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## Self-inflicted wounds of Ave Maria School of Law

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Mariah Blake, Editor of the *Washington Monthly* has just written an interesting profile on the rise and fall of Ave Maria school of law.

As Blake explains in an email: "Until a few years ago, the school?which was created with the help of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and other prominent conservatives?seemed poised to become a top-drawer institution. Its graduates had an astonishing 100 percent bar passage rate, and many went on to high-powered jobs and prestigious clerkships. Today it?s among the worst law schools in the country, if not the very worst, and appears to be on the verge of financial collapse."

The piece is a colorful yarn, involving a 250-foot crucifix, the Detroit Tigers, and a newly built town where Monaghan and his business partners control the government in perpetuity.

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