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his issue of our magazine illustrates the rich diversity of activities in which members of the Notre Dame Law School community are engaged—beyond the boundaries of campus, we see illustrations of achievements by our alumni, as well as their contributions to the public good; on campus, we see events that include visits by a broad array of distinguished guests who enliven the intellectual discourse within our halls. Woven among all these activities is the work of our faculty. As this issue so well demonstrates, their contributions to education are as diverse as the activities themselves.

Over the past few months we have been honored by a series of distinguished visitors. Early among them was Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who served as this year’s holder of the Clynes Visiting Chair. All who were in the audience learned from his timely comments about Supreme Court precedents on the use of military tribunals during times of war, which have since been reprinted in our Law Review. Possibly even more, we learned from his graciousness during his visit, as well as from the ease with which he wore the distinction of being Chief Justice of the United States. More recently, two of our junior faculty, Lisa Casey and Julian Velasco, organized a lecture series on issues involved in recent legislative responses to the corporate scandals of the past few years. Through their hard work, we enjoyed the opportunity to listen to preeminent leaders from the academy and government who are involved in accountability reforms.

We have also been honored by the achievements of our alumni, both those mentioned in this issue and others. The Notre Dame Law Association honored four alumni for their service—Carl Eiberger, Jim Flickinger, Dave Link, and Don Wich. The evening was a wonderful occasion for reminiscing, as well as looking forward. Indeed, the same meeting of the Law Association highlighted the continuing service of our alumni organization, which has created a singular program of funding for students’ summer service projects. Locally, the South Bend Tribune honored Paul Peralta, an alumnus and an adjunct member of our faculty, for his work in Chile. Alumni have also helped us to inaugurate our initial loan repayment assistance program, which will ease the debt burden of recent graduates who are employed in positions of public service. We deeply appreciate the support provided by alumni for these initiatives in the public service arena; equally important, we are grateful for the way in which these programs pass on the spirit of service from one generation of alumni to the next.

In the midst of all this activity, our faculty members have continued to make significant contributions, both in scholarship and in service. In this issue we feature examples of that work with short essays by Paolo Carozza and Jay Tidmarsh. Both essays are parts of more substantial, ongoing projects, with Carozza’s work focusing on construction of a deeper understanding of human rights in the international arena, and Tidmarsh’s work addressing issues related to complex civil litigation here in the United States. Other examples of the faculty’s engagement in global issues can be found in Don Kommens’ review of a recent book on responses to humanitarian crises, and in Barbara Szweda’s report on her trip with a group of students to the border between the United States and Mexico. With the outbreak of war in Iraq, members of our faculty have also been involved in a number of panel discussions on campus, exploring issues related to the legitimacy of the war under principles of international law, as well as under principles of Catholic social justice teaching. We also are delighted to welcome Jimmy Gurule back to the faculty from his service as Undersecretary of the Treasury for Enforcement. Jimmy received the Treasury Medal in recognition of his efforts to trace the money that financed the September 11 terrorist attack.

In the ebb and flow that characterizes any community, this academic year has been marked by both sorrow and joy. We lost Elaine Blakey, eloquently eulogized by her husband and our colleague, Bob. Ever the teacher, Bob offered us moving reflections on the role of the cross in the final months of Elaine’s life journey. Judge James Clynes Jr., a member of the Law Advisory Council, also died. A loyal supporter of the Law School, Judge Clynes enriched our community with his gift of the Clynes Visiting Chair in Judicial Ethics. We will greatly miss his counsel and his friendship. On a much happier note, we welcomed Katherine Anna Bellia, born to Profs. A.J. and Tricia Bellia of our faculty.

Reminded on these and other occasions of the cycle of life, we give thanks to God for the faith that sustains us and ask for his safekeeping during these troubled times.

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REACHING BEYOND BORDERS

Encounter with Migrants Reinforces Importance of Justice

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Importance of Justice Reinforces Encounter with Migrants

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord." This was our sung responsorial psalm during our Masses together at the Mexico/USA border. This same psalm echoed throughout our trip on the border and continues to echo for me each day as I remember our very real encounters with the living Christ, in our interactions with the migrants and their advocates.

Prompted by a grant last year from Notre Dame Vocation Initiatives (NDVI) to explore law as vocation, I got together with Rev. Mike Connors, C.S.C., director of the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program at Notre Dame, to learn how he helps students to recognize and develop their vocations in ministry. This process was new to me since I came upon my vocation quite by chance. I spent 10 years as a products-liability and antitrust trial attorney working for big corporate clients and famous people, in big cities, litigating high-profile, textbook cases in federal court. I never saw my profession as anything other than an interesting but extremely stressful job. I never felt the satisfaction that I had anticipated while studying law. As a result, throughout those 10 years I knew there had to be something more.

It was within months of beginning work at the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic and meeting the clients that I realized that I had at last discovered why I went to law school. I found my vocation in serving the poor and teaching others how to do the same.

According to Padre Rene’s chats with migrants in Altar’s community, one of the biggest sources of income for people living in Mexico is money coming from family members in the United States. Many people were simply crossing to be with their families. In fact, we met a group of children ranging in age from 8 to 18 (six altogether) who were all planning on crossing to meet their parents in Alabama. One of the divinity students, Colleen, noticed with sadness the difference in the realities of our own happy childhoods and the reality of this group of children who would soon be beginning a very dangerous journey and leaving their childhoods behind. Another divinity student, Betsey, pointed out that we might be the last people to see these children alive.

The next day we had the opportunity to speak with some people in Altar’s town square. Some of the students met “coyotes”— usually men who charge a lot of money to help people cross the border. Though some of the people we met told us they had positive experiences with the coyotes, we also heard stories of coyotes who have deserted their groups if they see Border Patrol coming or have left people behind who cannot keep up because of exhaustion or the heat. Coyotes also often do not alert people to the resources necessary to cross the desert.

Many of the problems in Mexico affect children in an especially harsh way. The next place we visited, the Casa de la Misericordia (the House of Mercy), in Nogales, Mexico, provided services mostly for children. A cofounder of the program, Esther, spoke with us and told us about the children’s lunch program that was started 20 years ago. This past year the Casa hosted a Christmas party in which the more than 1,000 children who attended received gifts and candy.

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For most of us, both divinity and law students, the most educational and enjoyable aspect of our trip to the border of Mexico and Arizona was getting to know, through conversation, each other and the people we met on our journey. What all of us realized along the way was that there were many amazing stories we would never hear: Among the silent voices were the countless men, women, and children who had died because of dehydration, frostbite, exhaustion, or scorpion bites, while trying to cross the desert from Mexico to Arizona.

Among the people we met were a man named Jesus and a priest, Padre (Father) Rene. I have changed some of the names and places to respect the privacy of the people we met. Jesus was one of 12 volunteers at the CCAMYN, a community center in Altar, Mexico, which assists migrants preparing to cross the border into the United States and also those who were deported from the United States. When we asked Jesus how and why he worked in the center, he responded, “We assist migrants coming through here, but we are all migrants in life.”

Among the services provided by Padre Rene, Jesus, and the corps of volunteers at the CCAMYN are meals, clothing, assistance for migrants in finding employment, maps and supplies for those taking the trip across the border, and a place for migrants to stay for a few days. People seem to benefit the most from the camaraderie that largely results from a community Mass held every night in the center. A special prayer for the migrants hangs on the wall and is recited every Mass.

When Padre Rene first arrived at the CCAMYN as a deacon, he found, after talking to migrants in the town square, that in addition to their being made scapegoats for local crime and other problems, many of them were running from poverty, sometimes being paid as little as $2.00 for every eight hours of work. He also found that men were primarily the ones attempting to cross the border because they felt responsible for supporting their families of five or six. These men found that they could make $5.00 per day in Mexico versus $5.00 per hour in the United States.

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Most of the children who partake of the daily meals have factory-worker parents who do not have the time to feed the children because they are working most of the time.

Another problem many Mexicans face is an abhorrent work environment. One woman we met, Gabriela, because of her negative experiences in Mexico, attempts to teach people about the rights they have as workers under Mexican law. Gabriela explained that most people in Nogales left school and went straight to the factories. In one of the factories where she worked, Gabriela was exposed to silver dust and her eyebrows started falling out. The factory-provided doctor told her it was due to nervousness. She left the factory without saying anything, as most people in the factory did if they decided to leave. Since leaving the factory her eyebrows have grown back.

At her second factory job, Gabriela found out that pregnant women were looked down upon; she met other labor organizers and started learning about their rights. Her supervisor told her to get rid of the “trouble people” trying to organize around the issue, and she decided that she wanted to do labor-organizing work, so she left the factory. Gabriela explained that she does this risky work because “knowledge and learning brings power.”

She now disseminates information about factory workers’ rights that are often infringed upon— for example, the right to go to the bathroom during a work shift and the right to breaks, including lunch. Gabriela explained that the laws currently in place are excellent but not carried out well and are not enforced by the government. For example, there is a minimum wage of 45 pesos (or $4.50) a day and a rule that people cannot work more than nine hours per week of overtime. Gabriela told us that salaries are often lower than minimum wage and are not enough to even survive on.

Gabriela and her co-organizers provide alternatives to those unhappy with their factory jobs, including working at an in-house job such as a cook or housekeeper, cooking and selling tamales, sewing clothes, or working at a cooperative. In addition, Gabriela and other labor organizers investigate factories and write letters to those running factories.

Gabriela’s family also works to assist people in the area. Her father, a doctor by training, is a pastor at a Presbyterian church in Nogales that serves meals to migrants three times a week and serves as a shelter for migrants. He felt a calling to open up a parish and assist those repeatedly mentioned in the Bible: migrants, foreigners, orphans, and widows. And true to its mission, the church welcomes everyone. We had a chance at this parish to visit with the man staying in the shelter. One man exclaimed, “It is like the movie: we are Neither from Here nor There… that’s how we are.” Another man stated as a possible solution to the border problem, “Treat us like brothers… open the door.”

This open-door policy was advocated by Reverend Fife in the 1980s for those who were then fleeing persecution from U.S.-backed wars in El Salvador and Guatemala. A leader in the 1980s of what is now referred to as the Sanctuary Movement, Reverend Fife’s church was the first to declare itself a sanctuary. When the media learned of Reverend Fife’s work, the word spread about those involved in the Latin American wars, “some of the worst torturers in the Western Hemisphere,” and by 1984, 200 congregations of various religious denominations served as public sanctuaries, and hundreds of cities declared themselves as sanctuary cities.

Reverend Fife’s congregation has planted water tanks in the desert between Arizona and Mexico in a project called Humane Borders. His congregation provides emergency medical care or transportation from trucks driven by congregational members through the desert in a program called Samaritans, and the church provides a place for those crossing to shower twice a week. Reverend Fife is modest about these accomplishments and insists there is more to be done and dreams of opening up a center for day laborers.

The stories of all of these people led us to come back with visions about assisting through prayer, advocacy, and lobbying to change laws, policies, and attitudes. Gabriela’s story and the stories of others helped us to come back with visions about assisting through prayer, advocacy, and lobbying to change laws, policies, and attitudes.
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“We also met other migrants who feared the trip, but fear of their families dying of hunger was much greater.”

More than 1,200 migrants are dying each year in a desperate attempt to evade capture in the desert.

