Dear Reader,

I have always been impressed by the ability of architects to conceptualize a structure and design it in such a way that it becomes a vibrant, functional, lasting building for generations to utilize and enjoy. That skillful combination of art and science is evident in the new Eck Hall of Law. It’s beautiful, and it embodies the Law School’s commitment to being a preeminent, Catholic law school.

American historian and sociologist W.E.B. Du Bois once said, “The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become.” That affirmation of the value of change certainly has applications for the Law School community right now.

From a structural standpoint, we have given up a small facility with inadequate space, but also a place with abundant, fond memories attached to it. We have done so to become nearly twice as large, technologically more advanced, and a more robust center of academic life for faculty and students, but also a place temporarily devoid of the comfort that familiarity brings.

On the leadership front, Dean O’Hara has given up her post at the helm of the Law School for a renewed role as a professor beginning in 2010–11, and her successor, Nell Jessup Newton, will be giving up the “known” as Dean of her alma mater to embark upon a new adventure at Notre Dame.

Our graduating students are giving up the structure and security of law school for a professional role that is sure to bring challenges and opportunities yet unimagined.

As an institution and a community always striving to reach new heights, we stand “ready at any moment to give up what [we] are for what [we] might become.” What we are is an outstanding law school. What we are sure to become is even better.

Regards,

Melanie McDonald
In many ways my tenth and final year as dean has been the busiest. From the memorable visit of Chief Justice Roberts in mid-September, to packing up the accumulated history of our 80-year-old building for the move in January into Eck Hall of Law, through the sabbatical site visit of the American Bar Association and American Association of Law Schools in early March, to the announcement in late March of our new dean, Nell Jessup Newton, and the dedication festivities for Eck Hall in May, the year has flown.

Over the course of the past few months, as I prepare to return to the faculty, many of you have asked me whether the closing events of my final year as dean have been bittersweet. Bittersweet does not describe at all what I feel; instead, my heart overflows with gratitude and deep joy—gratitude for the collective efforts and support of dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends who have made possible all that has transpired here over the past ten years; deep joy at seeing the fruition of our collective efforts—not just in the bricks and mortar that make up our new building, but in the people who have joined or chosen to remain part of this distinctive community we call Notre Dame.

No person deserves as many celebrations as I have enjoyed the past few months—a reception in mid-April hosted by the Law School community, which my family from California attended as a surprise; the spring board meeting of the Notre Dame Law Association marked by the hanging of a beautiful tapestry of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our new chapel as a gift to me, as well as a bench outside the front of Eck Hall from which I can sit and greet you when you return to campus; announcement at the dedication festivities of a presidential fellowship in my honor from the members of the Law School Advisory Council as part of the Eck Family Fellowship Challenge; gifts to the Loan Repayment Assistance Endowment from faculty and staff in my name; not to mention so many kind letters and messages. I am both humbled and overwhelmed. From my days as a scholarship student here at the Law School, I have tried to give back to Notre Dame. I have come to realize that it is an impossible task. Time and time again, I receive more than I give.

Thus, as is often the case, I turn to the gospels to find words commensurate with what I feel. I find them in Philippians 1:3-11:

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished . . .

It is only natural that I should feel like this towards you all since you have shared the privileges which have been mine . . . You have a permanent place in my heart, and God knows how much I care for you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perceptions so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Following a sabbatical, I look forward to returning to the classroom—the venue from which I forged life-long relationships with so many of you. In the meantime, I know that you will join me in welcoming our wonderful new dean, whom I have every confidence will lead our Law School to the next level of excellence as we continue our quest to be a premier law school rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Know of my deep thanks, my prayers, and my best wishes.

Patricia A. O’Hara
The Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law
Eck Hall of Law opened its doors on January 5, 2009, to the awe of faculty, staff, and students. The University dedicated the building on Friday, May 1, 2009. The celebration began with Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by blessing of the building, tours of Eck Hall, and dinner. In addition to donors and their friends and family, attendees included faculty, staff, and students as well as University officers, members of the University Board of Trustees, and the Law Advisory Council. University President, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., presided.

The building is named for the late Frank Eck, Sr., who donated $21 million—the largest gift in the Law School’s history—toward construction of Eck Hall.

While photos can’t capture the magnitude of the moment that students first walked into the Atrium or the emotion of the dedication celebration, the images on these pages do offer a window into the structural beauty that is Eck Hall of Law.

Take a look around.

Visit law.nd.edu for a video about Eck Hall.
Patrick F. McCartan is senior partner of the distinguished international law firm Jones Day, whose generous donation in honor of Mr. McCartan made this beautiful courtroom possible.

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—Dean Patricia O’Hara

“We are proud to be part of this historic transition.”

—LL.M. student Joe Kubugu
Above: The St. Thomas More Chapel is located at the center of the Law School, connecting Eck Hall and Borchardt Hall, which is currently undergoing renovation. This placement is symbolic of the central role that faith plays at Notre Dame.

Right: The sun rises on Eck Hall of Law.

“...This feels like a law school, and it really reflects the caliber of the learning that we have here.”

–Starr Rayford, J.D. student

Above: This is one of four classrooms in Eck Hall of Law, in addition to five seminar rooms and three skills training rooms.

Right: At more than 4,000 square feet, the sprawling Eck Commons serves as a popular study and meeting space for students, faculty, and staff.
Eck Hall of Law Dedication
MAY 1, 2009

I am often struck by the dual way in which both the Old Testament and the New Testament use the image of a building. Sometimes the reference to a building means the physical facility itself; other times the image is used to refer to a person or community. Temple or House of God can mean the temple in Jerusalem, but it can also mean the person of Christ himself or the community that is the Church. Christ is angered at the money changers in the temple for the way in which they are using the House of God; but Christ also speaks of himself as the temple who when destroyed will rise in three days. Christ is also the cornerstone, the stone which the builders rejected, but which becomes the cornerstone when put in place. In Mark’s gospel, Jesus recalls the passage from Psalm 118 about the stone which the builders rejected becoming the cornerstone. St. Paul in Corinthians reminds us that we are the temple of God. It strikes me that this dual use of building as the physical facility itself, but also the people within the building, is very apt when we think of Eck Hall.

