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JURIS PRAECEPTA
SUNT HAEC, HONESTE
VIVERE, ALTERUM
NON LAEDERE, SUUM
CUIQUE TRIBUERE
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members of the Class of 2015:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this extraordinary moment in your lives and in the life of the Law School. I’m extremely proud to have served as your dean over the past three years, of the friendships we’ve made, and of the new paths we’ve paved for our community. And I look forward to our continued partnership as we further build the Law School and the legal profession now that you are joining the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

This year, New York Law School celebrates its 125th anniversary. I’m pleased that our community is here together to mark this milestone at Carnegie Hall, which, like New York Law School, first opened its doors in 1891. In fact, the Law School’s first commencement exercises were held here on June 7, 1892. Indeed, both institutions are “quintessentially New York.” They share an indomitable spirit and a deep drive for excellence, and they have since their foundings played vital and demonstrable roles in shaping the City and the world.

The Law School’s own history is as rich as it is proud, and we always have been committed to the highest ideals of the legal profession—a profession that today is rapidly changing and opening new and exciting opportunities for lawyers to advance justice and build the economy in every sector globally.

You will recall that many of us started our time at New York Law School together: my first year as dean coincided with the first year of those of you in the Day Division, and with the second year of those of you in our Evening Division. It was a challenging time for the Law School, the City, and the nation as we navigated several storms—one centered on the recovery from the great recession, the other centered on the recovery from Superstorm Sandy, which deeply affected so many members of our community. From our earliest days, it was clear to me that our community was special—and that we possessed remarkable grit and resilience, superior and grounded intelligence and perspective, and a commitment to leadership and engagement that would prove invaluable to overcoming any obstacle before us. And we did!

As you’ve heard me say, an engaged Law School community is a happy, strong, and successful one. And our level of engagement, accountability, and care for one another as a community—Students, Faculty, Administration, Staff, Trustees, and Alumni alike—is unparalleled. Our focus has been on creating the most supportive and inclusive learning environment, and the best possible outcomes, for every student and graduate. And just as we are here for you today, we will be here for you tomorrow.

As you transition to your roles as lawyers, please never forget your role as a member of a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society. The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. You have earned the right to call yourselves graduates of this Law School, and as you step forward today, we will be by your side.

Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community, and your friends and family, you are ready for your new journey, and to undertake it proudly and successfully. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career. No matter where you go, continue to draw on this great City as a source of inspiration that both shares and shapes our values: independence, diversity, opportunity, professionalism, integrity, empathy, service to others, leadership, innovation, and, of course, the drive and ambition to be the very best. That’s what makes us New York’s law school.

Reflecting on why you earned a law degree, and the positive impact that experience has had on your life, will allow you to make a difference in the lives of those you touch, inform, and counsel. Your great accomplishments and immense promise fuel my confidence that the best days for us all, and for New York Law School, lie before us.

Congratulations!

All the best,

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President, Professor of Law
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Mark von Sternberg
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Kimberly Williams
Hon. Patricia Anne Williams
Justin Xenitelis '06
Peter Zablotsky
Ariella Zarfarti
Lec Zimet '85

Adjunct Emeritus
Hon. Frederic S. Berman '51
Order of Exercises

Anthony W. Crowell, Presiding
Dean and President, Professor of Law

Prelude
Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach
Quintet No. 1—Victor Ewald

Marshals
Victoria Eastus, Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs
Oral Hope, Assistant Dean and Registrar

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 Op. 39—Sir Edward Elgar
Triumphal March, Aida—Giuseppe Verdi

Greetings
Anthony W. Crowell

The National Anthem
Daphné V. Pierre
Class of 2015

Introduction of Old Guard
Anthony W. Crowell

Awarding of Prizes
Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Awards
Presentation by Associate Dean Deborah N. Archer

Faculty Awards
Full-time Faculty Article
Houman B. Shadab for “Performance-Sensitive Debt: From Asset-Based Loans to Startup Financing”

Full-time Faculty Book
Ruti G. Teitel for Globalizing Transitional Justice: Contemporary Essays

Adjunct Faculty Article
David L. Ferstendig for “Should Counsel for a Non-Party Deponent be a ‘Potted Plant?’” (with Oscar G. Chase)

Adjunct Faculty Book
Claire R. Thomas ’11 for “Bridging the Gap for Immigrant Children: Understanding Immigration Relief for Child Migrants” (with Lenni B. Benson)

Adjunct Faculty Book
Gerald Lebovits for New York Residential Landlord-Tenant Law and Procedure (with Damon Howard and Peter Diskint)
AWARDING OF PRIZES
(continued)

Student Award
Michael S. Isselin,
For the article, “#StopImmunizing: Why Social Networking Platform Liability is Necessary to Provide Adequate Redress for Victims of Cyberbullying”

*The Finalists for the Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Average Presentation by Dean Archer
Day Division Evening Division
Constantine Loizides Colin C. Ronan
Alex J. Luxenburg Matthew A. Ulmann
Jeffrey M. Meyers Allison M. Wong

The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence Presentation by Dean Archer
Evan F. Bane
Lee D. Tarr

The Dean’s Award for Student Leadership Presentation by Anthony W. Crowell
Ebony C. Griffith
Erik W. Lane
Shana S. Pettinato
Wilda J. Rodriguez

Class of 2015 Teaching Award Presentation by Shana S. Pettinato, President of the Student Bar Association
Professor Jeffrey J. Haas and Professor Gerald Korngold

STUDENT REMARKS
Michael A. Forsette
Ricardy Romain

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
Introduction by Anthony W. Crowell
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Cyrus R. Vance Jr., in recognition of his dedication to the rule of law, his embrace of innovation within the criminal justice system, and his many achievements, including reorganizing the resources of the Manhattan District Attorney’s office and creating new specialized bureaus and units.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Cyrus R. Vance Jr.