Our trip to Arizona and Mexico was significant for a number of reasons. It introduced us to a group of friends and allowed us to meet many people struggling to comfort those hurt by the economic and political forces creating this border crisis. The trip also opened our eyes to the plight of migrants in Mexico and allowed us to see firsthand the effects of NAFTA, America’s border policy, and the desperation of migrant workers that leads them to risk their lives in the desert. Most significantly, though, the trip brought the Gospel to light in a new way. For many of us, it was the first time we had crossed the border and seen the enormous disparity in material wealth between the United States and Mexico. Previously, most of us had read the Gospel and had it interpreted for us only from the perspective of those living on the northern side of the border. Never had we heard Mexicans speak of their own understanding of the Gospel and their experience of suffering and redemption. It seems so odd that a line drawn through the desert determines who is and who is not entitled to running water, street lights, and paved roads. Along the border, where the developed and developing worlds meet, Christ’s parables seem more poignant. We could see that none of the solutions offered by political leaders had really resolved the problems. While NAFTA had once been seen as the economic solution for Mexico’s ills, it has actually created more suffering for the poor of Mexico and increased the disparity between the haves and have-nots. Likewise, the promise of legalism, that a set of correctly tailored immigration laws might ease the situation at the border, has also proven false. The number of migrants crossing the border has not decreased despite the more stringent immigration policy now being enforced. Instead, more than 1,200 migrants are dying each year in a desperate attempt to evade capture in the desert.

When faced with the reality of this difficult eco-
nomic and political issue, it is easy to feel despair given that our macroeconomic solutions to these problems have failed us. Yet the Gospel reminds us that transformation—of ourselves and our communities—requires a change of heart, not a change of our political regime or our economic systems. Jesus speaks first about faith in God, compassion, community, selfless-

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Our trip introduced us to many individuals who were living out Christ’s Gospel message to serve our brothers and sisters in need. It was through their lives that we learned that migrants to our nation are not “illegal aliens” or “foreigners.” They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. It became clear that God was challenging us to follow the example of the priests, nuns, and laypeople met during our trip. These individuals had learned to love in an extraordinary way. Perhaps it is the desperation of the situation that evokes in people such extraordinary responses. Those who struggle through hardships are often better able to love others. Sometimes, on this side of the border, where our economic plight is not so bad, it is hard to learn how to love in an extraordinary way because we are rarely confronted with situations of obvious desperation such as those seen along the border. Perhaps, too, it is due to our often failing to realize that we are all spiritual migrants, separated from our true home in God. This trip allowed us to see that reality more clearly and, I pray, inspired us to love all of God’s people in a more extraordinary way.
“He [Reverend Fife] believes it is imperative that we all get involved in the suffering of people, always pressing the question of justice. He challenged us to do the same: to hear the cry of the poor and to respond.”

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No one realized that by signing up for a border immersion experience, they would end up on a life-changing journey. Not only was the trip an opportunity to face the realities of legal structures and living conditions on the border, but it was also an encounter with our faith. Sharing this powerful experience with the Master of Divinity students was a blessing that added a crucial and informed perspective on social justice and our duties as Christians to walk with the poor.

Throughout the trip we expressed a desire to understand the migrants’ plight and took every opportunity to challenge each other to pursue alternative avenues of thought on the most difficult issues. Each meal we shared and each presentation we attended was filled with intense questions about the role of faith and law in the migration crisis. While our in-depth analysis of economic dynamics and global issues did not leave us with immediate answers, these conversations were enriching and informative because we had lawyers and theologians at a common table. We also had the opportunity to reflect on our individual choices and the role we play in affecting the economic situation.

We walked away wondering how our ministries and legal careers will take shape after such an awakening. The fruits of our journey have flourished in the shape of various projects that focus on spreading the awareness we gained on our border trip. Divinity students and law students are working on a class presentation to the undergrads that combines our encounters at the border with the concept of vocation. Students are also collaborating on a Sunday Spanish radio show that will offer reflections on the call to justice that we experienced at the border, as well as an explanation of the legal barriers that migrants face daily. Most importantly, the dialogue will continue as we meet to discuss the service role that we must take in our South Bend community to meet the needs of the surrounding immigrant community.

As law students, we were challenged to realize the power that comes with knowing the law and to consider how this power can be used to serve and change the legal structures that promote injustice. We learned a great deal from the open hearts of the M.Div. students and are certain that we left a mark on them as well. We found an interesting balance in our analysis of issues by exploring pragmatic legal avenues and consequences, while integrating the values grounded in our faith in our responses. The reality we encountered as law students is that we are called to serve. This is our vocation.
Subsidiarity as a Structural Principle of International Human Rights Law

The following is the introduction to an article that appeared in the March 2003 edition of the American Journal of International Law.

There is an inherent tension in international human rights law between affirming a universal substantive vision of human dignity and respecting the diversity and freedom of human cultures. Although understanding and securing human rights in international law requires us to grapple with that conflict, classic notions of state sovereignty cannot adequately address the issue. The principle of subsidiarity, instead, gives us a conceptual tool to mediate the polarity of pluralism and the common good in a globalized world and helps us to make sense of international human rights law. I argue that we should regard subsidiarity as a structural principle of international human rights law.

Although the idea of subsidiarity is rooted reaching deep in the history of Western political thought, it has grown visible as a prominent political and legal concept only much more recently. Thanks to the European Union’s adoption of subsidiarity as one of its central constitutional principles, in the past decade the term has emerged from the narrower confines of German law and the social philosophy of the Catholic Church. To those outside the field of European law, the word may still have a somewhat awkward, Eurospeak ring. Nevertheless, the idea is increasingly relevant to a variety of substantive areas of law and governance and is finding a place in the constitutional discourse of many legal systems other than the European Union (EU).

With the adoption of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in December 2000, subsidiarity was formally extended for the first time into the arena of human rights. Nevertheless, it remains unclear what the relationship between subsidiarity and human rights will prove to be in the European Union. Until now, the constitutional limitations of the union have constrained the potential interactions between them, and scholars have accorded subsidiarity only passing references in discussions of EU human-rights law. Although the European Court of Justice can be regarded as tacitly addressing some elements of subsidiarity in its fundamental-rights case law, it has never done so explicitly, and in any case the principle has significant dimensions beyond those that can be seen in the court’s jurisprudence. Thus, although the union provides one necessary piece of the inquiry, to understand more fully the rich contribution that the concept of subsidiarity can make to international human rights law generally requires looking beyond Europe.

In this article, therefore, with a discussion of the theoretical foundations of the principle of subsidiarity generally (part I), the concept is not rigid or precise one, and it is characterized by internal tensions and inherent paradoxes that need to be identified, especially its combination of intervention with non-interference. When used in its original and most comprehensive sense, subsidiarity has deep affinities at its roots with many of the implicit premises of international human rights norms, including presuppositions about the dignity and freedom of human persons, the importance of their association with others, and the role of the state with respect to smaller social groups as well as individuals.

Going beyond the jurisprudential background to positive law, the constitutional system of the European Union helps to illustrate that subsidiarity (especially when understood as a general principle rather than a technical rule) functions as a conceptual and rhetorical mediator between supranational harmonization and unity on the one hand, and local pluralism and difference on the other. Part II explores this connection, and the ways it is reflected in EU fundamental rights law. However, my concern here is not to develop the place of subsidiarity in the constitutional structure of the European Union but, instead, to use EU law as a stepping stone to consider the principle’s potential place in international human rights law more broadly in part III.

As in the European Union, in international law subsidiarity can be understood to be a conceptual alternative to the comparative empty and unhelpful idea of state sovereignty. The principle of subsidiarity provides an analytically descriptive way to make sense of a variety of disparate features of the existing structure of international human rights law, from the interpretive discretion accorded to states, to the relationship of regional and universal systems, while also justifying the necessity of international cooperation, assistance, and intervention. In fact, subsidiarity fits international human-rights law so well that the basic values of the principle can reasonably be regarded as already implicitly present in the structure of international human-rights law. If that is correct, then it is not surprising to find in the development of human-rights law that other doctrines and ideas have arisen that function at least in part as analogues to subsidiarity in addressing the pervasive dialectic between universal human rights norms and legitimate claims to pluralism.

The doctrine of the ‘margin of appreciation,’ first developed by the European Court of Human Rights, is the most notable example. But a direct comparison of subsidiarity to the existing techniques for accommodating diversity shows that the comprehensiveness and jurisprudential grounding of subsidiarity make it a more powerful concept for understanding and developing international human-rights law.

The principal advantage of subsidiarity as a structural principle of international human-rights law is that it integrates international, domestic, and subnational levels of social order on the basis of a substantive vision of human dignity and freedom, while encouraging and protecting pluralism among them. For those most committed to uniformity and universality in human rights, however, the pluralism that subsidiarity envisions also raises several potential dangers. Philosophically, it might be thought to call into question the senses in which human rights can be considered “fundamental,” “universal,” and ultimately even “human.” Politically, one might reasonably question whether subsidiarity will merely weaken the practical effectiveness of international human-rights law. And, finally, subsidiarity suggests a challenge for the legal values of certainty and consistency that come from uniformity. Part IV continues with a brief consideration of some of these objections to the application of subsidiarity to human rights, concluding that recognizing and applying the principle of subsidiarity should actually strengthen international human rights in both theory and practice. Despite the risks of legal pluralism, the links between subsidiarity and human rights are too important and potentially fruitful to set aside if we are to continue to seek an international law that protects both the dignity of the human person and the diversity of human society.
The Agent Orange litigation of the 1980s was the prototypical mass tort class action. It broke new ground, and many of the issues presented in more recent mass tort cases are simply footnotes to or refinements of the difficulties faced by the two judges—George C. Pratt and Jack B. Weinstein—that managed the case on its way to a $180 million settlement on the eve of a 1984 trial. In particular, many of Judge Weinstein’s decisions on procedural, evidentiary, substantive, and choice-of-law matters remain standard, even if controversial, fare for those who work in the field of complex litigation.

Curiously, despite repeated requests to step into the largest tort case of its time, the Supreme Court—before this past November—consistently refused to examine the die cast by Agent Orange. The legal wrangling in the case appeared to be over in 1989 with the final denial of the final certiorari petition seeking review of the Second Circuit decisions that had affirmed, with only a couple of modest modifications, the work of Judge Weinstein. Judge Weinstein’s prosaic task then became the creation of distribution criteria and a distribution mechanism for the settlement funds. This was an enormous undertaking. The Agent Orange class consisted of 2.4 million Vietnam veterans, of whom 240,000 were estimated to have had some exposure to the class of defoliants of which Agent Orange was the most widely used and known. Judge Weinstein ultimately decided to distribute most of the proceeds to those class members who had died or were permanently disabled; the remainder went toward attorney fees and a program designed to assist veterans.

One of the critical distributional issues was the duration of the compensation program. The military had discontinued the use of chemical defoliants in Vietnam in 1971. The best available scientific information suggested that the illnesses, if any, from Agent Orange and other defoliants would manifest themselves within 20 years of exposure. Therefore, the class settlement called for an end to the fund’s distribution program on December 31, 1994. This term was agreeable to the class representatives and class counsel, and approved and implemented by Judge Weinstein. The Agent Orange compensation system issued a final accounting and closed its doors in 1995.

