Dear Notre Dame Lawyer,

AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, THIS IS A SECOND CAREER FOR ME. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering and working for eight years as a "rocket scientist" — spacecraft systems engineer, actually — I thought I needed a new challenge. Law school seemed like just the right type of challenge — something different intellectually from anything I had studied before, yet something that would also broaden my background and put new career opportunities into my path.

The position I currently hold isn't something I planned on when I entered law school. When people ask me how I went from designing spacecraft for a NASA contractor to writing an alumni magazine for lawyers, I can recount the steps in the progression, but can't really articulate reasons for certain decisions that brought me to where I am. Perhaps Professor Emeritus Emil T. Hoffman said it best when he told me that some people get where they're going because they work with single-minded determination to get there, while others twist and turn in the wind until they wind up where they're supposed to be. I think that I spent much of my first 30 years on this planet driving toward a childhood dream to work in the space program, and now, after twisting and turning in the wind, I've landed where I'm supposed to be — even though I'm not sure how or why I got here.

The alumni featured in this issue arrived at their current occupations by chasing after some undefined dream, searching for fulfillment in their work. And, after their varied and personal journeys they have found wonderful fulfillment in their current occupations, using various aspects of what they learned here and in their subsequent practice of law to educate underprivileged children.

These stories remind me that we do more here than just teach our students how to be good lawyers, good practitioners of the art of law. We open to them worlds of possibilities, where the skills they learn here can be put to good use in a wide variety of ways. We encourage them to search for these opportunities to use their education to serve society.

I hope you find these stories as interesting and inspiring as I do. And I hope that you will share with me your own stories of how your Notre Dame Law School education has brought you to places you never dreamed of or even imagined possible.

Yours in Notre Dame,

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Fall semester classes begin

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September 9, 2000
Home Football ND vs. Nebraska

September 16, 2000
Home Football ND vs. Purdue
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NDLS Class of 1970, 30th Reunion
NDLS Class of 1975, 25th Reunion

October 6, 2000
Notre Dame Law Association Fall Meeting

October 7, 2000
Home Football-ND vs. Stanford

October 14-22, 2000
University Fall Semester Break

October 15, 2000
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October 26-27, 2000
Law School Advisory Council Annual Meeting

October 28, 2000
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Continuing Legal Education Program, 8 to 10 a.m.

November 11, 2000
Home Football-ND vs. Boston College
Continuing Legal Education Program, 8 to 10 a.m.

November 23-26, 2000
Thanksgiving Holiday
University and Law School Offices Closed

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from December 23, 2000, through January 1, 2001

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the time you receive this magazine, I will have completed my first year as dean. To say that the year was both challenging and exhilarating is an understatement of considerable proportion. It is no overstatement, however, to say that the support I received from members of the Notre Dame family as well as from deans and faculty of other law schools, surpassed anything I could have imagined. I am inspired by the number of people who share my excitement about the prospects for the Law School, and I am grateful for your many good wishes. I hope to be able to thank many of you in person during the coming year.

The 1999-2000 academic year closed on a number of high notes. As you will read on page 37, our Barriers Team swept the 25th Annual National Trial Competition held in Dallas, Texas. Our two teams finished first and second among a field that began with 280 teams in the regional competitions, which was then narrowed to 24 teams for the national competition.

Tamara Walker of Memphis, Tennessee, captained the first-place team — the first African-American woman to be a member of a national championship team in the 25-year history of the competitions. Joining her were our two-term SBA president, Shazzae Naseem, of Chicago, Illinois, and second-year students Kelly Murphy of South Bend and Ryan Redmon of Vevay, Indiana. Stone Grissom of South Bend led the second-place team and received the Spiegelberg Award for the best oral argument performance in the final round of competition.

Joining him were fellow third-year student Scott Kellogg of Monmouth, Illinois, and second-year students Steve Pratico of Archbald, Pennsylvania, and Matt Wolek of Austin, Minnesota.

Jeannie Jourdan '73 J.D., adjunct professor and a former judge of the St. Joseph County Superior Court, Wendell Whilh '77, 80 J.D. of the South Bend law firm of May, Oberflit and Lorber, and Kate Singer '97 J.D. of the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office coached the two teams. The success of our students in this recent competition is just one example of the outstanding trial advocacy program offered at Notre Dame under the leadership of Professors Jim Seckinger '68 J.D. and Gerry Bradley, together with the support of strong adjunct faculty and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Elsewhere in these pages, you will note that this was also a stellar year for our faculty. While it is impossible to catalog here all of their achievements, let me mention just a few highlights. Professors Paolo Carozza, Jack Pratt, John Robinson '72 M.A., '75 Ph.D., and Dinah Shelton authored new books this past year. Professor Shelton's book, REMEDIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, earned a book prize from the American Society of International Law. Our Center for Civil and Human Rights hosted a highly successful conference on this same topic at Notre Dame's London Law Centre in March. Professors Geoffrey Bennett, Alan Gunn, Charles Rice and Dinah Shelton issued new editions of existing books, and Professors Matt Barnett '82, 85 J.D., Joe Bauer, Jimmy Gurule and Eric Smithburn published supplements to existing books. Collectively, the faculty authored almost three dozen articles in scholarly journals and publications.

Several members of the faculty also received important appointments. To mention a few, Jimmy Gurule will serve as a member of the ABA Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession. Joan Münden began his tenure as commissioner of the Inner-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, and received the Archibishop Romero Award from the University of Dayton. Judge Kenneth Ripple was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court to a new term as chair of the Appellate Judge Education Committee of the Federal Judicial Center. Jay Tidmarsh '79 became chair-elect of the Association of American Law School's Section on Civil Procedure.

Closer to home, University President Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., recognized Associate Dean Roger Jacobs with a special presidential award for his 15 years of service as director of the Kresge Law Library. The graduating class selected Associate Dean Vince Rose as the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Student Bar Association chose him as the recipient of the Captain William O. McLean Community Spirit Award for his service to the Law School community.

The year ended on a particularly proud note for the students with the naming of Professor Robert E. Rodes Jr. to the Paul J. Schierl/Forr Howard Paper Company Chair in Legal Ethics. A member of the Law School faculty since 1956, Bob's teaching, scholarship and service embody the core values for which the Law School stands.

Our accomplishments this past year only serve to heighten our aspirations. For this reason, I am grateful that Paul J. Polking '59, 66 J.D., executive vice president and general counsel for the Bank of America Corporation, will become chair of the Order of St. Thomas More, succeeding Patrick F. McCartan Jr. '56, '59 J.D., managing partner of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, who was elected chair of the University's Board of Trustees in May. As you know, the order plays a key role in providing the financial resources necessary to reach our goals. During Pat's four years of service as chair of the order, membership tripled. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Pat, and I am confident that Paul Polking will be a most worthy successor.

With all these successes on which to build, I eagerly await the beginning of the 2000-01 academic year. Let me close by once again expressing my thanks for your support of our efforts to advance the academic distinction of the Law School while sustaining our mission of offering a faith-based perspective on the study of law. With your help and the grace of God, I feel confident that we will succeed.
Many students attend Notre Dame Law School intending to receive an education that will enable them to effect some positive change in society. Four years ago, when I chose to attend NDLS, I was no different in my desire to make a difference. But although I had set my heart on creating some sort of a non-profit organization that would improve the quality of life for at-risk children, I didn’t have a clear vision of what, exactly, would make the greatest impact.

So, like all lawyers confronted with a new problem, I set out to research the issue. As the facts unfolded before me, it became increasingly evident that education had the greatest potential to create a sense of hope as well as tangible opportunities for children living in poverty.

My hometown of San Diego, California, is often referred to as “America’s Finest City.” Reasons for this designation abound, but climate and opportunity top most of the lists that rate such things. When it comes to climate, I can’t quarrel with those who place San Diego near the top of their lists. But when it comes to opportunity — particularly, economic opportunity — the rankings don’t tell the entire story.

Since 1980, San Diego County has grown much faster in economic terms than both the state of California and most of the rest of the nation, with the economy doubling over the last two decades. Despite a strong population surge during that time, San Diego’s per capita economic indicators rose by 32 percent. Our economy and workforce have both prospered remarkably — on average.

A recent and more thorough analysis of San Diego’s economy suggests that fewer and fewer individuals benefit from the community’s overall prosperity. During the same period that saw impressive growth, the county also experienced a dramatic increase in income inequality and in the number of people living in poverty. The middle class has declined from 80 percent of the population to 60 percent, and the income gap between the wealthiest and poorest individuals has grown by 30 percent. Today, over 900,000 people in San Diego County — 32 percent of the population — live in poverty.

Even more tragic are the statistics regarding our children. The number of children living in poverty is growing three times faster than both the national average of all persons living in poverty and the average of senior citizens living in poverty.
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In one generation that number has increased from 16 to 29 percent of the children in the county — a staggering 300,000 children living in poverty.

Of particular significance is the plight of abused and neglected children. Children in extreme poverty are 18 times more likely to be sexually abused and 25 times more likely to live in otherwise endangering circumstances. San Diego County receives 6,000 child-abuse calls each month, removes 20 children each day from their homes and supports 7,000 children in foster care. But children brought under the protection of the state don’t fare much better. Most foster children drift through seven to 11 homes — and sometimes staying in as many as 30 different homes — before leaving the system at age 18. Fully half of San Diego’s foster children do not graduate high school — a rate almost 25 percent higher than for foster children nationwide — and will become homeless by the age of 20.

Children in extreme poverty are also 56 times more likely to be educationally neglected, and the condition of California’s education system exacerbates an already serious problem. Despite recent reforms, California remains last or next-to-last among the states in students per teacher, per principal, per counselor and per librarian. The state spends 20 percent less per pupil than the national average. Local newspapers provide a nearly constant stream of anecdotes about angry parents, low teacher morale, under-performing schools and apathetic legislative responses to these serious problems.

But these statistics and news stories tell only part of the story. As compelling — even daunting — as these facts are, it is difficult to fully comprehend the depth of the problems facing San Diego’s youth. My spirit nearly breaks when I think about the overwhelming burdens our broken systems force our children to shoulder.
Faced with the results of all of my research, but bolstered by my firm conviction to do something to solve this overwhelming problem, I began searching for answers. An article in PARADE magazine last summer sparked my interest in a unique educational system that simultaneously addresses the material, educational, spiritual and health needs of disadvantaged children.

The article described an educational model consisting of extended school days and Saturday school, small classes of seven to 12 students, daily tutoring and long-term mentoring programs. Beyond tending to the academic needs of its students, this model also incorporates other services into a comprehensive program designed to alleviate the difficulties inherent in an underfunded, often inaccessible and fragmented social-services system. After reading that article, I committed myself to opening just such a school, Nativity Prep Academy of San Diego, because I believe that it addresses the causes, rather than just the effects, of childhood poverty.

Nativity schools trace their roots to Jesuits who counseled poor Puerto Rican youths in New York in the 1950s, believing that early intervention and prevention could save disadvantaged children from the siren calls of poverty, drugs and death that abounded on the streets around their impoverished homes. The Jesuits believed that, by challenging and encouraging young people to reach their full potential, they could counter the overwhelming pressures to become involved in a destructive “street” culture.

The Jesuits opened their first formal Nativity school in 1971. Using both remedial and enrichment programs, as well as featuring a small student-faculty ratio, the school provides its elementary-school-aged students with highly focused educational opportunities. Over the last few years, 90 percent of Nativity’s students have gone to college. Thirty more schools have opened across the country using Nativity’s model.

Imagine! A place where a disadvantaged child can be nurtured, loved and given the opportunities and tools to turn dreams into reality.

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given the opportunities and tools to turn dreams into reality. A place where a poor child can feel safe. A place where a neglected child is encouraged to be creative, where that child's faith can grow and flourish. Most of us experienced this as children in our own homes. Most of us take for granted that we have the ability to provide this type of environment for our own children. For many children in my community, however, such experiences have been the stuff of imaginations rather than real experiences — until now.

When Nativity Prep Academy of San Diego opens in the fall of 2001, we will employ the core elements of the proven Jesuit model and will focus on providing hope and opportunity to children in crises. But we've also expanded on the early Jesuit model to some extent, having added a high-school component, to serve grades 5 through 12, and by providing on-site nutritional and health services, as well as some residential care.

Nativity's mission promotes the academic, moral and social growth of at-risk students through the rigors of an intensive curriculum, heightened expectations and a highly structured environment. When they graduate, I am confident that our students will have the resources and confidence to compete successfully at all levels.

The project has proceeded with amazing speed. Much like the grace of God, helping children proves to be irresistible for many people. Thanks to the assistance of community leaders and financial supporters, Nativity Prep Academy of San Diego is becoming a reality. Currently, dozens of volunteers — college interns, attorneys, doctors, urban school teachers — conduct research, raise funds and help us develop valuable links to important community resources.

Even with these early successes, many people ask me why I would devote my life to this cause. My friends call me a "tragic optimist"— "optimist" because I know, despite the scope of this project, that Nativity Prep will succeed, but "tragic" because of the breadth of the problem. I'm trying to solve and because of the vast amounts of resources required to succeed. I can respond only by saying that I have found my passion in helping those in need. And when I reflect on my life, I realize that this passion has grown from a seed planted by my parents a long time ago and has been more fully formed by experiences I have had along the way.

Both in their careers and in their social lives, my parents advocated for San Diego's poor and disenfranchised. My earliest memories are of attending community organizing meetings, fund-raising events, rallies, and numerous other athletic, church and political activities. Through their words and their works, my parents taught me the value of service.

My return to the nonprofit service world came, however, after a slow process of realization and self-discovery. Through trial and error, I sought fulfillment in many different activities. Intercollegiate athletics and a six-figure corporate income as a real estate broker did not provide me with the inner satisfaction that I thought they would, although both greatly shaped my character and work ethic. A few years submerged in the subculture of drugs and alcohol, understandably, resulted in even greater inner conflict, strife and confusion. Only through embracing my faith in Christ did I find the inner peace I so desperately sought.

Certainly, many individuals embark on a path to service without similar experiences. But I feel blessed finally to have reached a stage where a meaningful relationship with Christ has replaced emptiness and disconnectedness. I now understand that the lack or presence of popularity or possessions did not prevent me from truly living. Rather, when I followed my heart's passion, I began to experience a more fulfilling life.

I also learned that I needed more education to learn how to help give others the same wonderful opportunities my parents had given me. So I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of San Diego and then chose to attend Notre Dame Law School.

My law school education gave me the practical knowledge I needed to succeed in my endeavor — particularly, a core body of information required to address the vast array of legal and business issues I face daily. A Notre Dame law degree also adds a special legitimacy in the eyes and minds of potential benefactors and collaborators. And through friendships formed at Notre Dame with classmates, faculty and alumni, I have had tremendous opportunities to develop, discuss and refine this vision.

Even University President Emeritus Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., has supported our effort. "I was delighted to learn that you are establishing a series of schools for at-risk children.... I think it is wonderful.... This endeavor is badly needed if we are ever to alleviate the cycle of crime, drugs, and poverty that plague our inner-cities. Keep up the good work and be sure of a daily prayer from here for all success."

I have truly been blessed. My family, my friends and my Notre Dame family have been tremendously supportive of me and of this effort. I cannot imagine a greater manifestation of God's plan for me, of complementing his ways with my talents and life experiences. God has blessed me with the gift of hope and with a wonderful opportunity to work toward making my dream a reality. And as I work toward fulfilling this dream, some of San Diego's most impoverished children may find hope and opportunity in their lives as well.

For more information on Nativity Prep Academy of San Diego, visit the school's web site at www.nativityprep.org.
omething like this was inevitable. The thread of 1980 NDLS graduate Jane Farrell’s devotion to the law found its roots in a sense of compassion that developed throughout her childhood, watching her attorney-father practice law, and throughout her education and professional life, as a series of mentors influenced the ultimate direction her career would take. Now, as the new director of development for Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota, Ms. Farrell’s heartfelt dreams and professional vocation have united in a new career.

Her mission, and she has decided to accept it, is to carry on the difficult work of securing the future for a Catholic institution that serves the poorest of the nation’s poor: the Oglala Lakota people. Though still rich in culture and heritage, from chiefs Red Cloud and Crazy Horse to their great-great grandchildren, the Lakota people struggle daily. According to the 1980 and 1990 U.S. Census reports, Shannon County, South Dakota, the heart of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, has the lowest per-capita income in the United States.

The Jesuits founded Red Cloud Indian School in 1888 at the request of Chief Red Cloud. Known originally as Holy Rosary Mission, the organization has grown into a system of two K-8 elementary schools and one high school with a total student population of over 600 Lakota children.

Before accepting her new position, Ms. Farrell served as Red Cloud’s chief legal counsel for several years, a service she will continue to provide as she assumes her new duties. By helping Red Cloud, she has followed in her father’s footsteps. Beginning in 1950, the late attorney Martin Farrell handled all of the school system’s legal work pro bono through his firm in Hot Springs, South Dakota, 60 miles to the north. When Ms. Farrell joined her father’s practice in 1981, she gave freely of her services as well.

This comported naturally with her sense of the law’s primary purpose. “Dad didn’t encourage me to get into the law, but I saw that it was a place where you could use your intelligence to help people.”

Even though, in her childhood, her father’s vocation proved a mystery to her, over time his work made a deep impression on her. “Dad never talked about work at home, so I knew little of what it was all about. But he had what we called his ‘little old ladies.’ I knew these people were very appreciative of what he did, and held him in high regard. There was the sense that he did a lot of things that made other people’s lives better.”

