shipshewana (www.shipshewana.com) aren't that far away.

Airlines & Airports

How to get In & Out of South Bend

South Bend Regional Airport

The closest airport to campus is the South Bend Regional Airport, located about 10 minutes away. The airport has several dozen flights each day to eight airports throughout the Midwest and East Coast. The following airlines fly out of South Bend Regional:

United Express – Chicago O'Hare
Delta Connection – Cincinnati and Atlanta
Northwest Airlines – Detroit (Metro) and Minneapolis-St. Paul
American Connection (formerly Trans World Express) – St. Louis
ATA Connection – Chicago (Midway)

Any domestic flights, and most international flights, will at most require one more transfer. Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, and Atlanta offer non-stop international service to most of the main European hubs. The flight to Chicago is ridiculously short, but even so, it's nicer than having to pay to park at O'Hare. Don't worry—flying around the country for call-back interviews during your second year is no problem because law firms will fly you right out of South Bend.

South Bend Regional Airport is located on the northwest side of town on Lincolnway West. There is plenty of parking at the airport available at a reasonable price. Taxi fare between campus and the airport is about $10. Unfortunately, airfares out of South Bend are often much more expensive than at surrounding airports.

O'Hare and Midway

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the world's busiest airport, is only a two-hour drive from Notre Dame. O'Hare offers non-stop flights to destinations throughout the world as well as airfares that are usually cheaper than those at South Bend Regional. Midway Airport, located on Chicago's southwest side, is only 1.5 hours from South Bend. Midway is a hub for two low-cost airlines—Southwest and American Trans Air (most of the major airlines also have limited service out of Midway).

Most Notre Dame students who fly out of O'Hare and Midway use the United Limo/Coach USA bus service (www.coachusa.com or www.busville.com, 800-833-5555 or 574-254-5008) to travel from campus to the airports. The United Limo picks up passengers near the Hammes Bookstore on campus as well as at the South Bend Regional Airport. The bus fare is $32 each way or $54 round-trip. Because the United Limo stops in several cities between South Bend and the Chicago airports, the bus ride takes about three hours.

Indianapolis International

Indianapolis International Airport, located on the southwest side of Indianapolis, is about a three-hour drive from the Notre Dame campus. Indianapolis is the only major Midwestern airport that is not a hub of any major airline. As a result, there are fewer flights to fewer destinations (although you can fly from Indianapolis to just about any major city in the East Coast, South, and Midwest). Because the Indianapolis market is not dominated by a single airline, airfares out of Indianapolis are some of the cheapest in the Midwest.

The biggest problem with flying out of Indianapolis International is getting there. Realistically, the only way to get there is to drive there yourself. There is plenty of parking available, and the parking rates are very reasonable. Although a few South Bend taxicab companies will take passengers from South Bend to the Indianapolis airport, their fares are extortionate.

Bikes

Getting Around Campus & Area Trails

Notre Dame has a fairly large campus with student parking at the edges. Many students take advantage of the bike racks at the law school and ride in either from home or from the parking lot. Dwight King, one of the research librarians, can often be seen in his bicycle helmet, walking into the law school in all kinds of weather.

If you do decide to take a bike to the law school, remember to bring a sturdy U-lock as bike theft is the most-reported campus crime. In fact, the local crooks will even take rusty, beat-up bikes. Notre Dame Campus Security offers free bicycle registration on-line at www.nd.edu/~dnemeth/bike/bikereg.html. They also offer a "lock-up" for bike storage during the winter months, at the Stadium. And, every fall there is a used bike auction where you can pick up one of the bikes which have remained unclaimed from the winter lock-up as well as any bikes that Security has "liberated" from bike racks around campus after the students have gone home for break.

Bike Shops

Any of these shops should have relatively current trail information.

Pro-form

2202 South Bend Ave 272-0129
The closest bike shop to campus, at Ironwood and State Route 23. A nice high-end shop.

Albright's Cycling and Fitness

2720 Lincolnway West (Mishawaka) 255-8988
About fifteen minutes from campus by car. Less expensive than Pro-From and still a good shop.