This was bad news for Daniel Stephenson and Joe Isaacson, Vietnam veterans who claimed that their exposure to Agent Orange had caused, respectively, multiple myeloma in 1998 and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in 1996. Because their injuries manifested themselves after December 31, 1994, they were unable to seek compensation from the settlement fund. Therefore, Stephenson sued the chemical manufacturers in federal court, while Isaacson sued in state court. The defendants removed Isaacson’s case to federal court and then had both cases transferred to Judge Weinstein’s court.

Judge Weinstein dismissed the cases. He held that both plaintiffs were members of the class, both were adequately represented by the class representatives during the case, and therefore both were precluded from seeking to avoid a settlement—albeit a settlement that provided them with no remedy for their injuries—to which they were legally bound. The Second Circuit reversed, holding that the class representatives could not simultaneously represent those whose injuries manifested themselves before January 1, 1995, and those whose injuries first arose after January 1, 1995. At the time that the class had been certified and the settlement had been approved in 1985, Judge Weinstein had found that the class representatives were adequate. But the Second Circuit did not believe that Stephenson and Isaacson should be bound by this finding, since they were not, as it eventually turned out, adequately represented in fact. Under traditional notions of class-action practice, a class member that is not adequately represented is not bound by the class judgment, and res judicata does not bar his or her individual action. According to the Second Circuit, this actual deficiency in representation permitted Stephenson and Isaacson to attack Judge Weinstein’s finding of adequacy in their individual lawsuits.
It is on this issue—the power of class members to attack the adequacy of representation in collateral proceedings—that the Supreme Court has now entered the Agent Orange fray, recently granting Dow Chemical’s petition for certiorari in the Stephenson matter (oral argument dates have not yet been set). As esoteric as the issue might seem, it is today one of the two hottest of all the hot buttons in class-action practice. The stakes are enormous. One of the great benefits of the class action, from the viewpoints of both the defendant and the court, is the ability of the action to buy a measure of finality and peace. If litigants are able to attack a class judgment in collateral proceedings even when the class action has determined that the representation is adequate, defendants are receiving far less peace than they desire and need. The class judgment no longer ends the class action; it merely sets the stage for a second round of litigation in which some members’ claims are likely to focus: whether Stephenson is a (b)(3) class—which is constitutionally grounded in the due process clause: “one not bound by a judgment in personam in a litigation in which he is not designated as a party.” Hansberry recognized that the class action constituted an exception to this rule, but it demanded, as a matter of due process, that the class members be adequately represented by the class representatives at all times. Adequate representation is the cornerstone on which Rule 23, the modern class-action rule, has been built. In a series of cases beginning with Hansberry, continuing into the 1970s with General Telephone v. Falcon, and ending in the late 1980s with Amchem Products v. Windsor and Ortiz v. Fibreboard, the Supreme Court found that class representatives whose interests converged from those of some of the class members did not adequately represent those members. Moreover, Hansberry, the granddaddy of all modern class-action practice, involved a collateral attack by a class member. The Supreme Court refused to bind the member to a judgment obtained by an inadequate representative. The logic was simple: “No adequate representation, not a proper party. Not a proper party, not bound by the class judgment. Not bound by the judgment, proceed with the individual case.”

Hansberry seems to dispose of the matter and require a summary affirmance of the Second Circuit’s decision in favor of Stephenson. (The court, under a ruling issued in an unrelated case the day after the Stephenson cert grant, is almost certain not to have jurisdiction over Isaacson’s case.) But Hansberry did not precisely resolve the question on which defendants are likely to focus whether Stephenson is barred from contesting the issue of adequate representation because of Judge Weinstein’s specific finding in the 1980s that the class representatives were adequate. If Stephenson is bound, as a matter of issue preclusion, to that finding, he cannot later contend that he was in fact inadequately represented. If he cannot make that argument, he cannot hope to escape the claim preclusive effect of the class judgment. This nesting of an issue preclusion question within the claim preclusion question presents brain-numbing complications for those not steeped in class-action practice. Thus far, the courts of appeal have split on the issue, with the strongest position opposing Stephenson staked out by Ninth Circuit judge D. Edward O’Scannlain in Epstein v. MCA, Epstein is distinguishable from Stephenson, but its distinctions cut both ways. The issue has also divided the academy.

To some extent, what is really at stake is our very understanding of what a class action is. Is it an amalgam of autonomous claimants, its centrifugal forces held in check only by the guarantee at every stage of actual, adequate, and vigorous representation whose goal is to maximize each individual’s interests? Or is it a cohesive collective entity, in which individual identity and interest are subsumed within the search for the collective’s common good? The former view supports Stephenson, the latter Epstein. Particularly in its recent Amchem and Ortiz decisions, the court has moved rather strongly toward the former view. Reversing Stephenson would require some rethinking of the class-action paradigm. At the level of theory, therefore, much hangs in the balance. At the level of practice, too, much hangs in the balance—for Stephenson makes class judgments less secure, makes defendants more reluctant to enter into settlements and more likely to oppose class certification motions, and makes global peace for large-scale litigation a fainter hope.

On its facts Stephenson should be affirmed. The type of class action involved in Stephenson is a (b)(3) class—which is generally understood as an efficient amalgam of individual interests. Concerns for autonomy are strong in such classes. So are concerns for a sellout: Class representatives with present injuries have little incentive to negotiate worse terms for themselves simply in order to obtain better terms for those not yet injured. Stephenson had no ability to know at the time of the settlement whether he would ever meet the eligibility criteria for the settlement, or to know whether his eligibility would fall on the right or wrong side of December 31, 1994. To expect him, or others like him, to mount an effective challenge to the class representation in 1985 (when no one anticipated the possibility of post-1994 injuries) is asking too much. The right solution is to allow the contest over adequate representation to occur when the best information about inadequacy becomes available.

Whatever the outcome, Agent Orange continues, many years after its seeming denouement, to generate issues at the cutting edge of complex litigation and mass torts. It is good to see the old warhorse finally get its moment in the spotlight.
A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis

Reviewed for America magazine by Donald P. Kamps

Donald P. Kamps is the Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science and a concurrent professor of law. He is also a fellow in the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

In Rieff’s account, the reality of our time is a world soaked in blood. Genocide and other massacres plague the earth. Warlords and tyrants torture, maim, and murder at will. Oppressive gunmen raid and rape. Civilians kill civilians in campaigns of ethnic and religious cleansing. Corpses by the tens of thousands rot in killing fields ranging from Central Africa to Kosovo to East Timor to Afghanistan and beyond. In short, the world is a slaughterhouse.

And what, in this age of moral concern, is being done about it? According to the author, not much, and he sees little promise of improvement. This book’s title, taken from a poem of the same name by Bernt Brecht, holds a somber message. Brecht spoke of the few who have a bed for the night; thanks to the kindness of one or two passers-by; but such acts of generosity, he laments, won’t change the world or “improve relations among men.” In Rieff’s view, this truth applies to the humanitarian movement. Aid workers, whether employed by nation-states, the United Nations, or nongovernmental organizations, are good people committed to caring for the victims of poverty, disease, violence, and war. But their caring is selective, their advocacy misleading, their impact negligible, and their independence politically compromised. Worse, they are sometimes unknowing accomplices in the evils they seek to eradicate.

Humanitarianism, Rieff suggests, has taken on the hue of an ideology, one that stresses the needs of “innocent victims” to the exclusion of all other considerations. Knowing that compassion sells, humanitarian organizations, often allied with the media and sympathetic governments, especially the United States, have projected “simplex images of wicked warlords” versus “suffering and innocent victims.” Graphic television scenes of rotting corpses and helpless refugees dying on the roadside have prompted national governments, and the United Nations, to intervene militarily in particular countries to stop the killing or to feed the hungry, but without any reference to the political conditions or the domestic rivalries that have produced these evils. To show that ignorance of context can do more harm that good, Rieff cites the situation in the refugee camps of eastern Congo following the Rwandan genocide: “[H]umanitarians discovered that solidarity with victims, political impartiality, and aid deployed simply on the basis of need could restore an army of genocidal killers to health and threaten to plunge Rwanda further into a nightmare of blood and fire.”

In separate chapters devoted respectively to Bosnia, Rwanda, Kosovo, and Afghanistan, Rieff convincingly demonstrates that, in the absence of critical contextual analysis and hard political decisions, there can be “no humanitarian solution to humanitarian problems.” These case studies also show that, whatever they might say, governments intervene in humanitarian crises only when their participation suits their national interests. Similarly, humanitarian organizations fight to defend their institutional prerogatives as much as to dispense aid to the needy, even to the point of surrendering their independence to gain favor with donor governments. The “hazard of charity,” as the author puts it, is that altruism and politics go together, much as Britain’s crusade to abolish slavery in the 19th century went hand-in-hand with its imperialistic designs.

Rieff’s case studies also show that governments will cut and run when humanitarian intervention goes sour, as in Somalia, when the United States pulled out after local gangs threatened its troops. Television images of an American soldier being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu cancelled our competing images of starving babies with flies on their faces. U.N. agencies and blue-helmeted peacekeepers have been similarly enfeebled by their obstinate neutrality between rival groups and their blind trust in the ability of peoples to heal themselves if only given the chance.

In the author’s view, what makes the humanitarian project so frustrating—and even hopeless—is the timidity of the United Nations in the field and the unwillingness of wealthy nations to commit the resources, both military and financial, needed to heal the world’s wounds. Brecht was right. Humanitarian organizations, both religious and secular, have passed by to help the needy, assist refugees, and to aid certain communities of disease—Rieff acknowledges these success stories—but such heroic acts of selflessness and generosity have neither “changed the world” nor “improved relations among men.”

In the end, however, this book ignores an important reality. Resources alone will not stop the violence or the killing. Nor will an international criminal court, or a dozen such courts, curtail these evils. The ultimate cure, if indeed there is one, is for the world to take seriously the message of Galatians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for the people.”

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When most faculty members request a leave from teaching, the assumption is that they will spend their time deep in thought researching and writing on a particular area of law. When Prof. Joe Bauer sought a leave from his teaching responsibilities, he packed his bags, kissed his wife, Marzy, goodbye, and went off to Washington, D.C., to jump feet first into the practice of law. For nearly eight months last year, Professor Bauer became “of counsel” to the Washington, D.C., office of Kirkland & Ellis.

“I’ve been at Notre Dame Law School for 29 years, and with the exception of two semesters when I was on leave, I’ve been teaching the entire time,” said Bauer. “I graduated from law school in 1969 and practiced for three years. I didn’t particularly enjoy practice then, so I wanted to get back and see how it had changed. It was a desire for a change of pace, both in terms of where I was going to be and what I was going to do.” And get back into practice he did. It wasn’t, however, without some major groundwork on his part. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) had offered a one-year program called Academics in Residence, designed to immerse law-school faculty in a specific division of the DOJ, with the intention that after the year they would return to the classroom. Unfortunately, because of a combination of budgetary cutbacks and other reasons, the DOJ discontinued the program.

Determined to find an appropriate alternative, Professor Bauer called on Tom Yannucci ’72,76, managing partner at the D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis, “I’d done some work with Kirkland South Bend and to work as a member of the legal team assigned to the case.” Ironically, I went down to Washington right after the new year and was there for only about four weeks, when I wound up back in South Bend for the hearing in front of the District Court,” he said. “I spent nearly two weeks here and there, when the hearing was over, went back to Washington.” Incidentally, the District Court denied Bauer’s request for a preliminary injunction, and that judgment was affirmed in the fall by the Seventh Circuit.