* Based on fifth semester grades for Day Division and seventh semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June, to the student with the highest average in each division.
Order of Exercises (continued)

Awarding of President’s Medal

Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell ’00
Founder and President, United Reprographic Services Inc.
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School

Awarding of Kathleen Grimm Medal

Presentation by Barbara Grimm
Hon. Faviola A. Soto ’78
Judge, New York State Court of Claims

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
Introduction by Anthony W. Crowell
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey ’59
Joe Plumeri, in recognition of his tremendously successful career in financial services and insurance, and his numerous charitable and philanthropic endeavors. The Law School is proud to bestow upon him, at long last, the law degree that he started almost fifty years ago.

Commencement Address

Joe Plumeri

Conferring of Student Degrees

Introduction of Candidates
Professor Michael L. Perlin
Professor Ronald H. Filler
Professor Ann F. Thomas
Professor Susan J. Abraham
Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti
Professor Doni Gewirtzman
Professor Kim Hawkins
Professor William P. LaPiana

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Crowell

Conferring of Degrees
Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Closing Remarks
Dean Crowell

Recessional
Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell
Honors and Prizes
DEGREES WITH HONORS

These honors will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the Law School’s website.

February 1, 2015

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Lawson
Gregg Settembrino

Cum Laude

Tara L. Hill
Lauren Marie Porretta

PROVISIONAL HONORS*

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Magna Cum Laude

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Danilo P. Castelli
Zachary A. Edelman
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Jennifer A. Gong
Leopoldo Guerra
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Ashley A. Kerr
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Maria Luna
Andrew J. McCoy
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Eric Shapiro
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*Cum Laude*

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Justin A. Goldberg                          Jill M. Spinelli
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Jongchan Kang                                Joseph D. Taylor
Meaghan M. Keating                          Christina M. Tcoli
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Margaret P. Langan                         Elyse N. Wassenaar

* Prior to the commencement ceremony, provisional honors are calculated based on a student’s cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the preceding (fall) semester.
Final honors are calculated at the end of the spring semester and include all grades. It is possible to have provisional honors granted for the commencement ceremony but ultimately not have final honors confirmed after graduation if a student's final grade point average is not in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.
Alternatively, a student could receive a different honor, i.e., *cum laude* as provisional honors and *magna cum laude* upon graduation.
Commencement Prizes

Chief Justice Rose E. Bird Award for Motivation in Pursuing Public Interest Law
Catherine P. Barreda
Noah J. Forrest

Alexander D. Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession
Mildred Morillo
Devi J. Patel

Professor Lung-Chu Chen Award for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights
Aaron P. Krowne

Roger J. Miner Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution to the New York Law School Law Review
Jennifer A. Gong
Erik W. Lane

Helen & Andrew Dokas Memorial Award for Excellent Achievement
John L. Franco

The Abraham “ avi” Mund Prize for Excellence in Information Technology and the Law
Raul Quezada

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize
Constantine Loizides

New York Law School Law Review Award for Best Note
Michael S. Isselin

Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the New York Law School Law Review
Khalil K. El Assaad
Horton D. McKinney

New York Law School Moot Court Association Best Advocate Award
Evan F. Bane
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM
Evan F. Bane
Aruna Chittiappa
Khalil K. El Assaad
Naveed M. Fazal
Veronica A. Przygocki

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION
Jason I. Charet
Jeffery C. Liu
Alisha Sibigtroth
Pekhna Singh

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS
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Aruna Chittiappa
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HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD
Professor Daniel A. Warshawsky
Brian Schrader ’98

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS
Khalil K. El Assaad

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW
COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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- PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDEnts’ ESTATES
- PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE
- CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP
- MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE LAW OF EVIDENCE
- ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING DIVISION
- LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE LAW OF EVIDENCE
- THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)
- WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
- SYLVIA D. GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION
- HENRY J. WOLFF AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY DURING A FULL COURSE OF STUDY—EVENING DIVISION
- MILTON S. GOULD AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—DAY DIVISION
- ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION LAW
- PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW
- ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION)
- PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW
- NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS
  - Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice
  - Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy
  - Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights
- D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY
Recognition
The John Marshall Harlan Scholars honors program is named for New York Law School’s alumnus and United States Supreme Court justice who served on the Court from 1955 to 1971. The program offers selected students the opportunity to pursue focused study in a field of law, including directed curricula, scholarship, and other academic projects, through affiliation with one of the Law School’s academic centers. We are pleased to acknowledge the Harlan Scholars of the Class of 2015.

