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### *Spring 2007 at the Law School*

Dear Reader,

I hope that as you read this, spring is making its much-anticipated arrival known! The winter in South Bend has been especially harsh, with lots of snow falling long after we were all ready to abandon our snow blowers and shovels.

This issue is dedicated to all of the wonderful people who carry the tradition of a Notre Dame legal education into the world. It strives to offer several definitions of the “different kind” of lawyers who emerge from the Law School: people who practice their profession with the highest of ethical standards, people who are aware of the responsibility they carry as members of the legal community.

Surely, Notre Dame is known for the strength of its alumni community. In 2006, the Law School Office of External Relations inaugurated a program of alumni receptions, working closely with the University Alumni Association’s Office of Professional Programs. Cleveland, Ohio hosted the first reception and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania hosted the second one. I was happy to meet so many enthusiastic alumni and am very grateful to Justice Patricia Gaughan, Justice William Backman, Ray Marvar, and John Vuono for their help in making both events such a success.

But the Law School’s alumni are known for more than their legal expertise; our alumni are known for their service to their professions and to their communities. It is this service that this issue of the *Lawyer* celebrates by telling the stories of several of these alumni in their own words. Their dedication to the various projects about which they write underscores the passion they feel in working to make the world a better place for all. To make it clear that this dedication to service begins before practice, this issue also presents stories of students who are already working for the cause of justice.

This is my final issue of the *Lawyer*. I thoroughly enjoyed my work with the Law School and will treasure the relationships I formed during my tenure. I am happy to have learned the definition of a “different kind of lawyer” firsthand.

Best,

Carol

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