St. Augustine in the fourth century gave a famous sermon involving dedication of a church in which he analogized the construction of a building to the construction and formation of our lives as individuals and as a community. He wrote that with hard work, beams and stones can be fit together in a definite order to create a secure structure that when completed can be celebrated; too, he said, people of faith are living stones to be chipped and chiseled, straightened out, leveled and planed — fashioned by faith, made firm by hope, cemented in charity — so that one day we will be complete and can celebrate in the presence of God. This passage from Augustine captures the magnificence of the beams, bricks, and stones that come together in what we celebrate as Eck Hall, as well as the continuing formation that will go on for generations to come in the teaching, research, service, and scholarship of the faculty and students who will walk the halls, fill the classrooms, come together in prayer in the St. Thomas More Chapel, and socialize in the Commons of Eck Hall of Law.

With its arch rising high overlooking the Main Circle and DeBartolo Quadrangle, graced on top by the statue of Christ the King, with the stone cut image of alpha and omega, and with the word “Logos” carved into its bricks, the very structure of Eck Hall serves to remind all of us who are privileged to walk its halls, teach in its classrooms, and serve God in the tangle of our minds of our call to be living stones — designed to come together to offer Notre Dame’s distinctive voice, rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, to the legal academy.

A colleague reminded me that the word “dedication” also has a dual meaning. At one level, it captures what we are doing today — celebrating with great joy the opening of a magnificent new structure; but in a deeper and more forward-looking sense, it also means a commitment; a promise to devote our energies wholly and earnestly to a purpose. It is in that deeper sense that my colleagues on the faculty and I dedicate ourselves — commit ourselves—to using the great gift of Eck Hall for the ongoing formation of our students and the creation of scholarship to advance the rule of law.

Notre Dame Law School
Dean Patricia O’Hara offered these remarks on the occasion of the dedication of Eck Hall of Law.
Meet Nell Jessup Newton

BY MELANIE MCDONALD

She is an accomplished scholar, a professor, dean, volunteer, and an advocate. She is also a UConn women’s basketball fan from her days at that institution’s law school, but perhaps you can forgive her for that. “A love for Huskies women’s basketball is my secret vice,” says Nell Newton, newly appointed dean of Notre Dame Law School. “I may have to go in for reprogramming,” she adds with a laugh. “But support for Notre Dame teams should not come too hard for me, since my brother, Rob Mier, founded the Notre Dame Rugby Club many years ago and, like everyone else in the Midwest, I grew up rooting for the Irish.” (Newton lived in Baldwin, Mich., and St. Louis, Mo., as a child.)

On July 1, 2009, Newton will become the 10th dean of Notre Dame Law School. “I am drawn powerfully to the mission of Notre Dame to educate a different kind of lawyer,” Newton explains. “As the premier Catholic law school in the nation, Notre Dame has an outstanding faculty with an unwavering commitment both to excellence and to the Catholic mission that created and continues to ground this great institution.” She is excited about the opportunity both to “serve and lead the extraordinary community that is Notre Dame Law School.”

Newton received her bachelor’s degree from the University of California at Berkeley, where she majored in humanities with an emphasis on ancient Greek language and literature. She went on to earn a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. There, she was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as managing editor of the Hastings Law Journal. Upon graduation, Newton taught at Catholic University School of Law and then at the Washington College of Law at American University. She began her administrative career as dean at the University of Denver College of Law in 1998, and went on to become dean of the University of Connecticut School of Law and chancellor and dean of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, before accepting the deanship at Notre Dame Law School.

Newton’s scholarly focus is American Indian law, a discipline she finds “intellectually challenging, doctrinally complex, and philosophically fascinating.” She is the editor-in-chief of the only treatise on Indian law, Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Law. Newton is particularly proud of her role in providing the constitutional underpinning for a major piece of federal legislation affecting Indian tribes and of her role in mentoring a younger generation of scholars who have made their mark in academia.

Newton became interested in working with American Indians the summer after her 1L year, when she clerked at California Indian Legal Services (CILS). “When I returned to law school as a 2L, I wrote my student comment on the mismanage-
To Dean Patricia A. O’Hara:
A Personal and Professional Tribute

BY MATTHEW J. BARRETT
WITH SPECIAL HELP FROM WIFE, KATE, AND CHILDREN KEVIN, WILSON, LUKE, AND MAGGIE

As someone who teaches Accounting for Lawyers and who has written extensively about auditor independence, I need to disclose immediately that I lack objectivity on the subject of this retrospective. Dean Patricia A. O’Hara, who has come to be known and loved by my family as simply “Patty,” owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the Notre Dame Law School community. I need to disclose immediately that I lack objectivity on the subject of this retrospective. Dean Patricia A. O’Hara, who has come to be known and loved by my family as simply “Patty,” owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the Notre Dame Law School community.

When I was a third-year law student, Professor O’Hara told my classmates and me on the last day of Business Planning class that, although she lived by herself, she did not live alone. With Patty’s family—her mother, her two sisters, her brother-in-law, and her nephew—back in California where she grew up, she became a significant presence in the lives of at least three different families in South Bend over the course of her 29 years on the Law School faculty.

Like the two other families before us, the Barretts have been very privileged to include Patty in many of our family’s activities. After all, she arranged the blind date on which I met my wife, Kate, more than 18 years ago, proclaimed the first reading at our wedding, has devotedly fulfilled any and all responsibilities as the godmother for our youngest son, Luke, has taken the time to drop by and see or to call our children almost every week for the past 14 years, and has joined us for numerous family gatherings and celebrations. When her travels prevented her from attending a birthday gathering, she always treated the celebrating child to lunch. Truth be told, our four children not-so-secretly hope that Patty will be out of town on their birthdays because they so much look forward to going to lunch with her alone.

