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# 125TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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JURIS PRIMUM  
SUNT HAEC  
VIVERE,  
NON LAEDERE  
CUIQUE

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



### Dear Members of the Class of 2017:

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 School. I am honored to have served as your Dean. I've proudly watched you build friendships, become active members of our community, challenge yourselves with hard work, and advocate for others. Now, you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

As you transition to your roles as lawyers, your membership in a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society has never been more paramount. The world we live in today presents new opportunities and challenges to use your legal training to protect the rights of others, build the global economy of tomorrow, and guide the advancement of new technologies. It is thus fitting that we gather today in Lincoln Center, an icon of the ambitious and creative spirit for which New York City is known.

Never doubt that New York Law School will be by your side as you grow professionally. As you've heard me say, an engaged Law School community is a happy, strong, and successful one. Our goal has been to make you feel that you are part of a family and that we are partners in this endeavor. During your time as a student, that meant providing the most supportive and effective learning environment possible. Now that you are a graduate, we will remain your partner, your ally, and your champion. Our level of care for one another as a community—students, faculty, administration, staff, trustees, and alumni alike—is unparalleled.

The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community, and your family and friends, you are ready for your new journey. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career. But take nothing for granted; leave nothing to chance. Make focus, preparation, and hard work your priorities. Be present and accountable in every moment you are called on for your knowledge and leadership. Your clients, your colleagues, your family and friends, and you deserve no less.

No matter where you go, continue to draw on this great city as a source of inspiration that both shares and shapes our values: 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*.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony W. Crowell".

Anthony W. Crowell  
Dean and President, Professor of Law

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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

Professor Robert Blecker  
Professor David Schoenbrod

## PROCESSIONAL

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

## GREETINGS

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Adrianna Finger

## INTRODUCTION OF ESTEEMED ALUMNI

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

## REFLECTIONS ON THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ronald Cosme Jr.  
*Co-Chair of the Robert F. Wagner National Labor and  
Employment Law Moot Court Competition*

## REMARKS BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

John Louros

## ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

#### CLASS OF 2017 TEACHING AWARD

*Presentation by John Louros*

Professor Jeffrey J. Haas

Professor Jacob S. Sherkow

#### OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS

*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*

##### **Faculty Awards**

Full-Time Faculty Book

Richard Chused for *Gendered Law in American History*

(with Wendy Williams)

Full-Time Faculty Article

Stephen J. Ellmann for “The Struggle for the Rule of Law in South Africa”

Adjunct Faculty Article

F. Peter Phillips '87 for “Ancient and Comely Order: The Use and Disuse of Arbitration by New York Quakers”

##### **Student Awards**

Venus Allahyazadeh for “The Enablement Requirement of Patent Law: Can Stem Cell Patents Truly Be Enabled?”

Ayana Osada for “Obergefell Liberates Bathrooms”

### STUDENT REMARKS

Samantha Dunac

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

#### \*THE FINALISTS FOR THE TRUSTEES' PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE

*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*

*Two-Year Honors Program    Day Division    Evening Division*

Christopher DeLong    Melissa Abraham    Michael Taddei

Abbey Gauger    Alexander Weinman

### STUDENT REMARKS

Christopher DeLong

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
*Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana*  
Christopher DeLong  
Abbey Gauger  
Trevaughn Luncheon

STUDENT REMARKS

Diana Ruiz

AWARDING OF PRIZES

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP  
*Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell*  
Sultan Arab                                  John Louros  
Stephanie Baehr                              Kelly Lynch  
Jessica Bibby                                  Justin Meeks  
Yunus Caglar                                 Rodger Quigley  
Ronald Cosme Jr.                             Dorichel Rodriguez  
Samantha Dunac                              Alexandra Spina  
Allison Flor                                     Daniel Ursomanno  
Kimberly Gay

STUDENT REMARKS

Abbey Gauger

CONFERRING OF  
HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.)  
*Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell*  
*Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey '59, Chairman, Board of Trustees*  
Laura Ricciardi '96  
Executive Producer, Writer, and Director of "Making a Murderer"

COMMENCEMENT  
ADDRESS

Laura Ricciardi '96

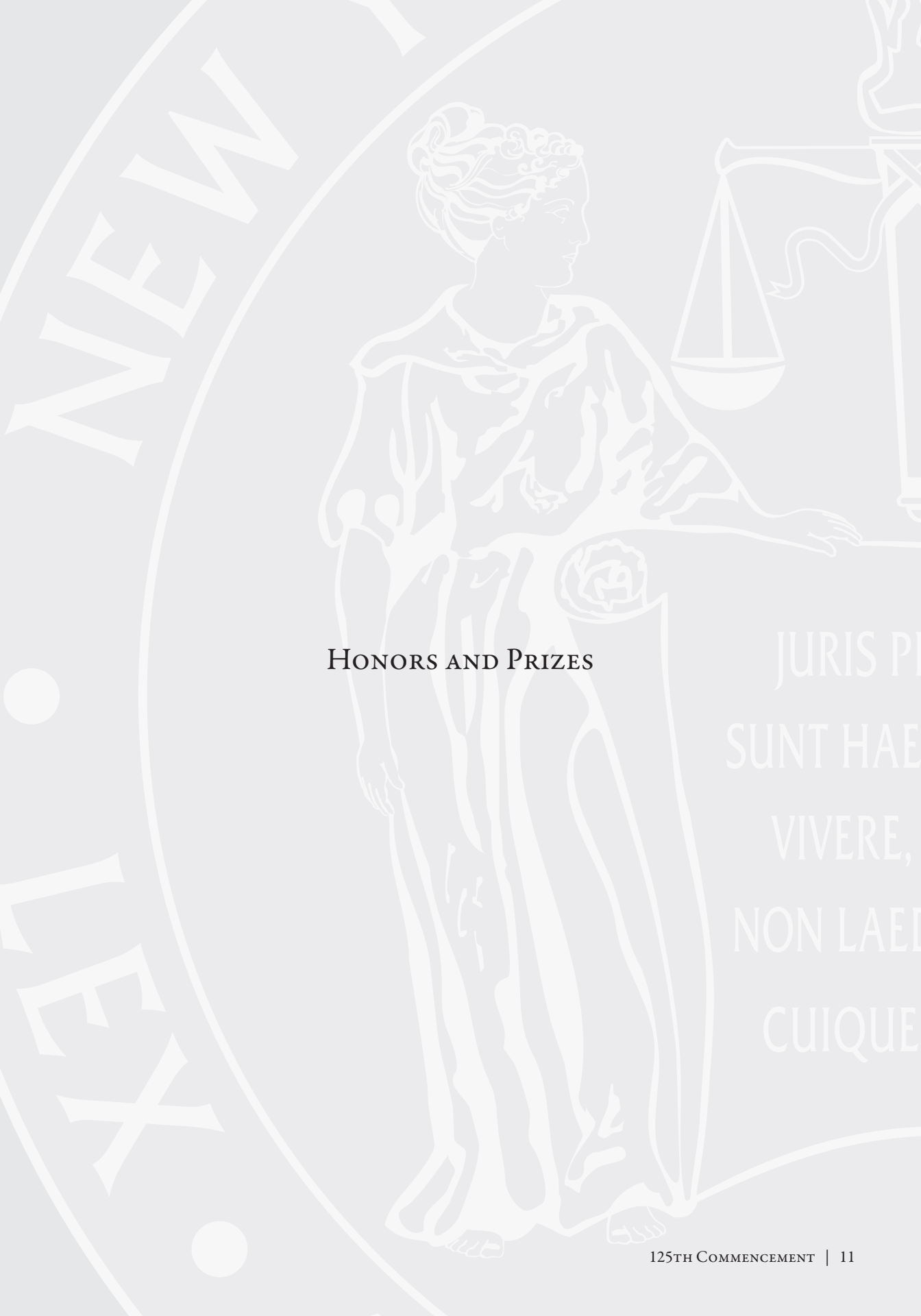
AWARDING OF  
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

*Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey '59*  
Susan Mendik  
Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC  
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School

\* Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students 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 KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL	<i>Presentation by Gerald C. Crotty '76, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees</i> The Honorable Dakota Ramseur '97 Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, New York County
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.) <i>Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell</i> <i>Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey '59</i> Preet Bharara Former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Preet Bharara
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	The Honorable Marc J. Whiten '84 President, New York Law School Alumni Association
CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES	<b>Introduction of Candidates</b> Professor Susan J. Abraham                      Professor Ann F. Thomas Professor Kim Hawkins                              Professor Michelle Zierler Professor Frank W. Munger <b>Presentation of Candidates</b> Dean Anthony W. Crowell <b>Conferring of Degrees</b> Arthur N. Abbey '59
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Anthony W. Crowell
RECESSIONAL	<i>Two Voluntaries</i> —Henry Purcell



HONORS AND PRIZES

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SUNT HAE  
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# DEGREES WITH HONORS

**February 1, 2017**

*Summa Cum Laude*

Christopher DeLong

*Cum Laude*

Beatrice Barenboim

Tavonia Davis

Allison Flor

Caroline Galda

Trevaughn Luncheon

Jordan Moss

Marissa Padovano

Nicole Paton

James Pierre-Louis

Adam John Santora-Cardile

Brandon Schwartz

Ke Wei

## PROVISIONAL HONORS\*

**June 1, 2017**

Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. Final honors will be determined after all grades are posted in June.

*Summa Cum Laude*

Melissa Abraham

Abbey Gauger

Michael Taddei

Alexander Weinman

*Magna Cum Laude*

Sara Alpert

Meggin Bednarczyk

Brian Boyd

Annette Cordasco

Vivian Depietro

Shelby Hoffman

Nicole Jolicoeur

Patrick Morris

Ayana Osada

Laura Rion

Rachel Searle

Anna Zabolina

Francesca Zito

*Cum Laude*

Venus Allahyarzadeh  
Stephanie Baehr  
Ruth Bain  
Shabana Baksh  
Jakub Brodowski  
Thomas Caruso  
Adrianna Finger  
Lance Fokine  
Ashley Glazewski  
Nicole Juliano  
Elliot Kelly  
Zare Khorozian  
John Louros  
Ashley Matias  
Michael McKeown

Matthew Merrill  
Noah Meyer  
Dalielle Miranda  
Dawn Neagle  
Caitlin Nelan  
Julio Piccirillo  
Rodger Quigley  
Joseph Redner  
Dorichel Rodriguez  
Paige Rolfe  
Juan Rubio  
Niyati Sangani  
Alexandra Spina  
Daniel Ursomanno

\* 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 to have final honors confirmed after graduation if a student's grade point average is not in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.

Alternatively, a student could receive a different honor upon graduation (e.g., *cum laude* as provisional honors and *magna cum laude* upon graduation).



# COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

## SPECIAL AWARDS

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CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD  
FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING  
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Rosemarin Belliard  
Alexis Granell  
Rachel Searle

ALVIN J. BRONSTEIN '51 CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Christopher DeLong

HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL  
AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sabena Barry  
Shante Morales  
Dorichel Rodriguez

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN  
CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE

John Louros

DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

Melissa Abraham for "The Money Maze:  
A Call for Implementing Regulation of Severely  
Opaque Ownership in United States Luxury  
Real Estate"

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE  
PROFESSION

Krystina Drasher

JOHN FRANCO '12 MEMORIAL AWARD

Ashley Malisa

JUDGE GEORGE C. MANTZOROS AWARD

Anna Zabotina

THE ABRAHAM "AVI" MUND PRIZE  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

Dawn Neagle  
Zohar Shlush-Reyna

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL  
DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

Samantha Dunac  
Justin Meeks

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT  
CHARACTER AND FITNESS

John Louros  
Alexander Weinman

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-  
COMMON CIVIL LAW

Elliot Kelly for "Robbing Robin Hood:  
Exploiting Profits from Corporations with  
Ideals Beyond Profits"

## **LAW REVIEW AWARDS**

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FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL  
LAW REVIEW*

Alexandra Spina

*NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* AWARD  
FOR BEST NOTE

Melissa Abraham

ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE *NEW  
YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW*

Rodger Quigley

## **MOOT COURT AWARDS**

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT  
ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

Joshua Mitts

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL  
MOOT COURT TEAM

Ronald Cosme Jr.

Kimberly Gay

Alexis Granell

Joshua Mitts

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT  
AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Leah Henry

Alexandra Rockoff

Rachel Searle

Amanda Seelmann

NOAH P. MELNICK MEMORIAL  
MOOT COURT AWARD

Kimberly Gay

ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS

Stephanie Baehr

Eric Benzenberg

Ronald Cosme Jr.

