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FATHER BILL LEWERS, HUMAN-RIGHTS CHAMPION, DIES AT 69

The entire NDLS community mourns the death of a good priest, a good lawyer, a good teacher and scholar, and a good friend. On April 19, Rev. William M. Lewers, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, following a lengthy illness. A former Provincial Superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Bill was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame, a professor of law and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights in the Notre Dame Law School, and a Fellow in the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Born in Kansas City in 1927, he was graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in 1948. In 1950, he earned his J.D. with honors, also from the University of Illinois. At Illinois he was editor-in-chief of the UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW FORUM. After two years of graduate work at Yale Law School, he served on the law faculties of the University of Kentucky and of the University of Illinois. He also practiced law in Kansas City before entering the Congregation of Holy Cross. He studied theology at Holy Cross College in Washington from 1961 to 1965 and was ordained to the priesthood at Notre Dame’s Sacred Heart in 1965.

Following his ordination, Father Bill taught at NDLS for two years and then, on leave from the Law School, served as a visiting professor of law at the Catholic University of Chile and Director of Professed Seminarians at the Holy Cross Community Center in Santiago. He returned to NDLS in 1969 and served as Director of Notre Dame’s London Centre in 1971-72.

In 1973, Father Bill was elected Provincial Superior of the Indiana Province, a post he held until 1979. After his service as Provincial, he spent a sabbatical year at the Trappist Monastery in Santiago. He then served as Superior at Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix for a year, after which he joined the staff of Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colorado. From 1983-88, Father Bill served the Catholic Bishops of the United States as Director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the United States Catholic Conference in Washington. He returned to NDLS as Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights in 1988. He was a driving force in initiating Notre Dame’s Master of Laws Program in International Human-Rights Law, which has brought lawyers from numerous countries together for specialized study and research in this vital field. He also received a Ford Foundation Grant to underwrite the translation and publication, by the University of Notre Dame Press, of the report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation, which documented human-rights abuses during the former military regime in that country.

The University awarded Father Bill an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 1979, and the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 1996 gave him its Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Award, which honors outstanding achievements in the fields of government or public service.

Father Bill served on the Board of Trustees of Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, from 1972.
to 1979. As Provincial Superior he served ex officio on the Board of Regents of the University of Portland and the Board of Fellows and Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame. He was returned to the Board of Trustees of Notre Dame by election in 1984. He was a member of the Missouri Bar and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, the American Society of International Law, and the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. He is survived by a niece and two nephews.

A Wake Service took place at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, on April 23. The Funeral Mass and Rites of Christian Burial were celebrated at Sacred Heart on April 24. Burial followed immediately at the Community Cemetery at Notre Dame.

We will miss this champion of human rights, this mentor, this friend. He will be missed in the classroom, in his office, and at the luncheon table at the Club. We will remember how staunchly he defended the dignity and rights of all people. We will remember, as well, his warmth and his wit. His views on issues ranging from Bosnia to baseball, from Chile to the new football stadium, and from national politics to Law School trivia, were always readily forthcoming, often provocative, but always gently delivered. Well beyond that, however, he taught us both how to live and how to die. Peace, Bill, and thanks!

THIRD YEAR STUDENT DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Joe Ciraolo, a third-year student at NDLS, died April 23 of a heart attack. Joe collapsed at The Huddle in late afternoon. Funeral services took place on April 28 at St Philip the Apostle Church, in Cheektowaga, New York. Dean Link, Fr. Pearson, and a large delegation of students attended the funeral.

Joe’s parents are Russell R. and Diane M. Ciraolo, 56 Knollwood Drive, Cheektowaga, New York 14227. Please keep them, Joe, and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

TOM SHAFFER RETIRES FROM NDLS

Tom Shaffer, a mainstay of the Law School for decades, has informed the Dean and the faculty that he will retire at the end of the current academic year. The news, which came as a surprise to most, reflects a tremendous loss to the faculty, to the students, and to our Legal Aid Clinic. The Robert E. and Marion D. Short Professor, Tom has been an integral part of the School, in one way or another—and usually many—since he entered NDLS as a student in 1958.

Tom did his undergraduate work at the University of Albuquerque, receiving his B.A. there in 1958. At NDLS, he was editor-in-chief of the NOTRE DAME LAWYER, as the law review was called then. Admitted to practice in Indiana in 1961, he joined Barnes, Hickam, Paniter & Boyd, in Indianapolis, as an associate. He returned to Notre Dame, this time as a member of the faculty, in 1961. He became a full professor in 1966. He served as Dean from 1971 through 1975.