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Khushbu P. Patel
Richard A. Pearsall
James W. Pelham
Jing Wen Peng
Laura Perdomo Diaz
Shana S. Pettinato
Daniel O. Phelan
Daphné V. Pierre
Hayley M. Pine
John P. Porretta
Erin L. Porter
Samantha G. Prince
Mariya Protsenko
Veronica A. Przygocki
Natalie A. Pueschel
Samantha L. Pullman
Connor J. Purcell
Chong M. Pyun
Damien Quezada
Raul Quezada
Noureen Rahman
Chetna Ramchandani
Robert J. Ramsey
Nicoletta M. Ranieri
Patricia Rau
William L. Richards
Chandeli M. Rispin
Maria Del Pilar Rivera Ruiz
Karolina Robel
Amanda M. Rodriguez
Wilda J. Rodriguez
Mary K. Rogowski
Ricardy Romain
Colin C. Ronan
Phoebe Rosen
Beth L. Rosner
Stanley Rothman
Barak D. Routenstein
Sarah Rubenstein
Jillian A. Ruggiero
Angelique M. Sabia
David Sadkin
Sterling J. Santamaria
Samantha M. Santo
Carlos A. Santos
Kimberly E. Sarlo
Jaclyn M. Schianodicola
Elisabeth A. Schiffbauer
Eugene M. Schlesinger
Elena Scripinicov
Jason H. Seiler
Steven C. Sferlazza
Roma D. Shah
Corey S. Shapiro
Eric Shapiro
Michael Sheehy
Jonathan D. Sherman
Mohammed U. Sherwani
Haeele H. Shin
Alisha Sibigrotth
Pekhna Singh
Michelle J. Skalrud
Zeljka Smallman
Raluca S. Smoleac
Daniel B. So
Grace E. Song
Jessica E. Soultanian-Braunstein
Michael P. Soumas
Sarah A. Spanarkel
Jillian N. Spielman
Jill M. Spinelli
Danielle A. Sporcic
Cailin M. Stabile
Brett M. Stack
David J. Steiner
James S. Steiner
Lucas M. Stelmack
J.D. Candidates (continued)

James Tai          Matthew A. Ulmann          Danielle R. Weitzman
Alexander Talel    Devi A. Vairavan          Patrick Wilczak
Lee D. Tarr         Salome H. Vakharia      Lorraine E. Williams
Mohammed A. Tavakoli Gregory Vellez         Alexander Wong
Joseph D. Taylor    Edward A. Velky         Allison M. Wong
Christina M. Teoli  David Ventoso           Zakary I. Woodruff
Cameron R. Thompson Paul D. Veres            Yulianna Yagoudaeva
Christopher J. Torrenzano Lori A. Vergara   Claudia H. Yoo
Andrea M. Trochez   Stratford C. Wallace     Gafar Zaaloff
Marta Trojanowska   Elyse N. Wassenaar       Tayaba Zahra
Anastasia Trus      Courtney R. Weinstein    John Zervas
Ivan Tukhtin        Mollie G. Weiss
Honorary Degree, President’s Medal, and Kathleen Grimm Medal Recipients
Cyrus R. Vance Jr.

New York Law School honors Cyrus R. Vance Jr. in recognition of his dedication to the rule of law, his embrace of innovation within the criminal justice system, and his many achievements, including reorganizing the resources of the Manhattan District Attorney’s office and creating new specialized bureaus and units.

Cyrus R. Vance Jr. was first sworn in as the District Attorney of New York County on January 1, 2010. Over the following four years, Mr. Vance enhanced the District Attorney’s Office as a national leader in criminal justice by expanding its expertise on an array of 21st century crimes.

Mr. Vance’s many achievements as District Attorney include the takedown of violent street gangs, dismantling domestic and international cybercrime and identity theft operations, the first local terrorism convictions in New York State courts, and the recovery of billions of dollars from international financial institutions that had been engaged in violating international sanctions.

District Attorney Vance was reelected in 2013. He is the co-founder and co-chair of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, an independent, nonpartisan coalition of prosecutors from major jurisdictions across the country that will identify and promote prosecutorial and policy solutions to this national public health and safety crisis.

In recent months, District Attorney Vance has taken a national leadership role in addressing the issue of race in the criminal justice system, including commissioning a study by the nonpartisan Vera Institute of Justice to evaluate the office’s practices in charging, plea-bargaining, and bail.

Mr. Vance, using funds obtained through the sanctions cases against international financial institutions, has also made significant investments in a series of transformative criminal justice initiatives in New York City and nationally. These programs include equipping every New York City Police Department officer and patrol car with handheld mobile devices and tablets, eliminating the national rape kit backlog, reducing the number of individuals with behavioral health issues in the criminal justice system, and enhancing security in New York City Housing Authority developments throughout the city.
Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell ’00

New York Law School honors Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell ’00 for his innovative leadership role in the reprographic industry, his distinguished and dedicated service to New York Law School, and his generous support of social justice initiatives.

Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell ’00 is Founder and President of United Reprographic Services, a leader in the New York reprographic industry. Founded in 1988, United Reprographic Services serves architects, engineers, construction firms, and government agencies. Dr. Carbonell manages all aspects of marketing, financial reporting, and contract negotiations and develops facility management in-plants for major service firms. Moreover, he provides the Nova Ancora program of the New York City Department of Probation with employment opportunities and job skills training for young first-time offenders. He also created a new division within the company that addresses the legal market through the production of court exhibits, graphic representations, and replications of legal documents. Starting in 2013, he has been a partner in a real estate firm that provides 10,000 units of affordable housing throughout the Southeast and Midwest.

Previously, Dr. Carbonell served as President of the DWI Prevention Institute. The purpose of this Institute is to foster the responsibility of establishments that serve alcoholic beverages through the development of seminars, literature, and equipment. He also founded Portfolio Restaurant in 1987 and owned the restaurant until it closed in 2010. Prior to DWI Prevention, Dr. Carbonell served as Sales Representative at Keuffel & Esser; General Product Manager at GAF; and then Director of Marketing at IPC Inc. He is a member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees, is the creator of the Carbonell Fellowship, and was the first donor to purchase a large classroom in the new New York Law School building as part of the “Breaking New Ground. Again.” campaign.