Kimberly Gay

Alexis Granell

Leah Henry

Trevaughn Luncheon

Dale Mackey

Joshua Mitts

Alexandra Rockoff

Amanda Seelmann

HONORARY ORDER OF THE  
BARRISTERS AWARD

Professor Lisa Grumet

## COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

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

PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDENTS'  
ESTATES



CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP



PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS



ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY  
IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING  
DIVISION



THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL  
HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED  
IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)



SYLVIA D. GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION



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



PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW

D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW  
OF REAL PROPERTY



ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD  
(FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION)



PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE



MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE  
LAW OF EVIDENCE



LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE  
LAW OF EVIDENCE



WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY  
IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



HENRY J. WOLFF AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY  
DURING A FULL COURSE OF STUDY—  
EVENING DIVISION



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*



RECOGNITION

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# TWO-YEAR J.D. HONORS PROGRAM

In January 2015, New York Law School launched its Two-Year J.D. Honors Program, which accelerates the traditional 86-credit, three-year curriculum, offering it over a period of 24 consecutive months. This year, we are pleased to recognize the Program's inaugural graduating class.

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Christian Arndt

Alexandra Badalamenti

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Beatrice Barenboim

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Hailey Barthel

Nikita Bhargava

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Carl Brown

Jared Cadena

Rose Dakroub

Christopher DeLong

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Joseph Dimitrov

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Ariana Dindiyal

Caroline Galda

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Steven Glass

Jezwah Harris

*Center for International Law*

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Jarienn James

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Eva Lana Silver

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Susan Lee

*Center for Real Estate Studies*

Sara Salmeron

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Brandon Schwartz

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Ke Wei

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

# JOHN MARSHALL HARLAN SCHOLARS

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 2017.

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Melissa Abraham

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Venus Allahyarzadeh

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Sara Alpert

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Stephanie Baehr

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Shabana Baksh

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Meggin Bednarczyk

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Elliot Kelly

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Zare Khorozian

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Trevaughn Luncheon

Patrick Morris

*Center for New York City Law*

Jordan Moss

*Center for Real Estate Studies*

Ayana Osada

*Center for International Law*

Julio Piccirillo

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

James Pierre-Louis

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

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Laura Rion

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*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Niyati Sangani

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*Center for International Law*

Rachel Searle

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Michael Taddei

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Daniel Ursomanno

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Alexander Weinman

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# ACADEMIC CENTER ASSOCIATES

New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2017 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the Law School's six academic centers.

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Ruth Bain

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Catherine Ball

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Christopher DeLong

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Heather Deserio

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Lidia Di Santo

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Joseph Dimitrov

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Krystina Drasher

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Alexis Granell

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Allyson Guidera

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Chantelle Gyamfi

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Jezwah Harris

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Leah Henry

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John Hohos

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Gerald Jakubovic

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Neliya Karimova

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*Center for International Law*

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Eva Lana Silver

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Shannon Lashlee

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Diane Lee

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Hyunju Lee

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Susan Lee

*Center for Real Estate Studies*

Raelynn Leggio

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Kelly Lynch

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Dale Mackey

*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

Amanda Magrone

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Ashley Malisa

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Carlos Martinez

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Emma McDonald

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Matthew Merrill

*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Noah Meyer

*Center for International Law*

Dalielle Miranda

*Center for International Law*

Jacob Morales

*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

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*Impact Center for Public Interest Law*

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*Center for International Law*

Leyla Navi  
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Dawn Neagle  
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*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Nia Nicholson  
*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

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Jason Reuben  
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Sarah Siegel  
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*Center for International Law*

Timothy Tracy  
*Center for Business and Financial Law*

Ke Wei  
*Innovation Center for Law and Technology*

Yi Zhu  
*Center for Business and Financial Law*

# NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW

The *New York Law School Law Review* is the Law School's journal for legal scholarship. Members are primarily Harlan Scholars, selected for that honor and for the *Law Review* based on their GPAs. A few students are also selected through a writing competition. *Law Review* editors work with the faculty to plan academic symposia as well as with the faculty publisher to select papers for publication. The editors edit all articles and are responsible for all aspects of the publication process. We are pleased to recognize their achievements.

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Sara Alpert	Caroline Galda	Laura Rion
Stephanie Baehr	Abbey Gauger	Paige Rolfe
Shabana Baksh	Ashley Glazewski	Niyati Sangani
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# DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM

The New York Law School Dispute Resolution Team is a student-run co-curricular organization that trains members in day-to-day lawyering skills in order to prepare them to represent the Law School in client counseling, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration competitions across the country. Membership is by invitation only and is based on outstanding performance either in the Law School's Intramural Negotiation Competition or through a rigorous admissions process. We are pleased to recognize these graduating members of the Dispute Resolution Team.

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Gabriella Ali-Marino

Patrick Crisp

Laura Rion

Eric Benzenberg

Tavonia Davis

Alexandra Rockoff

Jessica Bibby

Nicole Juliano

Niyati Sangani

Ronald Cosme Jr.

Trevaughn Luncheon

Amanda Seelmann

## MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

The New York Law School Moot Court Association is a student-run organization that focuses on oral advocacy and brief writing skills at the appellate level. Students are accepted into the organization by competing in the Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, a constitutional law intramural competition. The Froessel Competition is one of the most challenging intramural competitions in the country and one of the most demanding recruiting tools used by a moot court association in selecting its members. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Moot Court Association.

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Gabriella Ali-Marino

Patricia Desalvo-Bradley

Dale Mackey

Waleed Amer

Ariana Dindiyal

Joshua Mitts

Stephanie Baehr

Samantha Dunac

Alexandra Rockoff

Catherine Ball

Alyssa Feldman

Andrew Ruggiero

Eric Benzenberg

Kimberly Gay

Rachel Searle

Paul Cacciuttolo

Alexis Granell

Amanda Seelmann

Maxine Checchi

Leah Henry

Fumiko Takada

Ronald Cosme Jr.

Trevaughn Luncheon

# TRIAL COMPETITION TEAM

The New York Law School Trial Competition Team is a student-run co-curricular organization that focuses on the advocacy skills required in civil and criminal trials. Students on the team represent the Law School in regional and national trial competitions. Membership is by invitation only and is based on notable performance in the Law School's intramural trial or closing argument competition or by recommendation of a Trial Advocacy professor based on outstanding performance in the Trial Advocacy or Intensive Trial and Advocacy Skills course. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Trial Competition Team.