This desire to be of service led to an early goal of becoming a teacher. But by the time she graduated from high school, Farrell’s sights were firmly set on law school. After earning her B.A. in political science with high honors from the University of Wyoming in 1977, she went on to earn her J.D. at NDLS in 1980. Her second year at NDLS, Ms. Farrell received the Peter A.R. Lardy Fellowship, given annually by the Class of 1975 to an individual who shows strong compassion toward those in need. “It was quite an honor and I felt very humbled by it. Someone told me later it was the ‘good guy’ award,” she laughs. “I can handle that.”

Ms. Farrell was also on the championship client-counseling team in her final year at Notre Dame with classmate Maureen O’Connell. Similar to moot
court only in that it is a law-school competition, client counseling is more about building relationships of trust, she explains. "You role-play an interview, and you're judged by objective criteria on how well you understood the needs of your client."

Looking back on her years at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, she gives much of the credit for her success to Constitutional Law Professor Mike Horan. "He was my mentor. He taught a legal research course in the law library. This man gave up his Friday afternoons from 5 to 7 p.m. to teach a course he initiated because he knew it would help the kids when they got to law school. It was one of the most helpful classes I had when I got to Notre Dame. I had a 'heads up' on a lot of kids." For Ms. Farrell, Professor Horan's commitment was just one more example of service reminiscent of her father. More examples soon followed at Notre Dame.

Like most students in their final year at NDLS, she took part in a series of internships with high-powered firms. After carefully considering her options, Ms. Farrell decided to return to South Dakota. The decision pleased NDLS Professor Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple, now of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. "He was instrumental in my decision just by saying that South Dakota would be a good place for me. He made me feel that it was okay to go back. I wasn't letting anybody down; that I was going to be able to use my legal education to help people; that it was okay to be a pro bono lawyer, and I just didn't want to go in that direction."

Upon graduation from NDLS, Ms. Farrell clerked for federal district court judge Honorable Don Porter in Pierre, South Dakota. After a year with Judge Porter, she realized that fate, once again, had placed another strong mentor in her path. "Judge Porter could sit down and analyze things and get to the issue. He could cut through things, and he didn't take a lot of grief from attorneys in the courtroom. But he was very fair and really wanted to follow established precedents. He had a lot of respect for the law."

After her clerkship year, Ms. Farrell found herself where she realized she was always headed, working in her father's law firm. And he continued to develop her understanding of the practice of law. "Whatever was going on I could visit about it with him. Right before he died, I realized that he never told me I was doing anything wrong, and that he helped me just in the way he listened. It was wonderful to be able to have those visits."

"He was such a great teacher and people had such respect for him. They knew that he always held their best interests. After he died, a client came in and told us that he had a contract written by my dad. The other party had taken it to an attorney in Rapid City, South Dakota, who commented, 'I don't even have to review it. If Martin Farrell wrote it, it's fair.'"

"That's what I learned from my father. You don't benefit anybody when you do something one-sided and clearly you're getting hurt. The goal is to write a contract that is fair enough to keep people out of court. You try to keep people together. Dad was so good at that."

A deep part of that good was the legacy Martin Farrell handed down to his daughter in providing assistance to Red Cloud. For 16 years, Ms. Farrell continued her father's pro bono work in the community. Finally, in 1997, Red Cloud's president at the time, Reverend Bill McKenney, S.J., convinced Ms. Farrell to join the Red Cloud staff because she was 'doing too much' with her practice and all of her pro bono work.

Ms. Farrell describes her initial experience of joining the school's administrative team: "In November of 1997, I started going to Red Cloud once a week. I would stay late and go to Mass and dinner with the resident staff. It felt like being home. I was with hardworking people whose goal was to provide a quality education for children. I grew up hearing my parents tell me that getting an education was one of the most important things in life, because no one could ever take it away from you. "I like the spiritual and educational atmosphere. It reminds me of Notre Dame. I have always wanted to use whatever intelligence God gave me to help people, and working at Red Cloud is always a reminder of why I went to law school. Notre Dame built on the foundation I received while growing up that we are part of society and the world, helping others."

The new director of development began her duties in August. Looking ahead, she challenges seem daunting. "Unlike Notre Dame — indeed, unlike most Catholic institutions in this country — Red Cloud doesn't have an alumni base it can draw on for its support. We serve the very poor, so our task is to build an endowment base from outside resources."

Not to worry. If there is one thing Jane Farrell's past experiences have taught her it is this: "There are a lot of good and giving hearts out there, and a large number of them can be found in the legal profession."

David Rooks is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a graduate of Red Cloud Indian School.

Photos of Jane Farrell by Tina Merkosh, Director of Public Relations, Red Cloud Indian School.
hen she worked as a VISTA volunteer in upstate New York in 1968, Sister Gaye Lynn Moorhead, R.S.M., ’80 J.D. saw the difficult life migrant children faced as they moved with their parents to pick crops around the country. She saw how migrant children fell behind in their education, and remembers thinking how much better their lives would be if they could have the consistency that most students take for granted in a school year: the same teachers, textbooks, curriculum and classmates, as well as sources of affirmation.

Sometimes, however, grand ideas such as this must, in Sister Gaye Lynn’s words, “percolate over time.” But 26 years after her VISTA work, her dream of meeting the unique educational needs of migrant children became a reality. In August 1994, the first mobile migrant education program of its kind, La Escuela de San José, held its first classes, providing hope to a couple dozen young migrant children and their parents, who immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. Today, the program provides schooling and continuity to its capacity of 55 Mexican and Mexican-American students in kindergarten through third grade. They represent about one-tenth of one percent of Florida’s school-age migrant children. But, as a reporter for the MIAMI (Florida) HERALD noted in an October 1999 article about the program, “in a ministry based on successes one at a time, numbers are not important.”

What is important, says Sister Gaye Lynn, is that La Escuela de San José gives these young children a sense of confidence to succeed in school — a confidence that remains with them as they enter local public school systems in the fourth grade. She has come to realize that the major obstacle to graduation is not their moving around

Following the Children:
Sister Gaye Lynn Moorhead, R.S.M., ’80 J.D.

BY CATHY PIERONEK ’84, ’95 J.D.,
DIRECTOR OF LAW SCHOOL RELATIONS
all the time, nor is it the poverty, the language challenges or the cultural differences; rather, as she noted in her interview with the Herald, "It is the lack of confidence. It is always being the 'new kid on the block,' always being the outsider, that hurts." She added, "Our hope is to give students the confidence and skills, in their early years, to do really well" after they leave the program and attend local schools.

These particular migrant families harvest the cucumber crops in Ohio in the summer and fall, and strawberry crops in Florida in the winter and spring. A vast majority of farmworker families earn incomes below the federal poverty level. Although parents work from daybreak to nightfall — or sometimes even longer — they might earn as little as $50 some weeks, and perhaps as much as $300 in a good week. The children move in and out of two cultures and must become accustomed to two languages. And although their parents understand the value of a good education, achieving that goal sometimes proves difficult. Even within one general location, a family might move among different public school districts every two weeks, requiring their children to adjust, again and again and again, to a variety of educational environments even within one academic term.

But thanks to Sister Gaye Lynn and a few other dedicated souls — including four teachers, a principal, an outreach worker, a nurse and a school bus operator — these students, whose parents desire a strong and Catholic-centered education for their children, can remain in one school as long as they live within 20 miles of the northern and southern school sites. And when they pack up on a Friday — in the fall to move from Ohio to Florida, and in the spring to return north — the following Monday the children are in "their" school once again, wearing the same uniforms, comporting with the same codes of discipline, and being loved and cared for by the same teachers and dedicated staff.

La Escuela de San José provides an education free of charge to these children, whose parents agree to participate in the school's programs in a number of ways including by attending parent-teacher conferences and open houses, ensuring that their children attend school regularly, and helping out with other programs. The program runs entirely on grants and donations. St. Joseph Elementary School in Fremont, Ohio, and St. Clement Church in Plant City, Florida, donate classrooms and office space. At St. Joseph's the "mobile" students join the "stationary" school children for meals, gym, recess, art and music. Over the last six years, 91 children have attended La Escuela de San José.

The giving is two-way, however. "When schools are doing something for us, we ask what we can do for them," Sister Gaye Lynn comments. San José students help high schoolers practice their Spanish by giving them the opportunity for Spanish-language conversation. Peppy Spanish and English songs fill local nursing homes during San José visits, and, if a local school hosts the children's soccer team, La Escuela provides pizza and a book on Mexican culture. She says that San José's students and their parents are used to hard work, and they work hard to share their gifts and show their gratitude however they can.

All-in-all, the program seems to show early signs of success. Migrant children have the lowest high-school graduation rate of any population identified in the public school system — estimated at only 10 to 20 percent. But according to University of South Florida's Professor Ann Cranston-Gingras, who teaches special education and specializes in the unique educational needs of migrant children, San José's graduates

What is important, says Sister Gaye Lynn, is that

La Escuela de San José gives these young children a sense of confidence to succeed in school — a confidence that remains with them as they enter local public school systems in the fourth grade.
haven't fallen prey to the perils that plague children who move around a lot... Instead, those who have graduated on to public schools are doing just as well as their nonmigrant peers,' the HERALD reported.

After her service with VISTA, Sister Gaye Lynn knew that she wanted to do something to help children. While a postulant with the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester, New York, she maintained contact with a severely, multiply handicapped migrant child who had been left behind by her parents. After a succession of bad foster-care experiences, the child ultimately died. Sister Gaye Lynn then researched the adequacy of foster care for children with special needs, and obtained permission from her community and a local pastor to start a foster home in a parish convent, with sisters as foster parents. In her four years as a foster parent caring for a total of 35 court-placed youngsters, she was alarmed by the fact that all of the children were represented by attorneys assigned to protect their interests, and yet no attorney ever visited or even spoke with these young clients.

She then determined that, for her to become a strong advocate for these children, law school would be the best course. She chose Notre Dame because of its Catholic identity, seeking an environment that would provide her with spiritually enriching opportunities while also enhancing her abilities to help children in the way she knew would make the most difference. She developed her advocacy skills through the trial advocacy program and learned more about helping handicapped children by working as an intern at the National Center for the Law of the Handicapped, which was headquartered at Notre Dame in the late 1970s. In between her second and third years in law school, she also worked for Rural Opportunities in Rochester, drafting proposed legislation to assist migrant workers. After graduating in 1980, Sister Gaye Lynn worked as a New York Law Guardian for nine years — first as an attorney for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and then in private practice — representing children in proceedings involving abuse, neglect, custody issues and termination of parental rights. When her order elected her as a council member in 1989, however, she began to scale back her legal practice to perform her new duties. Then, when her leadership term ended, she returned to the ministry that had been percolating since the late 1960s, and through the sponsorship of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and the dedication of co-workers and volunteers, opened La Escuela de San José in 1994.

Sister Gaye Lynn notes that the biggest hurdles in this new ministry are securing funding and finding staff willing to weather the challenges of long hours, low wages, constant mobility and learning a new language — just some of the many challenges the farmworker families themselves face. And she notes that, even though she's not practicing law right now, as the ministry coordinator for a school that operates across state lines, she has had to research transportation law, school requirements in various jurisdictions, and contract issues. "I am very proud to be an NDLS graduate," she comments, adding that her degree has been a tremendous asset in the development of the mobile ministry for underprivileged children.

She says that the program is blessed with the help of many people who are willing to engage in a variety of efforts to serve these kids, and with "wonderful support from their parents. Our engaging, appreciative and motivated students truly are a teacher's dream." She sounds joyful when she talks about her ministry, even as she recounts the various difficulties the program faces — especially funding.

For over three decades, Sister Gaye Lynn Moorhead has dedicated her life to disadvantaged children, focusing on those hardest hit by poverty and most forgotten in legal and educational systems. She has fulfilled her dream of a better life for these children, and in so doing fulfills today Christ's ministry to children, as indicated in Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'
Campaign finance legislation is necessary, Senator John McCain and others tell us, because of the corruption and apparent corruption that accompanies the money given to political candidates. This message resonates with many voters — despite the unwillingness of Senator McCain to identify which of his Senate colleagues have been corrupted, and despite the ambiguous empirical studies of the relationship between money and legislation. But even assuming that Senator McCain and other activists are right, the reforms that they offer are the same ones that have been tried and have failed.

The typical response to the corruption or apparent corruption of political campaigns is to propose restrictions on the amount of money that may be contributed to a candidate and on the amount of money that the candidate may spend in a campaign. Experience shows that these kinds of laws have prompted contributors and candidates simply to become more ingenious in their efforts to give and spend campaign money. Moreover, in the colorful words of Stanford Law School Dean Kathleen Sullivan, the Supreme Court’s decision holding that campaign expenditure limitations violate the first amendment “has become the great white whale of constitutional law: The more elusive its demise becomes, the greater the intellectual exertion expended in its pursuit.”

More generally, restrictions on the amount of money that may be contributed or spent in a political campaign address a symptom, not a cause. The premise underlying the use of campaign finance legislation to combat corruption is that money is the root of all evil. But another proverb is more apt. As Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:10, “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” In other words, it is the influence of money — not money itself — that is the root of all evil. The influence or perceived influence of money accounts for most of the support for campaign finance reform legislation. The remedy, therefore, is to eliminate that influence and the perception that there is any influence on the legislative process.

Consider how officials in other parts of the government perform their duties without similar controversy. Federal judges may own stock in any corporation they wish. The Secretary of Energy can own stock in an oil company, and the Secretary of Defense may own stock in a military contractor. What those people cannot do, then, is work on any matters involving the corporation or the individuals with whom they have that kind of connection. The reason they cannot is because federal conflict-of-interest statutes prohibit government officials from participating in any matters in which they have a financial interest. Those statutes allow judges, prosecutors, and bureaucrats to hold whatever stock or other financial interests that they please; they just cannot work on any official matters that relate to those interests.

The conflict-of-interest rules applicable to the work of government officials suggest an alternative to the standard proposals for campaign finance reform: Allow contributors to give whatever they want to political candidates, but require any successful candidates to recuse themselves from voting on or participating in any legislation or other matters that affects those contributors. An oil company can contribute whatever it wants to a senator, but if the senator accepts the company’s money, the senator cannot have any involvement in any legislation or other congressional business that would affect that oil company.

Such a prohibition would have either of two results. On the one hand, if the oil company realizes that it will not be able to count on the senator’s support when a Clean Gasoline Act is debated in Congress, then the company may be less inclined to contribute to the senator in the first place. On the other hand, if the company decides that it wants to contribute the money to the senator anyway, and the senator accepts it, then the company must be doing so for reasons besides an allegedly corrupt effort to sway the senator to act in a certain fashion.

Likewise, the recusal requirement would have either of two results for candidates to elected office. The senator who accepts the oil company’s money will not be able to participate in matters involving the Clean Gasoline Act. If the senator accepts enough contributions from enough different contributors, then the senator will not be too busy with legislative work in Washington, and he will presumably have to explain his idleness to many skeptical constituents who thought they were voting for someone to represent them in the legislative deliberations in the Senate. On the other hand, the senator who does not accept the company’s contributions will be free to vote on the Clean Gasoline Act and anything else, but will then be faced with the need to collect sufficient money to fund his campaign to be elected senator in the first instance.

Three are, of course, numerous potential objections to requiring the recusal of a member of Congress from any matters affecting a campaign contributor. And I know that the recusal requirement suggested here would work a dramatic change to the manner in which political candidates and legislators operate. But a recusal requirement is preferable to the standard campaign finance proposals because it prevents corruption without sacrificing the first amendment. Or perhaps there are other reforms that address the corrupting influence of money, rather than the mere existence of money itself. For if we are concerned that the existing system of financing campaigns is corrupt or that it appears to be corrupt, it is worthwhile to begin considering measures that respond to that concern directly.

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BY JOHN COPELAND NAGLE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW
• Matthew J. Barrett '82, '85 J.D. co-authored with Harvard Professor of Law David Herwitz the 1999 supplement to their Accounting for Lawyers casebook (Foundation Press 1999).

• Joseph P. Bauer published the annual supplements to volumes 1-10 of Kinnier & Basar’s, Federal Antitrust Law (Anderson Publishing Co. 2000).


• G. Robert Blakey ’57, ’60 J.D. participated in the legal-fee arbitration for the state of Ohio's involvement in anti-tobacco litigation. The state will receive $10 billion over 25 years from the tobacco companies, and the attorneys' contingency agreements call for a 10 percent fee. Professor Blakey testified on Ohio's RICO statute, which he drafted in 1986 and which played a crucial role in the settlement of the litigation. In February, he participated in a symposium on tobacco litigation at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

• Gerard V. Bradley testified before the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee in February on S.1673, “The Unborn Victims of Violence Act.”

• Barbara Fick commented on the difficulties to surmount in proving an age-discrimination claim in reference to a suit filed by former Indiana University assistant basketball coach Ron Filling, in a story for Associated Press Newswires.

• Nicole S. Garnett co-authored an amicus brief on behalf of a number of educational-reform organizations in Simmons-Harris v. Zelman, an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit involving the “Ohio Pilot Scholarship Program,” which allowed parents to use scholarship funds to send their children to qualified private, public and religious schools. She spoke on “The Post-Feminist Generation” at a conference titled “A New Feminism for a New Millennium” at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome in May.

• Richard W. Garnett co-authored an amicus brief on behalf of a number of educational-reform organizations in Simmons-Harris v. Zelman, an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit involving the “Ohio Pilot Scholarship Program,” which allowed parents to use scholarship funds to send their children to qualified private, public and religious schools.