Dr. Carbonell created the Carbonell Fellowship in Law and Policy in 2003. The Carbonell Fellowship program honors Dr. Carbonell’s father, Ricardo Carbonell, a long-time trade-union activist, and local and national leader of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, UFCW, AFL-CIO. The Carbonell Fellowships reward outstanding students for their commitment to social justice and give them an opportunity to contribute to their field of interest. Carbonell Fellows play a central role in managing and shaping the Impact Center for Public Interest Law at New York Law School, help manage the Center’s relationship with alumni and other leaders in social justice law, organize events, and work closely with the Center’s faculty and staff.

Dr. Carbonell received his B.B.A. and M.B.A. in Industrial Marketing at Baruch College, his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from New York Law School, and his Ph.D. from Touro College. He and his wife, Susan, have one daughter, Audrey.
New York Law School honors Judge Faviola A. Soto with the inaugural Kathleen Grimm Medal in recognition of her distinguished career in public service, both as a practitioner and on the bench, and for her professionalism and leadership.

Judge Faviola A. Soto was born in New York City and has lived here most of her life. Her parents, Ana Ureña and Rafael Felix, were born in the Dominican Republic and immigrated to New York City in the late 1940s. Her mother came to escape the dictator Trujillo, and her father, at age 14, was brought by his mother escaping domestic violence. Ana and Rafael met in New York as workers in the garment district and married after he returned from his service in the Army during the Korean War. As a child, and the oldest of four daughters, Judge Soto resided in the Hamilton Heights section of Harlem and attended the New York City public school system. She attended George Washington High School, graduating in 1970. She received her B.A. degree from the City College of New York in 1975, with a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics. Judge Soto received a full scholarship and obtained her law degree from New York Law School in 1978 and was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in March 1979.

Judge Soto began working at Bronx Legal Services in 1978, providing free legal services to indigents. She entered into private practice in 1980 and continued as a solo practitioner in 1982, running a general civil and criminal practice in Manhattan and the Bronx. During that time, she also presided over child support cases as a Hearing Examiner in Family Court. For almost 10 years she specialized in the areas of Family Court working as an 18B attorney. In 1993, she was selected to run for a judgeship in the 7th Municipal District, which is composed of Hamilton Heights, Washington Heights, and Inwood, and she was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York. In 2003, Judge Soto was re-elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York. Judge Soto is the first judge of Dominican descent to sit on any court in the State of New York.

In 2006, Judge Soto was nominated by Governor George Pataki as a Court of Claims Judge, and was confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 21, 2006. She was recently reappointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in March 2015. She sits in New York City, and, as one of the select “A” Judges, hears cases where the State of New York is the defendant; she is the first Hispanic to ever to sit in the Court of Claims. She also sits as an Acting Supreme Court Judge in Bronx County, assigned as a Trial Judge. On April 23, 2014, she was honored as Bronx Bar Judge of the year by the Civil Court Committee of the Bronx Bar Association. Previously, from January 2002 through June of 2006, she was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York County, initially assigned to a City Part, and then to a General Assignment Part, presiding over a wide variety of civil cases. Prior to 2002, Judge Soto was assigned to Criminal Court and to Civil Court in Bronx and New York Counties.

Justice Soto is the proud mother of six children; the youngest two (twins) attended colleges in New York City. She is also the grandmother of seven wonderful grandchildren: three darling little girls and four bubbly boys. She continues to reside in the Hamilton Heights section of Harlem.
Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

JOE PLUMERI

New York Law School honors Joe Plumeri in recognition of his tremendously successful career in financial services and insurance, and his numerous charitable and philanthropic endeavors. The Law School is proud to bestow upon him, at long last, the law degree that he started almost fifty years ago.

Joe Plumeri, a widely renowned leader in the financial services industry, is Vice Chairman of the First Data Board of Directors and also leads the company’s client delivery, innovation, and marketing organization. In addition to his role as senior advisor to the Chairman and CEO, the teams working under Plumeri’s direction are responsible for all of First Data’s global sales. Plumeri is also a senior advisor to Kellogg Kravis Roberts, the leading global investment firm, of which First Data is a portfolio company.

Plumeri previously served for 12 years as Chairman and CEO of Willis Group Holdings plc, the global insurance brokerage. Under Plumeri’s leadership, Willis delivered sector-leading organic growth and operating margins, strategic expansion, and an enduring record of shareholder returns and client service. Appointed in October 2000, when Willis was privately owned by KKR, he successfully returned the company to public ownership in 2001.

While at Willis, Plumeri was a leader in the insurance industry during an era of unprecedented change, pressing for greater transparency, better client service, and accelerated innovation. Plumeri expanded Willis’s footprint around the world, spearheading the company’s $2.1 billion acquisition of Hilb Rogal & Hobbs in 2008, at that time the largest insurance brokerage deal in the last decade. By 2013, Willis had 17,000 employees operating from more than 400 local offices in 120 countries. Those offices included the iconic Willis Building in London, which opened in 2008, and Willis Tower in Chicago, formerly known as Sears Tower, which was renamed during Plumeri’s tenure in 2009.

In recognition of his many achievements in the insurance industry, St. John’s University School of Risk Management named Plumeri 2006 Insurance Leader of the Year. In 2009 and 2010, he was named to Treasury & Risk magazine’s list of “100 Most Influential People in Finance.”

Prior to joining Willis, Plumeri had a 32-year career at Citigroup and its predecessor companies. As CEO of Citibank North America, he led the integration of the consumer businesses at Citicorp and Travelers Group. He also served as Chairman and CEO of Travelers Primerica Financial Services, Vice Chairman of the Travelers Group, and President and Managing Partner of Shearson Lehman Brothers.