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Catherine Ball

Elizabeth Friedrich

JoniKay Johnson

Jakub Brodowski

Paul Gentile

Gloria Lam

Richard Charlat

Michael Gioia

Ashley Matias

Patricia Desalvo-Bradley

Allyson Guidera

Jane Rosales

Ariana Dindiyal

Chantelle Gyamfi

## DEAN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Initiated in 2013, the Dean's Leadership Council invites first-year students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to be part of a series of dialogues on leadership with the Dean, faculty, alumni, and legal professionals during their course of study at New York Law School. These discussions tackle legal and policy issues that affect New York City, the nation, and the world to help students learn about leadership and influence by spending time with prominent New Yorkers and each other. Students on the Council also address strategic planning issues at the Law School and help inform how it can enhance its connection to and impact on New York's legal community.

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Melissa Abraham	Ashley Glazewski	Nicole Paton
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Allison Flor	Jordan Moss	Daniel Ursomanno
Lance Fokine	Caitlin Nelan	Alexander Weinman
Flora Fuks	Ayana Osada	Anna Zabolina
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## ADVOCACY PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

The Advocacy Program is designed to prepare students to graduate with the skills and experience that will help them excel as litigators. The Program has three tracks: civil, criminal, and appellate advocacy. The required course of study for each track includes a suggested combination of skills, writing, and procedure courses, and each track culminates in a clinical or externship experience in which the students use the skills they have learned in practice. We are pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2017 who have completed the courses required to earn an Advocacy Certificate.

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Justin Aronson

Stephanie Baehr

Hailey Barthel

Fema Birch

Brian Boyd

Jakub Brodowski

Richard Charlat

Maxine Checchi

Amanda Cicero

Alyssa Feldman

Elizabeth Friedrich

Michael Giesen

Michael Gioia

Ashley Glazewski

Nicole Juliano

Ashley Matias

Nicole Paton

Diana Ruiz

Sarah Schmidt

Jonathan Schwartz

Sarah Smith

Adam Thomas



# ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SKILLS PROGRAM CERTIFICATES

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program conveys not only doctrinal education, but also practical and empirical skills in the fields of conflict avoidance, management, and resolution. Students who complete the Program and earn a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution may be relied upon to possess not merely an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields. We are pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2017 who have earned this distinction.

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Xixi Liu

Sarah Smith

## PRO BONO SCHOLARS

Students in the Pro Bono Scholars Program begin their final semester by studying for, and taking, the February New York bar exam. Then they spend the remainder of this semester in a 12-week, full-time pro bono placement with a preapproved legal services provider or law firm, representing people from poor and underserved communities. Pro Bono Scholars also participate in a seminar in which they reflect on their placement experiences, study lawyering skills and ethical issues, and explore the access to justice crisis and the nature and value of proposed responses to this crisis. Students who pass the bar exam, complete their pro bono placement and class satisfactorily, and meet the other bar admission requirements are then eligible for early admission to the bar, soon after their graduation.

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Zulema Blair

Rachel Searle

Krystina Drasher

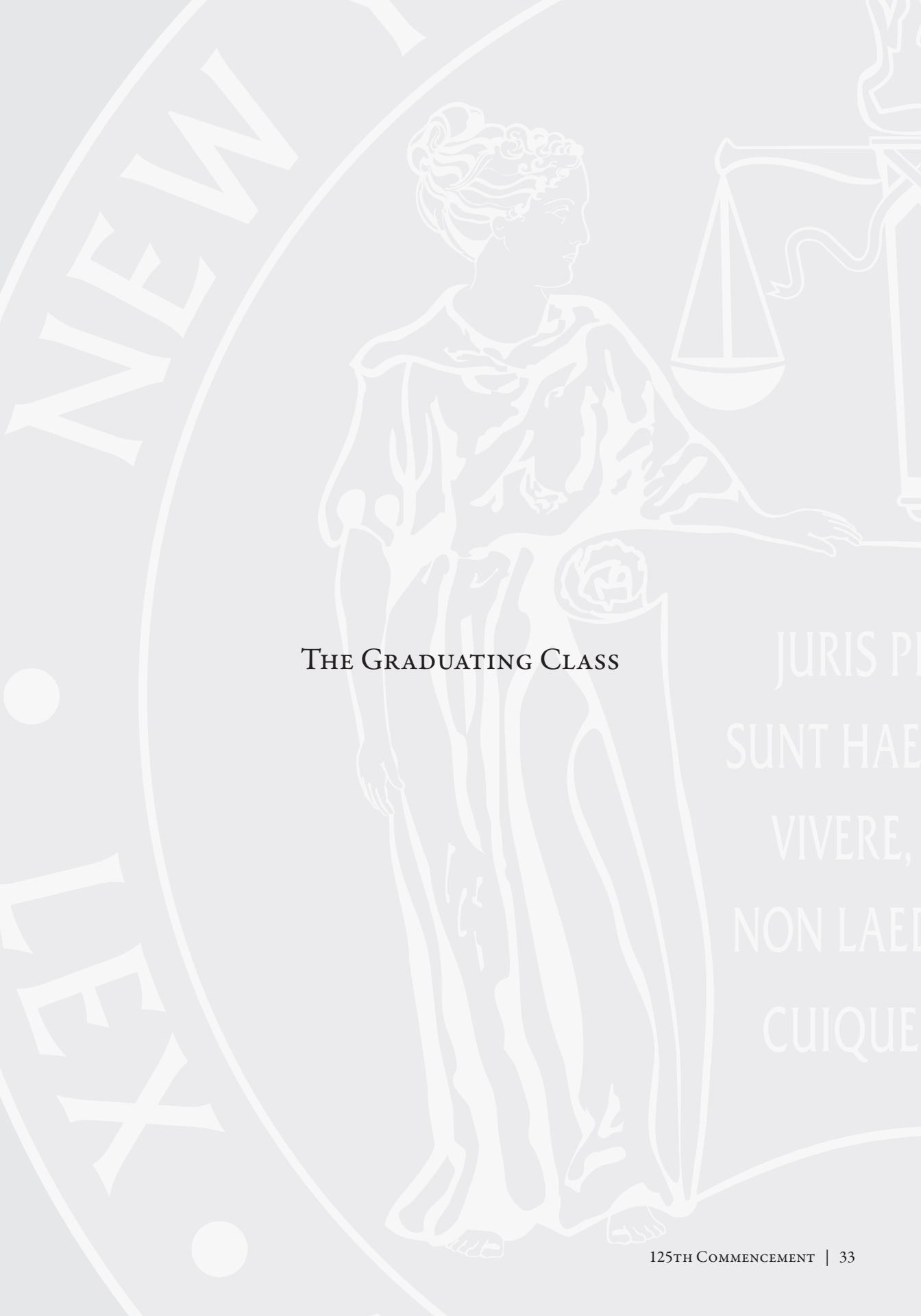
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# PUBLIC SERVICE CERTIFICATES

The Office of Student Life is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2017 who have earned the Public Service Certificate. Students earning the certificate have performed at least 40 hours of voluntary service while in law school, or have a combination of at least 30 hours of voluntary service and another 30 hours of public interest work done through a work-study placement, clinic, or externship.

