



# Clynes Endowment Brings Chief Justice Rehnquist to Campus

Last fall, the Law School was honored to host William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, as the 2002 Clynes Visiting Chair in Ethics of Litigation within the Judicial Process. During his two-day visit to the Law School, the 16th Chief Justice met with students, faculty, and administrators of the Law School and the University community alike. He began his visit to NDLS on September 12 in fitting fashion, attending a First Amendment class taught by Rick Garnett, who served as a law clerk to the Chief Justice during the 1998–99 judicial term. After class, Chief Justice Rehnquist presented a lecture giving a historical perspective on the use of military tribunals during times of war.

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, surprising 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 *Absolution 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 Lysy's book *Blue for the Union and Green for Ireland: Civil War Flags of the 63rd Regiment New York Volunteers, Irish Brigade*.

Chief Justice Rehnquist's visit was capped off on Saturday, September 13, as he had the opportunity to experience the pageantry of a Notre Dame football weekend. As a guest of the University, he attended the game, in which Notre Dame beat Michigan.



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.