An active and committed community leader, Plumeri has been honored by numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, including the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation, the Jackie Robinson Foundation, the Sons of Italy Foundation, the Intrepid Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, among others. Plumeri provided a $2 million gift for the construction of the Samuel & Josephine Plumeri Wishing Place, the headquarters of the New Jersey Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He also contributed more than $1 million to the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., for the development of the school’s new sports complex, named in honor of his late son, Christian. Plumeri has served on the boards of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Carnegie Hall, and Mount Sinai Medical Center, among others. A sports fan and lifelong athlete, Plumeri was Commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority from 1997 to 2004. He also is co-owner of two New Jersey minor league baseball teams: the Trenton Thunder and the Lakewood BlueClaws.

Born in Trenton, N.J., Plumeri received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and education from The College of William and Mary and also attended New York Law School.
President’s Medal Recipients
2002 to the Present

Awarded to New York Law School’s most outstanding and accomplished alumni and its most generous benefactors, the President’s Medal acknowledges those who have made the most significant contributions to the history of the Law School by their exemplary professional lives and their generosity.

2002
 Awarded posthumously to
BERNARD H. MENDIK ’58
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
President, Bernard H. Mendik Company, LLC
Benefactor, The Mendik Law Library

2003
 Awarded posthumously to
SHEPARD BROAD ’27
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Founder, Broad and Cassel
Benefactor, Shepard Broad Scholarship Fund
Benefactor, The Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center

2004
J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN ’60
Former Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc.
Founder of “100 Black Men”

2005
 Awarded posthumously to
LAWRENCE S. HUNTINGTON ’64
Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Chairman Emeritus of the Board,
Fiduciary Trust Company International
Generous Benefactor

2006
 Awarded posthumously to
PHILIP M. DAMASHEK
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Managing Partner, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot
President, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (1990–91)

2007
SYBIL SHAINWALD ’76
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
President, Law Offices of Sybil Shainwald
2008
THE HONORABLE
ERNST H. ROSENBERGER ’58
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School
Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009
ZYGMUNT WILF ’74
Member of the Advisory Board, Center for
Real Estate Studies, New York Law School
Attorney, Wilf Law Firm
President, Garden Homes Real Estate Developers
Principal Owner, Minnesota Vikings Football
Club, LLC

2011
HARRY H. WELLINGTON
Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus,
New York Law School

2012
Awarded posthumously to
THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER ’56
Senior United States Circuit Judge
Trustee Emeritus and Former Adjunct Professor
of Law, New York Law School

2013
JAMES F. SIMON
Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean
Emeritus, New York Law School

2013
ARTHUR N. ABBEY ’59
Senior Partner, Abbey Spanier, LLP
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2014
KATHLEEN GRIMM ’80
Deputy Chancellor of Operations,
New York City Department of Education
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2015
DR. VINCENT A. CARBONELL ’00
Founder and President,
United Reprographic Services Inc.
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1955 to the Present

1955  The Honorable Charles William Froessel 1913
      The Honorable John Marshall Harlan ’24
      Archibald Robinson Watson

1956  Denis O’Leary Cohalan
      Albert Cohn 1908
      Albert Conway

1957  Nathaniel L. Goldstein ’18
      Charles H. Griffiths 1910
      David W. Peck

1958  The Honorable Joseph A. Cox
      Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
      James Thomas Hallinan II
      Gerald Nolan
      Ferdinand Pecora

1959  Bernard Botein
      Theodore Granik
      Philip M. Kleinfield ’16
      Edward J. Neary ’15

1960  Charles Stewart Desmond

1961  Robert Moses

1962  Stanley Howells Fuld
      Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. ’18
      Murray Stockman ’15

1963  Sydney E. Foster

1964  George J. Beldock
      Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
      Alfred Gross

1965  Marvin R. Dye
      Edwin L. Weisel
      The Honorable David T. Wilentz ’17

1966  Daniel Gutman
      John Van Voorhis

1967  Alfred J. Bohlinger ’24
      Leo M. Cherne ’34
      The Honorable W. Averell Harriman

1968  The Honorable Ramsey Clark
      Tom C. Clark
      David Finkelstein
      Orison S. Marden
      Robert Morris Morgenthau
      Edward Joseph Mortola

1969  Jerry Finkelstein ’38
      John-Seward Johnson
      John Vincent Thornton

1970  Adrian P. Burke
      Joseph I. Lubin ’30
      Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr.
      Samuel Miller ’26

1971  Willard Heckel
      John E. Scileppi

1972  Maurice R. Greenberg ’50
      Samuel Rabin
      The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.

1973  The Honorable Paul J. Curran
      Charles H. Dyson
      Harry B. Helmsley
      E. Donald Shapiro
      The Honorable Joseph Weintraub

1974  The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne
      Walter M. Jeffords Jr.
      Samuel J. LeFrak Jr.
      The Honorable Owen McGivern
1975  The Honorable Charles D. Breitel  
William J. Curran  
Gen. John Einar Murray  
The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.  
Stefan Treschel  
The Honorable Robert F. Wagner 1900  
William Weary  

1976  The Honorable Warren E. Burger  
Milton Helpern  
Mary Gardiner Jones  
Gen. Rowland F. Kirks  
Harry Ostrov ’25  
The Honorable Edward D. Re  
Joseph Solomon ’27  

1977  The Honorable Dennis DeConcini  
Elizabeth Hughes Gossett  
The Honorable Howard T. Markey  
The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
Albert M. Sacks  

1978  The Honorable Griffen B. Bell  
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The Honorable Erwin N. Griswold  
The Honorable Damon J. Keith  
Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman  