During his academic career, Tom has traveled. He did visiting-professor stints at U.C.L.A., the University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee. He joined Washington and Lee as a permanent member of its faculty in 1980, and was named to a chair there in 1987. He returned to Notre Dame yet again in 1988. Since 1991, he has served as supervising attorney in the Legal Aid Clinic.

Among the most prolific authors in North America—if not the world—Tom published, among other things, PLANNING AND DRAFTING WILLS AND TRUSTS, in 1972 (now in its third edition); AMERICAN LEGAL ETHICS, in 1985;
FATH AND THE PROFESSIONS, in 1987; and, with his daughter Mary, AMERICAN LAWYERS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, in 1991. Besides his clinical teaching, Tom has taught Estates; Law and Religion; Legal Counseling; and Legal Ethics.

Although Tom expects to continue working in the Clinic, his retirement constitutes a major loss for both faculty members and students. He was the consummate scholar: It has been said of Tom that he could wring an article out of a bad bottle of wine. He was the caring, insightful teacher, indeed mentor. Most of all, he was good friend. We look forward, Tom, to your continued association with the Law School. Meanwhile, we thank you and wish you well!

NDLS #11 IN NATIONAL JURIST SURVEY OF LAW SCHOOLS

In the NATIONAL JURIST's most recent survey of "The 50 Best Law Schools," Notre Dame ranked #11. The magazine's rankings rested on five factors: quality of teaching, employment rate, faculty-student relations, reputation among lawyers, and bar-passage rate. The magazine selected these factors through a survey asking law students to rate the importance of thirty-nine different factors in selecting a law school.

Quality of teaching, which students identified as the single most important factor, garnered 30% of a school's overall score. Employment rate, ranked as the second most important by students, represented 20%. Both faculty-student relations and reputation among attorneys weighed in at 17.5%. Finally, bar-passage rate was worth 15%.

The data on quality of teaching and faculty-student relations came from a PRINCETON REVIEW-sponsored survey of 28,000 students at 170 ABA-accredited law schools in 1995 and 1996. Data on employment rates and reputation among attorneys came from the 1997 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT law-school rankings. Data on bar-passage rates were culled from the ABA's new book, ABA APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS: STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS.

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JCUL HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

On April 4, in the NDLS Courtroom, the JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW hosted a symposium entitled "Student Affairs." Professors Robert Bickel and Peter Lake, of Stetson University, spoke specifically about the changing role of in loco parentis. Their topic: "The Reconceptualization of In Loco Parentis: The Relationship Between The University and Its Students Regarding the Safety of the Learning Environment." A reception in the student lounge followed the lecture.
MEDIA INTERVIEW
BLAKEY ON
JAMES EARL RAY’S
NEW-TRIAL PLEA

James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty in 1969 to Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination, now seeks to overturn that conviction on the basis of “new scientific evidence.” Ray’s defense team seeks to test the rifle with an electron microscope.

Bob Blakey, Chief Counsel in 1979 of the House Select Committee on Assassinations that looked into Dr. King’s death, has been interviewed regarding this development by NBC, Court T.V., The Christian Broadcast Network, The New York Times, and The Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Bob does not expect the new tests to change the verdict of history. Ray’s guilty plea was tested in federal court and found voluntary; it was also amply corroborated independently of the rifle, which could not in 1968 or 1979 be conclusively established as the murder weapon. In Bob’s view, even if the new tests showed that the weapon found at the scene did not fire the bullet that killed Dr. King, the other evidence would still stand. Bob suspects that the King family, which supports the request for a new trial for Ray, is being exploited by Oliver Stone, who has a contract to do a movie on Dr. King’s life, as he did on President John F. Kennedy’s.

NDLS ALUM TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE

Ann Claire Williams, NDLS ’75 and U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University at the 1997 Commencement. Judge Williams has been a member of the University’s Board of Trustees since 1988.

She received her bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University and a master’s in guidance and counseling from the University of Michigan. Before her appointment by President Reagan to the federal bench in 1985, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago and as a trial and supervising attorney. She chairs the Court Administration and Case Management Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference and serves as treasurer of the Federal Judges Association. She has taught in many law schools throughout the country and with the Notre Dame-based National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Congratulations!

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Courtesy of Brother Tom, NDLS UPDATE has come into possession of an article, from the March 6, 1953, issue of The Scholastic, recounting Dean Joseph O’Meara’s plan to abandon the largely elective system of the Law School in favor of “a prescribed program of instruction.” The newly appointed dean stated—and, in the words of Dave Barry, I am not making this up: “There still will be electives in the Notre Dame College of Law, but they will be offered in the summer session.”

