

EDUCATING A *DIFFERENT* KIND OF LAWYER

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME



At Notre Dame Law School, we see the law as more than just a profession.

We encourage students to view the practice of law as a service to others, to explore the moral and ethical dimensions of the law, and to discover their unique roles in furthering the cause of justice.

As an eminent law school at the heart of a great Catholic university, our view of legal education is informed and inspired by our religious tradition. It's a tradition that spans the globe, embraces people of all backgrounds, and illustrates the possibilities of dialogue between reason and faith.

With rigorous academics, attentive faculty, and a close-knit community, Notre Dame is a place where generations of lawyers have found their callings. They have learned to be counselors to those in need, to be voices for the voiceless, and to use their talents to uphold human dignity.

They have learned what it means to be a different kind of lawyer.





ACADEMICS



Notre Dame Law School's curriculum—a mix of analytical training in the classroom and hands-on experiences in externships, clinics, skills courses, and immersion programs—is designed to provide students with the foundation they need to practice law in a diverse, global economy. The Law School is noted for its particular strength in constitutional law, ethics, law and religion, and international law.

Students pursuing a J.D. have the option of specializing in a particular area of the law by following one of our programs of study. Some students choose to pair their J.D. with a second Notre Dame degree, such as an MBA or a Master of Global Affairs, through one of our dual-degree programs. Law students who do not pursue a dual degree are allowed to take 9 credit hours in Notre Dame's other graduate programs.

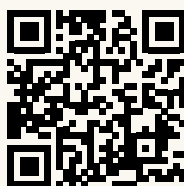


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OVERALL LAW SCHOOLS
US News and World Report

7:1

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



ACADEMICS

DEGREES

J.D., LL.M., J.S.D.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Business Law
Criminal Law
Energy and Environmental Law
Global Law
Intellectual Property and
Technology Law
Law, Ethics, and Public Policy
Public Law
Real Estate Law



DEAN

G. MARCUS COLE

Joseph A. Matson Dean
and Professor of Law



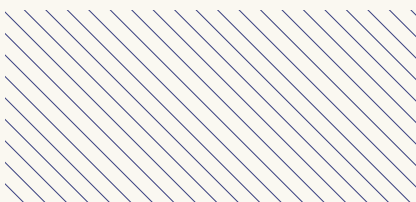
“I can’t stress enough what a special place the University of Notre Dame is and the role the Law School plays within it.

“Our mission statement calls us to train a different kind of lawyer, one that has an impact for good, one who is a force for good. As the needs of our society call for ethically and morally guided lawyers and leaders, Notre Dame will continue to answer that call.”



DEAN’S INITIATIVES

Since arriving at Notre Dame Law School in 2019, Dean G. Marcus Cole has overseen the establishment of three new clinics including the Lindsay and Matt Moroun Religious Liberty Clinic and the Exoneration Justice Clinic, and has expanded international programs through his Global Lawyering Initiative. He has also seen the enrollment of the most diverse classes in the Law School’s history.



185

STUDENTS IN 1L CLASS

We aim to enroll no more than 185 students in each first-year class. These small class sizes ensure that our expert faculty are accessible to students.

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STUDENT-RUN JOURNALS

Notre Dame Law Review
Journal of International & Comparative Law
Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy
Journal of Legislation
Journal on Emerging Technologies

35+

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations enable students to plan their own programming, network, and build community with others who share common interests.

No class sections, No class rankings

We do not divide our student body into sections, and we do not rank students by GPA. These are two intentional ways that Notre Dame Law School fosters a sense of community where classmates know each other and learn together in a collegial environment.





FACULTY



Notre Dame Law School's faculty members are renowned scholars who are respected within academia and the legal field.

Many of our professors have served as judicial clerks, including 14 at the US Supreme Court. One longtime faculty member, Amy Coney Barrett, was appointed as a Supreme Court justice in 2020. Other professors came to academia with

years of experience in law firms and businesses that enable them to offer valuable insights in the classroom. The Law School's small class sizes mean that our professors get to know students on an individual level. Our faculty recognize that educating a different kind of lawyer requires one-on-one attention as students discern their unique roles in furthering the cause of justice.