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Gabriella Ali-Marino	Kimberly Gay	Zohaib Mustafa
Venus Allahyarzadeh	Ashley Glazewski	Dawn Neagle
Sara Alpert	Alexis Granell	Caitlin Nelan
Eroide Alphonse	Jennifer Granovsky	Kelly Padden
Justin Aronson	Allyson Guidera	Nicole Paton
Alexandra Badalamenti	Paige Gural	Alexander Petersen
Stephanie Baehr	Jezwah Harris	Rodger Quigley
Ruth Bain	Leah Henry	Marilia Richards
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Nikita Bhargava	Zare Khorozian	Sarah Schmidt
Rachel Blackhurst	Gloria Lam	Jonathan Schwartz
Zulema Blair	Eva Lana Silver	Rachel Searle
Mckenzie Cloak	Shannon Lashlee	Pablo Segarra
Ronald Cosme Jr.	Diane Lee	Doreen Shaoulpour
Patrick Crisp	Hyunju Lee	Eli Shmulik
Elena Dain	Judith Leibowitz	Sarah Siegel
Tavonia Davis	John Louros	Sarah Smith
Vivian Depietro	Dale Mackey	Jessica Spooner
Ariana Dindiyal	Taaha Malik	Candice Sylvester
Jonathan Dippolito	Julio Manjarrez	Adam Thomas
Krystina Drasher	Ashley Matias	Jin Hui Wang
Samantha Dunac	Emma McDonald	Melanie Washington
Bradley Ellisor	Justin Meeks	Charissa Wijaya
Allison Flor	Matthew Merrill	Anna Zobotina
Elizabeth Friedrich	Dalielle Miranda	Yi Zhu



## THE GRADUATING CLASS

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NON LAED  
CUIQUE

# LL.M. IN FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW

**February 1, 2017 Graduate**

Charles Zitzmann

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# LL.M. IN TAXATION

## **June 1, 2017 Candidates**

Sultan Arab

Yijing Chen

Danielle Edrich

Jesse Langel

Andrew Lunetta

Neha Rastogi

Alejandro Vera

Scott Woller

Qianyu Yang

Michael Yoon

Gafar Zaaloff

## **September 1, 2017 Candidates**

Samantha Jachion

Judith Leibowitz

Sheryl Shah

# J.D. GRADUATES

February 1, 2017

Kerry Ann Austin	Caroline Galda*	Oluwatobi Oyetunde
Christian Arndt*	Nicole Gall	Marissa Padovano
Alexandra Badalamenti*	Steven Glass*	Nicole Paton
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Hailey Barthel*	Jezwah Harris*	Jason Reuben
Nikita Bhargava*	Jarienn James*	Jamal Romero
Fema Birch	Michael Johnson	Adam Rosen
Matthew Bonds	Khandoker Kader	Leah Royberman
Carl Brown*	Polina Katsnelson	Sara Salmeron*
Jared Cadena*	Edward Kiernan	Adam John Santora-Cardile
John Calabro	Alexandra Klestadt	Brandon Schwartz*
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Lindsay Cohen	Eva Lana Silver*	Pablo Segarra
Rose Dakroub*	Susan Lee*	Selina Storz
Renee Daniel	Jennifer Lo	Rebekah Tolliver-Rotzer
Roxane Davis	Natela Lolaev	Kary Torres
Tavonia Davis	Jeffrey Lucido	Joseph Vitiello
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Allison Flor	Jordan Moss	Nina Zakharevych
Stephen Gaeta	Michelle Muallem	

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Samuel Caffrey-Agoglia	Kimberly Gay	Raelynn Leggio
Yunus Caglar	Paul Gentile	Amanda Lind
Travis Carter	Michael Giesen	Xixi Liu

John Louros	Michele Olinsky	Michael Scillieri
Kelly Lynch	Ayana Osada	Rachel Searle
Dale Mackey	Michelle Ouzounian	Amanda Seelmann
Amanda Magrone	Kelly Padden	Doreen Shaoulpour
Taaha Malik	Eduardo Padron	Zohar Shlush-Reyna
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Ryan Marason	Alexander Petersen	Sarah Siegel
Daniel Marcus	Julio Piccirillo	Sarah Smith
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Justin Meeks	Marilia Richards	Michael Taddei
Matthew Merrill	Lance Ringer	Fumiko Takada
Noah Meyer	Laura Rion	Trevor Taylor
Dalielle Miranda	Alexandra Rockoff	Adam Thomas
Joshua Mitts	Dorichel Rodriguez	Timothy Tracy
Jacob Morales	Paige Rolfe	Daniel Ursomanno
Shante Morales	Jane Rosales	Vitaly Vilenchik
Corey Morgenstern	Juan Rubio	Jin Hui Wang
Patrick Morris	Andrew Ruggiero	Alexander Weinman
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Zohaib Mustafa	Seth Russell	Yu Xia
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Caitlin Nelan	Sarah Schmidt**	Francesca Zito
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\*\*J.D./M.A. Joint-Degree Program





HONORARY DEGREE,  
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL, AND  
KATHLEEN GRIMM  
MEDAL RECIPIENTS

HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF LAWS

## PREET BHARARA

*New York Law School honors Preet Bharara, who as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York fought political corruption, financial crimes, terrorism, civil rights violations, and illegal trafficking tirelessly, effectively, and with great integrity.*



Preet Bharara served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 2009 to 2017, earning a reputation as one of “the nation’s most aggressive and outspoken prosecutors,” according to *The New York Times*. His office’s case against SAC Capital Advisors resulted in the largest fine ever paid in the history of insider trading prosecution.

In 2012, Bharara was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine and appeared on its list of the “100 Most Influential People in the World.” He was included in *Bloomberg Markets* magazine’s “50 Most Influential” lists in 2014. He was also included in *Vanity Fair*’s “New Establishment” lists and *Worth* magazine’s “The Power 100: The 100 Most Powerful People in Finance” lists in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. He was

named in *City & State*’s “Power 100-New York City” and “Power 100-Albany” lists in 2013 and 2014 and in the *New York Observer*’s “The City State: Albany’s Top 40” list in 2014 and 2015. He was also included in the *Observer*’s “New York City’s Political Power 50” list in 2016. The same year, *City & State* named him “Newsmaker of the Decade.”