We are indeed privileged to know—and share with you—some fun facts about Patty. She turns 60 on August 26, 2009; her preferred gift for any occasion is a photograph; she likes to watch Notre Dame basketball, and her all-time favorite player is John Paxson; and blue tops her list of favorite colors. We also know that her refrigerator often contains only ketchup and Diet Coke.

While serving as the vice president of student affairs, she read to our children on the floor under a built-in desk in our family room. As dean, she has attended T-ball games, intramural basketball games, and swim meets. She also went to great lengths—legally, but off the public record—to acquire a “Ron Paul for President” sign as a joke for our oldest son’s birthday.

Although three remarks did not make the authors’ final cut, they found a place as “outtakes” on the back of the frame. In response to the question, “What will Patty need from God to be the dean?” our son Wilson, then three years old, responded: “A new computer and a bicycle.” His five-year-old brother, Kevin, suggested “Lots of smartness, that’s for sure.” Kevin also suggested, “We’ll make two copies, one for Patty, and one to go straight up to God.”

On the evening that Patty announced that she was stepping down from the deanship, she brought the framed blessing to our home so that she could thank the boys again for the blessing, which she referred to frequently over the past decade. She also assured her godson that she would retain her faculty discount at the bookstore.

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By the time of this writing, Patty’s son Kevin, now 18 years old, will have graduated from the University of Notre Dame and, for the last 10 years, to advancing its Law School.

As early as her youth, Patty was destined for the deanship. I’m told on very good authority that as a 10-year-old eagerly awaiting Christmas, our dean requested not Barbie or other dolls, but a thesaurus and a briefcase.

As I reflect on the last 10 years at this Law School, I recall numerous accomplishments that will highlight the O’Hara deanship for years to come. Among her strengths: an unwavering commitment to the Law School’s unique mission; her dedication to Notre Dame and its founding religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross; and the integration of faith and reason into her leadership and her personal and professional lives.

The nearly $58 million Law School expansion, when completed, will stand as testimony to her ability to work with the Development Office to raise funds for the Law School. Most particularly, she leaves her taste in the design and decoration of the St. Thomas More Chapel. During her tenure, the Law School’s infrastructure has matured. Membership in the Order of St. Thomas More has more than doubled. During the last 10 years, we have welcomed 20 new regular faculty members, all with very impressive credentials, and in the process enhanced our diversity and expanded significantly the number of chaired professors. The credentials of our student body have soared. In 2001, the Law School announced a new Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which has since been significantly improved. After a well-deserved sabbatical, Dean O’Hara plans to return to the classroom. Once again, the Barrett children, now ages 14, 12, 10, and 8, have composed a blessing as Patty begins the next chapter of her service to Our Lady’s University and its Law School.

Dear Lord,
Please bless Patty as she returns to research, to writing, and to teaching in the classroom.
Please help her to be an outstanding professor.
Help her to learn PowerPoint, to answer students’ questions patiently, and to grade exams fairly and promptly.
Help her not to get scared about returning to the classroom, working with the new dean, researching the law, and writing articles and books.
Help her to know how much you love her.

Amen.
A Tribute to:  Dean Patricia A. O’Hara

During a Law School reception honoring Dean Patricia O’Hara’s service to Notre Dame Law School, three members of the NDLS community paid tribute to her. Below are comments from Professor A. J. Bellia, Director of Law School Advancement Glenn Rosswurm, and SBA President Katherine Kirkpatrick.

Professor A. J. Bellia earned his J.D. summa cum laude in 1994 from the Notre Dame Law School, and joined the NDLS faculty in 2000.

At surface level, it is easy to write the narrative of Patty O’Hara’s accomplishments as Dean of the Notre Dame Law School. Ten years ago, the Law School faced severe space limitations and rapidly aging facilities. Today, the Law School occupies a magnificent, state-of-the-art facility—Eck Hall of Law. Next year, Biolchini Hall of Law—sister building to Eck Hall—will open its doors, completing one of the premier facilities of legal learning in the United States, indeed in the world. Ten years ago, the Law School faced limited resources to support research programs essential to our mission and student learning. Today, research programs flourish—in areas as important and diverse as cybersecurity, intellectual property, urban planning, international law, freedom of religion, American constitutional history, and corporate ethics, to name just some. Dean O’Hara has attracted outstanding faculty—premier researchers, who are committed to providing our students with the most rigorous and integrated legal education in the United States. And she continues to attract students as gifted in intellect and imbued with character as ever. They continue not only to succeed, but to exceed expectations.

That is the easy narrative of Dean O’Hara’s accomplishments to write. She faced a challenging deanship, she met the challenges with remarkable success, and she has earned our deep gratitude and high praise. Our hope for the future stands on confident ground.

As true as it is, that narrative fails to fully or fairly capture Dean O’Hara’s tenure. Such a conventional farewell narrative—noting the office-holder’s accomplishments, giving appropriate thanks and praise, and moving on to a “new” era—is not quite befitting our outgoing dean.

In truth, the true months of Dean O’Hara’s tenure have not felt like the conventional final months of a term of office. Students and faculty alike have commented during this past semester that Dean O’Hara’s tenure seems “fresh” and “invigorating,” as if it were only commencing now. The days are marked with not only pride in the past and excitement for the future, but renewal in the present. What accounts for this?

The answer is evident. For all of Dean O’Hara’s measurable contributions to the Law School, she continues to reinvigorate the spirit of the Law School in countless immeasurable ways. For Dean O’Hara, law is a purpose to serve, and she has always seen law as something that would continue to be unabashedly and unmistakably Catholic, while at the same time scaling new heights of academic excellence.