He published Does the Constitution Permit Federal Prosecution for the Arson of a Private Residence? in Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases: Free the States, or Free the People! The Supreme Court and the Purpose of Federalism in the “Points of View” section of the April 10, 2000, edition of Legal Times; a letter to the editor on vouchers and educational choice in the April 26, 2000, “Viewpoint” section of The Observer, Dangerous Days? an opinion article about Elian Gonzalez, parents’ rights and the Fourth Amendment, in the May 21-27, 2000, edition of the National Catholic Register; and A Victory for the Family, an opinion piece on Troxel v. Granville, the Supreme Court’s “grandparent’s visitation rights” case, in the June 6, 2000, edition of The Wall Street Journal. He commented on the likelihood that the Supreme Court would overturn Oregon’s 1994 Pain Relief Promotion Act in an article in the May 30, 2000, edition of the Portland Oregonian, was quoted in the June 27, 2000, edition of The Boston Globe in an article discussing the recent Supreme Court decision reaffirming the requirement of reading Miranda rights.
to persons accused of committing crimes; and on June 28, 2000, provided commentary to "National Review Online" about the Supreme Court's Establishment Clause decision in Mitchell v. Helms.

• JIMMY GURULE was invited to a meeting of former assistant attorneys general for the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of the February meeting was to stimulate thinking on new strategies to deal with complex criminal justice issues such as violence in schools.


He was quoted in an article in the March 3, 2000, editions of USA Today and the Dallas Morning News on whether the U.S. Department of Justice should pursue criminal charges against the officers in the Amadou Diallo case in New York City.

• JAMES D. HALL, adjunct associate professor of law, has become of counsel to Botkin & Leone in South Bend. His practice focuses on patent, trademark and copyright law.

• DWIGHT KING received the Charles Crutchfield Professorial Excellence Award from the NDLS Black Law Students Association at its annual reunion dinner in April.

• GARTH MEINTJES '91 LL.M. received a research grant from the Small Grant Fund at the University of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies for field research related to the South African truth and reconciliation process. His project, "Transitional Justice in South Africa: An Evaluation of the Amnesty Criteria and Decisions in Terms of the Requirements of International Law," explores the merits of the individualized process by which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Amnesty Committee is granting or denying amnesty to perpetrators of gross human-rights violations. As part of his studies, he traveled to South Africa in late March and early April to interview Truth Commission staff members and to attend several amnesty hearings.

During his visit to South Africa, he also met with the Southern African Representative of the Ford Foundation to present two project proposals aimed at promoting human rights and accountability in Africa. The first, "Strengthening the Framework of Accountability in Africa," aims to support the development of national and regional human-rights institutions and to prepare the next generation of African human-rights professionals. The second, "Professional Development and Support for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda," aims to sponsor interns for practical training at the Rwanda Tribunal.

In June, he taught a seminar at the International Legislative Drafting Institute, hosted by the Public Law Center at Tulane University. The program attracts more than 60 participants annually from the legislative drafting departments of various countries. Mr. Meintjes' seminar introduced the participants to the role and functions of domestic human-rights institutions, and encouraged participants to propose the establishment or strengthening of such institutions in their own countries.

He published an essay in Global Codes of Conduct: An Idea Whose Time Has Come, edited by Reverend Oliver F. Williams, C.S.C., associate professor of management at the University's Mendoza College of Business.

• JUAN MENDEZ received the Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights from the University of Dayton in April. He delivered a major address at the ceremony.

He began his four-year term as commissioner and second vice president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. In June, he attended the General Assembly of the OAS in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where he spoke on 'Justice and Rule of Law Issues in Latin America Today.' Later that month, he attended a meeting of the Inter-American Commission in Brasilia, Brazil. As part of the commission's activities, he participated in a meeting with Brazilian President

Raymond Gallagher returns for a third consecutive fall semester as visiting professor of law, teaching courses in Payment Systems and Sports Law. Professor Gallagher earned his J.D. from Fordham Law School, where he served on the staff of the Fordham Law Review. He practiced law at White & Case in New York City, and has taught law at Catholic University of America, Widener University and Valparaiso University.

Kevin Smith, associate professor of law and interim associate dean for information resources and director of the library at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, has been appointed visiting associate professor of law. He will teach courses in Business Associations and Secured Transactions in the fall semester and Securities Regulation in the spring semester. Professor Smith earned his B.A. from Drake University in 1977 and his M.A., J.D., and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1981, 1983 and 1994, respectively. Prior to joining the Memphis faculty in 1994, he worked as an associate attorney at the law firm of Cook, Homard, Downes & Tracy in Towson, Maryland, and had visiting assistant professorships in the Department of Political Science at Northern Illinois University and at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. His teaching and research interests include business organizations, secured transactions, jurisprudence, social sciences and statistics in the law.

Ruth Vance, professor of law at Valparaiso University School of Law, has been appointed visiting professor of law and will teach the first-year Legal Writing and moot court courses this year, while Professor Terence Goldwin Phelps is on sabbatical. Professor Vance earned her B.A. from Olivet College in 1979 and her J.D. from Valparaiso in 1982. Prior to joining the Valparaiso faculty, she worked at the law firm of Hand, Mangin & Wilk in Hammond, Indiana, and as a trust administrator and attorney for Hoosier State Bank of Indiana. At Valparaiso, she teaches and has research interests in the areas of legal writing, reasoning and research, appellate advocacy, workers' compensation, employment rights, and alternative dispute resolution.
FACULTY NOTES

Fernando Henrique Cardozo and several other dignitaries. Later that month, as the commission's special thematic rapporteur, he spoke at a conference on "The Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families" organized by the United Nations Development Program and the International Committee on Migrations in Santiago, Chile.

In February, he spoke at a Georgetown University forum on human rights co-sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program at Georgetown and the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D.C. In March, he lectured on the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection at conferences held at the Instituto de Derechos Humanos de Catalunya and at the Law School of the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, Spain. In April, he participated in a forum on Transitional Justice, organized as an experts' meeting to advise the Ford Foundation on setting up a program on accountability for gross violations of human rights. In May, he participated in a "Conference on Horizontal Accountability" sponsored by the University's Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. He served on a panel discussing judicial and legislative problems with accountability, and presented his own paper on "Innovations in Horizontal Accountability in the Judiciary and Legislative Branches." In June, he lectured on universal jurisdiction and developments in human rights law after the Pinochet case as part of a two-month course on international human rights for lawyers and magistrates organized by the Cordoba (Argentina) Bar Association. In early August, he lectured on "Access to Justice and the Rule of Law" at the XVIII Annual Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights offered in San Jose, Costa Rica, by the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, which takes place within the context of the institute's 20th anniversary celebrations.

For the month of July, Professor Méndez served as a member of the faculty of the Oxford Summer Programme on International Human Rights Law, a program sponsored jointly by Oxford University and the George Washington University Law School. He taught a daily elective course on Advocacy and Dissemination, and lectured in the inter-American system of protection as part of the fundamentals class that is required of all students.

He served as a judge in the final round of the fifth annual Inter-American Moot Court Competition, held at the Washington College of Law, The American University, in Washington, D.C., in May. The competition featured more than 40 teams from all over the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the cases were argued in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

With Denis Racicot and Javier Macisucarrera, Professor Méndez edited a special volume issued on the 50th anniversary of the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, published jointly by the Revue Quebecoise de Droit Humains and the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights.


The faculty elected Father Pearson to its alternate representative to the Association of American Law Schools.


The faculty elected Associate Dean Pratt as its representative to the Association of American Law Schools.


Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple has been appointed by the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court to a new term as chair of the Appellate Judge Education Committee of the Federal Judicial Center.

Judge Ripple gave the keynote address at the annual banquet of the University of Virginia Law Review Association in Charlottesville, Virginia, in February. He spoke on "The Role of the Law Review in the Tradition of Judicial Scholarship."

John Robinson '72 M.A., '75 Ph.D. spoke on "End of Life Issues" at the annual dinner co-sponsored by the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Bar Association and the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Medical Society in South Bend in May.

The faculty elected Professor Robinson to the Promotions Committee.

Vincent D. Rougeau was honored by the Class of 2000 with the Distinguished Teaching Award, and gave the commencement address to the graduates at the diploma ceremony. The Student Bar Association also honored him with the
2000 Captain William O. McLean Community Spirit Award.

NOTRE DAME magazine's spring 2000 issue included a profile of Associate Dean Rougeau and his scholarship in an article titled "The New Guard.

* THOMAS L. SHAFFER '51 J.D. published an article titled "Nuclear Weapons, Lethal Injection and American Catholics: Faith Confronting Civil Religion" in the recent "Symposium on Ethics" issue of the NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY, which the staff dedicated to him. His paper formed the basis for a lecture sponsored by the journal at NDLS in April. He also published "Towering Figures, Enigmas and Responsive Communities in American Legal Ethics" in the MAINE LAW REVIEW.

Professor Shaffer presented the Sterry R. Waterman Lecture, "Jews, Christians, Lawyers and Money," at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton in April. He also led a discussion on Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Public Library in May.

* DINAH SHELTON has received a book prize from the American Society of International Law for her most recent book, REMEDIES IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW, which was published by Oxford University Press in December.


* JAY TIDMARSH '79 has been elected by the faculty to represent the Law School on the University's Academic Council. He replaces Tex Durile, who served in that capacity for most of the last 25 years and who declined to seek re-election.

He published "A Dialogic Defense of Alyn" in the NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW.

In May, he discussed the federal government's liability for the recent fires in Los Alamos, New Mexico, on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." He was quoted in the March 13, 2000, edition of the Louisville, Kentucky, COURIER-JOURNAL on the history of class-action litigation, explaining its genesis in Medieval England and its application to litigation today.

ASSOCIATE DEAN JACOBS HONORED

Roger J. Jacobs, who has served NDLS as associate dean, director of the Kresge Law Library and professor of law for 15 years, received a Special Presidential Award at the University's annual Presidents' Dinner in May.

Under Dean Jacobs' direction, the Kresge Law Library collections have more than tripled in size to over 315,000 volumes and microform equivalents, and have doubled in terms of the number of print volumes on the shelves. The library faculty members are recognized as leaders in the development of legal-research technology. The library itself is established among the ranks of fewer than 50 research-quality law libraries nationwide.

Dean Jacobs joined NDLS as director of the Kresge Law Library and professor of law in 1985 and became associate dean in 1990. He earned his A.B. from the University of Detroit in 1972, his M.A.L.S. from the University of Michigan in 1964, and his J.D. from the University of Detroit in 1970, and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1970. Immediately before joining the Law School faculty, he served for seven years (1978 to 1985) as the librarian of the United States Supreme Court. He has also worked as a librarian at the University of Detroit (1963-67), and as founding librarian and professor at both the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada (1967-73), and the University of Southern Illinois (1973-77).

In addition to teaching a section of the first-year legal research course, Dean Jacobs is active in a number of professional organizations including the American, Canadian and Mid-America Associations of Law Libraries, and is the first person to serve as president of both the American and Canadian associations. He is active in the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar through which he has participated in more than 20 ABA law-school site-review committees. He has also served as a consultant to other law libraries including those at Washburn University Law School, the Supreme Court of Canada, Northern Kentucky University Law School, Canada Department of Justice, Creighton University Law School and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto, Ontario. And as the award citation indicated, "his commitment to living his faith is exemplified through his unstinting service to the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society."
Professor Rodes Honored with Endowed Professorship

Professor Robert E. Rodes Jr. has been honored by the University with an endowed professorship, the Paul J. Schierl/Fort Howard Paper Company Chair in Legal Ethics. In announcing the appointment, Dean Patricia A. O’Hara ’74 J.D. commented, “Throughout his 44 years at the University, Bob has developed a distinguished record of scholarly publication while maintaining an equal strong commitment to the distinctive mission of Notre Dame Law School. These contributions, as well as the high regard in which he is held by colleagues and students alike, make his appointment to this chaired professorship richly deserved.”

Professor Rodes joined the Notre Dame Law School faculty in 1956 as an assistant professor of law, achieved the rank of associate professor of law in 1958, and has been a professor of law since 1963. He earned his A.B. from Brown University in 1947, served as an ensign in the U.S. Navy for two years, then earned his LL.B. magna cum laude from Harvard in 1952, where he also served on the staff of the Harvard Law Review. A member of the Massachusetts Bar since 1952 and the Indiana Bar since 1959, Professor Rodes also worked as an attorney with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston (1952-54), with Kaufman & Harris in Pittsburgh (summer 1977), and with the Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana (summer 1982). He also taught as an assistant professor of law at Rutgers University (1954-56).

Professor Rodes teaches and writes in the areas of administrative law, civil procedure, ethics, jurisprudence, law and theology, legal history and welfare legislation. He served as faculty advisor to the staff of the Notre Dame Law Review for his first 40 years at NDLS, from 1956 until 1996. In 1999, the University honored him and his wife Jeanne with its Reinhold Niebuh Award, which recognizes their work in promoting social justice. Professor Rodes is a member of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs. His most recent books include PILGRIM LAW (University of Notre Dame Press 1998); PREMISES AND CONCLUSIONS: SYMBOLIC LOGIC FOR LEGAL ANALYSIS, with Howard Pospesel (Prentice Hall 1997), in honor of which the Notre Dame Law Review held a symposium in late 1997; THIS HOUSE I HAVE BUILT: A STUDY OF THE LEGAL HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT IN ENGLAND, a three-volume collection that includes LAW AND MODERNIZATION IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH: CHARLES II TO THE CIVIL WAR (University of Notre Dame Press 1991), LAW AUTHORITY AND REFORMATION IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH: EDWARD I TO THE CIVIL WAR (University of Notre Dame Press 1982), and ECCLESIASTICAL ADMINISTRATION IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND: THE ANGLO-SAXONS TO THE REFORMATION (University of Notre Dame Press 1977); and LAW AND LIBERATION (University of Notre Dame Press 1986).

The Schierl/Fort Howard Chair is the 1988 gift of the Fort Howard Paper Corporation, a diversified manufacturer of paper and paper-related products in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in honor of its former Chairman and CEO, Mr. Paul J. Schierl, a member of the NDLS Class of 1961. Mr. Schierl joined Fort Howard in 1964 as general counsel, became chair in 1974, and retired from the corporation in 1990. He currently serves as president of the Corneutone Foundation of Northwestern Wisconsin, Inc.

Mr. Schierl has served as a member of the Law School Advisory Council since 1981, and also serves on the advisory councils for the Salvation Army, Wisconsin Policy Research, WITC and the Green Bay Packers. He is a founder and president of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and is a member of the board of regents of Saint Mary’s College. All of his five children have graduated either from Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s.
COMINGS AND GOINGS

• Ann M. Firthe '81, '84 J.D., who served as special assistant to Dean Patricia A. O'Hara, has rejoined the University's Office of Student Affairs. Prior to joining the Law School administrative team last summer, she had served for 14 years in the University's Office of Residence Life and Office of Student Affairs.

• Denise Sullivan joined the Law School staff in late June as administrative assistant to Dean Patricia A. O'Hara. For the past 14 years, Ms. Sullivan worked as the manager of secretarial services for the Mayor's Office in South Bend, serving under Roger Parente, Joe Kernan and Steve Luecke. A native of South Bend, she attended Holy Cross College, earned an associate's degree from Madison Business College and a paralegal certification from Indiana University South Bend. She completed her bachelor's degree in general studies at IUSB this past May. Ms. Sullivan replaces Diane Collins, senior administrative assistant to Dean Patricia A. O'Hara, who resigned her position to pursue other professional opportunities. Ms. Collins joined the Law School last summer.

• Joy White joined the Law School staff in late July as an administrative assistant to Dean O'Hara. She will assist Dean O'Hara with tasks such as drafting responses to correspondence from alumni and benefactors, as well as helping to prepare information for various reports to professional associations and for presentations to external constituencies. Ms. White is a 1997 graduate of Saint Mary's College, and has worked as a legal assistant for the South Bend law firm of Nickle & Piasecki and as an executive assistant to the vice president in the Legal Department of Holy Cross Health System. She will work in the Dean's Office until next summer, at which time she will begin law school at Widener University School of Law.

• Shawna Diesh, faculty secretary since 1999, has resigned her position to join her husband in Christian ministry work in Angola, Indiana.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

• Marlou Hall, long-time faculty secretary in the Law School and currently administrative assistant to Vice President, Associate Provost and Professor of Law Carol Mooney, celebrated 20 years of service to the University in May.

RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE

• Tim Gritten, collection maintenance assistant in the Kresge Law Library, joins Susan Good '85, technical support consultant/analyst in the Kresge Law Library, as the only two Law School staff members currently certified by the University as departmental computer consultants. They were among 24 University employees honored at a breakfast this spring for completing a series of courses and assessment tests indicating technical competency in 10 areas of computer support and operations.
**51 ALUMNUS NAMED TEXAS "LEGAL LEGEND"**

A special edition of *Texas Lawyer* recently included George Fletcher’ ’51 J.D. among the 102 most influential Texas attorneys of the 20th century. The special publication, "Legal Legends," included people identified by the newspaper's editor as "some of the most influential people in the country [who] happen to have a law degree."