In addition to these two cases, Professor Bauer was asked to work on a number of antitrust issues involving both public and private actions. “I worked on a merger challenge brought by the Federal Trade Commission, as well as some private actions, both on the plaintiff’s side and the defendant’s side,” Bauer said. “I was also asked to assist on a copyright action, and then again on the antitrust cases. I was also involved with the Red Cross. I was involved in both the research and writing of briefs, as well as meeting with clients and occasionally working with expert witnesses.”

And how did the firm respond to having Professor Bauer in the office? “Well, I think it may have caused a little bit of awkwardness for a few people, but there were really no problems on that score. It was particularly nice to work with a number of my former students who are partners and associates at Kirkland.”

Overall, Bauer felt the experience was one that cannot be matched: “The people were, on the one hand, very bright lawyers, but they were also extremely pleasant to work with. I really enjoyed working at the firm, and I hope that what I have by way of my experiences, both as a teacher and as a scholar, in some way added value to what they were doing as well.”
Local Attorney Shares His Knowledge with Chilean Counterparts

When Paul Peralta saw the opportunity for a unique volunteer project for which he could use his knowledge of the Spanish language, he jumped at the chance.

A local attorney, Peralta has spent a week in Chile for each of the past three years to help instruct and advise Chilean lawyers. Born of Ecuadorian parents, the bilingual Peralta has enjoyed the opportunity to use his Spanish as well as his law expertise.

Peralta, a partner with the law firm of Baker & Daniels, was referred to the University of Temuco, Chile.

The need for instruction came after the Chilean judicial system. Peralta explains. "The Chilean judicial system is new to the Chilean lawyers. Born of Ecuadorian parents, he jumped at the chance.

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Clynes Endowment Brings Chief Justice Rehnquist to Campus

The Chief Justice’s visit was made possible through the generosity of the late Judge James J. Clynes Jr., a 1945 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 1948 graduate of Cornell Law School. A retired partner with the Ithaca, New York, firm of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, Judge Clynes was the Ithaca City Judge from 1969 to 1989. Before serving on the bench, he was a city attorney and city prosecutor. He was a member of the Law School Advisory Council as well as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. The benefaction reflects Judge Clynes’ strong interest in promoting teaching and lecturing directly related to the ethics of litigation within the judicial process at the NDLs.

Matthew Barrett participated in a five-week summer seminar on the Catholic intellectual traditions sponsored by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. He presented the CLE program “Law and Accounting in a Post-Enron World” on November 23, 2002, at the Law School. He also was elected as an alumni member of the Notre Dame Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and was reelected as chair of the Student Welfare Subcommittee of the University’s Faculty Board on Athletics.

Later that evening, Dean O’Hara and members of the Law School faculty played host to the Chief Justice at a dinner on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library, surpising him with a musical performance by the renowned Notre Dame Glee Club. Their personalized performance included a medley of college fight songs that chronicled the Chief Justice’s academic career. Knowing of his interest in U.S. history and the Civil War, Dean O’Hara also presented him with a framed print of Paul Henry Wood’s painting Abolition Under Fire, depicting Rev. William Corby C.S.C., blessing the Irish Brigade during the battle of Gettysburg, as well as an autographed copy of Notre Dame archivist Peter Lygas’ book Blue for the Union and Green for Ireland: Civil War Flags of the 63rd Regiment New York Volunteers, Irish Brigade.


Robert Blakey was back in the news recently for his work on a comprehensive study looking at the impact of organized crime influences on the Teamsters Union. The Teamsters financed the first-ever independent internal investigation into both the history and current status of organized crime influences on the union. The report, “The Teamsters: Perception and Reality,” appeared in the summer issue of the Teamsters’ internal RISE journal. The report was conducted as part of the Teamsters’ internal RISE (Respect, Integrity, Strength, Ethics) anti-corruption program. Professor Blakey serves as a member of the Project RISE board of advisors.

Gerry Bradley participated in a symposium exploring the conditions for a “just war” with Iraq. The Washington, D.C., symposium was sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, the Institute for American Values, and the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy.


Tea Dutille gave a talk at Saint Mary’s College titled “Law School and Careers in Law” on November 7, 2002.

Barbara Fick and Ada Verloren presented a paper they cowrote titled “The Role of Trade Unions in Creating and Maintaining a Democratic Society” at the Authority in Contention conference, sponsored by the Collective Behavior and Social Movements section of the American Sociological Association. The conference was held at the University of Notre Dame on August 14–15, 2002.

Rick Garnett was a featured speaker at the Christian Legal Society’s National Student Conference, and at its Scholar’s Conference, in Savannah, Georgia, in November 2002.

Alan Guinn has published the fifth edition of his casebook, Guns & World Cases, Text and Problems on Federal Income Taxation (West, 2002).

William P. Hoye has been appointed to a three-year term on the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee (IAC) by the NCAA Management Council. Recommended to the committee by Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., University President, and nominated by the Big East Conference, Hoye will join a five-member committee charged with conducting appellate hearings and adjudicating appeals.

Please Remember the Blakey Family

Elaine Blakey, wife of Robert Blakey ’57, ’60 J.D., passed away, Saturday, December 7, 2002. Mrs. Blakey was a graduate of Saint Mary’s College. She is survived by three sons, Michael ’81, ’84 J.D., and his wife, Natalie, of Center Moriches, New York; Matthew of Washington, D.C.; and Jack ’82 J.D. and his wife, Christina, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and five daughters, Elizabeth Martinez and her husband, Daniel, of South Bend; Anna of Santa Monica, California; Key Cyx ’83, ’86 J.D.; and her husband, Michael, of Chicago, Illinois; Christine and her husband, Jon, of Phoenix, Arizona; and Margaret and her husband, Kevin, of Chicago. The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Saint Margaret’s House, 117 North Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601, or to the Notre Dame Law School Scholarship Fund. Condolences may be sent to Professor Blakey at 1341 E. Wayne St. North, South Bend, IN 46615.

Please keep Professor Blakey and his family in your prayers.
of decisions by NCAA member institu- tions from the NCAAs Committee on Infractions. He also gave the keynote address titled “Tales from the Shredder: Infractions.” He also gave the keynote address titled “How to Abolish the Death Penalty,” organized by the NDLS Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, November 7, 2002. In early December, Professor Meintjes traveled to Romania to participate in a conference on domestic violence held at the law school of the Mihail Kogalniceanu University. The program was organized by the law schools dean, Aurora Ciciu ’96 LL.M., to heighten awareness about the scale and frequency of domestic violence in that country.

Garth Meintjes shared his insights on the impact of terrorist attacks on civil liberties and human rights at a panel discussion titled “After September 11: Civil Liberties, Human Rights, and Legal Remedies,” sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, October 3, 2002. He participated in a workshop titled “How to Abolish the Death Penalty,” organized by the NDLS Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, November 7, 2002. In early December, Professor Meintjes traveled to Romania to participate in a conference on domestic violence held at the law school of the Mihail Kogalniceanu University. The program was organized by the law school’s dean, Aurora Ciciu ’96 LL.M., to heighten awareness about the scale and frequency of domestic violence in that country.

Juan Méndez traveled to Costa Rica last August to lecture at the annual Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights offered by the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights (IACHR). As part of his duties as Special Rapporteur of the IACHR for the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families, he also conducted a fact-finding mission with Andreas Feldmann and Helena Ola 00 LL.M. (currenty a J.S.D. candidate) on immigration policy and practice. He then traveled to Mexico, where the same group undertook another fact-finding visit to several border posts, including Chiapsa and Ciudad Juárez, as well as the capital’s detention center for immigrants. In September 2002, Professor Méndez chaired a special session of the IACHR in San José, Costa Rica, dedicated to the discussion of a forthcoming report on state responses to terrorism. He delivered the keynote address at a roundtable on immigration policy offered by the University of Chicago Program on Human Rights, with participants from the United States, Mexico, and Central America. In November, he visited Santiago, Chile, to attend the Hemisphere Program on Migration, organized by the International Organization on Migration and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America. He has written a number of articles on human rights issues, including “National Reconciliation, Transnational Justice, and the International Criminal Court,” originally published in the Carnegie Council’s Ethics and International Affairs (2001, Vol. 15, No. 1), which has been published in Spanish in Anuario of the Law School of the University of La Coruña, Spain (No. 6, 2002). His article “Human Rights Policy in the Age of Terrorism,” St. Louis University Law Journal, Vol. 46, No. 2, Spring 2002, is one of several responses to a Children’s Rights Law Journal of “A United States Human Rights Policy for the 21st Century,” by Yale Law Professor Harold Koh.

Dean O’Hara Featured at Women’s Conference

Dean Patricia O’Hara was the featured speaker at a luncheon held in conjunction with the fifth Women in Law Conference held October 17 and 18, 2002, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dean O’Hara joined other prestigious presenters when she addressed approximately 400 Indiana lawyers attending the Friday luncheon. Nancy Gargula ’82, a recently appointed U.S. bankruptcy trustee, introduced Dean O’Hara as a “woman of firsts,” noting that she is the first female law dean in Indiana. On a more personal note, Gargula said that learning corporation law from Dean O’Hara was the high point of her legal education.


Terry Phelps presented two writing workshops at the annual meeting of the Council for Appellate Staff Attorneys, in Flagstaff, Arizona, this past July.

Associate Dean John Robinson teamed with Prof. John Price of the University of Washington Law School to make a presentation at last fall’s Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute on the ethical responsibilities of a fiduciary’s lawyer. He also presented a CLE lecture titled “The Effect of the Current Clerical Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Catholic Church in America on American Law” on November 23, 2002, at the Law School. He spoke in December at the St. Joseph County Bar Association on recent developments in legal ethics.

Gurulé to Return from the Treasury Department

Professor Jimmy Gurulé has announced that he will return to the Law School this spring after serving as underscurey for enforcement in the U.S. Treasury Department since August 2001. Professor Gurulé announced his resignation from Treasury in a letter to President Bush stating, “I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve your administration, the Department of the Treasury, and the American people during the difficult and challenging times following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.” As underscurey for enforcement, Professor Gurulé had oversight responsibilities for the U.S. Customs Service, the Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He was also in charge of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Office for Asset Forfeiture, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

While at the Treasury Department, Professor Gurulé was a key leader in the implementation of President Bush’s financial war on terrorism, working to find, disrupt, and dismantle terrorist financial networks around the world. Under his leadership, the Treasury Office of Enforcement designated 257 global terrorist groups and individuals and blocked more than $125 million in terrorist funds.

“Jimmy Gurulé is one of the most distinguished law enforcement officials and law professors in the country,” said Acting Treasury Secretary Kemnynn Dau. “His talents and leadership proved invaluable for the Treasury Department and the United States government as he helped shape and lead our campaign against terrorism. It has been a great privilege to work with him, and this administration is grateful for the contributions he has made to the nation.”

Rebecca Houghton has joined the Notre Dame Law School as a supervising attorney and a clinic fellow. The Law School established the clinic fellowship last year to provide additional supervisory assistance in the clinic. Clinic fellows will serve the Law School for two years at a time.

Houghton is a graduate of the Boston College Law School, where she worked in the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau representing indigent clients in civil litigation and assisted pro bono attorneys in preparation of asylum cases. After graduation, Houghton was a judicial law clerk in the Attorney General’s Honor Program for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, where she drafted judicial opinions for immigration judges in the New York and Boston areas. Before law school, Becca was the project coordinator for Building with Books, an international not-for-profit in which she supervised schoolhouse construction projects in developing countries as the organization’s on-site coordinator. She worked in Brazil, Bolivia, Nepal, and Mali.