Katherine Kirkpatrick ‘00 spoke on behalf of the student body as SBA President. She will be working at King & Spalding in New York City.

My first introduction to Dean O’Hara was when I was a prospective student pursuing the law school’s website: I remember thinking—oh no, a female dean. Fantastic. The feeling of being impressed by Dean O’Hara extended come orientation, where she spoke to the first-year class. We were all overwhelmed and thrilled by pretty much everything at that point, but I can say that after hearing Dean O’Hara, we all felt even more confident about our choice of a law school.

Without Dean O’Hara, we would not be standing in this glorious atrium. We wouldn’t be surrounded by some of the incredible faces of business associations from Patty when I was a law student, she has taught me about a much more important subject during the past nine years: how to serve Notre Dame with soulful dedication, fierce passion, and deep reverence. As Patty knows, I’m fond of using saints’ feast days to illuminate special occasions like this one. In preparing my remarks, I was hesitant to go back to that proverbial well again. However, when I discovered that today is the feast day of St. Bernadette of Lourdes, the serendipity was too profound to ignore.

St. Bernadette’s life and example provide a fitting prism through which to view Patty’s long and distinguished service to Notre Dame. We all know the story of how the young Bernadette experienced numerous visions of the Blessed Virgin at a grotto near Lourdes, France. In the face of considerable skepticism from many in her community, Bernadette never wavered in her devotion to the truth and sanctity of these visions.

In my view, during Patty O’Hara’s long association with Notre Dame, the grotto and the Blessed Lady that it represents have stood at the very heart of her love for, and devotion to, this remarkable place. Like Bernadette, Patty’s dedication to Our Lady, Mirror of Justice, has been tireless as she has labored in service to Notre Dame. Like Bernadette, she has persuasively advocated the integration of faith and reason, a remarkable accomplishment. And like Bernadette, she has a beautiful vision inspired by Our Lady: a vision of a Notre Dame Law School that would continue to be unabashedly and unmistakably Catholic, while at the same time scaling new heights of academic excellence.

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Glen Rosswurm worked closely with Dean O’Hara for more than nine years in his capacity as Director of Law School Advancement.

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Chief Justice John Roberts engaged in a conversation with Notre Dame Law School Professor William Kelley, who asked the Chief Justice questions of his own and questions submitted by students. Kelley served in the White House as Deputy Counsel to the President from 2005–2007. A reception followed at which students had an opportunity to speak informally with the Chief Justice in what was a memorable day for the Law School community.

In recent years, discussion of accountability for corporate directors has emphasized market solutions and shareholder self-help through voting and selling. However, there is another important tool for holding directors accountable: enforcement of fiduciary duties. What role will fiduciary duties play in the future of corporate law? What role should they play? What is the relevance of the recent financial crisis and ongoing financial scandals in shaping the contours of corporate governance?

A distinguished group of scholars considered these issues at Notre Dame Law School on March 27. The symposium was organized and hosted by Professor Julian Velasco, and was made possible through the generosity of Robert T. ’74 J.D., and Ann Therese Darin Palmer, ’73 B.A., ’75 MBA.

The keynote address was given by the Honorable Myron T. Steele, Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court.

Other participants included:
Margaret Blair, Vanderbilt University Law School
Richard A. Booth, Villanova University School of Law
Lisa L. Casey, Notre Dame Law School
Deborah A. DeMott, Duke University School of Law
Lisa M. Fairfax, University of Maryland School of Law
Brett McDonnell, University of Minnesota Law School
D. Gordon Smith, Brigham Young University Law School
Larry E. Ribstein, University of Illinois College of Law
D. Gordon Smith, Brigham Young University Law School
Robert B. Thompson, Vanderbilt University Law School
Julian Velasco, Notre Dame Law School
Associate Dean
William Kelley

"As a member of the faculty, you can’t fully appreciate how much work is done by administrators."

Currently, Kelley teaches constitutional law and administrative law and focuses his scholarship on public law issues. “I think it’s important to the future of the American legal and political culture that people think hard about American constitutional law, particularly matters of constitutional structure,” says Kelley. “To that end, I try to do my part to teach others and pursue scholarship in this area.”

Kelley also serves as associate dean, with responsibility for coordinating special projects. Most recently, he oversaw construction of the Eck Hall of Law. “My role was largely that of conduit between the Law School and the University architect’s office and contractors,” explains Kelley, who fielded questions from faculty, staff, and students, and helped keep critical phases of construction on track. “Everyone involved was outstanding to work with. It took a heroic effort on the parts of many to open for classes less than one-and-a-half years after breaking ground.”

Kelley says that this past couple of years as an associate dean have been a real education for him. “I’ve learned a lot. As a member of the faculty, you can’t fully appreciate how much work is done by administrators. A whole lot goes on here that doesn’t involve teaching and research.”

Kelley enjoys spending downtime with his family, and revealed a penchant for golf, reality television shows, and cooking. While he’ll admit he’s no Iron Chef, he says he’s not bad in the kitchen. “If you ask those who have tasted my cooking—and many of those people work in the Law School—they’d tell you, ‘yes, he can cook, at least a little.’”

When it comes to the Law School’s recipe for enduring success, Kelley can name a couple of major ingredients: “As we progress, I see a larger faculty, all of whom are dedicated to pursuing the distinctive Catholic mission of the Law School and the University from a variety of intellectual perspectives, and a student body that continues to be among the best anywhere, consisting of good people who will leave here and go into the world to do great things. There is no limit to how good we can get.”
Bringing Down a Dictator

BY MELANIE MCDONALD

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In **CHRISTIANS IN THE AMERICAN EMPIRE**, Professor Vincent Rougeau argues that orthodox Christianity, properly understood in its intellectual and historical context, is much more supportive than is generally understood of many of the political and legal ideas championed by “progressives” in American politics. Using Catholic social teaching and its secular philosophical antecedents as his point of departure, Professor Rougeau explores how key assumptions underlying Catholic thinking diverge from many of the ideas animating American law and public policy in areas like poverty relief, immigration, and redress for racial discrimination. He also develops an understanding of Christianity as a natural partner for international legal cosmopolitanism that transcends nation-state boundaries.