Mr. Fletcher, who at 72 is managing partner of Houston's Helm, Fletcher, Bowens and Saunders, is a renowned plaintiffs’ lawyer. In his first 15 years of practice, he tried cases in 120 different counties in Texas, beginning with cases involving workers' compensation and automobile crashes and later moving to railroad-worker injuries. Most recently, he worked on the team representing Exxon when it sued insurer Lloyd's of London following the massive oil spill from the Exxon Valdez. Lloyd's had denied Exxon's insurance claim because of allegations that the ship's captain was intoxicated at the time of the accident. Mr. Fletcher had the responsibility for handling the legal questions related to that alleged intoxication. Lloyd's recently settled the case with Exxon for $780 million.

Mr. Fletcher has served as president of the Houston Bar Association, a city council member of Hedwig Village and the first chair of the city of Houston Ethics Committee.

As a result of the achievements of this prominent Notre Dame lawyer, the Law School itself received a "Legal Legends" award from *Texas Lawyer* on behalf of the Texas legal community.

**CLASS OF 1956**

* H. Jay De Pree is performance auditor in the Office of the Auditor General for the state of Arizona, in Phoenix.

**CLASS OF 1958**

John Murray continues his efforts to compile an e-mail directory for the Class of ’58. To be included on the list, please contact Mr. Murray at jonn31@email.com.

**CLASS OF 1962**

* Joseph P. Albright Sr., a candidate for the Supreme Court of West Virginia.

* Timothy R. Galvin, formerly with Galvin, Galvin & Leeney in Hammond, Indiana, has become a partner at the Indianapolis, Indiana-based Locke Reynolds, but will remain in his Hammond office, which will operate under the name Locke Reynolds Galvin.

**CLASS OF 1963**

* Edmund J. Adams, a partner at the Cincinnati, Ohio, office of Frost & Jacobs, L.L.P., has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, which honors and recognizes distinguished bankruptcy professionals in an effort to set standards of achievement for others in the insolvency community. The organization also funds and assists projects that enhance the highest quality of bankruptcy practice. Mr. Adams, only the ninth Ohio lawyer admitted to the college and the first from Cincinnati, served as the partner in charge of Frost & Jacobs’ representation of the debtors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Federated Department Stores, Allied Stores Corporation, and London following the massive oil spill from the Exxon Valdez. Lloyd's had denied Exxon’s insurance claim because of allegations that the ship’s captain was intoxicated at the time of the accident. Mr. Fletcher had the responsibility for handling the legal questions related to that alleged intoxication. Lloyd’s recently settled the case with Exxon for $780 million.

Mr. Adams has also been honored by the Cincinnati Tennis Club, one of the 10 oldest such clubs in the country, with its highest honor, the Founders and Guardians Award. Mr. Adams is the ninth recipient of the award to the club’s 120-year history. He was honored for his devoted service to the club for many years including chairing the USTA National Father & Son Clay Court Tennis Championship from 1990 to 1992 and serving as club president in 1996-97.

**CLASS OF 1965**

* Robert Kennedy has been named a trial judge on the Porter County (Indiana) Superior Court. For most of his legal career, Mr. Kennedy practiced with the law firm of Spangler Jennings & Dougherty in Valparaiso, Indiana. He also served for 15 years as Porter city attorney.

**CLASS OF 1968**

* Thomas R. Curtin, managing partner at Graham Curtin & Sheridan in Morris- town, New Jersey, has assumed the presidency of the Notre Dame Law Association for 2000-01.

* Charles E. Weiss, partner at Bryan Cave, L.L.P., in St. Louis, Missouri, has been elected president-elect for 2000-01 by the Notre Dame Law Association board of directors. He will succeed Thomas R. Curtin ’68 J.D. as president on July 1, 2001.

**CLASS OF 1969**

The Class of 1969 has established a listserv account with the Law School. To subscribe to the listserv and be able to access e-mail messages from classmates, please visit http://listserv.nd.edu/archives/nd99-1969.html. You must provide your e-mail address and be verified as a member of the Class of 1969 in order to post messages to the listserv.

**CLASS OF 1971**

* Jim Flickinger, a partner in Flickinger and Plachta in Grand Rapids, Michigan, received the Bishop Francis J. Haas Social Justice Award from the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids. The award, presented at the diocese’s "Call to Justice" conference in March, recognizes Mr. Flickinger’s efforts to provide medical supplies to war-ravaged Bosnia, financial support to a school in the Amazon jungle region of South America and food to homeless and other disenfranchised people in his own hometown. Mr. Flickinger’s service efforts were highlighted in the spring 1998 edition of *Notre Dame Lawyer*.

* Michael R. Scopelitis, an attorney in private practice in South Bend, is one of five finalists under consideration by Indiana Governor Frank O’Bannon to replace retiring St. Joseph County (Indiana) Superior Court Judge George N. Beamer, who will retire in September.
Patrick W. Downes, formerly with Galvin, Galvin & Leeney in Hammond, Indiana, has become a partner at the Indianapolis, Indiana-based Locke Reynolds, but will remain in his Hammond office, which will operate under the name Locke Reynolds Galvin.

James D. Friedman, a partner at Quarles & Brady, L.L.P., in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been appointed by Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Secretary John F. Kundert to serve on the state’s newly created Task Force on Financial Competitiveness 2005, which will analyze the needs of Wisconsin’s financial institutions and make recommendations on policy initiatives to enhance the state’s regulatory and economic environment.

Michael L. Costello, a partner at Tobin and McCrystal, L.L.c., in Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed by Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson to serve on the state’s newly created Task Force on Financial Competitiveness 2005, which will analyze the needs of Wisconsin’s financial institutions and make recommendations on policy initiatives to enhance the state’s regulatory and economic environment.

John T. Lyons is a partner at Deloitte Touche, L.L.P., in Washington, D.C., where he serves as the global director for the firm’s Competent Authority Practice.

Daniel T. Dillon III, a partner at Novoland and Mosat in Janesville, Wisconsin, has been appointed by Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson to a judgeship in Rock County.

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James L. McCrystal Jr. has become a name partner at the firm now known as Brzytwa Quick & McCrystal, L.L.C., in Cleveland, Ohio. The firm name was formerly Martindale, Brzytwa & Quick, L.L.C.

John Lancaster, executive director of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities in Washington, D.C., was featured in an article in the May 19, 2000, edition of the BUFFALO NEWS, which serves his hometown of Hamburg, New York. The article discussed his efforts on behalf of disabled workers, including his address to the Injured Workers International Network Conference 2000, held in Niagara Falls, New York, in May.

Maxine Woolfing, of counsel to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, writes and lectures on environmental law in Pennsylvania, including for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI). She contributed a chapter on litigation before the state Environmental Hearing Board to a PBI book, PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND PRACTICE, which was recognized as an outstanding book by the Association for Continuing Legal Education.

Reverend Dennis Yestalonia, S.J., is at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dennis Owens has received an award from the ABA Section of Litigation for producing the section’s best newsletter, journal or other periodical publication. Mr. Owens serves as editor in chief of the Appellate Practice Journal, a scholarly report on the work of 13 federal circuit courts and the Supreme Court published four times each year. From the journal’s inception in 1982 through 1987, Mr. Owens served as the Eighth Circuit editor before assuming editor-in-chief duties in 1988. He has written over 140 reviews of books on constitutional law, legal history, appellate practice, jurisprudence and the Supreme Court, has contributed biographies of Abraham Lincoln and Earl Warren and essays on moral responsibility, Hitler and the Holocaust; the literature of the intersection of law and science; the Bill of Rights and the scholarly writings of Judge Richard Posner. The Section of Litigation is the ABA’s largest section, with over 52,500 members. It publishes 44 magazines, newsletters and other periodical publications.

Brian Short is a trustee of the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Honorable Ann Clare Williams, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and a University Trustee, presented the main address and received an honorary doctor of laws (L.L.D.) degree at commencement ceremonies held at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, in May. She delivered a passionate plea for attorneys to be concerned about their communities and to work for justice.

John T. Van Gessel, formerly senior counsel for AUTO/Nation and general counsel for the Florida operations of Waste Management, Inc., has been named of counsel to Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Pauli & Stewart in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Joseph A. Cari Jr., managing partner at Ugarte & Harris in Chicago, Illinois, named earlier this year as one of three finance chairs for the Democratic National Committee, has been appointed National Finance Chairman for the committee for the 2000 elections.
Please remember the following deceased alumni and their families in your prayers:

- Timothy R. King ’37, ’40 J.D., April 9, 2000, in Los Angeles, California.
- Stanley J. MacDuff ’39 J.D., February 8, 2000, in Lady Lake, Florida.
- Arthur M. Diamond ’47 J.D., April 15, 2000, in South Bend, Indiana.
- Joseph T. Helling ’54 J.D., June 24, 2000, in Granger, Indiana.
- P. Timothy Murphy ’58, ’57 J.D., January 7, 2000, in Eureka, California.
- Alfred A. Kaelin ’55, ’60 J.D., in Sacramento, California.
- Donald Lee ’82, ’85 J.D., May 14, 2000, in Ashland, Virginia.

Please remember the following deceased alumni and their families in your prayers:

- Timothy Carey, formerly with Chapman & Cutler in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Lovells, also in Chicago. His practice focuses on national and international arbitration and litigation, and advice on various topical issues facing the American trial system, as well as improving the skill, integrity and ethical standards of trial attorneys. He has also been appointed to the Board of Visitors at the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Board members serve as mentors to current law students, providing professional advice during and after law school.
- Fred M. Isaacs is senior consultant with Fiallo & Thodaro in New York, New York, is one of 26 American lawyers listed in Chambers “Global 100” Lawyers, a list that attempts to identify truly global attorneys who stand out from their colleagues and are recognized internationally. He is also one of only 10 American lawyers included in the top-20 global lawyers in THE COMMERCIAL LAWYER.
- Frederic X. Shadley, formerly with Benesch & Friedlander in New York, New York, has been elected to the Board of Visitors at the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Board members serve as mentors to current law students, providing professional advice during and after law school.
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- Nick J. DiGiovanni, a partner at Lord, Bissel & Brook in Chicago, Illinois, was featured in the March 1, 2000, edition of THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL LAW REVIEW. He leads the firm’s reinsurance arbitration and litigation group and advises on various topical issues facing the reinsurance industry. His practice focuses on national and international reinsurance disputes in litigation, arbitration, insolvency and rehabilitation proceedings. He writes and speaks frequently on reinsurance matters.
- Harold Moors, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York, New York, is one of 26 American lawyers listed in Chambers “Global 100” Lawyers, a list that attempts to identify truly global attorneys who stand out from their colleagues and are recognized internationally. He is also one of only 10 American lawyers included in the top-20 global lawyers in THE COMMERCIAL LAWYER.

C O N T E N T S

Class of 1979
Ellen Carpenter has agreed to assume class secretary duties, including writing the quarterly class notes column for NOTRE DAME MAGAZINE. Thanks to Frank Sabatino, former class secretary, for his many years of service. You may contact Ms. Carpenter with your announcements and news by phone at (617) 720-0720, by e-mail at mec@rc-law.com, or by mail at her firm, Roach & Carpenter, P.C., 24 School Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Class of 1980
- Timothy Carey, formerly with Chapman & Cutler in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Lovells, also in Chicago. He has also been named to the board of directors of Success Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for Success National Bank, which provides community-banking services to individuals and small-to-medium sized businesses primarily in the northern metropolitan Chicago area.
- Vincent R. Johnson, professor of law at St. Mary’s University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, spoke on “The Virtues and Limits of Codes of Legal Ethics” at a symposium sponsored by the NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY at NDLS in April.

Class of 1981
- Jeannine M. Davis has been elected to the board of directors of CTS Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana.
- Doriana R. Fontanella has completed her L.L.M. in taxation in the University of Denver’s Graduate Tax Program.
- Lorelle Masters, formerly managing partner of the Washington, D.C., office of New York-based Andersen Kull & Olick, has joined Beveridge & Diamond, R.C., in Washington, D.C., as a partner. Her practice focuses on insurance-coverage litigation and advice.
- Frederick X. Shadley, formerly with Benesch Friedlander in New York, New York, has been elected to the Board of Visitors at the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Board members serve as mentors to current law students, providing professional advice during and after law school.
- Robert B. Clemens, a partner in the Indianapolis, Indiana, law firm of Bose, McKinney & Beavin, L.L.P., has been elected treasurer of the Indiana Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a national organization committed to assisting in the efficiency and improvement of the American trial system, as well as improving the skill, integrity and ethical standards of trial attorneys. He has also been appointed to the Board of Visitors at the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Board members serve as mentors to current law students, providing professional advice during and after law school.
- Fred M. Isaacs is senior consultant with Fiallo & Thodaro, a law firm specializing in assisting attorneys with complex federal appeals, primarily in the Ninth Circuit.
- Frank Julian, counsel for Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been quoted in BUSINESS WEEK and the
Cincinnati Enquirer, and has participated in a policy discussion at the White House on the issue of taxation of Internet sales.

* Thomas E. O'Neill III has been promoted to senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Keebler Foods Company in Elmhurst, Illinois. He joined Keelber in 1996 as vice president, general counsel and secretary.

Class of 1983

* Jay deGroot, formerly senior vice president and general counsel of ALARIS Medical Systems, has rejoined Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, L.L.P., as a partner in the firm's San Diego, California, office, where he had practiced from 1987 until 1996.

* Tony Lazuardi, formerly senior vice president in the Institutional Financial Services Division of U.S. Bancorp, has joined Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a partner practicing in the area of employee benefits.

* Shawn Newman, who has practiced in the area of higher-education law for various state agencies and private institutions in the state of Washington since graduation, is counsel for Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Washington.

Class of 1984

* Brian Moynihan, managing director of corporate strategy and development at FleetBoston Financial, was featured in an article titled "Fleet Internet chief ready to push bank's on-line efforts," in the March 27, 2000, edition of MASS HIGH TECH. The article described Mr. Moynihan as an "e-catalyzer," for his leadership role in moving forward with on-line services for the bank, which is the nation's eighth largest financial institution.

Class of 1985

Please visit the Class of 1985 web site, developed and maintained by Tom Neusinger, at http://alumni.nd.edu/~law85/.

Class of 1986

Please visit the Class of 1986 web site, developed and maintained by Don Passengcr, at http://www.iserv.net/~dpasseng/ndlaw86.htm.

* Thomas Hinchey, formerly with White & Williams in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has joined Caplinus, Conroy & McDonalcl, L.L.P., in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He was elected to partnership status in January. His practice focuses on complex litigation and appellate work, with an emphasis on products liability.

* Tim Borchers, formerly with Susman & Godfrey in Seattle, Washington, has returned to private practice as a junior member at Cozen and O'Connor in Seattle.

* David E. Edwards, an attorney in the commercial litigation department of White & Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented a program titled "Cyberlaw: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You" to members of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, May 16, 2000. The program presented a multitude of new and difficult legal issues resulting from the growth of the Internet and e-commerce, and provided insight into how businesses can prevent or limit the risks involved with going on-line.

Class of 1987

* Tim Borchers, formerly with Susman Godfrey in Seattle, Washington, has returned to the practice of maritime law as a junior member at Cozen and O'Connor in Seattle.

* Michael Gotsch, South Bend city attorney, has been promoted to legal counsel for Meridian Title Corporation in Michigan.

* Honorable Mary Beth Kelly, a circuit court judge in Michigan, is running unopposed for another term and will be reconfirmed in the election this November.

* Thomas F. Lewis III, a partner in the law firm of Jones Obenchain L.L.P. in South Bend, has been reappointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka.

25216-1122. If you have any additional questions, please contact Tom Neusinger '85 J.D. by e-mail at tex.s@starpower.net.

* Mary Bernackcy McKee, formerly with Roosevelt, Birringhnan & Lavender in Oberlin, Ohio, has joined Hickman & Lowder in Cleveland, Ohio, as an associate. Her practice focuses on Social Security and disability law.

Class of 1988

* Frank M. O'Connell is at Ernst & Young in Atlanta, Georgia, where his practice focuses on tax controversy work at the administrative level.

* Honorable Daniel R. Ryan, a member of the bench on the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court in Detroit, Michigan, earned his Master of Judicial Studies degree, with a major in trial court and a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, from the University of Nevada, Reno, in May. NDLS Professor J. Eric Smith served on Judge Ryan's thesis committee. Judge Ryan's thesis was published in the UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY LAW REVIEW in January 1998.

Book of Interest

GLOBAL CODES OF CONDUCT: AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME, edited by Reverend Oliver F. Williams and Garth Meintjes '91 L.L.M., associate director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, contributed essays.

Richard T. DeGeorge, University Distinguished Professor and director of the International Center for Ethics in Business at the University of Kansas, praised the book. "The contemporary globalization of business cries out for a global ethic. This collection of timely new essays ... suggests fruitful lines of future development. The book is an important and welcome addition to the literature on international business ethics."

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Judge Ryan has served on the evidence faculty of the National Judicial College since 1996, teaching Advanced Evidence and the evidence portions of courses in General Jurisdiction, Special Courts, and Special Courts: Advanced. He has also taught evidence courses for National Labor Relations Board judges, the Michigan Judicial Institute, the Nevada State Bar, the Nevada District Judges Association and the South Dakota Judicial Conference. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Detroit-Mercy in Detroit and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He is running unopposed for another term as circuit court judge and will be reconfirmed in the election this November.

**Class of 1988**

* Sheri Gronhovd Schrock, formerly with Nley Carlock and Applewhite in Phoenix, Arizona, has opened her own practice in Glendale, Arizona. She specializes in estate planning and administration.

* Joseph P. Shannon, a partner in Dolan & Shannon, P.C., in Chicago, Illinois, has announced the creation of his firm’s website at www.dolanshannon.com.