Roger Jacobs published “Pulling the Pieces Together, What Have We Learned? A Summary of the Joint Study Institute: Canadian Focus, Global View” in the 2002 Canadian Law Librarians’ Bibliothèques de Droit Canadiennes, Volume/Tome 27, No. 4. Professor Jacobs also served as a reporter for the third Joint Study Institute held last May at Royal Roads University, Victoria, British Columbia. The institute is hosted every two years by one of four participating law library associations and is intended to provide an introduction to the host country’s legal heritage and traditions.

Mike Kirsch was a featured speaker at the 28th Annual Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute, held at the South Bend Century Center. His presentation included a discussion of the tax consequences of expatriation and offshore trusts.

Donald P. Koomen taught comparative law at Duke University Law School’s Transnational Law Program in Geneva, Switzerland, last summer. He delivered a paper, cowritten with Stephanie Neuhaus, titled “Equity and Non-Discrimination in the United States,” at an international conference sponsored by the Max Planck Institute of International and Comparative Public Law, Heidelberg, Germany. He recently was named a member of the National Screening Committee, U.S. Student Fulbright Program in Germany, and also has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of a new Praeger Publication Series on “Issues in Comparative Public Law.” In addition, he has received a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct a college teachers’ seminar on campus next summer on the topic of “American Constitutionalism in Comparative Perspective.”

Garth Meintjes shared his insights on the impact of terrorist attacks on civil liberties and human rights at a panel discussion titled “After September 11: Civil Liberties, Human Rights, and Legal Remedies,” sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, October 3, 2002. He participated in a workshop titled “How to Abolish the Death Penalty,” organized by the NDLS Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, November 7, 2002. In early December, Professor Meintjes traveled to Romania to participate in a conference on domestic violence held at the law school of the Mihail Kogalniceanu University. The program was organized by the law school’s dean, Aurora Ciciu ’96 LL.M., to heighten awareness about the scale and frequency of domestic violence in that country.

Juan Méndez traveled to Costa Rica last August to lecture at the annual Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights offered by the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights (IACHR). As part of his duties as Special Rapporteur of the IACHR for the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families, he also conducted a fact-finding mission with Andreas Feldmann and Helena Ola 00 LL.M. (currenty a J.S.D. candidate) on immigration policy and practice. He then traveled to Mexico, where the same group undertook another fact-finding visit to several border posts, including Chiapsa and Ciudad Juárez, as well as the capital’s detention center for immigrants. In September 2002, Professor Méndez chaired a special session of the IACHR in San José, Costa Rica, dedicated to the discussion of a forthcoming report on state responses to terrorism. He delivered the keynote address at a roundtable on immigration policy offered by the University of Chicago Program on Human Rights, with participants from the United States, Mexico, and Central America. In November, he visited Santiago, Chile, to attend the Hemisphere Program on Migration, organized by the International Organization on Migration and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America. He has written a number of articles on human rights issues, including “National Reconciliation, Transnational Justice, and the International Criminal Court,” originally published in the Carnegie Council’s Ethics and International Affairs (2001, Vol. 15, No. 1), which has been published in Spanish in Anuario of the Law School of the University of La Coruña, Spain (No. 6, 2002). His article “Human Rights Policy in the Age of Terrorism,” St. Louis University Law Journal, Vol. 46, No. 2, Spring 2002, is one of several responses to a Children’s Rights Law Journal of “A United States Human Rights Policy for the 21st Century,” by Yale Law Professor Harold Koh.
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ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF notes

Nate Joins NDLS
The Law School welcomes Lu Ann Nate to the staff. Lu Ann joined the Law School in August of 2002, filling a vacancy left as a result of Nancy Catanzarite's retirement. Before joining the Law School staff, Lu Ann was employed by the Bayer Corporation, where she held a variety of positions, including technical secretary, administrative secretary, and senior secretarial.

Peter Horvath, formerly the assistant director of career services, has been named the Law School director of student services, succeeding Julia Meister ’95, who resigned that position last summer to return to private practice in Ohio. Peter is a graduate of Wabash College and of the Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis. After graduating from law school, Peter practiced law with the Konopa law firm in South Bend. He joined the Law School in February of 2003. Peter will be assisting Associate Dean John Robinson in managing a wide range of student-related programs and services, including maintaining contact with all student organizations to ensure compliance with University regulations, counseling students about different aspects of their law school experience, and collaborating with various law school administrators to help coordinate their activities and realize their objectives.

Dwight B. King Jr., librarian and head of research services for the University of Notre Dame's Kresge Law Library, has been appointed ombudsperson for discriminatory harassment complaints at the University.

As ombudsperson, Mr. King will provide one means by which students, faculty, and staff can report allegations of discriminatory harassment. He will investigate all complaints brought to his attention and follow up with either informal conciliation or assistance in preparing a formal report to University officials. Complaints also can be filed with the Office of Residence Life, the director of Human Resources, or appropriate supervisors.

Under terms of the harassment policy as passed by the Academic Council, the ombudsperson is appointed by the University's President, Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., in consultation with other officers of the University.

A member of the Kresge Law Library faculty since 1986, Mr. King became head of research services in 1990. He teaches legal research to first-year law students at Notre Dame. King has served on several committees of the American Association of Law Libraries, including the Committee on Minorities, the Committee on Recruitment, the Task Force for the National Conference on Legal Information Issues, and the Grants Committee. Mr. King earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

Hovarth Named New Director
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Thursday Shaffer continued the address to members of the Committee on the Kresge Law Library. He noted that the Library had been appointed the title of "Advanced Family Law." Both programs were sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He also has been named to the National Association of Counsel for Children's Juvenile Attorney Certification National Advisory Board, which will formulate national certification credentials for child welfare and juvenile justice attorneys. He also was recently named to membership in the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS), the learned society of legal academics in the United Kingdom and Ireland.


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Recently, we asked a few of the members of the Class of 2005 to reflect on their first year at NDLS. We asked students, “Why did you choose to attend Notre Dame Law School?” Their responses were both heartfelt and inspiring, proving that the Law School is succeeding in its commitment to educating a “different kind of lawyer.”

SJF Thanksgiving Drive
Largest in History

The Social Justice Forum (SJF) reports that it assisted a record number of families in its annual Thanksgiving Baskets Drive this past November. SJF President Kristie McCann ’03, from Deep River, Connecticut, says that 160 Thanksgiving dinners were delivered to needy families in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Originally, the group was planning to deliver 100 dinners, but with the poor economy there seemed to be an even greater need for assistance this year. “We just couldn’t say ‘no,’ so we raised more money,” McCann said. The students were creative in their fundraising efforts, including an “Amnesty Day” on which students “pay” professors not to be called on for class. This event alone raised more than $1,500. In addition, faculty and staff members donated funds to enable SJF to purchase food for family baskets. In all, the event was a huge success and one that serves to remind us of the true meaning of the season.

Student Bar Association
Honored for Web Site

The Notre Dame Law School Student Bar Association (SBA) was recently honored by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, winning the Law Student Division Award for Best SBA Web Site. Sharing the top honors with NDLS were the Gonzaga University School of Law and St. John’s University School of Law. Originally designed by Stacye DeJulius, wife of Leon DeJulius ’02, the SBA site has become the home page for frequent visitors. Alumni will find the site informative as well as humorous. Links to all student organizations, activities, and events can be found on the site as well as information about ordering NDLS merchandise. You may check out the award-winning SBA Web site at www.nd.edu/~sba.

StUDENT notes

Anson Rhodes ’05
Detroit, Michigan

Ryan Dwyer ’05
Olean, New York

Sonja Redmond ’05
Soldotna, Alaska

I chose Notre Dame because I knew I’d get two things for the price of one: an excellent legal education which focused on serving people via the law, and the prestige of earning a degree from one of the nation’s best law schools.

My prayer in choosing a law school was, “Lord, I want to study the law in a place full of the light of Christ.” God answered my prayer by leading me to the Notre Dame Law School. I’ll never forget my first day of criminal law with Prof. Rick Garnett. One of the first things he said to us was, “We believe that there is a God here. And we believe that studying the law is not about a paycheck. It’s about justice, and true justice is a reflection of the mind and heart of God.” That’s the best part about studying the law here at NDLS—the truth behind the law shines forth from the Christ-filled insight within these professors. If you ever forget why you’re here doing what you’re doing, just pick your head up: There’s A.J. Bellia leading the rosary in the chapel; there’s Rick Garnett opening class with the sign of the cross; there’s Paolo Carozza giving a talk on sainthood. And if you get distracted, lift your gaze: There’s the crucifix in every classroom. This place is about truth. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.

Heather Moriconi, from the admissions office, was a significant factor in my decision to attend ND. She was so friendly and helpful when I came to visit the first time. She even made a copy of the alumni directory page that included alumni from Alaska. That made a big impression on me. The willingness of students and alumni to talk to me via e-mail, letter, and phone and share their experiences was the other big factor. I just fell in love with the people. Since I am 50 years old and left my husband and family behind in Alaska to come to law school, it was very important to me to find a place where I could be comfortable and accepted. I was uneasy about how all the young kids (that’s under 40) would react to having an old fogey in their classes. I knew a large part of law school was teamwork. Every student and alumnus I talked to from Notre Dame reassured me, “We are all in this together.” I took the chance that Notre Dame would live up to its reputation as a “family.” The experience has been everything I ever hoped it would be and more. I love it!
IrishLaw Sports Report

2Ls Win 2002 Football Championship

Coming off of a disappointing loss last year, the 2L flag football team “Vanilla Thunda” emerged victorious from the finals this past fall at Notre Dame Stadium. The championship team avenged its only loss of the season by defeating a team from the Department of Chemistry, 13-12. The game drew a large crowd of support from the NDSL community, as the enthusiastic Vanilla Thunda fans witnessed an exhilarating contest that was not determined until the final play.

Composed of Dan Bubar of St. Joseph, Michigan; Geoffrey Ciereck of Syracuse, New York; Gonzales of Beaverton, Oregon; Brian Jesjas of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Chris Kabak of Midland, Michigan; Scott Leaman of Wyckoff, New Jersey; Jason Linster of Aurora, Illinois; James Murray of Huron, Ohio; Ken Perry of Orland Park, Illinois; Joe Reimer of Collegeville, Texas; Ken Vonnau of Rochester, New York; and Bart Walker of Charlotte, North Carolina, Vanilla Thunda eagerly anticipates defending its title as 3Ls next year.

Alum on the Run

Edward Sullivan ’83, an adjunct faculty member at the Law School, took a break from his busy litigation practice at Baker & Daniels in South Bend to head east for his first marathon. Ed joined the nearly 30,000 runners as they made their way through New York City while running in the 2002 New York Marathon. Finishing his first marathon, Ed is already planning for his return in November 2003.

Third-Year Students Lace Up for Marathon

For many students, the rigors of law school are grueling enough, but not for two 3L students who decided they wanted more adventure in their final year at the Notre Dame Law School. Jim Heiser of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Angie Little of Fort Wayne, Indiana, trained for several months in anticipation of running in the 2002 Chicago Marathon. When other law students were just waking up after witnessing yet another Notre Dame football victory, Little and Heiser were among a crowd of more than 37,000 runners on their way to finishing the 26.2-mile race. This was Heiser’s third marathon and Little’s first. Heiser finished in four hours and one minute, Little in three hours and 54 minutes.