Jennifer Girard has been named the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Graduate Student for 1997. The formal announcement will take place at the Alumni Association’s Luncheon on May 2. Congratulations, Jen! We’re proud.

NDLS ALUM TOUTED BY NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

Carl H. Hitchner, NDLS ’73 and a partner at Los Angeles’ Foley, Lardner, Weisburg & Aronson, was listed in the April 7, 1997, issue of The National Law Journal among “40 Health Care Lawyers Who Have Made Their Mark.” Last year Carl helped create the largest non-profit health system in the United States, comprising sixty-one hospitals and twenty-two states. The creation stemmed from consolidating Catholic Health Corporation of Omaha, the Franciscan Health System of Aston, Pennsylvania, and the Sisters of Charity Health Care System of Cincinnati into one hospital-based integrated delivery system called Catholic Health Initiative. His principal clients also include the University of California, the University of San Francisco, and Stanford University.

NDLS UPDATE
MARY YU SPEAKS AT NDLS

Mary Yu, NDLS '93 and a prosecutor in King County, Washington, spoke at NDLS on April 11. She chose as her topic: "Practicing Law: A Multifaceted Perspective." A question-and-answer session followed. The Asian-American Law Students Association and the Women's Legal Forum sponsored the event, at which lunch was served and following which a reception took place in the lounge.

ALUM HONORED FOR POSTER CONTEST

John C. Fine, NDLS '67, recently received the Charlie Brown Memorial Award from the National Association of Underwater Instructors. The award honors individuals for their personal efforts toward educating others about the marine environment. John was honored for his work as an active volunteer in many environmental endeavors, in general, and, in particular, his creation of the International Poster Contest for Youth.

The theme for this year's poster contest is "S.O.S. - Save Our Sharks." A panel of judges will choose the best works in several categories. Medals will go to the winners, who will also get a chance to see their work used in brochures, magazines, and other publications.

John did both his undergraduate work and his master's degree in marine biology at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. As an assistant attorney general in New York, he performed legal investigative work on issues, including toxic-waste dumping, that gained him recognition. John also has worked as a police officer, photographer, foreign missionary, and scuba-diving instructor. He has written fifteen books on the environment.

LAW REVIEW "PROPTER" AUTHOR RECOGNIZED

Several years ago, the LAW REVIEW instituted its Propter Honoris Respectum issues (publication "by reason of respect for honor"). These issues appear as warranted, but usually once each year, and highlight new writing of distinguished and highly regarded scholars. The issues have been enormously successful because the faculty has helped the REVIEW identify notable scholars, and the REVIEW has given these scholars substantial lead times to write. Frequently, the REVIEW invites commentators on the work of the featured scholar, and publishes a bibliography and short biographical statement of the Propter author. The finished products have brought considerable notice to the REVIEW.

One of the REVIEW's Propter honorees, Carol Rose of Yale, has now had the article she prepared for Volume 71, "Property As the Keystone Right?", selected by her academic peers as one of the best articles of the year. In recognition, her Notre Dame article will be reprinted in the 1997 LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW ANNUAL ISSUE.

We congratulate Professor Rose and remind any faculty member wishing to have someone considered by the LAW REVIEW board for a future Propter to forward nominations to David LaSota, next year's Propter editor.

UCLA LAW PROF WINS OLIVAREZ AWARD

On April 2, Professor Cruz Reynoso came to NDLS to accept the Graciela Olivarez Award. At the ceremony in the NDLS Courtroom, both Dean Link and Jimmy Gurule introduced Professor Reynoso to the Law School community. Professor Reynoso made remarks and answered questions. Immediately afterward, the Hispanic Law Students Association hosted a reception at the Morris Inn in the recipient's honor.

Professor Reynoso serves on the faculty of the UCLA Law School and is vice-chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He has served as a Justice of the California Supreme Court.

The award commemorates Graciela Olivarez, who never finished high school but accepted Father Hesburgh's challenge to go to law school. In 1970, she was graduated from NDLS, the first
woman to do so. In 1978, the University conferred an honorary degree on her. She perhaps made her greatest impact on civil rights and poverty programs through her work as assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in the Carter Administration. Despite her early death in 1987, she provided an outstanding role model for minorities and, indeed, for all Americans.

PRATT PROGENY PROSPERS

Jack Pratt's son, Daniel, finished tenth in the World Cadet Fencing Championships, held in Tenerife (Canary Islands) during Easter week. The Cadet category comprises fencers under seventeen years of age. Daniel earned a spot on the United States team by ranking among the top three fencers nationally in his age group; rankings reflect points accumulated through an entire year of fencing. Daniel's only other international experience came as a member of the United States Junior Pan-American Team in 1995, when he fenced in Martinique. Even so, his tenth-place finish in Tenerife constituted the highest finish by any United States sabre fencer, and the fourth-highest finish among all thirty fencers on the United States team.