**FACULTY HAVE
BEEN APPOINTED
TO SERVE IN**

The White House

US Department of
Justice

US State Department

US Treasury Department

Meta Oversight Board

Inter-American
Commission
on Human Rights

United Nations

Venice Commission of
the Council of Europe

The Vatican



Randy Kozel

Professor and Associate Dean Randy Kozel, who directs the Notre Dame Program on Constitutional Structure, served as a law clerk for US Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.



Emily Bremer

Professor Emily Bremer specializes in administrative law and civil procedure, and serves as a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.



Michael Addo

Professor Michael Addo, director of the ND London Law Programme, has contributed his expertise to United Nations projects in the areas of business and human rights.



Diane Desierto

Professor Diane Desierto, who directs Notre Dame Law School's Global Human Rights Clinic, is a member and former chair-rapporteur of the Expert Group of the United Nations Working Group on the Right to Development.

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**FULL-TIME
FACULTY**

14

**FORMER SUPREME
COURT CLERKS**

#5

**BEST
PROFESSORS***

**Princeton Review ranking for best professors*



FACULTY RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Members of the Notre Dame Law School faculty are diverse in terms of their backgrounds, philosophies, and scholarly interests. Faculty expertise covers all areas of the law.

Many faculty members hold doctoral degrees in other subjects that relate to their areas of

legal expertise. This interdisciplinary approach is reflected in the Law School's six research programs, which enable our professors to concentrate on their research, collaborate with other scholars throughout the world, and host conferences and lectures. The programs also provide opportunities for students to be directly involved in research projects.

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**INTERDISCIPLINARY
RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

CHURCH, STATE & SOCIETY

**CONSTITUTIONAL
STRUCTURE**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
& TECHNOLOGY LAW**

LAW & ECONOMICS

LAW & MARKET BEHAVIOR

PRIVATE LAW



FACULTY MENTORSHIP

With small classes and a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, our professors are able to get to know students on an individual level. Also, many faculty members live near Notre Dame's campus and are more accessible than they would be in a major metropolitan area.

It's not unusual for faculty members to help students make connections with other lawyers, judges, and business professionals, and provide guidance to students about pursuing careers, specific areas of practice, and clerkships.



“I have been impressed and welcomed by the Notre Dame Law professors and staff from day one. Being taught by professors that are people first and bring their passion to class every day is inspiring and keeps very tough school work engaging and exciting.”

Class of 2025

MANUELA CORREA
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



FACULTY



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Through our clinics, students gain hands-on experience advocating for individuals and families, making a meaningful impact locally, nationally, and internationally, while strengthening their commitment to social justice.



Experiential learning—which includes opportunities in clinics, externships, skills courses, and immersion programs—is a core component of the Notre Dame Law School curriculum. These programs complement the analytical training of the classroom by enabling students to develop practical skills and explore potential career paths.

The Law School offers a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities on campus, in the greater South Bend community, and in London, Chicago, and Washington, DC. The Law School operates seven clinics that function as teaching law offices where 2Ls and 3Ls work on real cases under the close supervision of faculty.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CLINICS



APPLIED MEDIATION
CLINIC

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

EVICITION CLINIC

EXONERATION JUSTICE
CLINIC

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS
CLINIC

LINDSAY AND MATT
MOROUN RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY CLINIC

SPECIAL EDUCATION
CLINIC



EXPERIENTIAL
COURSES



“I think the most meaningful part of the Eviction Clinic for me has just simply been helping others. At Notre Dame specifically, we pride ourselves on being what we call a different kind of lawyer. I think ultimately that comes down to the service of others.”

Class of 2024

MOLLY BALDOCK
Ashland, Kentucky



CORPORATE COUNSEL

IMMIGRATION

INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS

JUDICIAL

PUBLIC DEFENDER

PUBLIC INTEREST

SEVENTH CIRCUIT
PRACTICE

APPALACHIA



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING EXTERNSHIPS

Notre Dame Law School teaches students to think like lawyers and practice the skills that are important for success in the profession. This education includes getting out of the classroom and working on cases with real clients, lawyers, and judges.

The Law School's broad array of externships enables students to "try out" virtually any area of

law. Students may participate in externships during the academic year at nonprofit organizations, government agencies, judicial chambers, and corporate counsel offices in the South Bend area, in Chicago and Washington, DC, and while studying abroad in London. Students can even create their own externships through the Public Interest Externship.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SKILLS COURSES

Notre Dame Law students hone their lawyering skills through courses that require them to practice the crafts of advocacy and legal writing under simulated conditions. The Law School has

long been a national leader in trial advocacy training in particular. Most students at Notre Dame Law School participate in at least one trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, or transactional skills course.