Law School Announces Loan Repayment Assistance Program Established to Aid Those in Public Service

The Law School is pleased to announce the establishment of a Loan Repayment Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to eligible graduates of the Law School who work in low-paying public-interest, public-service, or other similar positions after graduation. Many members of the Law School community worked tirelessly to make this program a reality—Profs. Matt Barrett, Con Kellenberg, and Terry Phelps; from the school’s administration, Cathy Roemer; and current law student Suzi Prchal ’99, ’01 J.D., ’02 LL.M.

Under the program, the Law School will select a limited number of graduates each year and will extend loans to them to help them to repay qualifying law school educational loans. If a graduate selected for the program performs qualifying employment for at least five years, the Law School will then fully forgive any loan(s) made to the graduate under the program.

The program is initially limited in amount and in coverage, but it is the hope of all involved that it will expand in the future. The Law School is deeply indebted to William J. Werner ’77 J.D. and Anne Hart Werner ’75 J.D., the estate of Francis O’Kane, and the estate of Thomas Havekotte for initial gifts toward beginning this endowment, as well as to Jerry ’75 J.D., and Karhi Woods and Andrew ’81 J.D. and Celeste Cuomo for recent commitments. In the interim, the Law School will be funding the program largely from soft monies.

By adopting this program, the Law School seeks to help in alleviating some of the financial obstacles that have prevented many interested graduates from pursuing low-paying positions in public-interest, public-service, or other similar employment. We recognize that lawyers bear a responsibility to provide services to people who cannot afford legal representation and to use their legal education in other ways for the public good. This responsibility flows from the Gospel and a desire, as members of the living body of Christ, to help to build God’s kingdom on earth.

Established to Aid Those in Public Service

Realizing a vocation in public-interest law has been a difficult one for many Notre Dame law students, as well as law students across the country, because of high debt burden and abysmally low salaries for public-interest lawyers. According to a report by Equal Justice Works, the median law student educational debt grew to $48,400 in 2001, and this figure does not take into account undergraduates. Current Notre Dame Law School students would graduate with more than $100,000 in debt if they were to borrow the entire amount needed to pay for tuition and living expenses.

Coupled with this debt burden, graduates seeking employment in public-interest and public-service law jobs are frequently offered incredibly low salaries for such work. Equal Justice Works reports that the median starting salary for a government job in 2001 was a slightly higher $41,000. Compared to a median starting salary of $90,000 for a position in private practice, it is easy to see why graduates often must forgo their desire to serve the poor and their communities to support themselves and their families.

Thus, the long-awaited LRAP is an important institutional response to Notre Dame students with vocations to be lawyers for the poor and for the community. The Notre Dame LRAP is also a significant response to the community as a whole, a community in which up to 80 percent of the legal needs of the poor go unmet under a system in which lawyers are integral to obtaining justice.

We on the LRAP committee strove to create a program with the available resources that would provide significant, meaningful assistance to graduates, such that graduates could reasonably accept an offer of employment continued on page 34
Law School Hosts Distinguished Speakers Through Lecture Series

The Olin Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the Natural Law Institute, was hosted by Prof. Patrick Kelly, Southern Illinois University Law School, on November 21, 2002. Professor Kelly’s lecture, “Childhood Insanity and Infamy in the Law of Torts: The Line Between Justification and Excuse,” was held in the Law School Courtyard. Speakers scheduled for the spring semester include William A. Galston, professor at the University of Maryland’s School of Public Affairs and director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy; Very Rev. Francis Cardinal George, archbishop of Chicago, who will be speaking on the topic “Law and Culture”; Christopher Tollefsen, professor from the University of South Carolina, who will speak on “Justified Belief”; and Joseph Raz, professor from Oxford University, who will speak on “Law’s Moral Foundations.”

Each year, the Law School hosts several speakers through the Distinguished Lecture Series as part of enriching the academic experiences of students and faculty alike. The spring 2003 series discussion “Legislating Corporate Ethics” will focus on legal scholar responses to the well-publicized corporate scandals that are making headlines throughout the country. In particular, speakers will focus on efforts by Congress and other regulators to prescribe ethical norms for corporate managers and their professional advisors. Scheduled speakers for the seminar include Richard Painter, professor of law, University of Illinois; James D. Cox, Brainerd Carrie Professor of Law, Duke University; John C. Coffee Jr., Adolfo A. Berle Professor of Law, Columbia University; Ronald Gilson, Marc and Eva Stern Professor of Law and Business, Columbia University; and Meyers Professor of Law and Business, Stanford University; Susan Konik, professor of law, Boston University; David Dana, professor of law, Northwestern University; and Harvey J. Goldschmid, commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Dwight Professor of Law, Columbia University. Organized by NDLS professors Julian Velasco and Lisa Casey, the Distinguished Lecture Series is made possible by the generosity of Robert T. ‘74 and Ann Therese Darin Palmer ‘73 B.A., ’75 M.B.A.

Projects Supporting International Justice

Beyond its academic programs, the CCHR also supports the efforts of human-rights lawyers through its Transitional Justice (TJ) and Rwanda Tribunal Internship (ICTR Internship) projects. Thanks to a generous grant from the Ford Foundation, the TJ project is currently sponsoring practical training for lawyers from Canada, Mauritius, Scotland, South Africa, and the United States. These newly qualified professionals are interning at Truth Commissions (Ghana, East Timor, and Peru), nongovernmental organizations (the United States, Haiti, and Belgium), and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

In addition to supporting internships, the TJ project brings to Notre Dame human-rights specialists wishing to reflect on and write about their experiences in promoting international justice and accountability. This knowledge is important in preparing for the new and continuing challenges in the battle against impunity in various regions and countries. While here, these visitors engage in quality research in collaboration with the center’s staff, and participate in seminars and discussion aimed at sharing their expertise with the Notre Dame community.

To date, the TJ program has brought four human-rights specialists to Notre Dame for semester-long visits. The first was the former head of the human-rights unit of Colombia’s National Prosecutor’s Office. He was followed by visits by an American professor working on the construction of the collective memory and a Malaysian-German lawyer researching the judiciary’s accountability for human-rights violations in East Timor. This semester’s visitor is an Austrian lawyer with experience working on several UN missions. His research is on institutional rebuilding in post-conflict situations.

Lastly, the ICTR Internship project, supported by a grant from the Open Society Institute, supports the professional development of African human-rights lawyers through practical training. With the support of this project, six young African lawyers per year are able to undertake six-month internships at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. The current group of interns is from Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and Uganda.

International human-rights law is a rapidly developing area of law in which the Notre Dame Law School, through the CCHR’s academic programs and projects, is proudly working to improve the legal knowledge and skills of human-rights lawyers around the world.
Alumni Notes

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To join any NDLS listserve, please send an e-mail to: alumni@nd.edu

WEB ADDRESS

Law School alumni Web site: www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/alumni

In Memoriam

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

Robert E. Gartland '38 J.D.
July 12, 2002, Niles, Illinois

William J. McNamara '38, '40 J.D.
August 10, 2002, Painesville, Ohio

William A. Hosinski '41, '43 J.D.
December 22, 2002, South Bend, Indiana

James L. O'Brien '50 J.D.
August 27, 2002, Princeton, New Jersey

Jack M. Michaelson '50, '51 J.D.
September 13, 2002, Effingham, Illinois

Francis J. Ley '51, '52 J.D.
July 28, 2002, Melbourne, Florida

Ralph G. Schultz '51, '53 J.D.
August 11, 2002, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Thomas J. Hanrahan '52, '54 J.D.
December 26, 2002, Poconos, Montana

Eugene F. Smith '53 J.D.
September 14, 2002, Whitewater, Wisconsin

John V. Reilly Jr. '56, '60 J.D.
December 31, 2002, Seaside Park, New Jersey

John A. Burgess '56, '58 J.D.
December 12, 2002, Granger, Indiana

Frederick M. Miller '51 J.D.
July 30, 2002, Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Leon Geyer, professor of environmental and agricultural law at Virginia Tech, has been named department head of the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics. In 1981, Professor Geyer joined the faculty, in which he teaches and conducts research in law and economics. He also directs the state’s largest tax-practitioners workshop.

CLASS OF 1966

Secretary: Thomas J. McNally

Marty Idzik has been appointed executive director of the Arts Council of Chautauqua County, New York.

CLASS OF 1972

Listserve: NDLAW-1972@listserv.nd.edu
Secretary: Richard L. Hill

James D. Friedman, a partner with the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, office of Quarles & Brady has been included in Woodward/White, Inc.’s 10th edition of The Best Lawyers in America (2003–2004). Mr. Friedman practices in health care, corporate and securities, and banking areas.

CLASS OF 1974

Secretary: Christopher Kale

John Cariotto writes that he has spent the better part of 15 years working on an automation system for the Nebraska court system that he is sure “had its genesis in Professor Link’s technology and law class.” Currently serving as associate state court administrator, Cariotto has recently been honored for his extensive work on a statewide trial court computer system now being used in 185 of Nebraska’s 186 trial courts.

CLASS OF 1979

Secretary: M. Ellen Carpenter

Greg Murphy has accepted a position on the American Bar Association’s Law School Accreditation Committee. Greg recently resigned from the Montana Board of Law Examiners, where he served for 17 years, during eight of which he was the chair. He also recently completed his term as immediate past chair of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The Montana State Bar Association recently awarded Greg with its 2002 Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to the state of Montana.

CLASS OF 1982

Secretary: Frank Julian

Diana Lewis, a partner in the Palm Beach, Florida, office of Carlton Fields and a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, was successful in a recent run for a judicial seat in Palm Beach County. Her six-year commission commenced in January of 2003. She has been assigned to the Circuit Civil division of the court and reports she will be sharing a judicial office suite with another NDLS graduate, Judge Tim McCarthy ’71.

Edward V. Sommer, a partner in the Chicago office of Chapman and Cutler, was recently featured in a Chicago Daily Law Bulletin article highlighting his pro bono work for the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), which assists low-income families in buying and refurbishing homes in the Chicago area. Sommer and two associates at the firm donated nearly 500 hours of legal work drafting a complex financial plan that will allow NHS to distribute funds to nearly 2,500 low-income working families seeking home loans.

CLASS OF 1983

Listserve: NDLAW-1983@listserv.nd.edu
Secretary: Ann Burford Merchlewitz

John Sullivan has been promoted to senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for the Imation Corporation in Oakdale, Minnesota.

CLASS OF 1984

Secretary: Cathy Chromulaak

Matthew Miklave, a labor and employment partner with the New York-based law firm Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., was elected in November 2001 to a two-year term on the Norwalk (Connecticut) Common Council. On November 26, 2002, after one year in office, the 15-member council honored the freshman legislator by electing him president of that body.

CLASS OF 1986

Listserve: NDLAW-1986@listserv.nd.edu
Web site: http://alumni.nd.edu/~law86
Secretaries: Glenn Schmidt and Don Passenger

Eileen Doran has joined the St. Joseph County, Indiana, prosecutor’s office as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Family Violence and Special Victims Unit.

Lori Guzzo, a partner with Bettis Patterson & Mines, P.S., in Seattle, Washington, has been named chair of the firm’s Business Practice Group.