Daniel has fenced for about six years; he fences locally with the Indiana Fencing Academy in Mishawaka, coached there by Janusz Bednarski, former coach of the Polish Olympic Team. A junior at Trinity School, Daniel plays a mean piano and, perhaps less to the delight of his parents, just secured his driver's license. Congratulations to Daniel and his family on the marvelous achievement in Tenerife.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Have you wondered who the new people are in the Office of Admissions? Mary Colglazier and Pat Wituski joined the staff in January, during the hectic season for admissions. Since they are just now seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel", stop by to say "Hello" and to congratulate them on a job well done!

NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

On April 16, the Library hosted a lunch-hour session for summer associates. Three area law librarians spoke with students on research in a practice setting. The librarians later made guest appearances in Lucy Payne's advanced-legal-research class.

Roger F. Jacobs was recently a guest of the British Library Council for a five-day study tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland, law libraries and legal institutions.

On April 11 and 12, Lucy Salsbury Payne, Research Librarian, attended TechShow 97 in Chicago. Sponsored by the ABA Law Practice Management Section, TechShow 97 was the ABA's eleventh annual legal-technology conference and exhibition. Ninety sessions presented on five simultaneous educational tracks offered several opportunities for continuing-legal-education credits. Lawyers from firms of all sizes, librarians, legal administrators, information-systems managers and others who make decisions about using technology in the practice of law attended.

Lucy reports that she attended sessions on the Internet, ethics, and effective use of technology, especially in litigation. "The profusion of issues in civil procedure and discovery, evidence, copyright, and privacy resulting from the current use of technology struck me as implicating both the law-school curriculum and pedagogical approaches," Lucy remarked. She will report full details to the Research Department for developing new service initiatives.
On April 17 and 18, Joe Thomas attended a meeting of the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians at the CCE. Joe served on the planning committee for the conference and introduced several speakers.

On April 28, in the South Dining Hall, the Library held its annual Student Appreciation Breakfast. The event honors student-workers in the Library. Maureen Kramlich won the Kresge Library Student Service Award. Janis Johnston made the presentation.

Janis L. Johnston represented the Law School at the Conclave on Legal Education in Indiana, sponsored by the ABA Section on Legal Education and the Indiana State Bar Association. Janis also served as a consultant to the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library on reorganization of its technical-services department. Janis attended the "Bytes and Bricks Conference" at Washington University in St. Louis in March. The conference was the third in a series on law-school architecture sponsored by the ABA Section on Legal Education. Notre Dame hosted the first conference, in 1989.

Mr. Mohamed Gad ElHak, who will receive his LL.M. in May, will serve as a summer intern in the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University. Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni is President of the Institute. Mr. Gad ElHak's work will support Professor Bassiouni's project on the establishment of a permanent international criminal court.

The attorneys-general of twenty-one states are moving ahead on litigation against the cigarette industry. Bob Blakey is designing RICO-federal and RICO-state suits for them. He is working with Florida, Texas, and Arizona. Bob spent March 25 in New York City outlining for the Office of the Attorney General of New York the good news/bad news for RICO litigation under the federal statute.

On April 1, Bob attended the First Annual Heritage Dinner. This year's Dinner, held at the Pierre in New York City, honored Dr. Henry A. Kissinger. The Dinner raised money for the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, expected to open in September, 1997.

Louise Broderick, widow of former Prof Jack "Chief" Broderick, has a new address: Foulk Manor South, 407 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803.

Doug Kmiec's Arabian Horse, Royal, died on March 28, apparently from a lightning strike. Royal was twenty-two years old.

Keenan Kmiec, son of Doug and Carol Kmiec, will attend the University of Southern California this Fall. Keenan will target a career in business or medicine. Among his honors and activities: Presidential Scholar, USC; National Merit Scholarship Winner; National Latin Examination Award (two years), Trinity High School, South Bend; Malibu High School/Pepperdine University Honors Program in the Great Books; Scholar-Athlete Award, Malibu High School; Varsity and Performance Letters, Malibu High School Basketball; Advanced Placement Honors (Government); Music Awards, Trinity High School (two years); Intercollegiate Studies Institute Summer Scholarship in Humanities, Indiana University, Bloomington; Marine Biology Award, Malibu High School. When not busy accumulating such awards, Keenan serves as "Cartman" at Blackthorne Golf Course in South Bend.
Don Kommers was appointed to the committee to search for a Director of the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Pat Schiltz presented two seminars on litigation against religious organizations at a meeting of the Regional Executive Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches USA, in Tucson, Arizona, on March 25-26. Pat spoke on “Cameras in the Courtroom,” at the Annual Regional Conference of the Society of Professional Journalists in South Bend, on April 5.