As U.S. Attorney, Bharara oversaw the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Southern District of New York and supervised an office of more than 200 assistant U.S. attorneys.

Early in his tenure, he formed the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit, which has continued the office’s long history of prosecuting leaders and associates of global and domestic terrorists, narco-terrorists, cartels, and money-laundering organizations.

During Bharara’s leadership, the office also secured convictions of numerous insider trading defendants, including Raj Rajaratnam and Rajat Gupta; brought significant civil actions alleging financial and healthcare fraud and collected hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements; held to account several of the world’s largest corporations for their misconduct; prosecuted some of the most cutting-edge financial fraud cases; brought major public corruption cases against members of New York City and State governments; continued aggressive civil rights work; and prosecuted more than 1,000 violent gang members and associates.

Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Bharara served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and as a litigation associate in New York at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman and at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College with an A.B. in Government in 1990 and from Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 1993.

HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF LAWS

## LAURA RICCIARDI '96

*New York Law School honors Laura Ricciardi '96, whose Emmy Award-winning documentary series "Making a Murderer" sparked a national conversation about the deficiencies of our justice system.*



Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Laura Ricciardi is best known as the co-creator behind the hit Netflix series "Making a Murderer," which was critically acclaimed and a global phenomenon. Ricciardi received three Emmy Awards for her work on the series as executive producer, writer, and director.

In 2003, Ricciardi and her producing partner, Moira Demos, met as graduate film students at Columbia University. Two years later, they started production on "Making a Murderer," which turned into a decadelong endeavor. In 2006, they formed the independent production company Synthesis Films.

The series was named the 2016 Program of the Year at the Banff World Media Festival and received a 2016 Webby Award for Film and Video Breakout of the Year, the 2016 Outstanding Achievement in Reality Programming Award from the Television Critics Association (TCA), an American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award, the 2016 Media for a Just Society Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, the Best Limited Series Award from the International Documentary Association, and the 2017 Cinema Eye Honors Award for Outstanding Achievement in Nonfiction Films Made for Television. It was also nominated for the 2016 Program of the Year by the TCA and for the 2016 BAFTA (the British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Television Radio Times Audience Award.

For her work on the series, Ricciardi received the 2017 Award for Outstanding Producer of Non-Fiction Television from the Producers Guild of America and was honored with the James Joyce Award for Human Endeavour from the Literary and Historical Society at University College Dublin. In addition to appearing on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and "The Daily Show," Ricciardi has made numerous appearances on news, radio, and television programs around the world.

Currently, Ricciardi and Demos are in production on the next installment of "Making a Murderer." They are also adapting "America's Most Admired Lawbreaker," the serialized Huffington Post article by journalist Steven Brill, as a limited television series for George Clooney and Grant Heslov's Smokehouse Pictures, which they are set to direct.

Prior to Ricciardi's career in film and her M.F.A. in film from Columbia University, she earned a B.A. in English and Government from Manhattan College and a J.D. from New York Law School. After clerking for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Hawaii and working for the U.S. Department of Justice, Ricciardi entered the private sector and practiced law in Chicago for four years.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

## SUSAN MENDIK

*New York Law School honors Susan Mendik for her profound commitment to New York Law School, its students, and educating the next generation of legal talent through her philanthropic support.*



Susan Mendik was born and raised in Lawrence, New York and has been a New York City resident since the late 1970s. She holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Adelphi University. From 1968 until her retirement in 2005, she worked as a Certified Public Accountant at the accounting firm of Friedman LLP.

She is a trustee of New York Law School and the Lighthouse Guild and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Grand Central Partnership. She also sits on the Advisory Board for the New York University Cochlear Implant Center and has been on the Regency Whist Club's Board of Directors for many years.

She continues to follow the philanthropic legacy begun by her late husband, Bernard H. Mendik '58. Among her many personal interests, she enjoys golfing, skiing, playing bridge, and reading.

### **About the Mendik Library**

The Mendik Library is named after the late Bernard H. Mendik '58 and his family. Mendik was former Chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York, former CEO of Mendik Properties, and former member and Chairman of the New York Law School Board of Trustees. He was one of the Law School's most outstanding and generous alumni. The 2006 sale of the building that housed the Mendik Library on Church Street was the first step in the expansion of the New York Law School campus. Although the building was sold, the library retained the Mendik name due to the generosity of Susan Mendik. The library now spans four stories in the Law School's building at 185 West Broadway and offers students, faculty, and alumni the latest research and study facilities.

KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

## THE HONORABLE DAKOTA RAMSEUR '97

*New York Law School honors Judge Dakota Ramseur '97 for her commitment to upholding justice in New York City, her leadership in the public sector, and her involvement as an active and inspiring alumna and mentor.*



The Honorable Dakota D. Ramseur '97 was elected to the Civil Court of New York County in 2013. After presiding in Bronx County Criminal Court and Family Court, she currently sits in Civil Court, Bronx County.

Prior to becoming a judge, she served as a Principal Law Clerk in Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term and as a Court Attorney in Criminal and Civil Court in New York County and Kings County respectively.

Judge Ramseur also previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County and as a civil litigation associate in a law firm. She is the former President and Board Member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Co-Chair of the Civil Engagement Committee of the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Chapter, and member of the New York Women's Foundation and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

She received a B.A. in Communications from Howard University in 1992 and earned her J.D. from New York Law School in 1997. As a student at New York Law School, Judge Ramseur participated in the Law School's Black Law Students Association, Student Bar Association, and Moot Court Association.

The Trustees of New York Law School established the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service on February 11, 2015 to honor Kathleen Grimm '80 for her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the Law School, and her outstanding accomplishments in the fields of law and education. Grimm, who passed away on February 17, 2015, had a long public service record, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education. She was one of New York City's most dedicated servants, having served five City Mayors, one State Comptroller, seven City Commissioners, and four City Schools Chancellors. She also served as a member of the Law School's Board of Trustees and on its Alumni Association Board of Directors for over two decades, including as Past President.

