



KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean

March 15, 2013

Dear Dean Roberts:

The Kelley School of Business Indianapolis strongly supports the Master of Jurisprudence by the Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

This new degree will address a significant educational need in Indiana. Business professionals who wish to enhance their knowledge of law can benefit from the Master of Jurisprudence curriculum. The Master of Jurisprudence is a more generalizable degree where students gain an overview of the principles of law and how it operates and functions in its social, cultural, and political context. Because of its broad appeal, students from many disciplines can benefit from the curriculum provided. I can see the possibility of this degree becoming part of a joint degree with the Kelley School.

The Master of Jurisprudence provides an important contribution to education for students interested in law for both Indiana and the beyond. I am happy to contribute my letter of support to this important new degree program.

Sincerely,

Philip L. Cochran
Associate Dean--Indianapolis Operations
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Thomas W. Binford Chair in Corporate Citizenship

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
IUPUI

March 16, 2013

Dear Gary,

The School of Journalism strongly supports the proposal for new Master of Jurisprudence degree.

Many journalists produce stories daily that intersect with legal issues. Reporters cover civil and criminal trials at all levels of the court system, legislative issues, environmental issues, complexities of the health care system, and labor problems in professional sports, to name a few. As the complexities of these issues grow, there is a greater need for journalists to have the basic legal knowledge necessary to probe and analyze in order to produce accurate, fair, and balance coverage.

Also Journalists work in an environment where some understanding of the law is an absolute necessity. Knowledge of first amendment rights, the boundaries of those rights, libel laws, shield laws, and public records laws are a required part of every undergraduate journalism curriculum. Detailed knowledge of these laws permits a journalist to be more effective.

A number of our undergraduates understand the importance of this relationship, attend and complete law school, but never practice law. The M.J. degree would provide an excellent opportunity for those students to gain the expertise needed without spending the time and money required to complete the J.D.

The curriculum proposed would provide basic knowledge of the U.S. legal system while providing the flexibility for students to select specialized courses in their areas of interest. The McKinney School of Law certainly has the faculty expertise and resources to provide an excellent program.

Indianapolis is the perfect location for this degree. As the center of the state legal system, state government, and state media, and increasing importance as a center of sports and health organizations, it provides an outstanding opportunity for students of all ages to combine their expertise in these areas with a solid understanding of the law.

Please let me know if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

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March 5, 2013

Gary Roberts, Dean
IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law
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Dear Dean Roberts,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Master of Jurisprudence degree to be offered by the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. I have worked in the health care field for many years and currently serve as the Director of Quality Assurance at Indiana Blood Center. There are many issues that arise (informed consent, confidentiality, donor adverse reactions) that we must respond to appropriately. A basic understanding of the law and how it relates to our mission would be invaluable as we determine practice and policy.

We just recently hired an individual who (along with her background in health care) is completing her Master of Jurisprudence in Health Care at Loyola University. The knowledge she has gained from this education has been invaluable as she has worked to develop our Risk Management Program.

I believe there is a need for individuals who are subject matter experts in their chosen profession and additionally have knowledge of the basic legal principles that impact their field. I believe that this program will help to fill a void within multiple professions where basic legal knowledge would be valuable but a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree would be excessive.

Sincerely,

Beth Hughes
Director Quality Assurance
Indiana Blood Center

CC: Deborah McGeogor, Clinical Professor of Law, IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Office of State Relations

March 8, 2013

Gary R. Roberts
Dean & Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
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Re: Masters of Jurisprudence Degree

Dean Roberts:

I wish to voice my support for the McKinney School of Law developing and offering a Masters of Jurisprudence Degree. I believe that such a program is needed in the Indianapolis area, and would be well received.

In my position in government relations, I deal with many State House employees, association personnel, and business leaders. They will strongly support such a program. Many of these individuals and their employees have no interest in being trial attorneys, or even going to court, at all. They would like to increase their knowledge of real estate law, contract law, health law, intellectual property law, or similar fields. To be able to pick up a Masters Degree in Jurisprudence in an area relevant to their work would be a great benefit to their futures, and such a degree could be completed in a more timely fashion.

Additionally, in my position, I work with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education on a continuous basis. The ICHE is pushing universities to get students to a degree that matters to their future more quickly and the Commission want more focused on their actual needs. A new degree program, such as the one that is the subject of this letter, would need to be presented to and approved by the ICHE. I sincerely believe that the ICHE would welcome and endorse this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Linder
Associate Vice President for State Government Relations
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March 20, 2013

Gary Roberts, JD
Dean of the IU Robert H. Kinney School of Law
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Dear Dean Roberts:

I write to offer my support for the proposed Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degree at Indiana University Robert H. Kinney School of Law.

As a human resources professional since 1983, I can attest to the changes my profession has experienced. What was once a support department that insured prompt wage payment and accurate benefit administration has morphed into a solid business leader with expertise in employment law, labor law, and ERISA compliance along with a myriad of other legislative mandates. The Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) provides the educational resources to assist members who must keep up with current and pending legislation but a program, such as the Master of Jurisprudence, would be a welcome opportunity for anyone in the HR profession who wishes to receive solid academic credentials. I personally have gained a lot of knowledge from having worked with various labor law attorneys and employment law attorneys over the years. However, had I the opportunity to attend a Master of Jurisprudence program, I would have done it. The proposal outlines exactly the type of professional education those in my profession need in order to progress in their field and to increase their value to the institution for which they work. I would highly recommend it to anyone wishing to transition into Human Resources as well.

I believe this program will fill a void in the education of Human Resource professionals and should be marketed to the Society of HR Management and its numerous local chapters in Indiana.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,
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