Outpost Sports

3602 N. Grape Rd. 259-1000
Has some mountain biking equipment.

Mountain Biking & Trails

The local trail in South Bend is in Rum Village Park and consists of about four miles of winding single track created by mountain bikers with the blessing of the City. Difficulty depends on how fast you ride—some narrow stretches and tight corners make this a fun diversion, especially since it is only a fifteen-minute bike ride or five-minute drive from campus. To get there head south on US 31 (Michigan Ave) and turn right a mile or so past downtown on Ewing. There is a sign on this corner pointing to Rum Village Park and Nature Center. The trails in the main part of the park are off limits to bikes, so go past the park and turn left on Gertrude. The entry to the ride area is on your

right a few hundred yards up. The City is pretty serious about controlling erosion in the area, so if the sign says it's closed, as it frequently is in wet weather, don't ride. If you get caught, you risk confiscation of your bike, and telling the cop you are a law student isn't likely to help your cause. Rum Village Park is also home to the local Frisbee golf course.

If you have time to get away for a few hours there are more riding options. Southern Michigan has a few rides, though you'll probably notice the topography is still pretty flat. T.K. Lawless County Park in Cass County is about an hour away and has a little over ten miles of trails for mountain biking. To get there, take US 33 north towards Niles, and turn east on MI 60. Shortly after Vandalia turn right on Lewis Lake Road and then east on Monkey Run Street. There is a sign for the park on M60. Parking costs a couple of bucks. If you find out why they call it Monkey Run Street let us know.

If you are not looking for single track there are a couple of good trails for family cycling in the area, including a Rails to Trails path that runs from Kalamazoo to South Haven in Southwestern Michigan, and a bicycle trail at Potato Creek State Park. There is also a trail running from Holland, Michigan up the coast of Lake Michigan to Grand Haven (about 23 miles).

Buses & Trains

More Ways to Get In & Out of South Bend

Amtrak

The South Bend Amtrak station is located west of Downtown at 2702 West Washington Avenue. While the station is almost impossible to find (especially in the evening), law students who use the trains have been happy with the convenience and price. Three different Amtrak trains stop in South Bend each day:

The Lake Shore Limited
Chicago to New York City and Boston via Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Albany

The Capitol Limited
Chicago to Washington, DC via Cleveland and Pittsburgh

The Pennsylvanian
Chicago to Philadelphia via Cleveland and Pittsburgh

South Shore Railroad

The South Shore Railroad is a commuter rail line that connects South Bend with Downtown Chicago. The South Shore departs from the South Bend Regional Airport and makes numerous stops throughout Northwestern Indiana en route to Chicago. Schedule and fare information is available on their website (www.nictd.com). Depending on where you want to go in Chicago, the one-way fare is between $5 to $7 and the trip will take about two hours. Weekend and holiday trains are less frequent than weekdays.