# 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 profound 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

#### **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

**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

**2016**

**CHARLES E. PHILLIPS JR. '93**

Chief Executive Officer, Infor  
Member of the Board of Trustees,  
New York Law School

**2017**

**SUSAN MENDIK**

Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC  
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 1918  
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. Kleinfeld 1916  
Edward J. Neary 1915
- 1960 Charles Stewart Desmond
- 1961 Robert Moses
- 1962 Stanley Howells Fuld  
Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. 1918  
Murray Stockman 1915
- 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 1917
- 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  
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

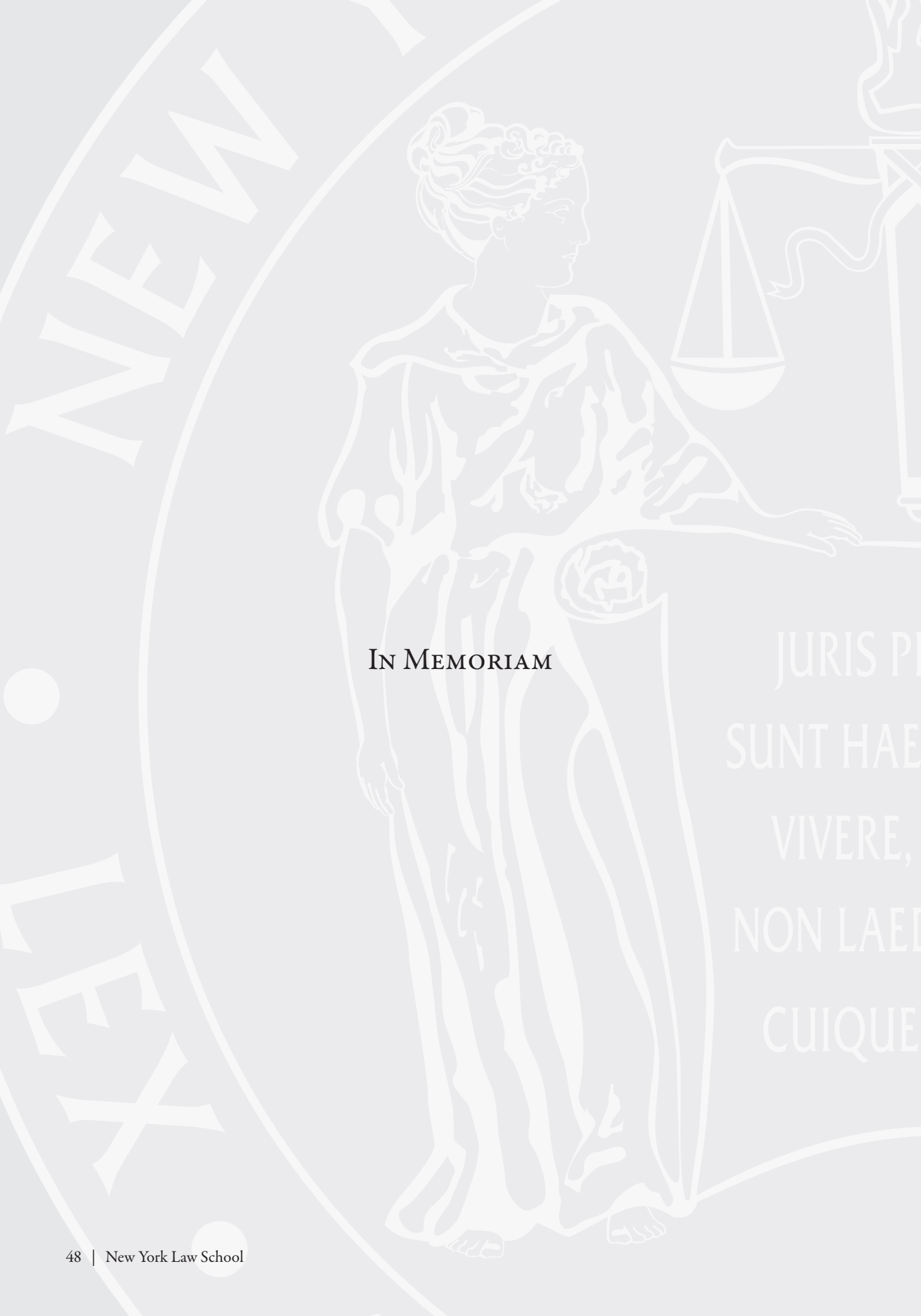


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## 1955 to the Present

- 1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger  
Milton Helpert  
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 Jasen  
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.
- 1988 Archibald R. Murray  
Ernst C. Stiefel  
The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald
- 1989 J. William Campo  
The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56

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| 1990 | Alvin J. Bronstein '51<br>Linda A. Fairstein<br>The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63    | 2003 | The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, LL.D.                        |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins<br>The Honorable John H. Sununu                          | 2004 | The Honorable Alexis M. Herman, LL.D.<br>Anthony Lewis, LL.D. |
| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor<br>James F. Simon                                     | 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey, LL.D.                               |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad '27<br>Drew S. Days III<br>The Honorable Judith S. Kaye                   | 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein, LL.D.                            |
| 1994 | The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani<br>Bernard H. Mendik '58                              | 2007 | David Boies   |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes<br>Alexander D. Forger                                   | 2008 | Dennis W. Archer  |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch<br>Boris Leavitt '26<br>The Honorable Jon O. Newman        | 2009 | Gregory H. Williams   |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards<br>Dr. Raymond D. Horton<br>Lewis M. Steel '63           | 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman                                |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson<br>Lawrence S. Huntington '64<br>Vernon E. Jordan Jr.                 | 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker                                  |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi   | 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg   |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald '76<br>Harry H. Wellington<br>The Honorable Ralph K. Winter             | 2013 | The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg                            |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)<br>Ira Glasser<br>The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65 | 2014 | Steven Banks  |
| 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval, LL.D.<br>The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, LL.D.         | 2015 | Joe Plumeri<br>Cyrus R. Vance Jr.                             |
|      |   | 2016 | The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann                              |
|      |   | 2017 | Preet Bharara<br>Laura Ricciardi '96                          |