Jay Tidmarsh published Civil Procedure: The Last Ten Years, in THE JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION.

Kitty Hoye has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Counselors of the Drake Law School. The Board meets twice a year and, through an extensive and active committee structure, reports to the Dean and the University President.

On April 1, Kitty’s husband, Bill, had additional surgery on his knee. Bill had broken his leg on January 22 as a result of a slip at his home and had undergone his first surgery on January 28. Kitty reports that the second surgery was successful.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Cathleen P. Black, President of Hearst Magazines and wife of Thomas E. Harvey, NDLS ’66, has been named chair of the University of Notre Dame’s Sorin Society, made up of alumni and other benefactors who contribute $1,000 or more annually to Notre Dame in unrestricted gifts. Cathleen, who also serves on the University’s Board of Trustees, was named one of the fifty most powerful women in the United States by LADIES HOME JOURNAL. She was president and chief executive officer of the Newspaper Association of America from 1991 through 1995, and served in a succession of executive roles with Gannett Company, including President and Publisher of USA TODAY. A 1966 graduate of Trinity College in Washington, D.C., Cathleen has been awarded six honorary doctorates and is a director of both Coca-Cola and IBM.

Jack Blakey, NDLS ’92, and his wife Christina announce the birth of a son, Joseph Robert, on April 11. Joeweighedin at 10.6 lbs; he was 23 inches long. Grandfather Bob figures that Notre Dame has just acquired the lineman it needs for the year 2015.

Stephen C. Bower, NDLS ’63, will be a member of the Faculty in a program entitled “Effectively Representing a Criminal Defendant in Multiple Defendant Cases.” The program will take place on May 2 at the ICLEF Conference Facility in Indianapolis.

Thomas A. Demetrio, NDLS ’69 and a partner at Chicago’s Corboy & Demetrio, made news in January when his $21 million verdict in a personal-injury case became, according to THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, the largest jury award that was ever sustained by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Christopher, the 18-year-old son of Mona Holland, NDLS ’94, died March 27 in a traffic accident. Funeral services took place on April 1 at St. Michael’s Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Mishawaka. Mona, who practices in Niles, lives at 19 S. 5th Street, Niles, Michigan 49120. Please remember Christopher, Mona, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

The late Professor John W. Houck, NDLS ’55 and former co-director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, was named the recipient of the Frank O’Malley Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Houck died.
on December 11, 1996. His anonymous nominator wrote: "When he passed away, the biggest heart on campus left with him."

Philip E. Kalamaros, NDLS '87 and a member of the firm of Edward N. Kalamaros and Associates, in South Bend, was inducted as a Fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation at the organization’s annual dinner meeting on April 17. Philip did his undergraduate work at Notre Dame, as well. The Fellows, organized in 1979, support educational and charitable projects for the advancement of the administration of justice and the public understanding of the law.

David H. Kelsey, NDLS '61, is president-elect of the New Mexico State Bar; he takes office in September 1997. David has practiced in New Mexico since 1961.

Jim Kirker, NDLS '70, has written a book entitled THE ADVENTURES OF SHAMUS O'MALLEY—THE PROPHECY OF LIGHT. Born and raised in Norwich, Connecticut, Jim was graduated with honors from St. Bonaventure University in 1967. Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, Jim has been actively engaged in the practice of law, principally in litigation, since 1992.

According to the “New Book Release,” Irish folklore vibrantly comes alive in this fascinating tale. The illness of a small child brings together many different people, who become bonded by a common denominator: their faith and hope. It is a tale of two worlds, one real, the other magical. It recounts the wondrous and fast-paced adventure of a leprechaun, Shamus O’Malley, and carries us down a path filled with suspense, fear, hope, and love. Plymouth Proclamation Press of Plymouth, Michigan, published the book.

David Kreuter, NDLS ’76 and president of Kreuter and Gordon, in St. Louis, is a candidate for Council Member in St. Louis. David did his undergraduate work, as well, at the University of Notre Dame, from which he was graduated magna cum laude and at which he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Married with two children, David is president of the Kiwanis Club of North County.

Patrick F. McCartan, NDLS ’59 and Managing Partner at Jones Day Reavis and Pogue, was cited by THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, in its April 28 edition, as one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."