* Kelly D. Talbot, a partner specializing in intellectual property litigation and Internet law at the intellectual property law firm of Pennie & Edmonds, L.L.P., in New York, New York, has been named to the Public Relations Committee of the International Trademark Association, an educational and industry group that promotes trademark protection and awareness worldwide.

* Anthony Tavias has been named a partner at Spangler, Jennings & Dougherty in Merrillville, Indiana.

**Class of 1989**

* The late Kathleen Meyers Grabemann was remembered in April in the third annual three-on-three basketball tournament named for her, which was sponsored by the Leukemia Research Foundation in Chicago. As an undergraduate at Loyola, Nt., Meyers-Grabemann was a star basketball player.

**Class of 1990**

* Robert Anderson, formerly with Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan in Indianapolis, Indiana, has joined Locke Reynolds Galvin in Hammond, Indiana.

* Ziyad Naccasha, formerly a partner at Querry & Harrow, Ltd., in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Meadors Bulger & Tilson in Chicago, as a partner in the firm’s insurance-coverge and professional liability practices.

* Michael A. Roberts, an attorney at Graupn Head & Bischof in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been named “Volunteer Lawyer of the Year” for 2000 by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor (VLP) Foundation in Cincinnati. He serves as VLP coordinator at his law firm and is responsible for assigning consumer, landlord/tenant and eviction cases to his colleagues. In addition, he handles many of the eviction cases that have been sent to his firm. In the commendation accompanying the award, VLP noted, “As evidenced by one landlord/tenant case that ran from 1998 to 1999 and totaled approximately 120 hours of work, Mr. Roberts has demonstrated a sincere willingness to handle time-consuming cases and has responded to referrals dealing with emergency situations. He has done an exceptional job on especially difficult cases and has always shown compassion for clients.”

**Class of 1991**

* Nancy Egan, formerly with Cooley Godward Castro, et al., in San Francisco, California, has joined the legal department of Excite@Home, a broadband Internet service provider based in the San Francisco area.

* Morrison C. Warren has been elected a partner in the Chicago, Illinois, office of Chapman and Cutler. He practices in the firm’s Corporate and Securities Group, and concentrates on corporate and securities law matters, with a particular emphasis on investment company, investment advisor and broker-dealer matters.

**Class of 1992**

* James A. Ferguson is director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association (NCVBA), headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The NCVBA is a nationwide organization of trial lawyers who specialize in representing crime victims in civil lawsuits arising out of criminal acts. The NCVBA bases its work on the belief that crime victims often do not obtain a full measure of justice through the criminal justice system, and that the civil justice system can be an important alternative path to justice for crime victims.

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**Class of 1992 — London L.L.M.**

* Berend Jonkman, formerly with ING Bank in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, has joined Quadrans International, an on-line financial-services provider with offices in London, England, and Amsterdam, The Netherlands, that specializes in trading high-tech securities throughout Europe.

* Jeanine M. Gondecki has been named a partner at Reimer & Mistriz, L.L.P., in South Bend. Her practice focuses on employment law and litigation. She also serves as an officer of the Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Continuing Legal Education and as a member of the board of governors of the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Bar Association.


* Sarah Nye, formerly with the Slater Law Firm in New Orleans, Louisiana, has joined Preaus, Roddy & Krebs, also in New Orleans.

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- Joseph DiRienzo has been named a partner at the firm now called DiRienzo & DiRienzo in Fanwood, New Jersey.
- Vicki Bren Fleischer in director of development and alumni relations at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in Tucson.
- James Gallop, formerly with Golenbeck Eisenbock Asner & Bell in New York, New York, has joined the financial management firm of Spera, Bentza, Salomon & Farrell, a division of Key Asset Management, as a research analyst.
- Julie Garvey has been named a partner at Seidler & McErlean in Chicago, Illinois.
- Sheila M. O’Grady has become the new first deputy commissioner of the Department of Planning and Developing in Chicago.
- Edward A. Sullivan III, an associate at Baker & Daniels in South Bend, has become an adjunct assistant professor of law at NDLS, teaching in the Moot Court-Trial program.
- Maria Verruno, formerly with French Kezelis & Kominiarek in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Cassiday Schade & Gloor in Chicago, where her practice focuses on medical malpractice defense.

CLASS OF 1993 — LONDON LL.M.

At the request of Jorge Narvaez-Hasfura, the Law School has established a listserv for London LL.M. degree recipients who participated in the program in 1992-93 and received their degrees in 1993.

To be added to the list, please send an e-mail to pieronek.1@nd.edu. You must provide your name and e-mail address and be verified as a member of the London LL.M. Class of 1993 in order to post messages to the listserv.

- Jorge Narvaez-Hasfura has been elected an international partner in the Mexico City, Mexico, office of Baker & McKenzie, and is the first international partner elected from that office in a decade. His practice focuses on international tax planning and tax litigation, and he is developing a new practice specialty of transfer pricing.

NEW ADDITIONS

Laura Hanson ’85 J.D. and her husband John Koenen announce the adoption of a baby boy in September 1999 in Mounds Heights, Minnesota.

Carol Ruda ’85 J.D. and her husband Norm Hilgendorn announce the birth of Andrew in December 1999 in Emhurst, Illinois.

Mike Woerner ’85 J.D. and his wife Kristen announce the birth of Tessa Linn on January 17, 2000, in Redmond, Washington.

Anne Elizabeth Becker ’88 J.D. and her husband Carl Beckworth announce the birth of Robert Hugh, July 6, 1999, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Margot Moore Cairnes ’88 J.D. and her husband Michael announce the birth of Liam Perry on September 30, 1999, in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Jill Jones ’88 J.D. and her husband Mike ’85 announce the birth of Katherine Highland on December 25, 1999, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sharon Kranz Austin ’90 J.D. and her husband John announce the birth of Gabriella in August 1999 in Houston, Texas.

Catherine Pelloch Gregory ’90 J.D., member of the Notre Dame Law Association board of directors, and her husband Rick announce the birth of Katherine Grace, April 25, 2000, in Farmington, Connecticut.

Tracey Mihelic ’90 J.D. and her husband Mark announce the birth of Sam, September 8, 1999, in Chicago, Illinois.


William Fair ’93 J.D. and his wife Loraine announce the birth of Olivia Anne in November 1999 in Chicago, Illinois.

Kathleen (Quirk) ’93 J.D. and Charles Hegarty ’93 J.D. announce the birth of Patrick in November 1999 in Huntington Woods, Michigan.

Aileen (Bigelow) ’93 J.D. and Sean Reilly ’93 J.D. announce the birth of Megan Elizabeth in November 1999 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Kristin (Holmes) ’91, ’94 J.D. and Sal Lamendola ’94 J.D. announce the birth of Tyler on November 9, 1999, in Troy, Michigan.


And a special welcome to Margaret Russ Barrett, daughter of Associate Professor of Law Matt Barrett ’83, ’85 J.D. and his wife Kate ’85, and sister of Kevin (age 6), Wilson (age 4) and Luke (age 2). Maggie was born in South Bend on Saturday, June 10, 2000, in the midst of the 15th reunion celebrations of Matt’s Law School class and Kate’s undergraduate class.

Best wishes also to former Associates Professors of Law Pat and Lisa Schiltz, on the birth of Katherine Rose, July 20, 2000, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Richard Wickham, formerly with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland, Ohio, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, where he will work in the firm's products-liability litigation division.

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• Suzanne Gau, formerly in the commercial litigation and corporate fraud/white collar crime practice group at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis, Missouri, has joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri.

• Steve Kelley, formerly with Davies Pearson in Tacoma, Washington, is a partner at the Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Georgia, which sits in Atlanta.

• Larry Liu, formerly an associate with Clausen Miller in Irvine, California, has joined Payne Fears, L.L.P., in Irvine, California, as an associate.

• Natasha Thompson Martin, formerly with NationsBank in Atlanta, Georgia, is serving a two-year clerkship with Honorable Clarence Cooper of the federal district court for the District of Georgia, which sits in Atlanta.

• Paul W. Moses II has been named vice president of investments at PainWebber, Inc., in Orlando, Florida. In this position, he offers individualized and proactive strategies in all areas of financial management, educational and retirement planning, and investing, with the intent to help families and businesses define and reach their financial goals by accumulating assets and preserving wealth.

• Diane Tillman-Reed, an attorney with Fred R. Hains & Associates in South Bend, is one of five finalists under consideration by Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon to replace St. Joseph County (Indiana) Supreme Court Judge George N. Beamer, who will retire in September.

• Mark Villareal has been named a shareholder at Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gorden in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he has been since 1995.

CLASS OF 1995

Vanessa B. Pierce, formerly an associate at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner in Palo Alto, California, has joined Parsons Behle & Latimer, P.L.C., in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her practice focuses on the protection and licensing of intellectual property in the biotechnology, chemical and aerospace industries, as well as prosecution of United States and foreign trademark registrations.

Tammy Ramos is the director of professional services at Lee Hecht Harrison, an outplacement and career-services firm headquartered in Wood Cliff, New Jersey. She also teaches part-time as an adjunct professor at Saint Mary's College in the Great Books program, and will teach in the college's law studies program full-time beginning this fall.

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Art Cody, formerly with Fish & Neave in New York, New York, has joined Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler in New York. His practice focuses on patent litigation and capital habeas corpus cases.

Mark Molloy has completed his clerkship with Honorable William J. Zloch of the federal district court for the Southern District of Florida, and has joined Nixon Peabody, L.L.P., in Buffalo, New York, as an associate. His practice focuses on products liability and labor and employment litigation.

Lisa M. Patterson, former director of career services at NDLS and assistant dean for career services at the University of Buffalo School of Law, has been appointed chair of the Student and Associate Counseling Committee of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) for 2000-01. She presented "Pitching the Positives: Why Students Should Consider Working for Small Law Firms" at the annual NALP conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 13, 2000.

CLASS OF 1994

Ronalth Ochaeta '94 LL.M. has been named by Guatemalan President Alfonso Portillo as ambassador to the Organization of American States. After earning his LL.M. in international human rights, Mr. Ochaeta served as director of the Office of Human Rights for the Archdiocese of Guatemala. Under his leadership, the office published a report on the Recovery of Historical Memory, which documented atrocities committed during Guatemala's bitter internal conflict. The Law School honored Mr. Ochaeta in 1998 with its inaugural Reverend William M. Lewers, C.S.C., Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in Civil and Human Rights, recognizing his efforts toward protecting Guatemala's most vulnerable citizens.

Diane Tillman-Reed, an attorney with Fred R. Hains & Associates in South Bend, is one of five finalists under consideration by Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon to replace St. Joseph County (Indiana) Supreme Court Judge George N. Beamer, who will retire in September.

Mark Villareal has been named a shareholder at Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gorden in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he has been since 1995.

CLASS OF 1995

Please visit the Class of 1995 web site, provided through the Notre Dame Alumni Association, at http://alumni.nd.edu/~law95/... If you would like to help design and maintain this page, please volunteer via the link on the web page.

Rachel Choniel, formerly a clerk to Honorable Harry Lee Anstead of the Florida Supreme Court, has joined the Georgia Resource Center in Atlanta as a staff attorney.

Patrick J. Christmas II has joined GMP Companies, Inc., a start-up medical technology firm in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Brendan Rielly, an associate at Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry in Portland, Maine, focuses his practice in the firm’s litigation group on environmental and utilities law, including practice before the Maine Public Utilities commission. Last year, he and two of the firm’s partners were honored for their work on a complex antitrust case involving the resale area.

Ronald C. Parisi, formerly with the New York, New York, office of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, has formed Zeitz & Parisi, L.L.P., in New York. The firm will concentrate its practice in corporate, tax, estate planning and real estate law.

Daniel Tarpey, formerly with Peterson and Russ in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Bell, Boyd and Lloyd in Chicago.

Adriana (Rodriguez) Nakis ’99 J.D. has turned a sideline into an Internet-based business venture. As indicated in an article in the May 1, 2000, South Bend Tribune, Ms. Nakis, who lives in New York City, found shopping in bricks-and-mortar stores to be somewhat cumbersome and appreciated the ease of shopping on the Internet. And through www.useacoupon.com, she has tried to make Internet shopping even easier and more enjoyable.

The site offers savings at over 40 on-line stores including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Fogdog, J. Crew, PetSmart and Toys R Us, and it’s very easy to use. First, find the name of a store and click on that name for a list of coupons. Second, click on the coupon that fits a particular shopping need. A new browser window opens linked to that particular store and allows a customer to shop as usual. Finally, when it’s time to pay for the items ordered, a box pops up to ask for the coupon code number.

CLASS OF 1997

John W. Blakeley (’98 LL.M.) has opened his own practice, the Law Office of John W. Blakeley, in South Bend; his practice is limited to immigration and naturalization law.

Matthew P. Doring, formerly with Fitterman & Nicholson in Newburyport, Massachusetts, has joined the Boston, Massachusetts, office of Hinckley Allen & Snyder, L.L.P.

Captain Tamara A. Herdener is stationed with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at the U.S. Army Garrison in Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Dylan Lohonen, formerly with Pederson and Houpt in Chicago, Illinois, has joined Duane, Morris & Heckscher in Chicago.

Alicia Matsushima is an associate at the Gustafson Firm, an insurance-defense litigation firm in Houston, Texas.

Robert Muise has left the U.S. Marine Corps and has joined the faculty of the Ave Maria School of Law in Ave, Arbor, Michigan.

Charles Winfield has joined Strasburger & Price in Dallas, Texas, as an associate. His practice focuses on business and commercial litigation, insurance litigation and appellate matters.

Mohamed Ibrahim, a judge in the Ministry of Justice in Cairo, Egypt, has been selected as an Eisenhower fellow, and this year is participating in the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program.

Alex Valencia, formerly with New England Securities in Denver, Colorado, has become regulatory counsel for Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., in Addison, Texas.

CLASS OF 1998

Please visit the Class of 1998 web site, developed and maintained by Heath Weaver, at http://alumni.nd.edu/-law98/.

Mark Cawley has completed his federal clerkship and has joined Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in Washington, D.C., as an associate.

Leslie D. Heller has joined the Labor and Employment Group of Cohen & Grigsby, PC., in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her practice focuses on litigation, arbitration and administrative proceedings.
NDSL ALUMNI — PATRONS OF THE ARTS

Robert W. Cox '59, 62 J.D., chair of the Law School Advisory Council, and his wife Patricia are among the patrons supporting a traveling exhibit titled "Taos Artists and Their Patrons, 1878-1950," organized by the University's Snite Museum of Art. The exhibition concentrates on the various groups of patrons who supported Taos art colony artists such as Victor Higgins and Georgia O'Keeffe. In their patronage of this collection, Mr. & Mrs. Cox join another NDSL alumnus, who played a much earlier role in supporting Taos artists, John T. Higgins, a graduate of the Law School in the early 1900's, supported his brother Victor throughout much of the 1930's, frequently serving as an east-coast broker for Victor's paintings as well as purchasing some of the works himself. The exhibit, which in addition to the Snite Museum has already appeared at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Phoenix Art Museum in Arizona and the Albuquerque Museum in New Mexico, will conclude its nearly two-year tour at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas, from September 12 through December 3, 2000.

* Erin King, formerly an associate at Corden & Forsyth in New York, New York, has recently joined Swisher/Sabrina in McBlire, New York, as a manager for legal and regulatory affairs.

* Peter Tomas-Morgan ('99 LL.M.) has joined Legal Services of Northern Indiana, where he works in the domestic-violence unit.

* Susan Wilson, an associate at Baker & Daniels in South Bend, was featured in the "Tribune Business Weekly" section of the Tribune. The article, titled "Lawyer learned from nurse, to manager of a health-care facility, to attorney.

* Anthony Wisniewski has joined the law firm of Carr Goodson Warner in Washington, D.C., where his work in the firm's global insurance practice focuses on technology law and insurance coverage.

* Don J. Young III, formerly in-house counsel at Norfolk Southern Corporation in Norfolk, Virginia, has joined the Columbus, Ohio, office of Baker & Hostetler.

Class of 1999

Please visit the Class of 1999 web site, developed and maintained by Will Enzer, at http://www.gweties.umn.edu/heartland/1999/.

* Erik Ablin has joined Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Missouri, as an associate. His practice focuses on business litigation with an emphasis on construction.

* Lynn Egan has joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel in Baltimore, Maryland, as a general attorney focusing on health-care law.

* Robert Fellbrich has joined the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Office and is stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

* Ryan E. Lamb has joined Siebers Mohney, PLC., in Holland, Michigan, as an associate. His practice focuses on immigration and business law.

* Michelle Mack earned her LL.M. in international human rights through the University's Center for Civil and Human Rights in May.

* Cynthia Morgan, currently a Municipal Legal Fellow for the League of California Cities, in Sacramento, has received a fellowship from Georgetown University's program in Women's Law and Public Policy, and will begin the program this September in Washington, D.C.

* Marcus Payson, formerly an associate at Reinhart, Boerner, VanDeuren, Norris and Rieselbach, S.C., in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has joined the Raas Darrow Group in West Bend, Wisconsin, as general counsel. His practice focuses on corporate and bankruptcy law.


* Frank Salazar is an associate at Bayar & Miller in Houston, Texas, where his practice focuses on corporate law.

* Suzie Wasilewski, formerly a case-summary writer with Lexis Publishing in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has joined Godin and Batty in Denver as an associate. Her practice focuses on litigation.