Greyhound Bus

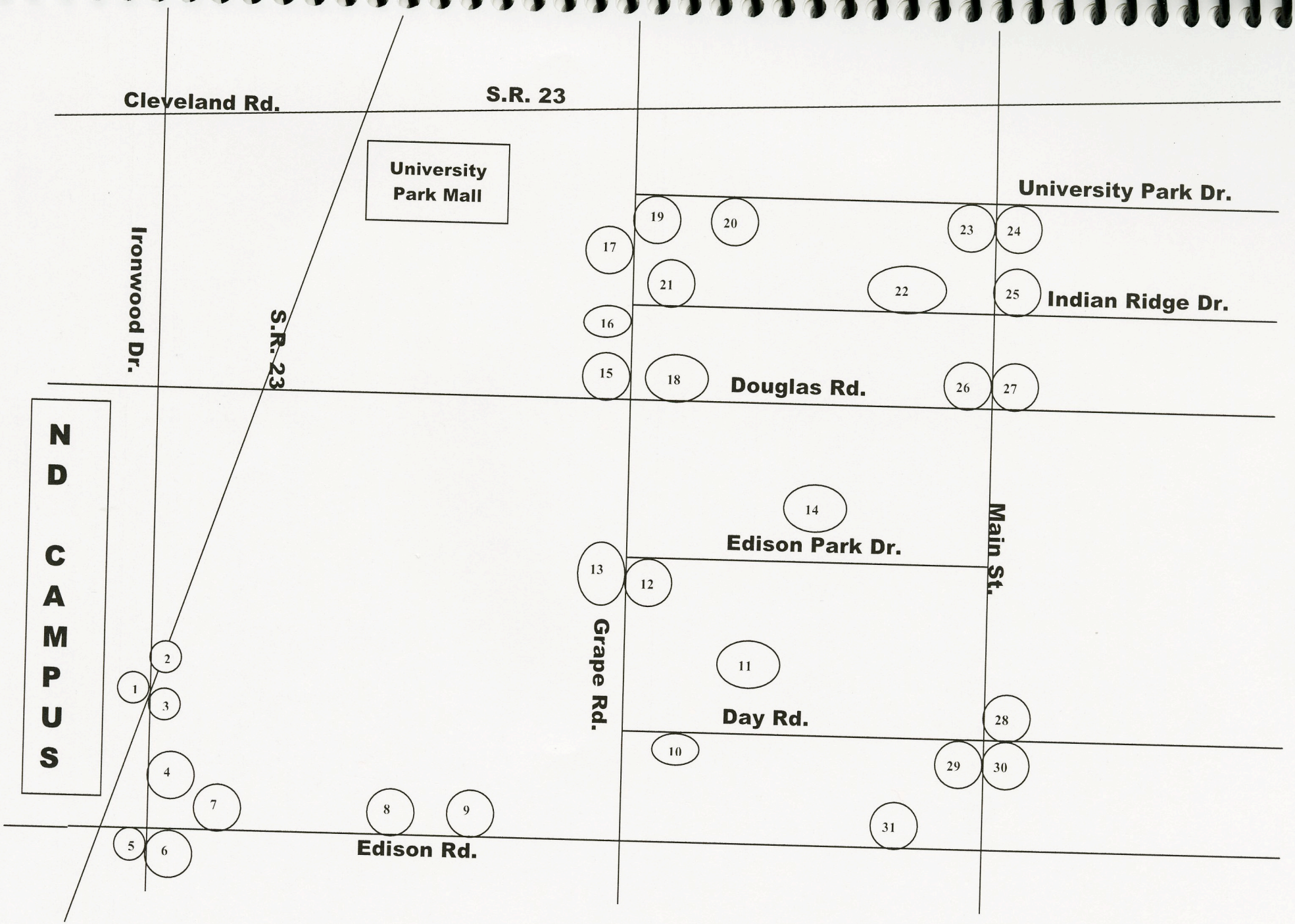
Greyhound has several buses each day from South Bend to various destinations, including: Chicago, Toledo, Kalamazoo, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis. Greyhound buses depart from South Bend Regional Airport.

Map

Where am I Going to Find...?

Happily, in order to survive in Michiana, you will need to learn only a few key streets; the basic necessities all exist right within this five mile radius. If nothing more, at least this should be a good place to get started with your transition to South Bend.

1. Martin's Supermarket/Starbucks
   Osco Drug Store
   Atria II – the little sister of #5
2. Blockbuster Video
   Jimmy John's
3. Kinko's
   Hollywood Video –cheap, cheap, cheap
4. The Original Pancake House
5. Atria I – a good place for a haircut/color
6. CVS Pharmacy
7. U.S. Post Office
8. Family Dollar
   Save-a-lot Grocery
9. Cinemark 14
10. Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant
11. Kohl's Department Store
    Border's Books
    Dick's Sporting Goods
    Old Navy
    Bed, Bath, & Beyond
    Quizno's
    Carraba's Italian Restaurant
    Logan's Roadhouse
12. Chili's
    T.G.I.Friday's
13. Barnes & Noble Booksellers
    Outback Steakhouse
    Lone Star Steakhouse
14. Meijer
    Papa Vino's Italian Restaurant
15. Strikes & Spares Bowling Alley
    Steak & Shake
    Bargain Books
16. Denver Mattress Co. – cheap beds
17. Value City/Value City Furniture – more cheap furniture
    Office Depot
    Guitar Center
    Bob Evans Restaurant
18. Media Play
    Hobby Lobby
    Office Max/Copy Max
19. Best Buy
    Linens-n-Things
    Famous Dave's BBQ
    Olive Garden
20. Cinemark 6
21. Circuit City
    K's Merchandise
    Baker's Square
22. Wal-Mart
    Sam's Club
23. Menard's Hardware Store
    Applebee's
24. Super Target
    Pier 1 Imports
    Quizno's
    Le Peep
25. Family Video – more cheap movies
26. Chick-fil-A
    Home Depot
    Krispy Kreme
27. Penzoil Express Lube
28. Panera Bread Co.
    Houlihan's
29. IHOP
30. Red Lobster
    Smokey Bone's BBQ
31. Ja'Ross Salon – another nearby place to get a decent haircut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