Oxford University Press describes the book this way:

What does it mean to be a Christian citizen of the United States today? This book challenges the argument that the United States is a Christian nation, and that the American founding and the American Constitution can be linked to a Christian understanding of the state and society. Vincent Rougeau argues that the United States has become an economic empire of consumer citizens, led by elites who seek to secure American political and economic dominance around the world. Freedom and democracy for the oppressed are the public themes put forward to justify this dominance, but the driving force behind American hegemony is the need to sustain economic growth and maintain social peace in the United States.

This state of affairs raises important questions for Christians. In recent times, religious voices in American politics have taken on a moralistic stridency. Individual issues like abortion and same-sex marriage have been used to “guilt” many Christians into voting Republican or to discourage them from voting at all. Using Catholic social teaching as a point of departure, Rougeau argues that conservative American politics is driven by views of the individual and the state that are inconsistent with mainstream Catholic social thought. Without thinking more broadly about their religious traditions and how those traditions should inform their engagement with the modern world, it is unwise for Christians to think that pressing single issues is an appropriate way to actualize their faith commitments in the public realm.

Rougeau offers concerned Christians new tools for a critical assessment of legal, political and social questions. He proceeds from the fundamental Christian premise of the God-given dignity of the human person, a dignity that can only be realized fully in community with others. This means that the Christian cannot simply focus on individual empowerment as “freedom” but must also seek to nurture community participation and solidarity for all citizens. Rougeau demonstrates what happens when these ideas are applied to a variety of specific contemporary issues involving the family, economics, and race. He concludes by offering a new model of public engagement for Christians in the American Empire.

Professor Rougeau’s teaching interests are in contract and real estate law, as well as religious voices in American politics. His academic career has included teaching and research at the University of Southern California, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Notre Dame. Before entering the academy, he practiced law at the Washington, D.C. office of Morrison & Foerster from 1988-1991.

In October 2008, three Notre Dame Law School women joined together in order to establish the Timothy R. Aher and Ryan A. Rudd fellowships in memory of two of their classmates who had tragically passed away. These fellowships became a reality with the matching funds offered through the Eck Fellowship Challenge and will serve to assist future law students in obtaining the high-quality legal education available at Notre Dame Law School.

Heather, M.T., and Katherine are lighting the way for the hopes and dreams of those who will come after them. Through the hardships we all face, the spirit of giving in Notre Dame never fails. Who will you light the way for today?

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D\n  uring this past Christmas break, I had the opportunity to participate in Notre Dame Law School’s GALILEE program in New York City with a group of seven other first-year students. GALILEE, an acronym for Group Alternative Live-In Legal Education, is a program that gives law students an opportunity to travel to a major city and meet with legal professionals working in the fields of law, business and the urban poor. GALILEE was valuable in increasing my understanding of public interest law and the different environments in which lawyers work. Besides New York City, groups also coordinated trips to Austin, New Orleans; Chicago, Washington, D.C.; and Tulsa.

Having one semester of law school under my belt, I have some knowledge of the law but a limited familiarity with legal practice. GALILEE gave our group a glimpse into the different work environments of law firms, prosecutors, legal aid attorneys, and even lawyers at the United Nations. Each institution emphasized how its practice served the common good while at the same time being professionally rewarding, and it was notable how much pride each took in its own particular practice niche.

Our group visited the United Nations Office for Legal Affairs, the New York City Bar Justice Center, the Urban Justice Center, and the firm White & Case and Jenner & Block, and prepared and served lunch at a neighborhood mission operated by a Catholic religious order, the Fraternité Notre Dame. At the United Nations, we talked with Annebeth Rosen-GALILEE in New York City

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BY JOSEPH SCHUESSELER, ‘11

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A student perspective

BY KATHLEEN PORTMAN, ‘09 (WITH MEGAN MATUSKA, ‘10)

The Protective Order Project

A student on the path to becoming “a different kind of lawyer,” many of us seek ways to be a different kind of student. The Protective Order Project is one way that a small group of us are quietly making a small difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors in our community, even without the much-covered bar card. The Protective Order Project was born out of a unique partnership between the Law School’s Pro Bono Project and the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County (FJC). The FJC is an amazingly diverse resource offering civil, legal, medical, and social services to survivors of domestic violence, all under one roof. This “one-stop-shop” is a centralized effort to protect survivors, and it provides a remarkable transformation from the previously fragmented and uncoordinated services of the past. The FJC, one of only 15 collaborative centers nationwide, was opened with a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. The Law School’s involvement with the FJC began in the spring of 2008 with 20 student participants, including me.

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2008 Barristers Go to Nationals for Second Straight Year

The NDLS Barristers Trial Team showed great skill in the 2008 National Trial Competition, the team won one of the two final teams advancing from the regional competition held at the Daley Center in Chicago in February 2008, to nationals. Members of the regional team were: Annabelle Pereira, George McDonnell, and Joseph Fiorino. Competing at nationals were Kyle Smith, Nicole Thackaberry, and Joseph Fiorino. NDLS Adjunct Assistant Professors Joel Williams and Katie Slinger, NDLS ’97, coached the team.

The National Trial Competition is one of the most prestigious legal competitions in the country and is sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association. It was established in 1975.

2009 Barristers

The 2009 Notre Dame Barristers Tri Team made it to the semifinals of the Chicago Regional of the National Trial Competition, Feb. 5–7. Congratulations go to David Roberts, Jeff Carles, Tom Ruett, Jason Haas, Drew Haas, and Sean Lytle (pictured below from left to right).