Class of 2000

* Joseph M. Betscher has joined McAndrews, Feld & Malloy in Chicago, Illinois, as an associate.

* Maureen Kramlich has become a public policy analyst for the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., where she will be working on abortion-related federal legislation.

Notre Dame Law Association Members


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ALUMNI-added to Law School Advisory Council

University President Reverend Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., has named two NDSL graduates to the Law School Advisory Council:

Law School participation in the annual spring reunion continues to grow, with about 100 people from class years ending in "5" or "0" attending the all-classes Reunion 2000 dinner on the evening of Friday, June 9, 2000, in the Faculty Dining Room of South Dining Hall. Dean Patricia A. O'Hara '74 J.D. welcomed the guests and gave a short talk on how inspirational alumni have been to her since she assumed the deanship last summer.

The Class of 1950, with 37 of 58 classmates surviving, had the best turnout percentage-wise of any class, with nearly half of the surviving members returning to campus to be honored as new members of the 50-Year Club. At least three members of the Class of 1948 - Robert J. Callahan, Robert W. Moran and James A. Smith - returned to welcome the "youngsters" to their club. The Class of 1990 had the largest number of classmates — and the largest group of children under the age of 10 ever to be assembled at one time in the Law School. Attendance was low for the Class of 1960, which held its own mini-reunion on campus two weeks later, and for the Classes of 1970 and 1975, which have mini-reunions scheduled for the ND-Stanford football weekend this fall.

Saturday morning included a Mass — celebrated by Reverend E. William Beuchamp ’75 J.D., ‘81 M.A., the University’s executive vice president emeritus who was also celebrating the 25th anniversary of his graduation from NDLS — and breakfast, attended by the aforementioned children and their parents. NDLS students gave tours of the building to those who had not seen the 1973 or 1987 renovations.

Special recognition is due several alumni: James A. Greasser ’75, ’80 J.D., who came perhaps the longest distance — from London, England — to attend both his undergraduate and Law School reunions; and Carl Frank ’70 J.D. and his wife Ruth, who have not missed a single five-year reunion since graduation 30 years ago.

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Class Reunions for 2001
If your class is eligible for a reunion in 2001 — that is, if your class year ends in "1" or "6" — it’s not too early to begin planning for the festivities, particularly if you’d like to schedule a special reunion weekend apart from the University’s Reunion 2001, the weekend of June 7-10, 2001. The Law School Relations Office can facilitate planning, but the best reunions result from strong involvement by volunteer class members who can take leadership roles in encouraging classmates to attend and in organizing meaningful activities. If you would like to help plan a memorable reunion for your class, please contact Cathy Pieronek at (219) 631-6891 or by e-mail at pieronek.1@nd.edu.

Several classes still have reunions scheduled for this fall. Please contact the class members listed for more information or to assist with the planning.

CLASS OF 1970 — An informal reunion on the weekend of the ND-Stanford football game, October 6-8, 2000, will include golf on Friday, October 6, if a sufficient number of class members are interested, and an informal get-together after the game on Saturday, October 7. Please contact John Plumb at (716) 664-2346 or by e-mail at jplumb@netsync.net, or Tom Steko at tspok3@aol.com for more information.

CLASS OF 1975 — The class plans to hold a reunion on the weekend of the ND-Stanford football game, October 6-8, 2000, including group seating at the game and a dinner on Saturday night. Please contact Dennis Owens at (816) 474-3000 or by e-mail at owensappeal@aol.com.

Questions and Concerns
Please forward all questions regarding class web pages and e-mail listservs to Cathy Pieronek at pieronek.1@nd.edu.
Letter from the President

Dear Notre Dame lawyer:

On July 1, 2000, I assumed the position of president of the Notre Dame Law Association, succeeding Rich Catenacci ’62, ’65 J.D., managing partner at Connell Foley, L.L.P., in Roseland, New Jersey. Rich became president on July 1, 1999, following the reorganization of the Law Association. He was an extraordinary president, guiding us through the reorganization process, assisting Dean Link, welcoming Dean O’Hara and keeping an otherwise opinionated board of directors on the right course — blending leadership with humor and, of course, song. I appreciate what he’s done to revitalize our NDLA board and will attempt to meet the high standards of leadership he set during his term.

I’m also pleased to announce that the board has already elected my successor, whom I have the good fortune to know very well. Charlie Weiss ’68 J.D., a partner at Bryan Cave, L.L.P., in St. Louis, Missouri, and one of my classmates and roommates at Notre Dame, will serve this year as president elect and will succeed me as president next July. He has a long record of service to the profession and to NDLA, having been a president of the Missouri Bar Association and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an active member of the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis, a former board member of the University’s Alumni Association and an ND parent.

Thirty-five years ago, after graduating from Fairfield University, I joined the Notre Dame family when I enrolled in the Law School Class of 1968. It was the best and most important decision of my life. Because of and through Notre Dame, I met my wife Kathy, joined my law firm, encouraged my daughter Amy to enroll at Notre Dame and established lifelong friendships. Notre Dame is and has been an integral part of my life for a very long time. I’ve served on the board of the University’s Alumni Association, on the board of the NDLA, as the president of the Notre Dame Club of Northern New Jersey, on the Law School Advisory Council and now as the president of the NDLA.

What surprises me is not the depth and breadth of my Notre Dame experience, but that so many others have had similar experiences. For many NDLA graduates, no matter where they earned their undergraduate degrees, they consider themselves NDers first. Why? The proximity of the Law School to all of the University facilities? The weather? The faculty? The Grotto? The Dome? The Stadium? Chief Broderick’s pep rallies? I believe it’s a little of all of these, but it’s also more. It’s the feeling that you’re blessed because you’ve been at a special place.

Notre Dame lawyers are professionals first. We are well educated and well trained. Competence is paramount at Notre Dame Law School, but it’s competence infused with a strong sense of compassion and faith.

Several years ago, in a speech to the ABA Litigation Section, former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz told those lawyers present that clients ask themselves three questions about you each time they deal with you. Can I trust you? Do you care about me? Are you committed to excellence? Clients of Notre Dame lawyers can say “yes” to each question every time. Let’s all remember that it’s your responsibility and mine to see to it that clients will always say that about us and about our Law School.

Please let me know whether and how you’d like to become involved in the NDLA.

Yours in Notre Dame,

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NDLA BOARD ELECTS PRESIDENT FOR 2001

At its spring meeting, the Notre Dame Law Association elected board member Charles A. Weiss ’68 J.D., as president elect for 2000-01, to succeed Thomas R. Curtin ’68 J.D., as president for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2001. Mr. Weiss, a partner at Bryan Cave, L.L.P., in St. Louis, Missouri, joined the NDLA Board in 1995, and for the past three years has served as the director for Region 5, representing Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Mr. Weiss brings to the NDLA leadership his experience with Notre Dame alumni in the Midwest. He served as president of the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis in 1987, and had terms as vice president, secretary and scholarship fundraising chair. He has served as the club’s vice president-scholarships for the past seven years, and actively participates in the club’s law service project at an inner-city St. Louis parish. In 1990, the St. Louis club honored him for his service with its Member of the Year Award. He also brings his experience with the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors, having served as Region 5 representative from 1995 to 1999.

He also brings to the position a deep love for Notre Dame. “I consider the opportunity to attend and graduate from Notre Dame Law School one of the most fortunate and beneficial events in my life.” The Law School looks forward to his involvement with the NDLA leadership.
NDLA Legal Directory — 20th Edition in the Works

The Notre Dame Law Association is working with the University to gather information for the 20th edition of the NDLA Legal Directory, which will be published in early 2001. We will use the address information collected by the University through its alumni directory survey to generate the Legal Directory as well as a new, online searchable database.

We urge you to respond to the University’s survey, which was mailed in July, and to complete the supplemental form sent to all Law Association members requesting bar admission and practice area information. Many alumni have provided this information to the Law School for prior editions of the Legal Directory, but a change in directory publishers as well as databases has made it impossible for us to transfer the information contained in the existing directory through electronic means. If you choose not to provide this additional information, your address will be listed in the directory without bar admission or practice area information. Many alumni have provided this information to the Law School after June 15, that information may not have been incorporated into the directory. Address update information to the Law School for the year in which you received your degree.

If you are unsure as to whether the University has the NDLA Alumni Files Office as of December 1, 2000. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact the chair of the Nominations Committee, Carl Eiberger ’52, ’54 J.D., by fax only at (303) 278-0113. For more information on the Nominations Committee, please visit the NDLA web site, www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/alumni/NDLA.html.

2001 Elections

One-third of the positions on the NDLA board of directors are up for election in 2001. Three-year terms beginning July 1, 2001, are open for representatives of the regions listed:

Region 1: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Northern Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 2: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania
Region 3: Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Puerto Rico
Region 4: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
Region 5: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
Region 6: Illinois (excluding Cook County), Northwest Indiana
Region 11: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Northern Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 15: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

Representatives must live in the regions they represent. Nominations for Elections 2001 close on September 15, 2000. The election will be held between January 31, 2001, and March 15, 2001. All NDLA members will receive a ballot, mailed to the address on file with the University’s Alumni Files Office as of December 1, 2000.

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Law Association Receptions

In April and May, the NDLA hosted receptions for Notre Dame lawyers in conjunction with the meetings of the Indiana State Bar Association in Fort Wayne in April, and the Ohio State Bar Association in Toledo in May. Associate Dean Jack Peart represented the Law School in Fort Wayne, and Law School Relations Director Cathy Pieronek ’84, ’95 J.D. represented the Law School in Toledo.

In July, the NDLA hosted two receptions at the time of the American Bar Association annual meeting in New York City at Mickey Mantle’s Restaurant on July 9, and in London, at the Notre Dame London Law Centre on July 18. Participants at both events were welcomed by Dean Patricia A. O’Hara ’74 J.D.

In September, NDLA members in Michigan are invited to attend a reception in conjunction with the annual convention of the Michigan State Bar. The event will be held Thursday, September 21, 2000, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Sophocles Room of the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit. NDLA board members Gene Smarz ’75 J.D. of Grand Rapids and Robert M. Krause ’66 of Detroit are the local hosts for the event. For more information, please contact Cathy Pieronek at the Law School Relations Office at (219) 631-6891 or pieronek.l@nd.edu.
At the University's 155th commencement exercises on May 21, 2000, the Law School conferred degrees on 186 graduates, including four students who graduated in January 2000, on an absolutely beautiful spring day.

The University conferred its fourth J.S.D. degree in international human rights through the Center for Civil and Human Rights on George William Mugwanya of Kampala, Uganda, who graduated summa cum laude.

Thirteen students earned LL.M. degrees in international human rights through the University's Center for Civil and Human Rights. Sharelle Aitchison of Auckland, New Zealand, and Sergey Mukhaev of Minsk, Belarus, graduated summa cum laude. Three students earned LL.M. degrees in international human rights through the University's Center for Civil and Human Rights. Sharelle Aitchison of Auckland, New Zealand, and Sergey Mukhaev of Minsk, Belarus, graduated summa cum laude. Three students graduated magna cum laude and four others cum laude.

The University conferred the Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree on 172 graduates, including three students who graduated in January 2000. Three students — Eric V. Hall of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Brian J. Murray of Sylvania, Ohio, and Darren P. O'Neill of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania — graduated summa cum laude (GPA over 3.8). Mr. Murray earned the Law School's highest honor, the Hoyt Prize, while Mr. Hall received the Dean Joseph O'Meara Award and Mr. O'Neill received the Farabaugh Prize. Twenty-six students graduated magna cum laude (GPA over 3.6) and 33 graduated cum laude (GPA over 3.4).

On Saturday, Dean Patricia A. O'Hara '74 J.D. hosted the graduates, their families and friends, and the faculty, administration and staff at a picnic on the grounds of Carroll Hall near St. Mary's Lake on Campus. Later that evening, the Law School community participated in the University's annual Baccalaureate Mass in the south dome of the Joyce Center.

Sunday, graduation day, included the usual whirlwind of activity, made perfect by a picture-postcard blue sky, bright sun and perfect spring temperatures. The day began with the prayer service and hooding ceremony at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, preceded over by University President Reverend Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., and Reverend John H. Pearson, C.S.C., director of the Law School's Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government. After the ceremony, the graduates processed to Bond Hall for a class photo on the building steps.

At 2 p.m., the Law School community participated in the University's Commencement ceremonies. Kofi A.
Well, we made it — you all graduated and I survived my first year of being associate dean! I can't tell you how honored I am to have been selected by you as faculty member of the year. As my first Notre Dame class, you were already destined to be deeply remembered. Now I know I will never forget you. Thank you so very much for this special award.

I have to take a moment to recognize those of you who were my first-year Contracts students, the year I was here as a visiting professor. You were a wonderful group, and I had a great time teaching you. Thank you for helping to make that year so successful.

The one event from that first-year Contracts class that really sticks in my mind is the time I ended class early because three or four people were unprepared. Now, I think my students and my colleagues would agree that I am a mild-mannered kind of guy, but there comes a time during the second semester here at Notre Dame, when winter is ending in most places but South Bend remains locked in chilly darkness under the 'perma-cloud,' and we all would really rather be somewhere that had at least a passing acquaintance with the sun. The first-year students are working on their moot-court briefs, class participation suffers, and the faculty tends to get a little testy. Well, one day during this time I called on several people to discuss a case and no one I called on was prepared for Contracts class, so I said, "You know, let's just end class today. I mean, why should I struggle?" So I ended class.

Well, the students felt bad — "This is so out of character. Perhaps Rougeau is really losing it this time." — and several of them e-mailed me to apologize. Then I felt bad because I wasn't really angry, I was just suffering from the effects of the perma-cloud like everyone else. By the next class, everything was back to normal and I basically forgot about the whole thing. Well, several weeks later, I found myself at a party in Chicago, chatting with someone I didn't know, as one tends to do at parties, and I told the person what I do. Suddenly, he said, "Wait a minute, I've heard of you! My cousin's fiancé's sister's best friend goes to Notre Dame and she told us about you. You're the professor that stormed out of class! Wow! You really crack me up!"

Then, my wife looked at me, shocked, and said, "Honey, you stormed out of class... You should try to relax. It's probably all that caffeine you drink."

I would like to take this opportunity to ask, "What did you guys tell people?" Now, I have this new reputation: Rougeau the Enforcer; Rougeau the Hammer! I know, I love what I do, and I feel particularly blessed to be able to say that. It certainly hasn't always been true in my own life, and many people never get to experience the feeling of loving what they do for a living. So, the first piece of advice I'd like to give all of you is to listen to your hearts and do what you really want to do with your law degree. It's very hard to be successful at something when you are wishing you were doing something else.

I say I love what I do, but "love" is a complicated word. We use it to mean so many different things. But it is an important word, and perhaps we don't always treat it with the respect it deserves. When I think about my own work and how I do it, I try to keep focused on the Christian concept of love — loving God and loving others as I love myself. The reason I teach and the reason I find a great deal of satisfaction in the often very difficult job of associate dean is that I find the personal engagement with you, my students, and the idea of humanity that you represent, truly inspiring. It's through the rough-and-tumble of human interaction that we learn how to see God in others and how we gain a better understanding of the tremendous gift of God's love for us.

This is not to say that these interactions are always easy or pleasant. There are moments in my office, perhaps after a particularly difficult conversation with a student or a colleague, when I want to flee to a place where I can be completely free of human contact. Often times it seems that it is our interaction with other people that makes our lives messy and difficult. If we look closely at some current trends in American society, for instance, we can see a growing tendency for people to disengage from others, to find ways to limit human contact or make the contact as selective as possible. We often hear that one of the great "benefits" of technology is that it frees us from the time-consuming and inefficient practice of talking to other human beings. It's so much easier, so much cleaner to simply "point and click."

I think that one of the great strengths of the Notre Dame Law School is that we have resisted the temptation to disengage from one another and to pursue our educations and careers as isolated individuals primarily focused on personal achievement. We work hard at trying to maintain the values of a Christian community and we constantly struggle with the tough work of creating one another with dignity and respect. Do we fall short? Yes, we often do. We bicker, we mistrust, we accuse, perhaps we even hate from time to time. But those feelings are all part of the struggle to love. What brought me to Notre Dame, and what keeps me here, is the opportunity to work with people — students, faculty, administrators and staff — who want to be part of an institution where faith matters; where they matter; and where there is love.

Members of the NDLA Class of 2000, my fervent wish for all of you is that you resist the temptation to cut yourself off from others and that you will constantly seek God in those around you. Certainly in your family and friends, but also in your colleagues at work, in the people who clean your office, and always in the poor and dispossessed. Try to resist the call of a culture that tends to promote personal desires over community needs and individual accomplishments over human engagement. In short, love as you are loved.

Thank you, Class of 2000, for this wonderful gift you have given me and for all that you have taught me. I will cherish the memory of your three years here and I hope our paths will cross many times in the years to come. I wish you success. But most of all, I wish you the peace and happiness that comes with love.

I love you, Class of 2000. God bless you! Now go out and make us proud!
The NDLS Barristers Team placed first and second in the nation at the 25th Annual National Trial Competition held in Dallas in early April. NDLS fielded two of the 24 total teams in the competition as a result of first- and second-place finishes by the "Gold" and "Blue" teams, respectively at the regional competition in Chicago in March.

In the finals, the "Blue" and "Gold" teams reversed places, with the "Blue" team taking home top honors thanks to the oral advocacy skills of third-year students Shaznaye Naseem of Chicago, Illinois, and team captain Tamara Walker of Memphis, Tennessee, who was the first African-American woman to be a member of a national championship team in 25 years of competition, and second-year students Kelly Murphy of South Bend, and Ryan Redmon of Vevay, Indiana.

