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JUDGE ROBERT A. GRANT, NDLS ALUM, DIES AT 92

Judge Robert A. Granit, NDLS '30, died March 2 in Sarasota, Florida, of natural causes. His distinguished public service spanned six decades, including five terms in the United States Congress and forty years as a federal judge.

On September 3, 1992, the Law School named the Judges’ Robing Chamber adjacent to the Barry Moot Courtroom in honor of Judge Grant. The Federal Building in South Bend was named for him in 1992, the thirty-fifth anniversary of his appointment to the bench by President Eisenhower. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, whom he married sixty-four years ago. A daughter, a son, two grandchildren, a sister, and a brother also survive him.

A memorial service took place March 7 at the First United Methodist Church in South Bend. Dean Link delivered a eulogy.

FATHER BEAUCHAMP ELECTED TO USA GROUP BOARD

Father William Beauchamp, C.S.C., NDLS '75 and Executive Vice President of the University, has been elected to the Board of Directors of USA Group. The Indianapolis-based USA Group is the non-profit parent corporation to a family of companies that provide strategic solutions for education in the areas of education loans and other financial, information, and management-consulting services. With almost 2,900 employees in sixteen states and the District of Columbia, USA Group companies guarantee or process more than $9 billion in new student loans annually and administer a student-loan portfolio of more than $12 billion.

Now in his tenth year as Notre Dame’s Executive Vice President, Father Beauchamp oversees the University’s finances, business operations, and athletic program. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he teaches business law in the College of Business Administration.

He was graduated from the University of Detroit in 1964 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting and received a Master’s of Business Administration from the same institution two years later. He returned to his alma mater in 1989 to be honored as its alumnus of the year. He was ordained a priest in 1982.
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DON KOMMERS
TO RECEIVE
HONORARY DEGREE

Don Kommers has been
informed that the law faculty at
Heidelberg University has
unanimously agreed to offer him
an honorary degree. The
conferment of the degree will take
place on July 24 in the
auditorium of the “Old
University.” The degree honors
the extensive scholarship and
teaching that Don has done,
especially in the area of German-
American Comparative
Constitutional Law.

Congratulations, Don!

ALUM THOMAS CONNICK
WINS PRO BONO AWARD

Thomas Connick, Jr.,
NDLS ’74, has won a special
pro-bono award, given by the
Florida Bar. Connick, winner for
Broward County, was one of
twenty-three lawyers from around
the state honored because of their
contributions to the less
privileged. About one-third of
Connick’s work is done without
compensation—both for the local
Deerfield Beach Housing
Authority and for individual
clients who cannot pay.

Mr. Connick practices
law with his NDLS classmate,
Robert Boutwell. Mr. Connick
did his undergraduate work at
Siena College. Mr. Connick, 50,
has been married twenty-seven
years to Rosemary Connick, a
teacher at David’s Catholic
School in Davie. They have
three teen-age children (and
several large dogs).

NDLS ALUM
“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

Harold Ray, NDLS ’81,
Senior Pastor of Redemptive Life
Fellowship in West Palm Beach,
and a Bishop of the Kingdom
Dominion Church Network, was
recently featured in a newspaper
article entitled Ten Black Men
Who Are Making A Difference.
Appearing in the February 23
edition of The Palm Beach
Post, the article lists the wide
range of public-interest activities
in which he is involved: he chairs
the W.I.N. Community
Development Corporation, and
serves as a board member of
Comprehensive Alcohol
Rehabilitation Network and of
the American Lung Association
of South Florida. W.I.N., a wing
of Redemptive Life, provides
business training and mentor
programs for inner-city youth.

The article notes that
Mr. Ray found his father to be a
strong role model because “of his
self-assurance, his inherent
fairness and his temperamental
consistency.”

In the article, Mr. Ray
noted that although he was “the
number-one litigator” in his
graduating class at NDLS, he
received far fewer interviews
(five) than a white senior would
have gotten. Moreover, “none of
those five employers offered me a
job.” The situation forced him
to excel on his own and to build a
law firm from the start.