1979  The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti  
The Honorable Lawrence H. Cooke  
Barbara Knowles Debs  
Abraham S. Goldstein  
The Honorable Jacob K. Javits  
The Honorable Wade H. McCree Jr.  
The Honorable Francis T. Murphy ’52  
The Honorable Potter Stewart  

1980  The Honorable Richard Reeve Baxter  
The Most Reverend Terence Cardinal Cooke  
The Honorable Richard N. Gardner  
A. Leo Levin  
The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr.  
Edward Allen Tamm  

1981  Mario M. Biaggi ’63  
The Honorable William Frank Buckley Jr.  
The Honorable William Joseph Casey  
The Honorable Matthew Joseph Jasin  
The Honorable James Skelly Wright  

1982  The Honorable Mary S. Coleman  
The Honorable Alfonse M. D’Amato  
Archbishop Jakovos  
Rex E. Lee  
The Honorable Shigeru Oda  
Thomas Grey Wicker  

1983  The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun  
The Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver  
The Honorable Constance Baker Motley  
Albert Parker ’21  
The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.  

1984  The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro  
The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.  
Eugene V. Rostow  
Robert B. Stevens  
Otto L. Walter ’54  

1985  The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo  
Robert B. McKay  
Bill Moyers  
The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters  
Donna E. Shalala  

1986  Barbara Aronstein Black  
The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.  
The Honorable Edward I. Koch  
Myres Smith McDougal  
The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III  

1987  Fred W. Friendly  
Ellen V. Futter  
The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean  
Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.  

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Honorary Degree Recipients (continued)
1955 to the Present

1988 Archibald R. Murray
Ernst C. Stiefel
The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald

1989 J. William Campo
The Honorable Roger J. Miner ’56

1990 Alvin J. Bronstein ’51
Linda A. Fairstein
The Honorable Milton L. Williams ’63

1991 The Honorable David N. Dinkins
The Honorable John H. Sununu

1992 The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor
James F. Simon

1993 Shepard Broad ’27
Drew S. Days III
The Honorable Judith S. Kaye

1994 The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani
Bernard H. Mendik ’58

1995 The Honorable José A. Cabranes
Alexander D. Forger

1996 The Honorable Sidney H. Asch
Boris Leavitt ’26
The Honorable Jon O. Newman

1997 The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
Dr. Raymond D. Horton
Lewis M. Steel ’63

1998 Joseph T. Arenson
Lawrence S. Huntington ’64
Vernon E. Jordan Jr.

1999 The Honorable Guido Calabresi

2000 Sybil Shainwald ’76
Harry H. Wellington
The Honorable Ralph K. Winter

2001 Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)
Ira Glasser
The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin ’65

2002 The Honorable Pierre N. Leval, LL.D.
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, LL.D.

2003 The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, LL.D.

2004 The Honorable Alexis M. Herman, LL.D.
Anthony Lewis, LL.D.

2005 The Honorable Bob Kerrey, LL.D.

2006 The Honorable Joel I. Klein, LL.D.

2007 David Boies

2008 Dennis W. Archer

2009 Gregory H. Williams

2010 The Honorable Jonathan Lippman

2011 The Honorable Cory A. Booker

2012 Kenneth R. Feinberg

2013 Michael R. Bloomberg

2014 Steven Banks

2015 Joe Plumeri
Cyrus R. Vance Jr.
About New York Law School
FOUNDING

New York Law School was established in 1891 by Columbia College School of Law faculty, students, and alumni who were protesting their trustees’ attempts to dictate the teaching methods used by professors. The central figure in the revolt against Columbia and the subsequent creation of New York Law School was Columbia Law School’s founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship and education.

THE EARLY YEARS

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty.

Dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training, by 1904, New York Law School was the largest law school in the country. That year, the Law School’s founders created one of the nation’s first evening divisions to provide a flexible alternative to full-time legal education for those in the workforce or with family obligations. The Evening Division also allowed students to build upon previously established successful careers or to begin a second career.

Among the Law School’s early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James W. Gerard, who went on to serve as Ambassador to Germany during World War I, and Bainbridge Colby, who became Secretary of State under President Wilson. Other early graduates included Robert F. Wagner, a future U.S. senator from New York and a leader in developing national labor policy, and two Pulitzer Prize winners: Wallace Stevens (poetry) and Elmer Rice (drama). Another prominent alumnus from the pre-World War I era was the Honorable James S. Watson, a distinguished judge and an important member of New York’s African American community. The judge’s daughter, Barbara Watson, also attended the Law School and was the first woman to attain the rank of Assistant Secretary of State of the United States.

Many of those attending around the turn of the 20th century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Randolph E. Paul of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Henry Hurlbut Abbott and William C. Breed of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel; William Parke of Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

Classes of the 1920s, and 1930s produced graduates who would play a leading role in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Cameron F. MacRae, a former chairman of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Conover English, a founding partner of McCarter & English; David Wilentz, a founding partner of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and Justice Emilio Nuñez, the first Latino to be named to the bench in New York State.

New York Law School closed for one year during World War I, interrupting a steady expansion that lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow, and the Law School was forced to close in 1941 for the duration of World War II.

POST-WAR REBUILDING

In 1947, New York Law School reopened and began to rebuild. A major impetus came from graduates who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but the Law School made significant strides and gained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association in 1954, and final accreditation 10 years later.
Steady growth marked the next few decades. With the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as Dean in the early 1970s, the Law School joined the Association of American Law Schools, and the trustees authorized an increase in the size of the full-time faculty. Admissions requirements were raised and enrollment grew. As facilities expanded, an endowment fund was established. In 1975, the School received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law. The Law School’s first center for specialized study, the Communications Media Center, opened in 1977.