Jessup Moot Court Team

Tim Sullivan, Laura Rawski, David Diers, and Jessica Kim (Alternate: Jessica Brodie and Linda Hawley) competed in the Super Regional Round of the International Moot Court Competition in February. Although the team did not advance, Laura Rawski received an award as one of the top 15 orators out of more than 100 competitors.

Pro Bono Trip to Appalachia

Six 2L and 3L students engaged in pro bono work in Appalachia over spring break, March 8–14. The Law School’s Pro Bono at Notre Dame Program organized the trip in conjunction with the Appalachian Seminar of the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns. Students worked with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (Appalachia)—the umbrella legal services organization for Eastern Kentucky—to pilot a new type of legal services delivery to low-income clients: one-day clinics in various counties to draft wills and powers of attorney.

Chilean Judge Guzman and Ambassador Williamson Speak at NDLS

On Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, Notre Dame Law School’s Center for Civil and Human Rights (CCHR) hosted the Honorable Juan Guzman, the retired Chilean judge who became internationally famous for being the first judge to prosecute former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet on human rights charges, and Ambassador Richard Williamson, President Bush’s special envoy to the case. See page 22 for more on Juan Guzman.

Client Counseling Competition

Each year, the Law School sponsors an in-house competition as part of the ABA Client Counseling Competition. Teams of two students interview a client about a particular legal issue, eliciting the facts of the case and counseling the client on possible options. Jamie Padgett and Lindsay Hawley won the Notre Dame intra-school contest—judged by a combination of law professors, local attorneys, and counselors—and went on to compete in the regional event at Marquette University Law School against 12 teams from schools in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. They advanced to the semifinal round.

Moot Court Showcase

Notre Dame Law School presented its 59th annual Moot Court Showcase Argument on Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom of the Eak Hall of Law. All five advocates on the case were third-year law students.

The case involved the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Act as the bases of a complaint against the town of San Teresa. Attorneys for the petitioners were Gabriel Bradley, Andrew Hudlin, and Kathleen Portman. Advocates for the respondents were Charles Dought and Carlisle Mulder.

The case was tried before the Honorable Jerome A. Holmes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the Honorable Debra Ann Livingston of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Honorable Patricia J. Schroeder of the U.S. Federal District Court for Minnesota.

Intensive Trial Advocacy

Jan. 5, 2009, began a welcoming opportunity for students to develop their trial practice skills and gain litigation experience through simulated courtroom exercises. The 31 annual Intensive Trial Advocacy program brings top litigators from major law firms, as well as judges and justiciﬁs from across the country to campus to advise and coach students.

Notre Dame Law School alumni, Notre Dame undergraduate alumni with law degrees from other institutions, and lawyers without a connection to Notre Dame participate as mentors to ND Law students. Volunteer lawyers and judges come from major ﬁrms and judicial benches across the United States and Canada.

Second- and third-year law students are eligible to enroll in the course, which always begins a week before the start of each semester.

Intensive Trial Advocacy participants continue to meet once a week throughout the duration of the spring semester. During that time, each student acts as a trial lawyer in two trials—one jury trial and one judge trial—and also serves as a witness or observer in one jury trial and one judge trial.

NLDS’s program is ranked among the best trial advocacy programs in the country by US News & World Report

LRAP Enhancement

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) was recently enhanced, thanks largely to a giving LRAP endowment. Now, the LRAP can provide substantially increased beneﬁts to program participants.

The APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOV. 1 for funding during the 2010 calendar year. This applies to the classes of 2005–2009.

In short, these are the changes: The income ceiling was raised to $154,000 (from $100,000). The percentage of monthly law school debt payments covered by the program also increased signiﬁcantly. Finally, LRAP loans will be forgiven much more quickly. One third of LRAP loans will be forgiven after a single year of public service work, and the program loans will be fully forgiven after just three years of public service work.

Those changes should more than double the total annual beneﬁts paid by LRAP, and they should make public service work more feasible for more graduates.

Contact Cathy Roemer, program administrator, with questions: croemer@nd.edu or (574) 631-6241, or visit law.nd.edu.
Barbara Fick published “A Current Voluntary Underwriter’s Manual Under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act: An Article of CAI!” in a chapter in its 37th Annual Preview or Previews Series, June 2009. She presented the following:

- “Mercantilism, American Style” at the AALS Annual Conference, Property Law Section, Jan. 7, 2009.
- “Residing in the City” at the AALS Annual Conference, State and Local Government Law Section, Jan. 7, 2009.

Garnett was appointed a professor in July 2008 and was elected to the Board of Directors in September 2008. See Undergraduate Research, Faculty Awards and Honors Committee.

- Garnett received the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching at Stanford Law School in August 2008.

Bauer delivered a keynote speech at the 1998 Competition Law Association International Symposium in Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 4-6, 2008. The symposium focused on the regulation of the insurance industry.

**Faculty Scholarship and Honors**


**Joseph Bauer** presented a working paper, “The Credit Crisis, the Government’s Response, and What It May Mean to Businesses” to the law firm, Borden, LLP, and the clients it represents in October 2008.


**Peg Brining** published the following:


**Paulo Carozza** published the following:

- *The Integration of Natural Law and Ethics* at the 14th Annual Western, 2009.


**Dennis M. McLaughlin** published the following:

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On Oct. 3, 2008, the Notre Dame Law Association (NDLA) Board of Directors presented awards to three Notre Dame alumni for their distinguished service to the University, the Law School, and the profession.

Award recipient Darrell Gordon (left) and NDLA Board member Frank Juliana.

John Crowley, a 1982 Law School alum, received the Edward Murphy Award “for embodying the high moral and religious values Notre Dame represents, for devotion to faith and family, and for exhibiting professional excellence.” After two of Crowley’s three children were diagnosed with a debilitating and often fatal disease, Pompe Disease, he went on to lead a focus on developing treatments for Pompe, his efforts are the subject of a book written by a Pulitzer-prize winning author, and a movie about the works.