NDLS GRAD
CANDIDATE FOR
TREASURER IN ILLINOIS

Jerome P. Genova,
NDLS ’92 and currently the
mayor of Calumet City, was a
candidate for State Treasurer in
the March 17 Illinois election.
Mr. Genova was elected to a
second term as mayor in 1997.
He did his undergraduate work in
political science at DePaul
University. He is married and
the father of three young
children.

LAW SCHOOL HIRES
TWO NEW
STAFF MEMBERS

Dean Link announced
on March 20 the hiring of two
new members of the NDLS staff.
Margaret Edgington will be a
senior staff assistant for the
Admissions Office, where she
will act as receptionist/assistant.
Margaret will also support Deans
Leonard, Pratt, and Father
McDonald. She comes to us as a
transfer employee from the
University’s Licensing
Department. Margaret’s first day
of work in the Law School was
March 30.

Kelley Collins will be
the senior staff assistant for the
Journal of College and
University Law (JCUL). Some
readers may remember Kelley,
who formerly worked for NITA
when it was located here in the
Law School. Most recently she
has worked as an Associate
Director for a day-care center.
Kelley will begin work at JCUL on April 1. A hearty “Welcome” to both! 

LIBRARY ADDS FACULTY MEMBER

Sandra S. Klein has joined the library faculty at the rank of Associate Librarian. She assumes the functional responsibilities of associate technical-services librarian. In this role she will assist Joe Thomas with all the management aspects of ordering, processing, cataloging and classifying new materials for the collection. With the application of the Innovative Interfaces integrated library system to the totality of library operations, Mrs. Klein will also assist Joe with the numerous liaison functions with this significant vendor.

Mrs. Klein, a native of Illinois, received her higher education at the University of Illinois, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science, a Master of Education in Educational Policy Analysis, and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science. She served for seven years in the technical-services department of the University of Illinois Law Library and for the past four years as human-resources librarian at Western Carolina University. Mrs. Klein is a member of the leading library organizations and has published bibliographic essays in the Legal Reference Services Quarterly.

She is married to Gregory E. High, an Illinois lawyer who is also a candidate for the MLSIS at the University of Illinois. We welcome her to NDLS.

KHADJIA ELMAADMAD PRESENTS LECTURES & WORKSHOPS AT NDLS

Khadija Eldmadmad, Professor of Public Law at the University of Casablanca, recently presented a lecture series and conducted two workshops at NDLS. The Center for Civil and Human Rights sponsored these events.

On March 25, Professor Elmadmad spoke on “Islam and the Muslim World” in room 121 of the Law School; on March 26 he spoke on “Asylum in the Islamic Theory” in the Law School’s Civil Rights Reading Room; on March 27, in the Hesburgh Center, he delivered a lecture entitled “Human Rights in Islam in Comparison With Some International Legal Instruments on Human Rights.” The talk at the Hesburgh Center was co-sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

On March 30, Professor Elmadmad conducted a Workshop on “Human Rights in Islam Between Theory and Practice.” A second workshop, on March 31, addressed “Asylum in the Holy Book and in Some Islamic Regional and National Documents.”

In all cases, refreshments followed.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Matt Barrett gave a presentation entitled “Ethics for CPAs and Attorneys” at the Indiana Tax Institute. The Indiana CPA Society and the Taxation Section of the Indiana State Bar Association sponsored the event, which took place in Indianapolis on December 12.

Arrangements came under the management of Garth Meintjes and Tina Jankowski.

Dr. Elmadmad did her graduate work in political Sciences and English at Rabat University, in Morocco, in Public International Law, Human Rights and Refugee Law at the University of Casablanca, and in African Studies at London University. Currently she serves as Professor of Public Law and English at the Faculty of Law of the University of Casablanca. She has served on that faculty for twenty years.