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the late Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the late Bernard Mendik, former Chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of Mendik Properties; and the late and Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education. Other prominent alumni from that period include Maurice Greenberg, former Chairman and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co. Inc.; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chairman of the Law School’s Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chairman and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chairman of the Law School’s Board of Trustees; the Honorable Judith Sheindlin, known as “Judge Judy,” New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL; and Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution.

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations were begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon’s tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the Law School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.

In 1992, Harry H. Wellington, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and former dean of Yale Law School, became the 14th Dean and President of New York Law School. Under Dean Wellington’s leadership, a strategic plan was implemented to position New York Law School as a vital urban law center with an academic program that integrates the strategic and ethical perspectives of the practicing attorney. During Dean Wellington’s tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created and the Law School’s Centers for International Law and New York City Law were established.

Richard A. Matasar was named the 15th Dean and President of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011. Under Dean Matasar’s leadership, the School expanded its academic Centers and increased its graduate offerings, which now include advanced degree programs in American business law and tax. During his tenure, the Law School completed an expansion and renovation program that transformed its TriBeCa campus into a cohesive architectural complex. The centerpiece of the expansion is a glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below—which opened in 2009.

“NEW YORK’S LAW SCHOOL” AND THE FUTURE

In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the 16th Dean and President of the Law School. He joined the Law School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the Law School is poised to
maximize its strengths, develop new ones, and bring it recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the Law School and launched a strategic planning process that addresses areas of strategic priority including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building.

To strengthen the Law School’s connection to our great City, Dean Crowell introduced the “We are New York’s law school” campaign, which has now become the Law Schools’ motto. Initiatives already under way as New York’s law school include the establishment of a new Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and/or federal level. The Scholarship celebrates the Law School’s rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most impactful leaders in this great city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50 hour pro bono requirement for admission into the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the Law School faculty to expand the school’s experiential and clinical learning programs to encourage each of its students to bridge their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the Law School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year.

In July 2013, the Law School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. The Plan focuses on five areas: Academic Excellence and Innovation; Career Success; Intellectual life; Community Engagement; and Operations. The Law School is setting its sights on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: intellectual property; technology and applied sciences; business and financial services; and government and public interest—all of which encompass what will be the major areas of employment and growth over the next 10 to 20 years. In September 2014, the Law School followed up with Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes for 2014, its first annual report on the progress made and outcomes achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the Law School added two new programs: the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program and the Institute for In-House Counsel. During the 2014-15 academic year, the Law School announced the formation of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law, which brought all of the Law School’s important public interest work under one umbrella, as well as the Innovation Center for Law and Policy, which absorbed and transformed the Law School’s Institute for Information Law and Policy, and focuses on the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age. In January 2015, the Law School started up the country’s first two-year J.D. honors program. In February 2015, the Law School issued its Institutional Diversity Plan, a bold statement of principles and goals, and ambitious course of action, to maintain diversity and inclusion as essential components of the Law School’s operations. And this month, the first class to participate in the Dean’s Leadership Council is graduating. In 2013, Dean Crowell initiated the Council, which invites 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top City leaders in law, business, and government.

Through it all, the Law School stabilized tuition, keeping it the same for the third straight year in 2014-15, and doubled the amount of scholarship aid to students. NYLS has also achieved an unprecedented level of student and alumni engagement. These and other initiatives are garnering greater visibility than the Law School has had in recent years, including media attention in legal and popular
The Law School recently received national recognition for its leading-edge clinical and experiential learning in The National Jurist and was recognized for its part-time Evening Division and community diversity by U.S. News & World Report. NYLS was also named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its pro bono work two years in a row.

Engaging the Law School’s constituents—from students to alumni to faculty to employers and other leaders and influencers—is a key component of Dean Crowell’s strategy to reintroduce the Law School and lead it to new success. New York Law School embraces its location in the heart of the City’s legal, government, and financial districts and provides students with unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience and build the foundation for a meaningful and successful career. Simply put, New York Law School is New York’s law school—a vibrant, diverse school which, for nearly 125 years, has given opportunities to countless students to advance justice, improve society, and reach their goals in every sector of the economy.

ACADEMIC CENTERS

The Law School’s academic centers, led by members of the faculty, continue to maximize the effectiveness of faculty research and scholarly endeavors, teaching, and activism, and to increase opportunities for students to engage in important policy issues. Six academic centers, described below, play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars honors program.

Center for Business and Financial Law

The Center for Business and Financial Law (CBFL) provides students with an unparalleled, rigorous, and integrated approach to academic study and skills training in all aspects of corporate, commercial, and financial law. Through cutting-edge courses, events, projects, and research, the CBFL brings together academics, practitioners, and students to address the challenges that animate business and finance.

Center for International Law

In 1996, aided by a grant from the C.V. Starr Foundation, the School created the C.V. Starr Center for International Law. The Center supports teaching and research in all areas of international law but concentrates on the law of international trade and finance, deriving much of its strength from interaction with New York’s business, commercial, financial, and legal communities. The Center sponsors events such as the prestigious C.V. Starr Lectures and the Otto L. Walter Lecture Series, which regularly bring world-renowned speakers to the Law School. It also provides extensive resources for researching careers in international law.

Center for New York City Law

Established in 1994–95, the Center for New York City Law is the only program of its kind in the country. Its objectives are to gather and disseminate information about New York City’s laws, rules, and procedures; to sponsor publications, symposia, and conferences on topics related to governing the city; and to suggest reforms to make city government more effective and efficient. The Center produces several publications, including CityLaw, which tracks New York City’s rules and regulations, how they are enforced, and court challenges to them; and CityLand, which reports decisions from the New York City land use agencies.