TRIAL ADVOCACY Practice trial skills through exercises such as depositions and simulated trials.	TRANSACTIONAL SKILLS Learn to draft contracts and protect clients' designs.	APPELLATE ADVOCACY SKILLS Practice brief writing and learn how to argue a case at the appellate level.	UNIVERSAL LAWYERING SKILLS Develop skills that lawyers need in all areas of the legal profession.
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Students provide vital immigration legal services to low-income immigrants through the National Immigrant Justice Center externship, gaining hands-on experience in asylum and immigration court cases. Over 100 students have worked on numerous cases with about a 90% approval rate.

CLASS OF 2027

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED IN THE 1L CLASS

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Barnard College—Columbia
University
Benedictine College
Bethel University (MN)
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California State University,
Northridge
Cedarville University
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Dr. Harisingh Gour
Vishwavidyalaya
Eastern Michigan University
Emory University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Goldey-Beacom College
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grove City College
Hanover College
Harvard University
Hastings College
Haverford College
Hillsdale College
Indiana University Bloomington
Indiana University East
Indiana Wesleyan University
Iona University
James Madison University

John Carroll University
Kansas State University
Kathmandu University
Kwame Nkrumah University
of Science and Technology
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Miami University (OH)
Niagara University (NY)
Northwestern University
NYU College of Arts & Science
NYU Steinhardt School of
Culture, Education, and
Human Development
NYU Tisch School of The Arts
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Rice University
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Southern Methodist University
Temple University
Texas A&M International
University
Texas Christian University
The King's College
The University of Texas at
Austin
The University of Texas at
Dallas
Tulane University
United States Military
Academy
University of California,
Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California,
Los Angeles

University of California,
San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern
California
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Western Ontario
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Washington University
William Jewell College
Yale University
Yeshivah Gedolah Zichron
Moshe
Yonsei University

CURRENT 1L CLASS PROFILE

2,442

Applications Received

181

1Ls Enrolled

50%

Women

25%

Students of Color

64%

Catholic

24

Average Age

36%

Direct from Undergrad

40%

1-3 Years Out

24%

3+ Years Out

170

LSAT 75th Percentile

169

LSAT Median

164

LSAT 25th Percentile

3.92

Undergraduate GPA 75th Percentile

3.85

Undergraduate GPA Median

3.73

Undergraduate GPA 25th Percentile

36

States Represented (Including DC)

111

Undergraduate Colleges and
Universities Represented

8

Countries Represented

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Law School is deeply committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as core values that shape our community. We believe a diverse and inclusive environment enriches the academic experience, fosters innovation, and prepares students to be compassionate, culturally competent leaders in the legal profession. Our commitment to DEI is evident in our support for students, and through programming led by our student organizations, faculty and staff, including Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Max Gaston. We are dedicated to creating a welcoming space where all voices are valued and every student is empowered to thrive.



LISTEN TO THE
DEI PODCAST



INTERNATIONAL

Students in the Notre Dame London Law Programme take classes in Fischer Hall, located next to Trafalgar Square in central London.



Notre Dame Law School has been a leader in international legal education since establishing the Notre Dame London Law Programme in 1968. The one-of-a-kind program enables students to spend a semester or a full year at Notre Dame's London campus, learning from premier British and European legal scholars.

In addition to London, ND Law students may study in one of our exchange programs at top law schools in nine countries.

International opportunities are also available in the summer with our Dublin Honor Scholars Program and Hamburg Honor Scholars Program.



• CHILE



LONDON



GLOBAL
LAWYERING

ND LAW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

IRELAND

LONDON

FRANCE

• GERMANY

• SWITZERLAND

• ITALY

• ISRAEL

• KENYA

CHINA •



“I have always wanted to work internationally, so I jumped at the opportunity to study in the Notre Dame London Law Programme. I met some of my closest friends while I was on a rowing team in London and had so many academic and travel adventures. The opportunity to meet U.S. lawyers abroad is unmatched.”

Class of 2025

CARSON SCHOEN
Chicago, Illinois



CAREERS

Students have many opportunities to network with firms and ND alumni throughout the year.