She has been a consultant for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for the International Committee of the Red Cross, and for other national and international non-governmental organizations. She has published in Arabic, English, and French on International Law, Human Rights, Women’s Rights, Refugees, and Teaching English for Special Purposes.
Geoffrey Bennett served on a panel of speakers at a conference on “A Law Bar for Europe and America,” sponsored by the University of Puerto Rico and the Barcelona Bar Association. The conference addressed how lawyers train and qualify in an increasingly global legal world. The conference took place at the University of Barcelona, in Barcelona, Spain.

Frank Beytagh, longtime NDLS prof, successfully underwent open-heart surgery in Florida on March 20.

On March 24, Bob Blakey appeared on the CBS Network program “48 Hours.” He discussed the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, one of the two notes, Bob says, on “my national trumpet.”

Judge Sandy Brook, NDLS adjunct, and Barbara Brook, NDLS ’87, served on a coaching staff that produced the winning team, Adams High School of South Bend, in the state mock-trial championship on March 8. The Adams team now goes on to the national finals in New Mexico.

Don Kommers, along with John E. Finn, published COMPARATIVE NOTES. The 915-page “monster,” as Don called it, is “the first casebook that systematically introduces comparative materials into the basic course in American Constitutional Law.”

Tom Shaffer published On Teaching Legal Ethics With Stories About Clients, in the WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW.

On March 5, Dinah Shelton was the keynote speaker at a conference on Trade and Environmental Justice, held in Auckland, New Zealand. She also chaired a panel at the conference.

On March 21, she delivered a talk entitled “Compliance with International Law: The Problem of Soft Law.” She chaired a panel on the same topic before the International Studies Association, in Minneapolis.

On March 26, she delivered a paper, “The Future of Civil and Political Rights,” to a joint meeting of the American Society of International Law and the American Bar Association, at Washington and Lee School of Law.

On March 31, she served as the commentator for the Hesburgh Lectures at the Kroc Institute.


On April 9, she will give a banquet speech at the University of Iowa Law School. The speech is entitled “Fifty Years of International Human Rights Law: Building the Cathedral.”

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

On December 12, Lisa Bolanz, NDLS ’96 and CSO director, will marry David Patterson. David is a 1983 graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology; he currently resides in Mountain View, California. Both the ceremony and the reception will take place at St. Joseph’s Hall on the Notre Dame campus. Father Hesburgh will preside. Lisa and David have been engaged since December, 1996.

Missy Fay (daughter of Linda Harrington) and her husband Corey announce the birth of their son, Bronson Allen, on March 23. Bronson, 21-1/2 inches long, weighed in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces. The Fays make their home in Indianapolis.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Paul W. Armstrong, NDLS ’73, was the subject of an article in THE RECORD (Bergen County, New Jersey) on March 8. The article was entitled Friend of
the Dying: Courtroom Pioneer
Still Blazing Trails.

Paul is the attorney for the Medical Society of New Jersey and an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He earned his bachelor's degree and his master's in history from the University of Dayton. He has a master's in law and medicine from New York University Law School. The former chair of the New Jersey Bioethics Commission and of the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS, he is married to Maria Armstrong.

Geoffrey Blazi, NDLS '92, will serve on the faculty of a program entitled “The Automobile Injury Case in Indiana.” The program, sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), will take place at the ICLEF Conference Facility in Indianapolis on April 15. Mr. Blazi practices with Stuart & Branigin, in Lafayette, Indiana.

John A. Burgess, NDLS '68 and a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in South Bend, will serve on the faculty of a program addressing “Untrustworthy Non-Probate Transfers.” That program, sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), will take place at the ICLEF Conference Facility in Indianapolis on April 30. John did his undergraduate work too at Notre Dame. The Indiana Bar welcomed him as a member in 1968.