CLASS OF 1988

Listserve: NDLAW-1988@listserv.nd.edu
Web site: http://alumni.nd.edu/~law88
Secretaries: Melissa Cooper and Matthew Miklave

Peter Greenard, an attorney with the Washington, D.C., firm Bode & Greenard, was recently featured in the July 29, 2002, issue of the National Law Journal. The NLJ article, titled “40 Under 40,” listed the top 40 litigators in the country under the age of 40. Not only was Peter among the top 40, but he also was given special honors as one of the top 10 litigators within the group.

Tony Stites, a partner with Barrett & McNagny, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was one of five attorneys featured in a Business People Magazine article titled “An Ounce of Prevention . . . Five Local Attorneys Discuss How Employment and Labor Law Affect Your Business.” In the article, Stites noted that communication is key to successful employer-employee relations and noted that treating employees fairly and consistently is vital in today’s business environment.

Robert H. Kurnick Jr. has been named president of Penske Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, and named director of international studies and named director of international studies Program. Kurnick will continue as general counsel of UnitedAuto Group, Inc., which is a subsidiary of the Penske Corporation.

CLASS OF 1989

Web site: http://alumni.nd.edu/~law1989
Secretary: Jennifer O’Leary Smith

Timothy Schorn has been granted tenure and named director of international studies at the University of South Dakota.

CLASS OF 1991

Listserve: NDLAW-1991@listserv.nd.edu
Secretary: Michael McCloskey

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Secretary: Anthony McLaughlin

Diana Lewis, a partner in the Palm Beach, Florida, office of Carlton Fields and a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, was successful in a recent run for a judicial seat in Palm Beach County. Her six-year commission commenced in January of 2003. She has been assigned to the Circuit Civil division of the court and reports she will be sharing a judicial office suite with another NDLS graduate, Judge Tim McCarthy ’71.

Edward V. Sommer, a partner in the Chicago office of Chapman and Cutler, was recently featured in a Chicago Daily Law Bulletin article highlighting his pro bono work for the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), which assists low-income families in buying and refurbishing homes in the Chicago area. Sommer and two associates at the firm donated nearly 500 hours of legal work drafting a complex financial plan that will allow NHS to distribute funds to nearly 2,500 low-income working families seeking home loans.

CLASS OF 1993

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Secretary: Emily Zweig

Greg Murphy has accepted a position on the American Bar Association’s Law School Accreditation Committee. Greg recently resigned from the Montana Board of Law Examiners, where he served for 17 years, during eight of which he was the chair. He also recently completed his term as immediate past chair of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The Montana State Bar Association recently awarded Greg with its 2002 Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to the state of Montana.

CLASS OF 1994

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Secretary: Mark Zaremba

Matthew Miklave, a labor and employment partner with the New York-based law firm Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., was elected in November 2001 to a two-year term on the Norwalk (Connecticut) Common Council. On November 26, 2002, after one year in office, the 15-member council honored the freshman legislator by electing him president of that body.

CLASS OF 1995

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Secretary: Lisa Wisniewski

Peter Greenard, an attorney with the Washington, D.C., firm Bode & Greenard, was recently featured in the July 29, 2002, issue of the National Law Journal. The NLJ article, titled “40 Under 40,” listed the top 40 litigators in the country under the age of 40. Not only was Peter among the top 40, but he also was given special honors as one of the top 10 litigators within the group.

Tony Stites, a partner with Barrett & McNagny, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was one of five attorneys featured in a Business People Magazine article titled “An Ounce of Prevention . . . Five Local Attorneys Discuss How Employment and Labor Law Affect Your Business.” In the article, Stites noted that communication is key to successful employer-employee relations and noted that treating employees fairly and consistently is vital in today’s business environment.

Robert H. Kurnick Jr. has been named president of Penske Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, and named director of international studies Program. Kurnick will continue as general counsel of UnitedAuto Group, Inc., which is a subsidiary of the Penske Corporation.

CLASS OF 1996

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Secretary: Jennifer O’Leary Smith

Timothy Schorn has been granted tenure and named director of international studies at the University of South Dakota.
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Secretary: Charlie Hagerty
Erin Bartholomy has been named a partner with the Chicago office of Chapman & Cutler, where she practices as a municipal bond attorney.

Class of 1994
Secretary: P. Douglas Duncan
Kurt McCamman received the Donald P. Stone Service Award from the Kalamazoo County Bar Association. Kurt practices products liability, injury litigation, and dispute resolution for Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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Secretary: Julia Seitter
Martin T. Schrier has been elected a shareholder at the Miami, Florida, firm of Akerman Senterfitt.

Class of 1997
Secretary: Erica Anaya
John Blakeley '98 LLM. has left his practice in South Bend to accept a position in the General Counsel’s Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C.

Class of 1998
Web site: http://alumni.nd.edu/~law98
Secretary: Mike Rafford
Nayda Manale has been hired as a special agent by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and will serve in the Okinawa field office. NCIS investigates felony offenses in the Navy and Marines and also is involved in force protection in conjunction with the war on terror. Nayda’s husband, Mike ’98, is serving in the Marines.

Class of 1999
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Web site: www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/3096
Secretary: Steve Beattiger
Robert Fellers, an officer with the Army JAG, has joined the U.S. Army Trial Defense Services as senior defense counsel at Fort Huachusca in Arizona.

Class of 2000
Secretary: Mark Bushy
Stone Grissom, an associate with Gordon Thomas Honeywell, Tacoma, Washington, was recently honored by Washington Law & Politics as a “Rising Star.” He also was nominated and confirmed as the Washington State Bar Association Trial Advocacy Chairman for 2002–2003. Stone credits his early successes to the training he gained at NDLDS, specifically from Professors Seckinger, Jourdan, Kommers, and the entire Legal Aid Clinic.

Class of 2001
Listers: NDLAW-2001@listers.nd.edu
Secretary: Jenni Luca
Julie (Foster) Bueche has accepted a position at Oliver College, her undergraduate college, as vice president for community life.

Class of 2002
Secretary: Matt Beccelli
Matthew A. Anderson has joined McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Chicago, as an associate. McAndrews is a national intellectual-property and complex-technology law firm.

New Additions

Please welcome the newest members of the NDLS family.

Steve Ryan ’97 J.D. and wife Renee announce the birth of their fourth child, Aron, in July of 2002.

Matthew Fricker ’91 J.D. and wife Tracey welcomed their first child, Ellen Moran, born May 28, 2002.

Brian Hynes ’91 J.D. and wife Linda welcomed Thomas Joseph on June 29, 2002.

Tom Keller ’92 J.D. and Bridget Quinn ’93 J.D. announce the birth of Claire Eileen, September 15, 2002.

John Machado ’92 J.D. and wife Nancy announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Clare, July 6, 2002.

Sunil M. Bhuta has joined Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey, Chicago, as an associate.

Patrick K. Dahl also has joined Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey, Chicago, as an associate.

Paul Hanley has joined the Philadelphia office of Cozen O’Connor as an associate.

Laura Patterson Hoffman reports that she has passed the Texas bar exam and is an associate at King & Spalding, Houston.

Timothy McCurdy has joined Blackwell Sanders Peifer Martin, L.L.P., in their St. Louis, Missouri, office as an associate in their litigation department.

Ethan McKinney has accepted a position at the South Bend law firm of Tursley and Hall.

Maureen Reid has recently joined the Newark, New Jersey, offices of McCarter & English as an associate.

Beth L. Riga has joined the Indianapolis, Indiana, office of Bose McKinney & Evans L.L.P., where she will be working in the firm’s litigation group.

Alan Szuma has joined Clark Hill P.L.C. in their Birmingham, Michigan, office, where he will practice primarily in the areas of corporate law and of trusts and estate planning.
Successor Named to McCartan as New Managing Partner at Jones Day

Patrick F. McCartan, ’56, ’59 J.D., has stepped down as managing partner of Jones Day after nearly 10 years in the firm’s lead role. McCartan, who serves as chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, became the managing partner of Jones Day in January of 1993 after serving 16 years as head of the Jones Day Litigation Group. Featured in The Wall Street Journal, Institutional Investor, The National Law Journal, and every edition of The Best Lawyers in America, McCartan is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Cited in every survey conducted by The National Law Journal as one of America’s most respected lawyers, McCartan is also a subject of The Best Lawyers: Who They Are & Why They Win. He has heard jokes that are a “notable Notre Dame grad and a Boston College grad ‘they both got into BC!’ McCartan went on to praise Brogan as one of the firm’s finest lawyers.”

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McCartan named fellow NDLS graduate Steven J. Brogan ’77 as his successor. Brogan, a member of the Law School Advisory Board, began his career with Jones Day in 1977 and most recently served as the partner-in-charge of Jones Day’s Washington, D.C., office. Brogan earned his B.A. from Boston College. After serving as deputy assistant attorney general of the United States from 1981 to 1983, he returned to Jones Day, where his practice is focused on complex litigation, corporate investigations, and international counseling and litigation.

Midway through my one-year presidency of NDLS, I am pleased to report continuing progress on various activities. Indeed, it seems that the possibilities for NDLS as it matures and grows exceed the space available for discussion. Suffice it to say that motivated and enthusiastic alumni working in concert with the Law School can have a meaningful effect on extending the presence, mission, and impact of Notre Dame.

As noted above, there was a Commonwealth presentation of awards during October to those who have distinguished themselves as Notre Dame lawyers. The existence and substance of these awards give all of us an opportunity to recognize and honor our alumni whose service to God, our profession, and humanity at large exemplifies the best traditions of Notre Dame. We know there are uncounted numbers of deserving men and women who qualify for consideration through future nomination. Charlie Weiss, who preceded me as president of NDLS, is the current chairman of the Awards Committee. I urge you to bring to his attention the names of those persons you believe should be honored with an NDLS award. Charlie can be reached at cweiss@byanca.com.

NDLS always needs help with the sponsorship of alumni-funded summer fellowships. This program grew out of the commitment of Notre Dame law students to serve in public-interest positions consistent with the Law School’s mission. The students themselves, through the Public Interest Law Forum organization at the Law School, manage to fund approximately 10 fellowships each summer. In support of this effort, NDLS has for the past several summers secured and funded a roughly equal number of positions around the country with great success. Approximately 40 students have so far served in positions from New York to California, in endeavors ranging from immigration issues to prisoners’ rights. Please take a moment to read some of the student reflections in this issue of the magazine. This program is in the hands of Cathy Pieronek ’84, ’95J, who moved to the University’s Women in Engineering Program last summer. Cathy spent a number of years at the Law School serving as director of Law School relations, which included shepherding the affairs of NDLS. Through her untiring efforts, NDLS was reorganized with an elected board, the summer associate fellowship program became a reality, alumni contacts were greatly encouraged and enhanced, and NDLS found a much more active role in promoting the mission of the Law School. NDLS owes Cathy a debt of gratitude.

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Of course, NDLS makes every effort to assist the Law School’s admissions office in its efforts to attract and retain the very best students. Alumni are being sought to host more than 60 alumni/prospective student luncheons all over the country this March. This effort puts acceptable students who have not yet decided their law school futures in touch with Notre Dame alumni who can answer questions and explain the benefits of this University. Past results have been exceptional. NDLS is also helpful in identifying prospective students. Bob Greene, president-elect of NDLS, has for many years spearheaded efforts to identify and help in selecting students and has coordinated such efforts with alumni from around the country. The admissions office is always eager to catalogue volunteers.