Every student brings unique experiences and passions to law school, and each aspiring lawyer has a unique vision of professional success. Notre Dame Law School is committed to preparing students for their individual career paths. Our alumni are leaders in big law firms and corporate headquarters as well as government agencies and nonprofit organizations across the United States and abroad.

The Law School's Career Development Office is staffed with experienced lawyers who are dedicated to helping students achieve their professional goals. From offering one-on-one advising and resume feedback to coordinating interview programs and networking opportunities with alumni, the CDO provides a full slate of services to assist students.

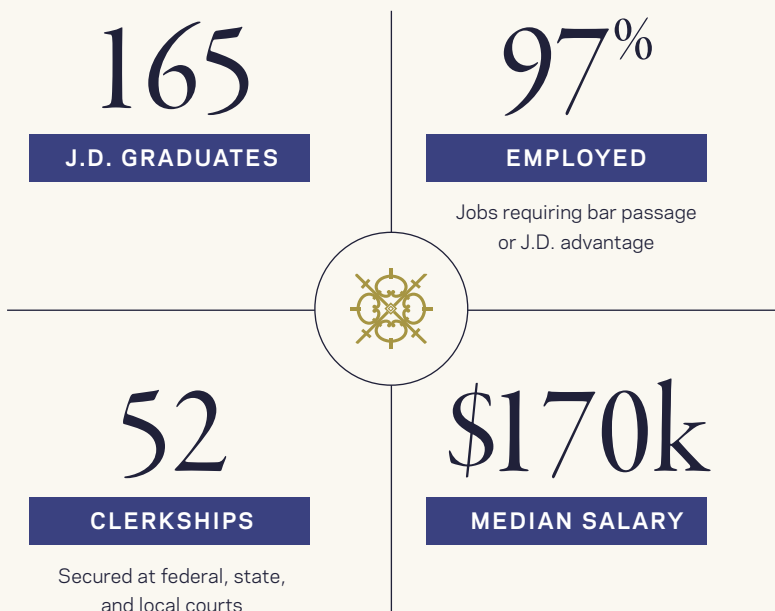
**ON AVERAGE, MORE THAN 135 EMPLOYERS ACROSS
NEARLY 60 MARKETS IN MORE THAN 30 STATES
HIRE NOTRE DAME GRADUATES EACH YEAR.**

WHERE ND LAW'S CLASS OF 2023 WORKS*



*1% pursuing a full-time graduate program

CLASS OF 2023 EMPLOYMENT 10 months after graduation



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IN FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS

More than 18 percent of our 2023 graduates entered federal clerkships upon graduation, the fourth best rate among American law schools.

In the years following their graduation, individuals from our 2019–23 classes have obtained at least 250 clerkships in federal, state, and local courts across the United States, including the US Supreme Court.

PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS

Notre Dame has a history of encouraging its graduates to use their education for the public good—it's a responsibility that flows directly from the University's Catholic mission.

ND Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) covers graduates in public interest jobs with salaries as high as \$110,000. The program is designed to enable our alumni in those fields to achieve total forgiveness of their federal student loans in less than 10 years with minimal out-of-pocket payments.



Students mingle with employers during the kickoff reception for Notre Dame Law School's On-Campus Interviews.

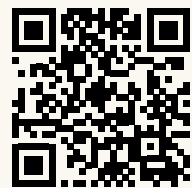
CAREERS

NATIONAL NETWORK

One of the benefits of earning a degree from Notre Dame Law School is that graduates become members of a vibrant alumni community.

Notre Dame Lawyer Committees, which organize events and service projects, are active in more than 30 major cities. These loyal alumni are eager to assist students and new graduates with networking and mentorship as they start their careers.

The Law School organizes networking opportunities throughout the academic year, during winter break, and over the summer. These events take place on campus and across the country to aid students in their nationwide job searches.