The second-place "Gold" team featured an outstanding performance in the final round by third-year students Stone Grissom of Seattle, Washington, who was awarded the prestigious Spiegelberg Award for the best oral-argument performance in the final round of competition, and Scott Kellogg of Monmouth, Illinois, and second-year students Steve Pratico of Austin, Minnesota.

The competition, the oldest and most prestigious in the country, sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers’ Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the West Group, gives students interested in litigation in-depth experience in all aspects of courtroom practice and allows students to learn the subtleties of trial practice. A total of approximately 280 teams participated in 12 regional competitions nationwide, and the top two teams from each region participated in the national competition.

During the three-day event, which involved an oral argument of Old Trustworthy Insurance Co. v. Gordon Tower, the "Blue" team defeated teams from Georgetown, Hofstra, Howard, Stetson, and two-time defending champion Temple; the "Gold" team defeated Western New England, Maine, Houston, Syracuse and the University of Washington.

NDLS’s first- and second-place finish marks only the second time in 25 years that two teams from the same law school have finished first and second, the first time that one law school has sent two teams to represent the Midwest region, and the first time NDLS has been to the national competition since Law School’s 1993 team earned the championship title. Team coach Honorable Jeanne Jourdan ’75 J.D., adjunct professor of law at NDLS, and Wendell Walsh ’77, ’80 J.D., a partner at May, Oberfell and Lorber in South Bend, with the assistance of Kate Singer ’97 J.D., of the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Prosecutor’s Office, prepared the students well for the competition. In announcing the victory, Mr. Walsh noted, "Frankly, we are sorry that our two teams had to go head-to-head in the National Final. These are eight quality people. They all worked extremely hard. They have supported each other through-out. They have made each other better."

The championship team attended the annual meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers in Washington, D.C., where they met the justices of the United States Supreme Court and received the Kraft W. Eidman Award, consisting of $5,000 and a silver bowl.

Niagara International Moot Court Team

This spring, the NDLS International Moot Court Team earned second place in the 2000 Niagara International Moot Court Competition. Four second-year students — Charles Blue of Centerville, Ohio, Teresa Chen of Shoreline, Washington, Todd Dziobak of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Robert Seidler of Streamwood, Illinois, represented Notre Dame at the competition, held in mid-March at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University.

This was the first time that a team from NDLS had been invited to participate in the international competition, which began over 20 years ago. Mr. Seidler noted, "It was an honor just to be invited. Only the top two schools advance to the final round each year. Because some of the other 14 schools in the 2000 competition had participated for 20 years or more, we didn’t expect much as first-time competitors . . . until the judges announced that Notre Dame was a finalist!"

Team members credit their success to months of intensive preparation under the guidance of student coaches James McCallum ’00 J.D. of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Tereisita Mercado ’97, ’00 J.D. of Phoenix, Arizona, and to strong support from faculty members including Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Law Vincent D. Rougeau, Professors Juan Méndez and Dina Shelton, Associate Professors Paolo Carozza and John Robinson ’73 M.A., ’75 Ph.D., Associate Director of the Center for Civil and
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED

The SBA officers for 2000-2001 include a number of students with significant experience in Law School governance, including:

President Rodolfo S. Monterrosa Jr., a third-year student from Bloomington, California, who served as vice president in 1999-2000 and first-year class representative in 1998-99;

Vice President Rose Saari, a second-year student from Mishawaka, Indiana, who served as first-year class representative in 1999-2000;

Secretary Marjorie McCanta, a third-year student from Yorba Linda, California, serving her second term as secretary;

Treasurer Julia Dayton, a second-year student from Washington, Indiana.

The incoming first-year class will elect their SBA representatives early this fall.

The SBA class representatives for the Classes of 2001 and 2002 include:

1Ls
- Jon Marc Buffa of Freehold, New Jersey
- Jonell Lucca of Henderson, Nevada
- Will Thompson of Lexington, Kentucky
- Tamona Bright of South Bend, Indiana
- Michael O'Shaughnessy of Mishawaka, Indiana
- Sergey Mukhaev '00 L.L.M.
- Bridget Maloney of East New Market, Maryland
- Garth Meintjes '00 J.S.D.
- Eric Martin of Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Sunil Bhuta of Los Angeles, California
- Sean Mclaughlin of Spokane, Washington
- Joe Martin of Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Susan Chen of New York, New York
- Jonell Lucca of Henderson, Nevada
- Tatiana Galkina of Moscow, Russia
- Sergey Mukhaev '00 L.L.M.
- Mary Margaret Penrose '99 L.L.M.

HONOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Members of the Classes of 2001 and 2002 elected their Honor Council representatives last spring:

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- Terrisa Mercado '97, '00 J.D.

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- Sarah Bastler of Dubuque, Iowa
- Eric Martin of Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Tamora Bright of South Bend, Indiana
- Michael O'Shaughnessy of Mishawaka, Indiana
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BLSA's 27th Annual Alumni Weekend

On April 7-8, 2000, the NDLS Black Law Students Association (BLSA) held its 27th annual Alumni Weekend, chaired by Elton Johnson '01 of South Bend. The weekend program featured a panel discussion on Friday afternoon, an address by the keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon, and the traditional Saturday evening banquet. The program, titled "Restructuring the Court for a New Millennium," addressed the ways in which the legal profession must change to be more representative of the people it serves.

The week concluded with a dinner-dance at the Marriott Hotel in downtown South Bend. During the program after dinner, BLSA presented a number of awards including:

- Alumnaus of the Year Award to current NDLS Associate Dean Vincent D. Rougeau in recognition of his being named an associate dean at the Law School at the beginning of this academic year;
- Special Appreciation Awards to Heather M. Marconi, assistant director of admissions, and Rebecca Ward, Law School receptionist and secretary to the associate deans, for their efforts in support of minority students at NDLS;
- Dwight King Service Award to Allison Howard '02 of Edmond, Oklahoma, for her work tutoring South Bend middle-school students and for her efforts to encourage other students in service; and
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orphanage and augment the more than $1,500 in pennies they had collected since January 2000 to purchase toothbrushes for the orphans. Mr. Farrell worked at the orphanage as part of a service project after earning his undergraduate degree from the University. He visited his former elementary school in January and presented a slide show and video that depicted life at the orphanage. When he visited Chile this past summer, he delivered the money raised and the toothbrushes purchased.

- A group of NDLS students, led by Marisa Salazar '00 J.D., participated in a rally in front of the University's Main Building in April to encourage increased support for Notre Dame lawyers who choose to practice public-interest law after graduation. The rain that day didn't dampen the spirits of those who gathered to address an issue that is receiving increased attention from the Law School community. Student and faculty participants alike praised recent efforts by the Law School administration to explore programs such as loan forgiveness to assist graduates who take low-paying jobs serving the under-represented. They organized the rally to raise awareness at the University level about the financial hardships suffered by many who choose such careers.

Friday afternoon featured a discussion led by Honorable Willie G. Lipscomb Jr. '75 J.D., a judge on the 36th District Court in Detroit, Michigan, who spoke on "Empowering Ourselves to Conquer 21st Century Legalized Racism." The discussion examined the treatment of certain racial issues that have become embedded into the nation's legal and justice systems, and explored ways for members of minority groups to empower themselves to work through and past such legalized racism.

Saturday, Congressman Harold Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) gave the keynote address, "Self Help: Empowering Ourselves with a New Attitude." He focused on finding effective ways for members of minority groups to work within the legal system to become empowered to succeed. He addressed barriers to entry into the legal and judicial professions and ways to overcome those barriers.

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- Charles Crutchfield Professorial Excellence Award to NDLS Head Research Librarian Dwight King in appreciation of his constant support and encouragement;
- Special Recognition Awards to Honorable Ann Claire Williams '75 J.D., '97 LL.D. (Hon.) in recognition of her being named a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and to NDLS Associate Dean Vincent D. Rougeau in recognition of his being named an associate dean at the Law School at the beginning of this academic year;
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LAW JOURNAL EDITORS ELECTED

The staffs of the Law School's four academic journals selected the following members of the Class of 2001 as editors-in-chief for the 2001-02 academic year:

NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW
Ed Cooper of West Chester, Pennsylvania
JOURNAL OF COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY LAW
Tom Henry of Wayne, New Jersey

NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS & PUBLIC POLICY
Bridge Huling of Beloit, Wisconsin

JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION
Mark Pesko of Kennaon, New Jersey
HLSA Honors
Norma Cantú

The NDLS Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA) bestowed the fifth annual Graciela Olivarez Award on Norma Cantú, assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education. The award, named after the late Graciela Olivarez '70 J.D., the first woman to graduate from the Law School, honors Hispanics in the legal profession who epitomize the principles and ideals embodied by Ms. Olivarez including a commitment to community service, a devotion to the highest moral and ethical standards, and a dedication to justice.

Nominated to her position by President Clinton and sworn in on May 24, 1993, Assistant Secretary Cantú is responsible for enforcing the federal civil rights statutes that protect the rights of students to an equal educational opportunity without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age. She considers discrimination of any form to be a serious barrier to equal access and to the achievement of educational excellence in this country by all students. She believes effective civil-rights enforcement can help all persons in making the most of their individual capacities and talents. She has worked to establish a civil-rights compliance program directed at affording all students the opportunity to realize their educational potential from the moment they enter the classroom.

Ms. Cantú joins a list of distinguished recipients of the Olivarez Award including the Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1996), Professor Cruz Reynoso of the law faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles (1997), the Honorable Martha Vázquez '75, '79 J.D. of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico (1998), and the Honorable Reynaldo G. Garza, senior judge of the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999).

If you would like to nominate an outstanding Hispanic legal professional for the Olivarez Award, please contact the Hispanic Law Students Association in care of its faculty advisor, Professor Jimmy Gurule, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN 46556, or by e-mail at gurule.1@nd.edu.

For more information on the Olivarez Award and Ms. Cantú's address to the NDLS community, please visit THE OBSERVER on-line at www.nd.edu/-observer/04032000/News/.

Minnesota Vikings Appoint NDLS Alumnus Chief of Business Operations

Michael F. Kelly ’83, ’87 J.D., formerly a partner at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been appointed executive vice president of the Minnesota Vikings organization. In this new position, Mr. Kelly has responsibility for all of the team’s business operations including sales and marketing, football administration, public relations, finance and administration, legislative affairs, and Vikings Food Service. He has also assumed responsibility for the team’s initiative for a new stadium.

In his position at Faegre & Benson, Mr. Kelly served as outside general counsel for the Vikings. He had also served for four years on the Edina (Minnesota) City Council and is currently the mayor pro tem and vice chair of the city’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Among his honors, Mr. Kelly was selected by CITYBUSINESS magazine in its 1999 edition of “40 Under 40” recognizing future community and business leaders in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. He was also selected as a “Super Lawyer” and a “Rising Star” by his peers in the legal community in two surveys published by MINNESOTA LAW AND POLITICS.

In announcing the appointment, team president Gary Woods commented, “We are extremely pleased to have someone of Mike’s background and capability to step into this important role for the Vikings. Mike is well versed in all of our operations as well as in dealing with the NFL. In addition, Mike’s knowledge of the Minnesota market is extremely valuable to us in all of our programs.”
NDLS Grads in College Basketball

In early April, the United States Air Force Academy announced that it had hired Joe Scott '90 J.D. as the new head coach of its men's basketball team. Mr. Scott had been an assistant basketball coach at Princeton University, his undergraduate alma mater, since 1992. He played point-guard at Princeton as an undergraduate from 1983 to 1987, was a three-year starter, and earned a number of honors including being named team captain and receiving an honorable mention position on the second-team all-Ivy League.

As an assistant under former coach Pete Carril, Mr. Scott was involved in one of the biggest upsets in NCAA tournament history, beating defending national champion UCLA, 43-41, in 1996. Two seasons later, under current head coach Bill Carmody, Princeton was ranked as high as seventh and had earned a fifth seed in the NCAA tournament, the highest among Ivy League institutions.

Newspaper reports about Mr. Scott's hiring focused on the distinctive and disciplined style of Princeton basketball, which is well-suited to the smaller and hardworking players that Air Force attracts. Observers have likened it to Fisher DeBerry's distinctive and disciplined wish-bone-style offense used so successfully by the Falcons' football team.

Colonel Randall Spetman, the academy's athletic director, commented that Mr. Scott motivated him when the two talked. "He told me that there are 64 teams that go to the NCAA Tournament and 32 that go to the NIT, and we ought to be in that mix sometime." The colonel also noted that Mr. Scott understands the challenges inherent in recruiting players for a school with high academic standards and post-graduate debts. "A student at Princeton graduates with a $120,000 bill to pay. A player at the Air Force Academy has a five-year military commitment. It's a sales pitch you have to be good at, at both locations."

Although Mr. Scott does not have a military background, he thinks he'll fit right in on the campus at Colorado Springs. "I'm a very disciplined person. I've always been a very hard worker. The basic principles and values the Air Force Academy tries to instill — I believe in all those things. It's not going to be a major change for me. I'll welcome that. I'll learn as much as I can, and get used to the way things are done there."

Jeff Hahn '87 J.D., an attorney in Michigan City, Indiana, spends some of his spare time as the assistant men's basketball coach at Purdue North Central University, which plays in the CCAC conference of the NAIA.

NDLS Shines in Grad-Pro League Basketball

The Law School fielded several intramural basketball teams in the Grad-Pro league this spring, and Counsel for Blake took home the championship trophy after narrowly defeating last year's champions, MBA 2000. Counsel for Blake posted a big lead early in the final game, but saw it evaporate late as the MBA sharpshooters, in the words of team member and Assistant Professor of Law Rick Garnett, "started raining three-pointers like a monsoon." The NDLS team prevailed, however, thanks to the skills of first-year resident T. C. Couhig of Painesville, Ohio, Martin Kappenman of Madison, South Dakota, Fred Marczyk of Absecon, New Jersey, Kevin Stella of Carmel, Indiana, and Charles Wenzel of Las Vegas, Nevada, and thanks to the sharp-shooting of team "ringer" and namesake, Blake Sanz, a graduate student in English from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

SBA Hosts "Link 3-on-3 Classic" for Charity

The Student Bar Association hosted its second annual Dean David T. Link 3-on-3 Basketball Classic tournament, open to faculty, students, administrators and staff, on April 16, and raised $400 to benefit the American Cancer Society. The winning "A League" team, Wolf Pack, included third-year students Justin Crawford of Portage, Michigan, Michael Galibois of Duxbury, Massachusetts, and Jason Schauer of Tacoma, Washington. The winning "B League" team, Stack Level 3, included second-year students Kevin Connolly of Hamburg, New York, Guy Conti of Berlin, Maryland, and Elton Johnson of South Bend.
New Courses for the Fall

This fall, NDLS students can select from a number of new courses offered by the faculty including:

- **Cyberspace and the Law**, taught by new Assistant Professor Patricia Bellia, explores various legal and policy problems that arise in cyberspace, issues of sovereignty and jurisdiction, legal and technological regulation of on-line speech, issues of privacy, anonymity and accountability, and ownership and protection of digital intellectual property. The course examines fundamental questions about how, if at all, existing legal rules should apply to new technologies that have arisen in recent years, particularly in regard to the global communications network that allows retrieval, storage and transmission of vast amounts of digital information at low cost and without regard for geographic boundaries.

- **International Law in the U.S. Legal System**, taught by Professor Dinah Shelton, examines international law as it forms part of the law of the United States, both as common law and pursuant to statutory laws. The course addresses constitutional issues of supremacy and the allocation of powers over foreign affairs, considers the interpretation and application of statutes giving effect to treaties and international customary law — such as the Federal Alien Tort Claim Act and the U.S. Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act — and examines litigation issues including jurisdiction, service of process and gathering of evidence abroad, forum non conveniens, choice of law and enforcement of foreign judgments.

- **Local Government Law**, taught by Assistant Professor Nicole Garnett, examines the laws regulating the relationship of local governments to citizens, state and federal governments. Topics covered in the course include forms of local government; the scope of local governmental power; statutory and constitutional limits on local governments; providing, financing and privatizing services; annexation, secession and other boundary issues; inter-local cooperation and conflict, especially between cities and their suburbs; and the growth of “private” regulatory bodies.

- **Mercy and Justice**, taught by Associate Professor Cathy Kaveny, explores the meaning of mercy, particularly in its relationship to justice. The course will focus on four major topics: mercy in its relation to retributive justice, exploring the role of mercy in criminal sentencing as well as broader questions of retribution and wrongdoing; mercy in its relation to distributive justice, exploring the corporal works of mercy; mercy in its relationship to social justice, exploring whether solidarity is an aspect of social justice or the social face of mercy; and divine mercy, exploring the various ways theologians have attempted to reconcile divine mercy and divine justice. Professor Kaveny plans a series of interdisciplinary readings for the class, drawing on legal, philosophical and theological sources.

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**OUR FRIENDS DOWN UNDER •••**

...at the University of Notre Dame-Australia Law School have brought pride to the Notre Dame name in the southern hemisphere, after a runaway win in Australia’s inaugural university academic challenge. A report in *The West Australian* noted that our sister school, “the new kids on the block when it comes to law schools, threatened the established University of Western Australia team.” The law school’s dean, Greg Craven, recounted in typical, unreserved Australian fashion, “It’s nice to see that true intellect, youth and brains still count.”