Nicholas P. Cholis, NDLS '36, died on February 18 in South Bend. Born in South Bend in 1910, the oldest of seven children, he was graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1929. He earned his undergraduate degree in Arts & Letters in 1933 from Notre Dame. During World War II Mr. Cholis served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. A lifelong resident of South Bend, he practiced law there until retiring in 1989. In 1940 he married Helen A. Roach, who died in 1986. He is survived by one son, Paul Cholis of South Bend, and by three grandchildren. Services took place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend on February 21. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County (2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545) or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Michael J. Collard, NDLS '83 and an associate at Frisch Dudek in Milwaukee, is a candidate for a judicial post in the Glendale, Wisconsin, district. Michael did his undergraduate work at Case Western Reserve University, where he majored in physics. At Notre Dame, he was Articles Editor of the NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW. He is married and has three children.

Jacqueline Sells Homann, NDLS '90, has become associated with Jones, Obenchain, Ford, Pankow, Lewis & Woods, in South Bend, Indiana.

John J. Hurley, NDLS '81 and Vice President for College Relations and General Counsel at Canisius College, received a Signum Fidei (sign of faith) Award for outstanding career achievement, on February 21. St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute in Towanda, New York, made the award at Samuel’s Grande Manor in Clarence, New York. Mr. Hurley, a summa cum laude graduate of Canisius College, formerly practiced law as a partner at Phillips Lyle in Buffalo. Signum Fidei is the Latin motto of the LaSallian Christian Brothers, who founded St. Joseph’s Collegiate in 1861.
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Dena Kobasic, NDLS '89, has become a partner at Thompson Hine & Flory, in Cleveland. Ms. Kobasic does commercial, product-liability, and general tort litigation. She did her undergraduate work at Notre Dame College of Ohio.

Willie Lipscomb, NDLS '75 and a Judge of the 36th District Court in Detroit, has received the "Shamrock Award" from the Catholic Youth Organization. Judge Lipscomb accepted the award at the CYO's 27th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, held at the International Banquet and Conference Center in Detroit.

Patrick F. McCartan, NDLS '59 and Managing Partner of Jones Day, an international law firm, is a candidate for the Board of Directors of Louisiana-Pacific. Mr. McCartan is a member of the U. S. Council on Foreign Relations, the U.S.- Japan Business Council, and the Ohio Business Roundtable, and is Chair of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. He was recently inducted into Cleveland's Business Hall of Fame. Mr. McCartan serves on N.D.'s Board of Trustees and serves as co-chair of the University's current fund-raising effort, Generations—A Campaign for the Notre Dame Student. Moreover, he chairs the Order of St. Thomas More, the premier support group of the Notre Dame Law School.

Regina Tebrugge has joined the Business Technology Education Department at the Sarasota County Technical Institute in Sarasota, Florida. Ms. Tebrugge will be the instructor for legal secretarial/legal studies. She had been in private practice in Sarasota County and, before that, served as an assistant public defender for that county and as a deputy city attorney in South Bend. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan.

Kim Worthy, NDLS '84 and a Wayne County Circuit Judge, has joined the faculty of the University of Detroit Mercy as an adjunct instructor in the college's Legal Assistant Program. She will teach civil procedure to paralegal students.

Robert Neate, NDLS '82, has been made a partner at Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller in Spokane, Washington. Rob did his undergraduate work at Harvard University. He is a member of both the Washington & Idaho Bars. He practices in commercial litigation, with emphasis on complex contract litigation. Rob has represented utilities in federal regulatory proceedings and in various courts, and has been involved in negotiating and mediating new contract arrangements. He also has experience in the prosecution and collection of lien and bond claims under both private and public contracts. He has developed expertise in issues regarding legal privileges, both within and outside of litigation, and has been actively involved in law-related education.

MISCELLANY

On March 20, in the Civil Rights Reading Room, Mary Keys of Notre Dame's Government Department conducted the Faculty Colloquium. Her topic: "Litigating Moral Virtue?" John Garvey and Darlene Carlson oversaw arrangements.

Mary Ellen Turpel (now Turpel-Lafond) has been appointed a Provincial Court Judge in Saskatchewan. She spent the Spring semester of 1993 at NDLS under the sponsorship of the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Her specialty is Native American and Indigenous People's Rights.

The Family Mass and Brunch for the Spring Semester took place on March 29 in the Law School Lounge.