PROFESSIONAL
LIFE

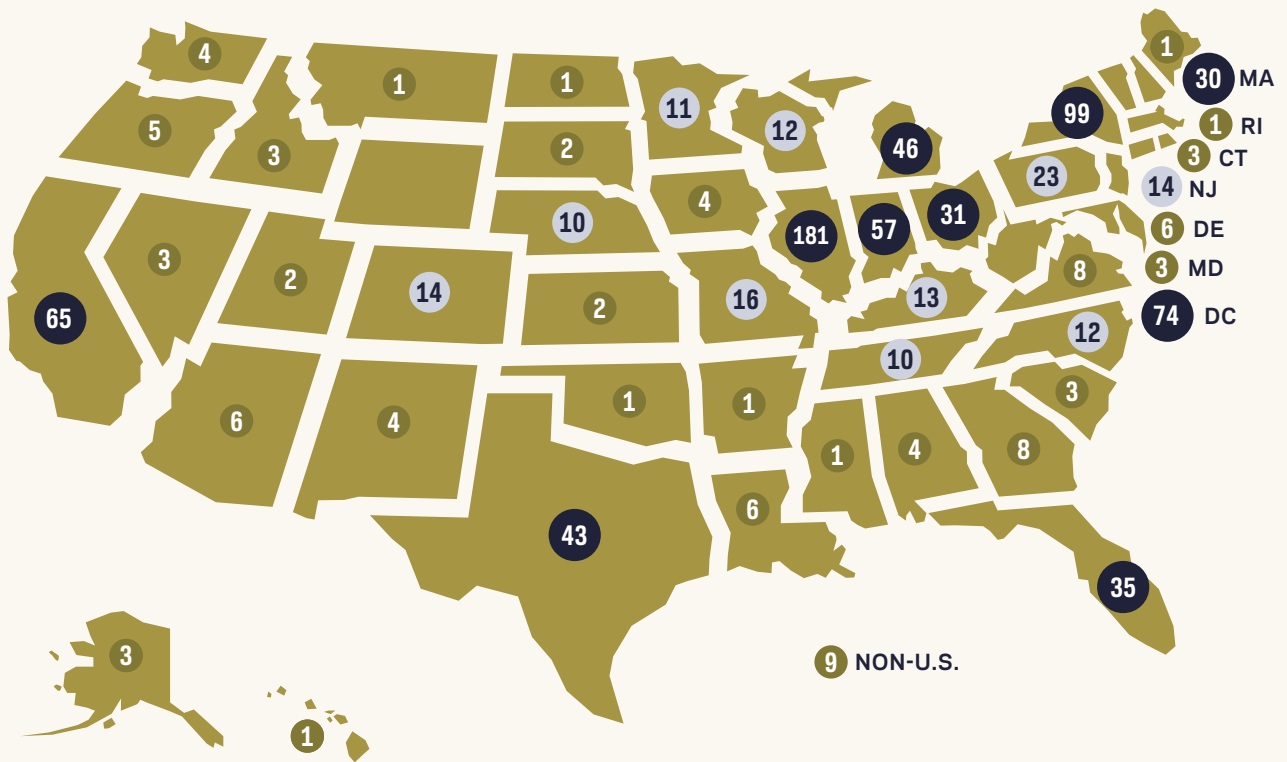
From Coast to Coast



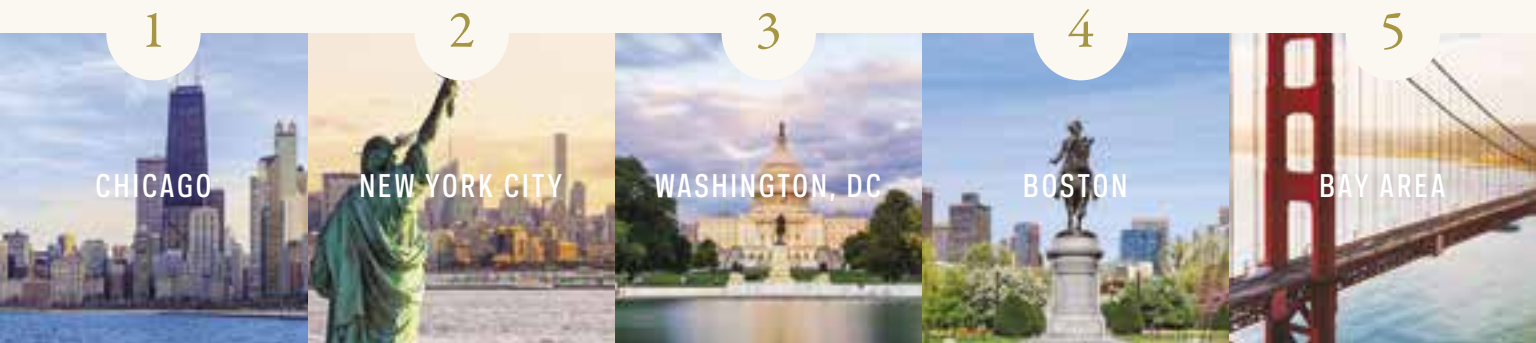
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ND LAWYER
COMMITTEES

INITIAL JOB PLACEMENT OF ND LAW GRADUATES (2019-23)



TOP CITIES FOR ND LAW GRADUATES (2019-23)





COMMUNITY

Law students cheer on the Fighting Irish at Notre Dame Stadium wearing The Law School Shirt, which is designed by students each year.