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**LAW BALL AT HALL OF FAME**

The Student Bar Association held this year’s Law Ball at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend on March 25. The evening’s activities included a tour of the museum, a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing.
 Antonio Carlos Pereira, a professor at the University of Santiago de Compostela, delivered a lecture titled "Have European Courts Become More Activist than the U.S. Supreme Court?" at NDLS in February.

 Takashi Kamada, a criminal prosecutor in Japan who spent the 1999-2000 academic year at NDLS as a visiting scholar, spoke on his career and experiences to NDLS students at a talk sponsored by the Asian Law Students Association and the International Law Students Association in March.

 Ellen Bravo, co-director of the 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women, spoke on "Why All Employees Need a Women-Friendly Workplace" at the University in March. The event was co-sponsored by the Law School and the University's Departments of Economics, Gender Studies and American Studies, the Higgins Labor Research Center, the Center for Social Concerns and the South Bend Heritage Partnership for Community Development.

 The Faculty Colloquium series continued in the spring semester with Donna M. Nagy, professor of law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, who spoke on selective disclosure and insider trading; in March. Wendy Wagner, professor of law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, followed with her April talk on "Silenced Citizens in Environmental Law."


 Professor Gerard V. Bradley, co-director of the Natural Law Institute, planned the event.

 Vincent R. Johnson '78 J.D., professor of law at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, and Thomas L. Shaffer '61 J.D., Short Professor Emeritus at NDLS, participated in a program on "Ethics in Public and Professional Life" sponsored by the NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LAW, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY in April at NDLS. Professor Johnson spoke on "The Virtues and Limits of Codes of Legal Ethics," in which he emphasized the limitations of such codes, including the limits of language, the inability of a single code to cover all areas of professional conduct and the difficulty of integrating moral principles with ethical rules. Professor Shaffer spoke on "Nuclear Weapons, Lethal Injection and American Catholics: Faith Confronting Civil Religion," in which he explained the conflict between American "civil religion" — that is, a system of beliefs built around civil law — and religious faith.

 Tuition for 2000-01 academic year has increased 5.2 percent, to $23,780.

 U.S. NEWS RELEASES LAW SCHOOL RANKINGS

 In its 2000 rankings of Law Schools, U.S. News & World Report ranked NDLS 26th, down from 21st last year and tied with the law schools at Emory University and the University of Washington. The trial advocacy program continues its top-10 ranking, tied for sixth place this year with New York University; last year, the program was ranked eighth with two other schools.

 News from the Career Services Office

 Be Part of Fall On-Campus Interviewing

 Over 210 employers have signed up to participate in the fall on-campus interview program, which extends from early September through mid-October. If you want to participate in this excellent opportunity to hire an outstanding law student for summer or permanent employment, CSO administrative assistant Trish Dunn will be happy to help you find a convenient date and time. Please contact her at the Career Services Office at (219) 631-7542 or by email at dunn.35@nd.edu.

 SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH NDLS STUDENTS

 The CSO appreciates the efforts of alumni who return to campus and conduct programs that give students insights into the practice of law in general, specific practice areas and types of employers. If you would like to come to campus and share your experiences with NDLS students, please contact the office at (219) 631-7542.
Immigration Clinic Gives Students Meaningful Learning Opportunities

During the spring semester, students in the Notre Dame Immigration Clinic handled approximately 134 open cases involving individuals from all over the world. Many cases involved asylum proceedings for clients who had been subjected to various forms of persecution in their home countries. As a result of the hard work of second-year students Sean O’Brien ’95 and Dav Odric, both of South Bend, the Immigration and Naturalization Service granted asylum to two ethnic Hungarians and Dav Odric, both of South Bend, the various forms of persecution in their home involving individuals from all over the world. The students prepared the required paperwork and Mr. O’Brien argued the cases before the INS asylum officers. Peter Tomas-Morgan ’98 J.D., ’99 J.I.M., assisted by Mr. O’Brien, brought a successful conclusion to a case he had been working on for a number of years—first as a student, then as a practicing attorney at Legal Aid Services of Northern Indiana in South Bend. He secured asylum for a woman and her five young children who had fled Chechnya.

Erin Farrell, a third-year student from Lake Forest, Illinois, represented a Moslem, Somali family from Kenya who initially came to the clinic seeking asylum based on their HIV-positive status, which represents an impossible proposition for someone from Africa. But because of research she had done in college, Ms. Farrell knew to ask the woman if she had been subjected to ritual circumcision and whether she feared the same for her daughter. After a lot of hard work and research, Ms. Farrell secured asylum for the family based on the fear that their daughter would be subjected to such a procedure if they were forced to return to Kenya. Following this successful effort, Ms. Farrell also secured legal permanent resident status for a Nigerian father of six.

Melanie Laffin, a first-year student from Tampa, Florida, and Mr. O’Brien each represented clients from Rwanda in difficult asylum cases that have now moved on to the next stage of review before the appellate courts. Meaghan Murphy, a third-year student from Wilmette, Illinois, and Michael Durham, a second-year student from South Bend, have taken on the case of a couple from Rwanda who had been so brutalized that it has proven extremely difficult to get their story. The students have been working closely with the Kovler Center for the Treatment of Torture Survivors in Chicago to ensure that they present the case accurately to the Judge. The judge has given them high praise for the work they have done so far, and credits the students with changing his mind on the significant issues in the case.

Tammy Greenwald, a third-year student from Batesville, Indiana, and Mark Farrell, a first-year student from Dayton, Ohio, get the Immigration Clinic award for handling the most NACARA cases, which allow people from Guatemala and El Salvador who requested asylum in the early 1990s to show that they are entitled to adjust their status here in the United States. These cases require a lot of hard work, a ream of paper and much patience! Third-years Marisa Salazar of San Antonio, Texas, and Perry DeLay of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, took on a battered-spouse petition before the INS, and Kate Murphy, a third-year student from Tampa, Florida, has won several battles with the INS and its bureaucracy thanks to her sheer perserverance.

In addition to handling cases and dealing with clients, the Immigration Clinic serves an educational function in the broader community, which has a significant variety of immigration law matters and continues to work with the clinic on a class-action suit. Ryan Lahn ’99 J.D. practices immigration law as well as business law at Siebers Maltoney, P.C., in Holland, Michigan. And finally, Ling Yang ’99 J.D. keeps involved in immigration-law issues. Although she engages in a transactional practice for Katten, Muchin & Zavis in Chicago, she has volunteered at Midwest Immigrants Rights in Chicago and is representing Chinese asylum clients.

All in all, it was a terrific semester. Immigration Clinic students had a number of wonderful successes helping those who have suffered persecution all around the globe and have come to the United States looking for a safe and healthy life. And the continued efforts of our recent graduates who practice immigration law either full-time or as volunteers show how Notre Dame lawyers find meaningful ways to turn their scholarship into service.

— Barbara Szweda, Director, Notre Dame Immigration Clinic
Are you changing jobs or moving, or do you have news to share?

You can submit information for inclusion in the "Alumni Notes" section of this magazine, communicate with your class secretary to submit information for inclusion in the "Class Notes" section of NOTRE DAME magazine, and submit address changes on-line through the Law School’s web site at www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/alumni/touch.htm. You can also fax, mail or e-mail your information to the Law School Relations Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need any information about Law School programs or activities either on campus or in your local area, if you have an address or job change announcement, or if you don’t know exactly whom to call to help you with your particular needs, please contact:

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Or visit us on the World Wide Web at http://www.law.nd.edu, which provides an events calendar and other information relevant to alumni and allows alumni to communicate directly with various Law School offices and faculty, administrators or staff.

Fall Home-Football Weekend CLE Series Continues

This fall, the Law School will offer continuing legal education programs on the mornings of select home-football weekends:

**September 16, 2000**
ND vs. Purdue

**October 28, 2000**
ND vs. Air Force

**November 11, 2000**
ND vs. Boston College

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one of these programs, featuring NDLS faculty. Each program provides two hours of CLE credit, including at least one hour of ethics credit. The program registration fee is $50 per program, and participants can purchase up to two football tickets to that day’s game on a first-come, first-served basis. All attorneys, and others interested in the topics, are welcome to attend.

Program information was mailed to those on the CLE mailing list in late July. If you would like to receive information, please contact the Law School Relations Office. Further information on CLE programs is available on-line at www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/alumni/cle.html.
Get Involved with the Class of 2004

Studies conducted by the Law School Admissions Council indicate that personal contact — with students, faculty, administrators and alumni — has the greatest influence on an individual's decision to attend a particular law school. For that reason, the Admissions Office depends on alumni volunteers to establish and maintain contact with prospective students across the country, to ensure that NDLS enrolls a class full of wonderful future Notre Dame lawyers.

Thank you, to the over 100 alumni who participated in Admissions Office activities during 1999-2000. Alumni outreach efforts included representing the Law School at information fairs across the country and contacting admitted students to encourage them to select NDLS as their first-choice law school.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Admissions Office in its efforts to contact prospective students for the Class of 2004, please contact either the Law School Relations Office or the Admissions Office.

Alumni Endorsements

To attract an academically superior class filled with students who exhibit leadership potential, we need the combined efforts of all members of the NDLS community — faculty, administration, staff, current students and, of course, our alumni and friends. The personal attention we give to every admitted student helps ensure that we enroll students who will excel in our academic programs and who will contribute their time and talents to our community.

We invite you to bring top candidates to our attention. If you would like to provide application materials to someone whom you believe will continue the tradition of outstanding Notre Dame lawyers, please contact our Admissions Office at (219) 631-6626. We will send you an application booklet. Simply sign and date the top of the front page of the application form before giving it to your prospective applicant. In appreciation of your endorsement, we will waive the application fee for an individual of special interest to you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out how you can help recruit the next generation of Notre Dame lawyers, please contact us by e-mail (preferred):

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CCHR Receives Grant for Rwandan Genocide Project

In July, the CCHR received a grant from the Open Society Institute to fund a clerkship program at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania.

The two-year grant of $80,000 will be used to provide promising graduates of human rights programs such as Notre Dame's with an opportunity to gain practical experience while providing valuable assistance to the Rwandan Tribunal.

Established by the United Nations Security Council in the aftermath of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, the ICTR has cooperated with the governments of Rwanda and other countries to bring to justice those most responsible for the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in the great lakes region. Since then, in spite of major obstacles, the ICTR already has made some significant achievements, including obtaining the first-ever international convictions for the crime of genocide and the first-ever guilty plea by a former prime minister.
The CCHR staff notes that the ICTR has not received the international attention enjoyed by its counterpart, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). The ICTY training and internship components provided invaluable assistance to the tribunal and allowed a number of promising young lawyers to develop their careers through that unique educational opportunity. The limited publicity for the Rwandan effort, combined with the tribunal's location in Arusha, Tanzania, has made it more difficult for the ICTR to attract equally qualified, committed and experienced staff. Rather than viewing these factors as impediments to success, however, the CCHR staff has found it to be an important opportunity to train and empower promising lawyers from Africa in the international legal system and its application. Toward this end, the CCHR has designed a project in cooperation with the staff of the ICTR to support a clerkship program at the tribunal.

The CCHR continues its commitment to furthering the development of the international framework of accountability, especially in Africa, and is training a pool of dedicated lawyers and advocates in the effective use of these institutions. The two-year program of ICTR activities funded by this grant will significantly expand CCHR's current efforts in this area.

**Ellen Messer**, research professor at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, presided over a roundtable discussion of her current project, "Hunger and Human Rights: Religious Promise and Practice," at the center in March. Professor Messer is a former director of the institute and the author of many publications in the areas of anthropology and human rights, the anthropology of food and nutrition, and anthropological approaches to religion. The discussion was co-sponsored by the CCHR and the University’s Department of Anthropology.

**Arnold Kohen**, president of the Humanitarian Project in Washington, D.C., delivered a lecture on "Crimes Committed Against the People of East Timor." Mr. Kohen is the author of the official biography of Bishop Carlos Belo, as well as numerous editorials and other opinion pieces on a wide range of international humanitarian and human-rights issues concerning East Timor and Indonesia. He also has been involved in human-rights efforts regarding East Timor and other international issues.

**Justice Laurence Ackerman**, of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, spoke in April on "Constitutionalism and Human Rights in South Africa." Prior to his current appointment, Justice Ackerman served as a judge in different provincial divisions of the Supreme Court in South Africa as well as on the Lesotho Court of Appeal. He also served as an acting judge of appeal on the Supreme Court of Namibia. His career as a judge was interrupted in 1987 when he inaugurated the Harry Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights at the University of Stellenbosch, the first of its kind in South Africa.

**Patricia Feeney**, policy director for OXFAM-UK, one of the largest development/relief agencies in the United Kingdom, gave a talk in April on "The rights-based approach to development: Is it working?" Her talk examined the impact of the Vienna Declaration, formulated at the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, on development. Ms. Feeney, who has a particular interest in issues of accountability, participation and redress, has focused her work on promoting social and economic rights and on scrutinizing the policies and programs of official aid agencies such as the World Bank. She has also studied the problems associated with involuntary displacement in Latin America, Africa and Asia. At OXFAM, she set up an aid quality program, which examines the extent to which development assistance respects its own guidelines and international human-rights standard.

**Juan Garcés**, the Spanish lawyer who initiated the prosecution of General Augusto Pinochet in Spain, discussed the prosecution and, in particular, the principles of universal jurisdiction on behalf of the victims. Dr. Garcés himself was almost a victim of Pinochet’s military coup, and he has broken new ground in areas of human rights and international law. The CCHR co-sponsored his subsequent appearances in Chicago with the Heartland Alliance, Chicago-Kent School of Law and the University of Chicago Human Rights Program.
Paul Polking Succeeds Pat McCartan as Chair of the Order of St. Thomas More

Paul J. Polking ’59, ’66 J.D. recently accepted the important role of successor to Patrick F. McCartan Jr. ’56, ’59 J.D. as chair of the Law School’s Order of St. Thomas More. Mr. Polking’s many talents and his dedication to the Law School and its mission make him the ideal candidate to build upon Mr. McCartan’s legacy of leadership of the order.

Mr. Polking earned his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 1959. He served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant (j.g.) from 1959 to 1963, returned to Notre Dame and graduated from the Law School in 1966. He has served with distinction on the Law School Advisory Council since 1994. A resident of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Polking is executive vice president and general counsel for the Bank of America Corporation. In this position, he has overall responsibility for providing legal representation to the corporation and its subsidiaries. A member of the bars of North Carolina and Iowa, he is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

He and his wife Joan, a 1968 graduate of the Catholic University of America, are the parents of five children: Christian, Patrick, Paul, Jonathan and Caroline. Patrick and Jonathan are Notre Dame graduates, and Caroline currently attends Saint Mary’s College.

In accepting the responsibilities of this vital role for Law School advancement, Mr. Polking follows in the footsteps of Mr. McCartan, who was elected chair of the University’s Board of Trustees in May (please see page 21). Through Mr. McCartan’s leadership as chair of the order from 1996 until earlier this spring, membership tripled from 150 to 450. The Law School owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude for the time, talents and energies that he has devoted to the order and for the growth in support that flowed directly from his efforts.

Established in 1982, the Order of St. Thomas More honors those individuals who, in a special way, support the mission of the Law School. Members contribute $1,000 or more annually to the Law School. Members may designate their gifts for the General Law Fellowship Fund, the Krege Law Library, or any of the Law School’s Special Fellowship Funds (including established endowed fellowships such as the Reverend Michael D. McCafferty, C.S.C., Fellowship and the Professor Edward J. Murphy Fellowship). The Law School uses gifts left unrestricted by donors entirely for expendable fellowship support for deserving students.

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Director of Law School Advancement

Bill and Ann Hart Wernz Gift to Loan Forgiveness Fund Honors Professors Rodes and Shaffer

Bill Wernz ’77 J.D. and Ann Hart Wernz ’75 J.D. recently made a generous gift to the Notre Dame Law School in honor of Professors Robert E. Rodes Jr. and Thomas L. Shaffer ’61 J.D. This benefaction is particularly notable because the Wernzes wrote to Professors Rodes and Shaffer expressing their intention to make a gift in their honor, and sought the professors’ guidance with respect to how the funds should be used. In their letter, the Wernzes told Professors Rodes and Shaffer:

“We are everlastingly grateful for our years as part of the Notre Dame community. We have sometimes been frustrated trying to explain to other lawyers what was so deep and unique about the community. We’d like to just say: ‘If you knew Rodes and Shaffer and some others, you would know.’ For us, you are the essence of what the Law School has been for several decades.

“You have helped us live our lives in the law and in our families in ways we regard with pride and gratitude. Your teaching, your reflections about what really matters in life and law, your warmth and fraternity, have all counted greatly for us.”

These words provide powerful testimony to the remarkable impact that Professors Rodes and Shaffer have had through the years — not only on the Wernzes, but on literally thousands of Notre Dame Law School graduates. Professors Rodes and Shaffer have asked that the Wernzes’ gift be designated to help build an endowment for the Law School’s loan forgiveness program. The loan forgiveness program will provide much-needed financial assistance to help defray the onerous loan burdens of Law School graduates who choose to pursue modestly paying public-interest careers in the law. The Wernzes’ gift will serve as an important catalyst in helping to build momentum for this important Law School initiative. They hope that their expression of gratitude to the two Law School professors who most influenced their personal and professional lives will encourage fellow graduates to offer similar faculty tributes by providing financial support for the Law School’s funding priorities.

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