The Law School and NDLS are eager for your help in these and other endeavors. Whether your contribution is one of time, talent, or treasure, you will not regret making it. Experience tells us that those who elect to participate find rewards that far exceed the effort involved.

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Law School Graduate Involved in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Heriberto Antonio Lopez Albereola ’93 was recently honored at ceremonies at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City, where he was granted investiture into the Knighthood in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Albereola was honored at the ceremony officiated by Most Rev. Edward Cardinal Egan. Following the ceremonies, a Mass of celebration and reception was held to honor Albereola.
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ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dean Emeritus David T. Link ’58, ’71 J.D.

Eiberger earned his bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame in 1952 and graduated in 1954 from the Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Notre Dame Law Review and was named one of 25 outstanding law students in the United States. He has served on the national board of the NDLA since 1965 and is currently a member of the board’s executive committee. Eiberger is in private law practice in Denver, Colorado.

Rev. Michael D. McCafferty, C.S.C., Award

for individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the University of Notre Dame. Efforts undertaken by recipients of this award may include having expended substantial time and effort as part of alumni association activities, having raised substantial funds for the University, or having been an outstanding faculty member or administrator at the Law School, regardless of whether a graduate of the Law School.

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Carl F. Eiberger ’52, ’54 J.D.

A 1958 Notre Dame graduate, Link earned his law degree in 1961 and served as dean of the Law School from 1975 to 1999. He also served as the first president and vice chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia and, following his retirement in 1999, served as associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of St. Thomas, where he was the founding dean of the university’s new law school. Link has been a leader and active volunteer in numerous community, charitable, and professional organizations.

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Donald A. Wich ’69, ’72 J.D.

A 1969 Notre Dame graduate, Wich received his law degree in 1972 and currently resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he has practiced law since 1976, representing clients in a wide range of civil and commercial matters. Wich is a co-founder of Broward Lawyers Care, an organization of 2,000 lawyers who provide legal service to poor and underprivileged people who lack access to traditional legal aid services.

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Alumni-Funded Fellowships

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Rachel L. Mordecai-Izikson
Legal Aid Society of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

Ryan Blaney
Legal Aid Society of New York
New York, New York

I chose ND because the literature said the Law School is “educating a different kind of lawyer.” I quickly came to find out that this is not just a slogan the school places in pamphlets. This dedication became evident to me in my first year, when my job search for that summer went into full swing. I wanted to go back home to Denver, but I needed to find a place where I could give back to the community as well.

That opportunity came in the form of an internship at Colorado Legal Services (CLS) made possible through the Notre Dame Club of Denver and the Alumni-Funded Fellowship program. CLS is a statewide organization that provides seniors and low-income people in Colorado with meaningful access to high-quality legal services.

While working at CLS, the attorneys taught me many things. One of the most valuable was to remember that attorneys, and the legal profession as a whole, are here to help people, all of whom are equal and deserving. I was able to see those words put into action. Many of the CLS clients were in desperate need of medical care and medication, but they were not receiving the necessary benefits under the state’s Medicaid system. I was able to intervene between the state Medicaid system and our clients with a favorable result.

Notre Dame has shown me that its principles and actions are one and the same. The Alumni-Funded Fellowship allowed me to gain valuable legal experience and helped to show Denver that Notre Dame stands behind its mission of service to the community.

Thanks to the sponsorship and generosity of Jim Carr ’87 J.D., a partner at Kelley Drey & Warren LLP, and the New York City Notre Dame Alumni Association, I had the opportunity to represent the Notre Dame Law School as an alumni-funded public-interest fellow with the Legal Aid Society of New York. This internship, located at the Juvenile Rights Division in Manhattan, was extremely rewarding and eye-opening. I worked on cases involving adoptions, abuse and neglect, and delinquency. I interviewed legal aid clients and attended court hearings, trials, and the Harlem Community Justice Center. Attorneys supervised me as I wrote office memorandums and bills of demand, researched relevant cases and statutes, and contacted caseworkers, attorneys, schools, and parents.

The alumni grant allowed me to participate in this rewarding experience and pay for my transportation and housing while I was staying in Jersey City. In addition to Jim Carr, I would also like to thank Leslie Eaves ’89 J.D., an attorney at the Legal Aid Society, who organized my internship experience. I am also grateful for the generosity of the New York City Notre Dame Alumni Association, particularly Matthew Donohue ’86 J.D., who invited me to numerous Yankee games, and Patricia Moran ’93 B.A., Laura LaVeille ’92 B.A., and Larissa Herzog ’96 B.A., who welcomed me to New York City and introduced me to many Notre Dame alumni living there.

Catherine Lockard
Hamilton County Public Defender
Cincinnati, Ohio

This summer, I worked as a law clerk for the Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office in Cincinnati, Ohio. As an intern, my Notre Dame alumni sponsor, Paul Mattingly ’75, made sure that I was given substantive legal work, and not clerical tasks. Whether I was conducting initial interviews, researching legal issues, writing motions, or preparing questions for trial, the fast pace of municipal court was never boring. The attorneys always kept me involved in the cases on which I was working, making sure that I was present in court when a motion I had written was being argued and inviting me into the judge’s chambers to discuss the motion.

While the public prosecutors all have their own offices and individual computers, the public defenders have cubicles and share outdated computers. To say the least, the technical resources at the public defender’s office were lacking. Sometimes, demands and motions were not filed because it was too time consuming for an attorney with hundreds of cases to create a motion for each client. Because I have a strong computer/database background, I helped develop a motion template database that inputs client and attorney information into the motions automatically. As a result of my efforts, the attorneys can now easily access hundreds of motions/entries, greatly simplifying their job and helping them to more effectively represent their clients. Recently, one of the public defenders contacted me to tell me that motions are still being filed for many cases—a fact that makes me proud.

Most of the clients with whom I interacted had so little both financially and socially. Our clients ranged greatly, from those who were very sympathetic to those who were belligerent. Some clients came to court drunk and dirty. Other clients came to court clear and cooperative. Regardless of outward looks or overall demeanor, the attorneys at the public defender’s office understood that each client deserved good legal representation. I was impressed with one attorney who, having been a public defender for more than 20 years, still treated each client with tremendous respect and professionalism. In law school, the focus is on learning to think like a lawyer and not necessarily on how to interact with a client. The attorneys at the public defender’s office taught me how to interact with the clients: when to be firm, when to be compassionate, and when to just listen. My summer internship will have a lasting impact on my life, both as a person and as a lawyer.

Rebecca McCurdy
Legal Aid and Defender Association
Detroit, Michigan

During the summer of 2002, because of the generosity of the Notre Dame alumni in Detroit, I was able to take advantage of the opportunity to work at the Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA). LADA provides legal services for low- and moderate-income individuals in Wayne County, Michigan. As a law clerk I worked with the civil division of LADA. During the course of the summer I assisted with all aspects of cases dealing with Social Security, Housing, and wills. I was able to help prepare for a trial and serve as co-counsel at various hearings. Throughout the summer I was encouraged to take an active role in anything that interested me.

Unlike many work experiences where the clerk is relegated to research assistant, LADA allows law clerks to play an integral role in the management of cases. I participated in cases from the time clients were initially brought in for interviews, through the filing of various court documents, to preparation for trial.

In addition to my work experience, the Notre Dame Club of Detroit included me in the club’s various functions throughout the summer. I attended a meeting of the Alumni Club, a golf outing where Tyrone Willingham spoke, and was invited to the end-of-the-summer sendoff for Notre Dame students. These activities gave me the opportunity to meet and thank the alumni whose generosity funded my internship and to network with members of the Detroit legal community.

The Alumni-Funded Fellowship is an invaluable opportunity for individuals who wish to pursue public-interest work. As funding is so limited for many public-interest jobs, Notre Dame is fortunate to have such supportive alumni.
By Gail Peshel
Director of Career Services

When videoconferencing is the wave of the future, the Notre Dame Law School is riding the crest of that wave. Last fall, the Law School installed videoconferencing equipment in the Career Services office because the Law School understands that economy of time and expense are equally valuable concerns to every employer. Now, employers who cannot afford the time to return to campus but wish to interview one or more students may do so—often without leaving their offices. Judges, government agencies, and smaller law firms already have made use of videoconferencing equipment—many from their own offices and others from a convenient site in their city.

Last year, four students were hired through video interviews. Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite, Phoenix, Arizona, was the first firm to interview students via videoconferencing equipment. Many firms now use videoconferencing to interview students on their own monitor. With only a one- to three-second delay, employers can interview students, whether they are in their own office or city.

Given the high caliber of Notre Dame’s law students, employers are eager to hire the University’s students to clerk or associate with their firms. Now, even those employers who hire sporadically or do not budget for recruiting will be better served. Conducting interviews via videoconferencing provides an answer to the age-old dilemma: Attorneys or clerks are needed, but there is no time to find any, and no recruiting budget.

Through videoconferencing, students are not asked to miss as many classes to travel for interviews, but employers still have the opportunity to talk with them face-to-face. Even when student interest in an employer’s geographic location is not sufficient to warrant a trip to campus, interviewing applicants via videoconferencing is often the answer. It also makes our second-year students attending classes in London available for interviews, and the equipment is in place in London as well. Employers can interview these students, whether they are conducting interviews on campus or from their own office or city.

Our goal is to assist employers and students in making the most beneficial employment choices, and we believe that interviewing via videoconferencing aids in that goal, complementing our on-campus program. It opens the door for those firms not able to visit campus, it increases opportunities for students, and it lessens the expense for everyone. For more information on videoconferencing, please e-mail me at peshel.1@nd.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

Admissions Activities

Alumni Support Strong for Law School Enrollment Efforts, Fall 2002

Law School alumni graciously gave of their time and talent this past fall in support of the school’s enrollment efforts. Alumni represented the Law School at or participated in 61 Law Days events, 11 law fairs, three online chat sessions, and 12 alumni-admissions receptions. In total, 133 alumni from 33 states supported the recruitment efforts of the admissions office during the fall. The personal stories of these alumni helped to make a positive impact on nearly 2,000 prospective applicants.

For the second year, alumni opened their firms or their homes and provided refreshments and a welcoming environment for prospective applicants at alumni-admissions receptions in various cities across the United States. These receptions provided a wonderful opportunity for prospective applicants to meet and interact with a cross-section of alumni and to learn more about the qualities of a Notre Dame legal education. In the words of one prospective applicant who attended, “The reception convinced [me] that Notre Dame is the best law school for me. I loved what everyone said about the classes, the culture, the philosophy, and the opportunities at Notre Dame.”

On behalf of the entire admissions office staff, I wish to thank all of our alumni who have so generously supported the enrollment efforts of the Law School.

Best regards for 2003,
Charles W. Robuski
Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
During Christmas, some of our law students headed for the Mexican border. But they weren’t vacationing. Under the auspices of the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, they went to gain a better understanding of the complex legal, social, economic, political, and spiritual issues that are central to the lives of immigrants.

The trip gave our students a unique opportunity to realize the significance of their work on behalf of clients in the immigration clinic and a chance to comprehend more keenly the change they can effect through the mastery of legal structures relating to immigration.

It is only through the generosity of Law School alumni and friends that we are able to provide the financial assistance that enables us to attract and nurture students such as these who are not only academically superb but also imbued with the passion for justice that is so integral to our identity.