The University of Notre Dame is widely regarded as having one of America's most beautiful college campuses. The Law School's location in the heart of campus contributes to the strong sense of community here as law students are able to participate fully in the life of the University.

Notre Dame is both Catholic and catholic. The first word refers to the Catholic Church and the faith that drives Notre Dame's mission to be a force for good. The lowercase word means universal and describes how Notre Dame, as a great university, embraces people of all backgrounds, faiths, and viewpoints.



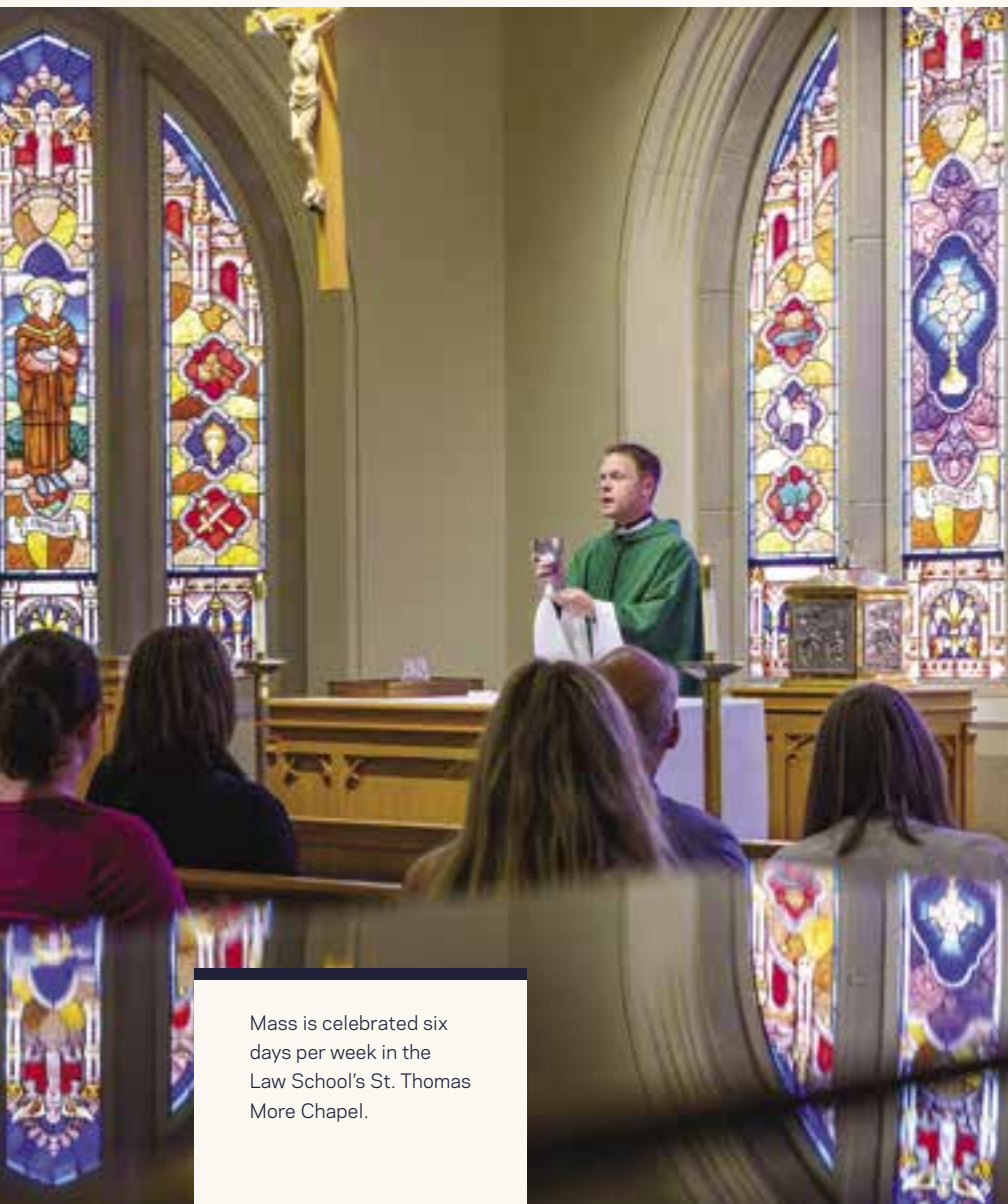
Students volunteer at Green Bridge Growers, a nonprofit run by Professor Jay Tidmarsh's family.