Center for Real Estate Studies

The Center for Real Estate Studies provides students with a unique educational opportunity to study both the private practice and public regulation of real estate. Launched in 2007, the Center offers an extensive selection of classroom courses, advanced seminars, and independent study projects, as well as externships in governmental offices and real estate firms. It also sponsors conferences, symposia, and continuing legal education programs on a broad spectrum of issues for New York’s real estate community. The Center aims to bridge the existing gap between the private practice and academic study of real estate, and is one of the premier research centers in the country for the study of real estate.
Impact Center for Public Interest Law
The Impact Center for Public Interest Law is committed to using the formidable power of law and legal education to advance social justice and to have a positive impact on the public interest, promote the practice of public interest law, and expand the role of public interest law in the professional development of New York Law School students. Impact Center faculty and students engage in advocacy on a wide range of legal issues that promote the rights, and social and economic empowerment, of members of our community. Through its advocacy projects, clinics, externships, and fellowships, the Impact Center provides New York Law School students with the training and experience they need to become highly skilled and dedicated public interest advocates.

Innovation Center for Law and Technology
The Innovation Center for Law and Technology serves as a forum for law students, distinguished legal practitioners, entrepreneurs, academics, and tech users to learn about, shape, lead, and benefit from the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age. Focus areas include intellectual property, privacy, cybersecurity, fashion law, sports law, and entrepreneurship. The Innovation Center is a focal point for NYLS and New York City as a whole to study and work on complex issues and opportunities presented by the growing innovation economy.

ADDITIONAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in American Business Law
In 2012, the Law School began offering the LL.M. in American Business Law. The program provides foreign-trained lawyers with a thorough grounding in the basic principles of American business and commercial law.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Financial Services Law
In fall 2009, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Financial Services Law. The program provides students with knowledge and expertise in the law, business, and regulation of the global financial services industry.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate
In January 2009, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Real Estate. The program provides students with a thorough grounding in the law, business, and regulation of real estate transactions, finance, and development.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation
In 2003, the Law School began offering the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation, becoming one of the only law schools in the New York City area to offer this advanced training to tax attorneys. The program enables students to increase their mastery of tax law and refine their practice skills in order to better serve clients and communities.
Online Mental Disability Law Program
The Law School’s Online Mental Disability Law Program offers courses to J.D. students as well as professionals who work with, or on behalf of, people with disabilities. In January 2009, the program expanded from offering courses on an individual basis to offering a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Mental Disability Law Studies and a Certificate in Advanced Mental Disability Law Studies.

Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution
The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program offers a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution to students who complete the requirements of the Program. They may be relied upon to possess not only an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields.

Public Service Certificates
The Office of Professional Development offers a Public Service Certificate. Certificates are issued to graduating students who have performed at least 40 hours of voluntary service while at law school, or who have a combination of at least 30 hours of voluntary service and have another 30 hours of public interest work done through a work-study placement, clinic, or externship.
Academic dress and graduation date back to the 12th century at the formation of early universities in Europe. Historians believe that academic dress originated when scholars, who were largely clerics or aspiring clerics, wore long robes and hoods to keep warm in unheated buildings. From these practical origins, the gowns, hoods, and caps have developed into the accepted attire that symbolizes scholarly achievement. Over time, colleges and universities have customized the ensemble to reflect their schools’ unique symbols of visual identity such as the seal, school colors, and additional adornments that become part of their commencement traditions.

Faculty members, staff, and guests in today’s procession are robed in the gowns appropriate to their highest degrees earned, and their hoods carry the distinctive colors of the institutions from which they received those degrees. Differences in the doctoral, master’s, and baccalaureate gowns are illustrated below.

Gowns
Our graduating students in both the J.D. and LL.M. degree programs process with the traditional doctoral gown with bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns have three velvet stripes on the sleeves and velvet panels on the front and neck. Our graduating students in the M.A. degree program process with the master’s robe with oblong sleeves that are square cut at the rear part of the oblong shape and have an arc cut away at the front part with a slit for the wrist opening.

Hoods
The hoods, designed with the Law School’s official colors, blue and gray, are worn draped over the shoulders with the lining exposed on the back of the gown. The satin lining comprises a gray chevron on a blue background. The velvet border on the hood is of a prescribed width and color—purple for the field of law, or white for the M.A. degree.

Caps
According to historians, academic caps were adopted for this use by the church in 1311 and are based on a close-fitting cap worn by the ancient Romans. There are two styles of caps: the Oxford, a stiff mortarboard; and the Cambridge, a beret-like soft cap. Our J.D., M.A., and LL.M. students process with the Cambridge caps made of velvet and with gold tassels.

Fourragères
Introduced as a new component of our academic attire in 2005, the fourragères are symbols of academic achievement worn on top of the gown on the left shoulder by the candidates for the post-graduate degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.).

Seal
The Law School’s seal dates to the School’s founding in 1891. It is used on all documents related to academic matters such as the diploma, certificates, and all publications and other print items related to commencement. In the center scroll depicted on the seal are inscribed the words of the juris praecepta of the Justinian Code: Juris praecepta sunt haec: honeste vivere, alterum non laedere, suum cuique tribuere (The precepts of law are these: to live honestly, not to injure anyone, and to render to each person what is due.)
JURIS PRAECPTA
SUNT HAEC, HONESTE
VIVERE, ALTERUM
NON LAEDERE, SUUM
CUIQUE TRIBUERE