Darrell Gordon received the St. Thomas More Award “for devoting substantial time and effort in the area of social justice.” Gordon earned a bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame in 1988 and a master’s from the University in 1989. He went on to attend law school at Northern Kentucky University’s Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Gordon is CEO of the Wernle Children’s Home in Richmond, Ind. Wernle is a non-profit residential and community-based treatment facility for behaviorally and emotionally challenged males, ages six through 21. Under Gordon’s leadership, the Wernle Home has had remarkable success in turning around troubled youth, and has received awards from the Indiana juvenile court system for its achievements.

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Ann E. Merckelwitz, ’83
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Awards recipients Darrell Gordon (left) and NDLA Board members Thomas Caruso (left) and Charles Weiss.

Award recipient Jack Sandner (center) and NDLA Board members Thomas Caruso (left) and Charles Weiss.

The Notre Dame Law Association Board of Directors presented Dean Patrick A. O’Hara with the prestigious St. Thomas More Award at a dinner following their spring meeting. The plaque reads:

The Notre Dame Law Association Presents The St. Thomas More Award to Patricia A. O’Hara, April 24, 2009. For her distinguished and extraordinary service, leadership, and achievements as Dean of the Law School, and for her uncompromising integrity and loyalty to conscience.

The award is named for St. Thomas More, who has been the model for Catholic lawyers for centuries. Thomas More was chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII and followed the principle, “Do what is right, cost what it may.”

Only two others have received the St. Thomas More Award: Patrick McCartan, B.A. ’56, J.D. ’59 and Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.
1960s

Jeff Keyes, B.A. ’68, was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota on April 23, 2008. He previously practiced law at Briggs and Morgan, P.A., in Minneapolis.

1970s

Christopher Schaff, ’72, was named one of Ohio’s leading natural resources and environment attorneys by Communities USA. America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

John R. Burns, ’74, a partner at Baker & Daniels LLP in Fort Wayne, has been elected to the American Board of Certification’s board of directors for a three-year term. The ABC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the public in making informed decisions in choosing bankruptcy and creditors’ rights counsel, as well as improving the quality of bankruptcy and creditors’ rights law bars.

Michael O’Connell, ’74, a former judge and veteran lawyer in Louisville, was appointed in August to the post of Jefferson County Judge, Kentucky.

Jonathan Ries, ’74, was named by Best Lawyers in America for 2009 as one of the best attorneys in the country in the areas of medical malpractice law and product liability litigation.

Dean A. Calland, ’79, was named to The Best Lawyers in America 2009 for his work in environmental law.

1980s

Mary Beth Beazley, ’83, associate professor at the Ohio State University College of Law, was a recipient of Ohio’s leading natural resources and environmental law award of the year.

Jonathan “Jock” Schaefer, ’84, was named president of global operations for Nortel Network Corporation’s technology services sector.

Michael A. Ellman, ’84, was named in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the field of trusts and estates.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Murphy, ’85, has been named secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The secretary of the commission is responsible for the procedural administration of commission meetings, rulemaking, practice, and procedure.

Anne Marie Finch, B.A. ’86, J.D. ’89, was named a partner at Miller Canfield in Troy, Mich., for her outstanding contribution in the field of trusts and estates.

David E. Barry, ’86, of Portland, Me., was selected by his peers for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2009. Barry is recognized for his work in commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense at Pierce Atwood LLP.

Daniel J. McMillan, ’86, was chair of the executive committee of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP in Chicago. McMillan is chair of the firm’s operations group and a senior managing partner.

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Michael L. Siegel, ’86, former president of global operations for DaimlerChrysler AG in Powertrain, was named to the board of directors for a three-year term.

Pat Pedri, ’84, was inducted into the Oakland-Emery High School Alumni Hall of Fame in Oakland, N.Y., on Oct. 11.

1990s

Christine L. Meyer, ’91, was named in the publication Leas US Laws & Counters in the publication Leas US Laws & Counters for her outstanding contribution in the field of trusts and estates.

Fred J. Frear, ’90, was named in the publication Leas US Laws & Counters for his contributions to the firm in the area of insurance law.

Don C. Parker, ’88, was honored in the Best Lawyers in America 2009 in the area of insurance law.

Anne Marie Finch, B.A. ’86, J.D. ’89, was a principal at Miller Canfield in Detroit, Mich., which was selected by the publication Leas US Laws & Counters as a 2008 “11 Recommended Firm” in the product liability and mass tort defense, automotive/transportation category.

Stephanie Gumz, ’93, was named a partner at Baker & Daniels. She focuses on intellectual property, commercial litigation, and intellectual property enforcement in the firm’s intellectual property group in Louisville, Ky.

Julia B. Moizer, ’97, was named as a member of the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Opera Association.

Deidre Manesh, ’97, and husband, Chris, welcomed their second daughter, Kendra Heather Brooks, into the world on July 29. Deidre is senior counsel at Johnson & Johnson, in New York City.

John Studt, ’97, was named one of the Law Bulletin Publishing Company’s “40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty To Watch” for 2008. The annual list honors those who “are not only dedicated to the practice of law and have the cases and clients to back it up,” but are also “involved with the community and committed to helping younger attorneys navigate the maze through their legal careers.”

2000s

Pamela L. Cox, ’00, a partner at Marshall & Gerstein, LLP in Chicago, earned the Certified Licensing Sales Professional (CLSP) designation in 2002 and the Certified Licensing Sales Professional (CLSP) designation in 2008. The CLSP designation distinguishes licensing professionals who have demonstrated their experience and proficiency in licensing and the commercialization of intellectual property.

Matthew W. Hoyt, ’00, was elected as partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP. He is a member of the employment and labor group in the real estate, Ohio, and concentrates his practice in employment litigation and immigration matters.

Christine Gould Hamm, ’01, was named a partner at Husch Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City, Mo.