“The Notre Dame community is a special place. It takes coming here and experiencing it for anybody to understand that you can be a vessel for God through helping people, helping the community, and helping society.”

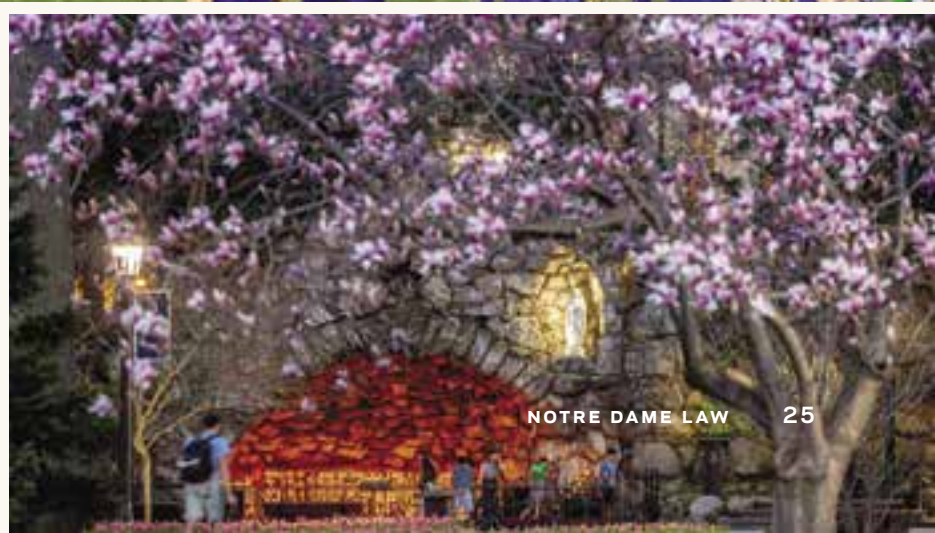
Class of 2024

JAMAL WILSON
Compton, California



Mass is celebrated six days per week in the Law School's St. Thomas More Chapel.





COMMUNITY LIVING IN SOUTH BEND

The University of Notre Dame is located right next to South Bend, Indiana—a diverse city that's big enough to provide everything you need without the traffic and high costs of a major metropolitan area.

Notre Dame offers on-campus graduate student housing that is a 10- to 15-minute walk from the Law School. Many off-campus housing options are available nearby in South Bend and the surrounding community. Living in close proximity to campus and to each other

makes it easy for law students to spend time together, whether that time is spent studying or having fun.

Downtown South Bend and several other city neighborhoods have been undergoing a renaissance in recent years. Private developers have renovated several historic buildings, adding more restaurants and hundreds of apartments to the city center. The city is also directing more attention to the St. Joseph River by investing in a riverside trail system and upgrading waterfront parks.



Four Winds Field, home of the South Bend Cubs

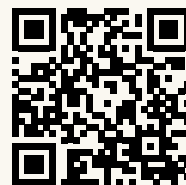
102k SOUTH BEND'S POPULATION	800k POPULATION OF MULTI-COUNTY "MICHIANA" REGION
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River Lights
in downtown
South Bend



