LAW

ORDER OF ST. THOMAS MORE



2025-2026

IMPACT REPORT





A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Our calling at Notre Dame Law School is not simply to educate skilled advocates, but to form "Matthew 25 lawyers." This means training our students to see the face of God in every neighbor and to use the law as a powerful instrument of love, justice, and service.

Your membership in the Order of St. Thomas More enables us to form these lawyers. Because of your dedication, our students are empowered to carry the mission of Notre Dame into every corner of the legal world.

Thank you for all you do for Notre Dame Law School.



G. MARCUS COLE

Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law

By the Numbers

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202

students graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 2026, ready to promote healing and justice

30%

of the 2026 class achieved judicial clerkships (a record number)

5

graduates will serve as Judge Advocates General in the military

$35K

average fellowship award per year

100%

of funds raised are devoted to fellowship aid

94%

of current students receive tuition assistance

$3.5M

raised by the members of the Order of St. Thomas More



LONDON LAW PROGRAMME

Established in 1968, Notre Dame's London Law Programme is the oldest study-abroad program run by an American law school and the only one ABA-approved for a full-year stay. Based at Fischer Hall in central London, it combines core law school requirements with direct exposure to the U.K. and European legal markets. Students learn from a mix of scholars and active practitioners, with flexible externships—spanning barristers' chambers, public interest groups, and corporate firms—that accommodate virtually any career path. Gifts from the Order of St. Thomas More travel with students across the Atlantic, making sure financial constraints never stand between a promising Notre Dame Law student and a world-class education in London.







"In truth, without receiving this scholarship, I would not have been able to attend Notre Dame at all. Beyond attendance, my fellowship has helped me to flourish during my first year by encouraging my participation in extracurriculars.

This fall, I will be participating in the London Law Programme, where I will be focusing on studying international law and human rights. Although this program poses a financial difficulty for some due to the expense of living in London, I was able to apply without fear thanks to my fellowship. My goal is to pursue a career in international law, and the international programs and professors at Notre Dame have already made a massive impact on my trajectory. Thank you so much for providing me with the financial support necessary for me to attend and thrive at Notre Dame. My experience at Notre Dame has already broadened my mind, deepened my faith, and expanded my friendships."

CHLOE WHITE '28 J.D.

GALILEE IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Galilee Immersion Program at Notre Dame Law School empowers students to become *a Different Kind of Lawyer* through winter-break immersions in cities across the country. Students take ownership of their education by researching and designing three-to-four-day itineraries that include meetings with public defenders, legal aid attorneys, and judges. By engaging directly with those on the front lines of the legal system, participants see firsthand how law can serve the vulnerable and foster a more just society.

These immersions bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world practice, exposing students to diverse career paths in public interest and pro bono work. Beyond professional networking, the program emphasizes reflection and solidarity through communal living and local service projects. Ultimately, Galilee shapes the ethical core of future attorneys, ensuring they graduate with both the practical experience and the compassionate perspective necessary to integrate service into their legal careers.



"I think Notre Dame students participate in Galilee because, like myself, they feel pulled toward different career paths. I know I am called to help those with limited access to legal resources, but, before Galilee, I wasn't sure how best to do this. Galilee not only shows you the different paths that exist, but also demonstrates how you can be in service of others no matter which path you choose."

BRIDGET GROBLE '28 J.D.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

The Community Development Clinic provides students with intensive, hands-on experience as the primary legal counsel for entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and local businesses. Operating as legal interns, students navigate the entire life cycle of transactional law—from business formation to securing 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. By managing complex client relationships and recording 210 billable hours during the semester, students bridge the gap between classroom theory and the technical demands of professional practice.

Rooted in the mission to serve the common good, the Clinic removes legal barriers for those working to better their communities. Interns provide essential services to diverse clients, including student startups and community land trusts promoting affordable housing. This immersive experience ensures that future attorneys graduate with refined communication skills and a profound understanding of how transactional law can foster economic resilience.





"During my time with the Notre Dame Community Development Clinic, I had the opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations' legal needs. In particular, I helped amend the bylaws of an immigration-focused organization to better support the expansion-minded goals of the founding members. I also helped establish a new cooperative housing project in Indiana by guiding the organization in filing the documents needed to incorporate and achieve federal nonprofit status. Moreover, I helped the board of the co-op decide between various organizational structures in their bylaws and leasing agreements. The co-op officially welcomed its first six families this past spring as residents."

KYLE JOHNSON '26 J.D.

Thank You

Members of the Order of St. Thomas More change the lives of Notre Dame Law School students. Please know how grateful these future lawyers are for your unwavering support.

"It has been a dream of mine to attend Our Lady's University, and it would not have been possible without your support. As a teacher prior to law school, I did not have the financial resources to make this dream a reality. Your generosity changed that, and I am deeply grateful." WILLIAM ROSENBERGER '28 J.D.

"Had your contribution not been included with my offer, the ability to study at Notre Dame Law School would have likely been a door I had to close... This experience has stretched me to be a better believer, supporter, thinker, and human being. Thank you for being a part of that." KELLEN WHALUM '28 J.D.

"In my last year, I have attempted to enjoy my time here to the fullest. I have been able to make wonderful friends, watch a multitude of sports events, enjoy lectures from professors who have shaped me professionally and personally, and research and write about topics that interest me. With all that said, thank you so much for your assistance in making this life possible." MADELEINE FILAK '26 J.D.

"My time at this place has been the best part of my life, and I'm very excited to eventually be able to call myself a Double Domer." JACOB RUSH '28 J.D.





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Dear members,

Your membership in the Order of St. Thomas More is a clear reflection of your dedication to Notre Dame Law School. Even more than that, it is a direct investment in the students who will become the next generation of Notre Dame lawyers.

Your gifts allow our students to choose Notre Dame and pursue a mission-driven legal education. The Order's support enables them to move through their time here knowing a powerful community of alumni and friends is fully invested in their success, cheering them on from their first day of class to graduation and beyond. Because of you, they can focus on becoming the kind of advocates the world needs right now.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for standing behind our students as they prepare to make their mark on the world.

With gratitude,

Sarah Carruthers '10
Associate Director, Order of St. Thomas More


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