Christopher Riley, ’01, was named a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis.

Jan M. Redmond, ’02, has joined Miller Canfield as an associate. He represents banks, financial institutions, and commercial lenders in the real estate, construction, and financiers areas in Troy, Mich.

Allison Sall, B.A. ’03, joined the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate on the public finance team.

Jeremy Gayed, ’04, is practicing law in Fort Wayne, Ind., at Barrett & McNagny, LLP. He previously practiced in Chicago for two years and served as a federal law clerk in Arizona for the Honourable William S. Duffey, Jr., for two years.

Mary Kate Griffith, B.A. ’04, has joined Miller Canfield as an associate. She focuses on all areas of business and commercial litigation in the Detroit office.
Kristin Fortin, ’08, recently wrote an article about lawyer ethics and alternative dispute resolution that was accepted for publication by the Georgetown Journal of Law and Lending. Vol. 22, 2008-09. The article is titled “The Lawyer/Lawattorney Relationship in the Modern Legal Context: What Does the Future Hold for the Practice of Law?”

Cameron Parades, ’08, and her husband, David, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Cameron Parades, on July 2, 2008.

John C. Peiffer, II, ’06, joined Varnum’s corporate law practice group in Rapid City, S.D.

Greg Lameckes, ’08, and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their first child, Evan, into the world on the same weekend Greg learned of passing the California Bar. Said Greg, “It was a bittersweet weekend for our family, one that I think we will never top.”

Michael B. Rea, B.A. ’05, J.D. ’08, joined Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP as an associate in the litigation department of the Chicago office.

Edward Selbmeier, ’08, joined the Houston office of Thomson & Knight LLP in the Real Estate and Banking Practice Group.

Joseph P. Albright, B.A. ’60, J.D. ’62, died on March 20, 2009, at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian from complications of end-stage kidney cancer; he was 70 years old. Justice Albright was a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for nearly 10 years. Prior to serving on the Supreme Court, Justice Albright was a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, from 1970 to 1972 and from 1974 to 1986. He was elected the 52nd Speaker of the House, serving in that capacity from 1986 to 1988. He served a total of 18 years in the House of Delegates, where he also was chairman of the Committee on Education and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

John J. Cotter, Jr., ’78, a trial lawyer who practiced law in Western New York for nearly three decades, died on Nov. 20, 2008. He was 55.

BORN IN BUFFALO, Cotter graduated from Canisius College and, after law school, practiced in Western New York’s state and federal courts for more than 28 years. He was a long-time member of the New York State Bar, Erie County Bar, and Western New York Trial Lawyers associations. Cotter loved golf and was an avid reader. He was a former president of the West Side Roving Club and was serving as a trustee of the club.

Cotter loved Irish music and culture and was an ardent fan of Notre Dame, particularly his alma mater’s football team. Cotter is survived by his wife of 27 years, the former Karen McCarthy; his parents, Mary Jane and John J., Sr.; two daughters, Cara and Maura; a son, John M.; and two sisters, Mary Jane and Ellen Bowman.

Kenneth J. Konop, ’29, J.D. ’31, of Kansas City, Mo., the son of Notre Dame Law School’s third dean, Thomas Konop, died on Nov. 13, 2008, just shy of his 100th birthday. Konop received his undergraduate and law degrees from Notre Dame. As an undergraduate, he was a high jumper on the track team for the legendary Knute Rockne. Konop worked his entire career as a corporate attorney for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiary Indiana Bell.

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Dallas was never married and had no children, but spent time caring for young people to pursue their dreams, sometimes helping to pay for their college education. Dallas attended Florida State University before transferring to the University of Notre Dame, where he received both his bachelor’s and law degrees. He returned to Florida State University Law Advisory Council, died on Feb. 6, 2009, of diabetes-related complications at the age of 57. Dallas was Broward County, Florida’s chief assistant public defender.

Ronald L. Sowers, B.A. ’60, J.D. ’65, ’70, died on Oct. 13, 2008, in Bremerton, Wash. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps and was a retired reserve officer who achieved the rank of colonel.

Sowers was a skilled trial attorney who concentrated on medical negligence litigation. His legal expertise included more than 30 years of practice in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was the senior partner of Sowers and Associates. In 2005, he became a senior partner in Sowers, Nesson and Associates in Bremerton, where he continued his litigative practice until his death.

Peter W. Thornton, professor emeritus of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, died on Jan. 29 in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was 90 years old. Deacon Rev. David T. Link traveled to California to conduct the Mass of Christian Burial.

Such was the experience of Kenneth Konop, who was possibly the Law School’s oldest living alumnus. For the complete article, visit law.nd.edu/nd/loi/notre-dame-lawyer-and-scroll-down-to-Fall-2004.

I was fortunate to be a pete’s student in one procedure in the early 1980s, as well as his mentor in the 1990s and 2000s, said Patricia O’Hara, Joseph A. Maino dean of the Notre Dame Law School. “I knew many alumni who would drop by Pete’s office on visits back to campus to ask him to reprise his theatrical delivery of the holding on personal jurisdiction in the famous 1945 Supreme Court case of International Shoe v. Washington. He and his beloved wife, Kit, were warm hosts on behalf of the Law School on many occasions over the years.”

A New York City native, Thornton was a 1939 graduate of Brooklyn College and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He earned law degrees from Brooklyn Law School and taught there for 21 years before joining the Notre Dame faculty. In addition to his long career as a teacher of law, Thornton was a member of the New York State bar from 1942 to 2004.

Thornton is survived by four sons, Peter, Thomas, James, and John, all of them attorneys and law teachers.
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- October 3, Washington
- October 24, Boston College
- November 7, Navy
- November 21, Connecticut

While supplies last, attendees can purchase two tickets for the football game on the date of the CLE. Contact Career Services to register at lawjobs@nd.edu or 574-631-7542.

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