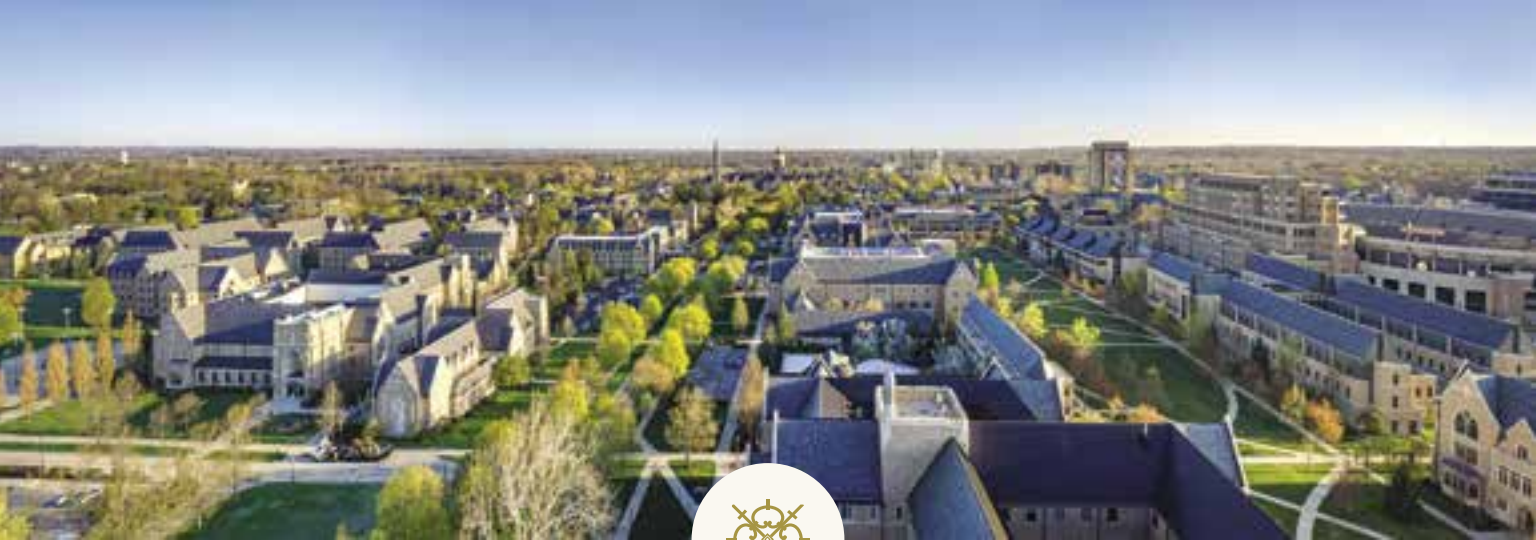
Downtown South Bend
and St. Joseph River



STUDENT LIFE



Eddy Street Commons,
located adjacent to
Notre Dame's campus,
houses a variety of retail
stores, restaurants,
hotels, and apartments.



APPLY

law.nd.edu/apply

You may apply to Notre Dame Law School via LSAC beginning September 1.

Our Admissions Committee seeks to enroll a talented, diverse class that will help Notre Dame Law School achieve its mission of educating lawyers who serve the good of the human family. We evaluate applications in a holistic manner to identify those candidates whose academic talent, personal background, professional experiences, and points of view will ensure our community personifies the pursuit of excellence and leadership for the betterment of society.

VISIT

law.nd.edu/visit

Prospective students are invited to connect with our admissions staff and student ambassadors in-person or remotely.

On-campus visits include a class observation, an admissions information session, and a student-led tour of the Law School. Please check **law.nd.edu/visit** for registration information and further details.

We look forward to meeting you!

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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Main Building (The Golden Dome)

Hesburgh Library

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Notre Dame Law School

Duncan Student Center

Notre Dame Stadium

Eddy Street Commons

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPT. 1

Applications Accepted

MARCH 15

Application Deadline

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 1

FAFSA Opens for Loan Eligibility

FEB. 28

FAFSA Priority Deadline | ND Law's Federal Code: 001840

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Bachelor's degree in any discipline from an accredited college or university
- ✓ LSAT or GRE
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ "Why Notre Dame Law School?" essay*
- ✓ "Different Kind of Lawyer" essay*

**Recommended*

IMPORTANT FEES

\$75

Application Fee*

**Service and need-based fee waivers application available at law.nd.edu/waiver*

\$71,126

Tuition and Fees 2024–25

\$25,990

Estimated Cost of Living 2024–25



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NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Notre Dame is committed to building an inclusive community and welcomes all individuals. All prospective students are encouraged to read the University's Spirit of Inclusion statement as well as the University's policies for reporting discriminatory harassment at equity.nd.edu.

The full nondiscrimination policy may be viewed at law.nd.edu/nondiscrimination.