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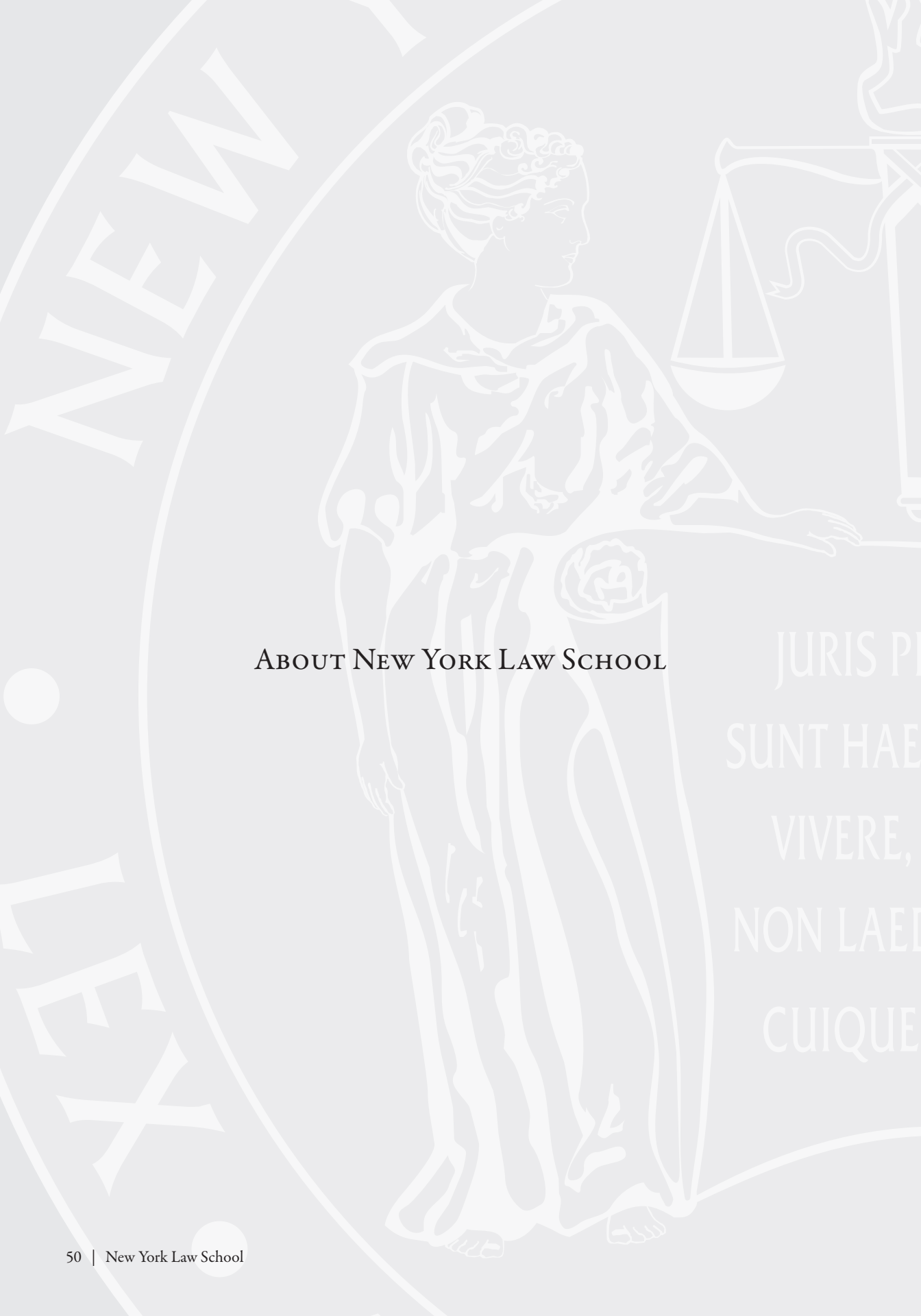
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## IN MEMORIAM



Professor **Michael H. Botein** passed away on August 3, 2016. He had retired at the end of the 2013–14 academic year after more than three decades at the Law School. In 1977, he established the Law School’s Media Center, when the scholarly field was sparse. As media law flourished, Professor Botein wrote engagingly and prolifically about the expansion of the cable industry and the internet and what those developments meant for society and policymakers. His paradigmatic handbook *When Cable Comes to Town* was eagerly consumed by local government officials grappling with the arrival of cable. Professor Botein’s law teaching career included appointments at Columbia, George Washington University, Georgetown, and Rutgers. He also taught in France, Australia, Israel, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic.

He wrote more than 90 articles and 15 books and advocated for freedom of speech and access to the internet. Throughout his career and beyond, he remained tirelessly dedicated to his students and deeply intellectually curious. Professor Nadine Strossen, who befriended Professor Botein in the early 1980s, credited him with encouraging her to teach law and to join New York Law School’s faculty. “I have always wanted to do what he did so superbly,” she said at a memorial for Professor Botein, “integrating the roles of scholar and teacher with that of advocate for public interest causes.”



## ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

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# ABOUT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

## We are New York's 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 leading roles 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 the Honorable 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.

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 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 member of the Law School's Board of Trustees; 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 continue to gain 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 School's motto. In keeping with that motto, Dean Crowell established a Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and federal levels. 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 effective leaders in the 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 to the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the Law School's faculty to expand the School's experiential and clinical learning programs, thereby encouraging all students to connect 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. Dean Crowell also initiated the Dean's Leadership Council: 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class are invited to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top city leaders in law, business, and government.

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. As outlined in the Plan, the Law School is focused on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: intellectual property, media, 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 over the next 10 to 20 years. In 2014, 2015, and 2016, the School issued Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes, its annual reports on the progress made and outcomes achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan.

During the 2013–14 academic year, the Law School added the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program. 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. In January 2015, the Law School started 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 an ambitious course of action, to maintain diversity and inclusion as essential components of the Law School's operations.

In August 2015, the Law School kicked off its 125th Anniversary celebration, highlighting its rich legacy of alumni who have contributed to the New York City legal community and beyond, across a wide range of subject areas. The same month, the Law School launched the Innovation Center for Law and Technology, which focuses on the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age.

In November 2015, the Law School received a \$5 million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation. The gift supports the Law School's nationally recognized practical training programs by establishing The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity. The Plumeri Center is home to the School's law firm, which provides free, high-quality legal services to a diverse client base from all of New York City. The Plumeri Center also houses the Law School's legal clinics that serve clients, provides the space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses, and includes a moot court room with an accompanying jury deliberation room.

These and other initiatives have earned New York Law School great visibility. During the 2016–17 year, the *National Law Journal* recognized the Law School as among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships in 2016. The Law School again earned highest grades for Intellectual Property Law and Technology Law from *preLaw* magazine. The School's LL.M. in Taxation placed first in *New York Law Journal* Reader Rankings for the seventh consecutive year, and *Law Street Media* ranked the Law School second nationally for "Top Schools for Real Estate Law."

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. The 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 meaningful and successful careers 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. The Centers also play an integral role in the Harlan Scholars honors program.

### Center for Business and Financial Law

The Center for Business and Financial Law 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 Center brings together academics, practitioners, and students to address the challenges facing business and finance.

### Center for International Law

In 1996, aided by a grant from the C.V. Starr Foundation, the Law 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 bring world-renowned speakers to the Law School. The Center 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

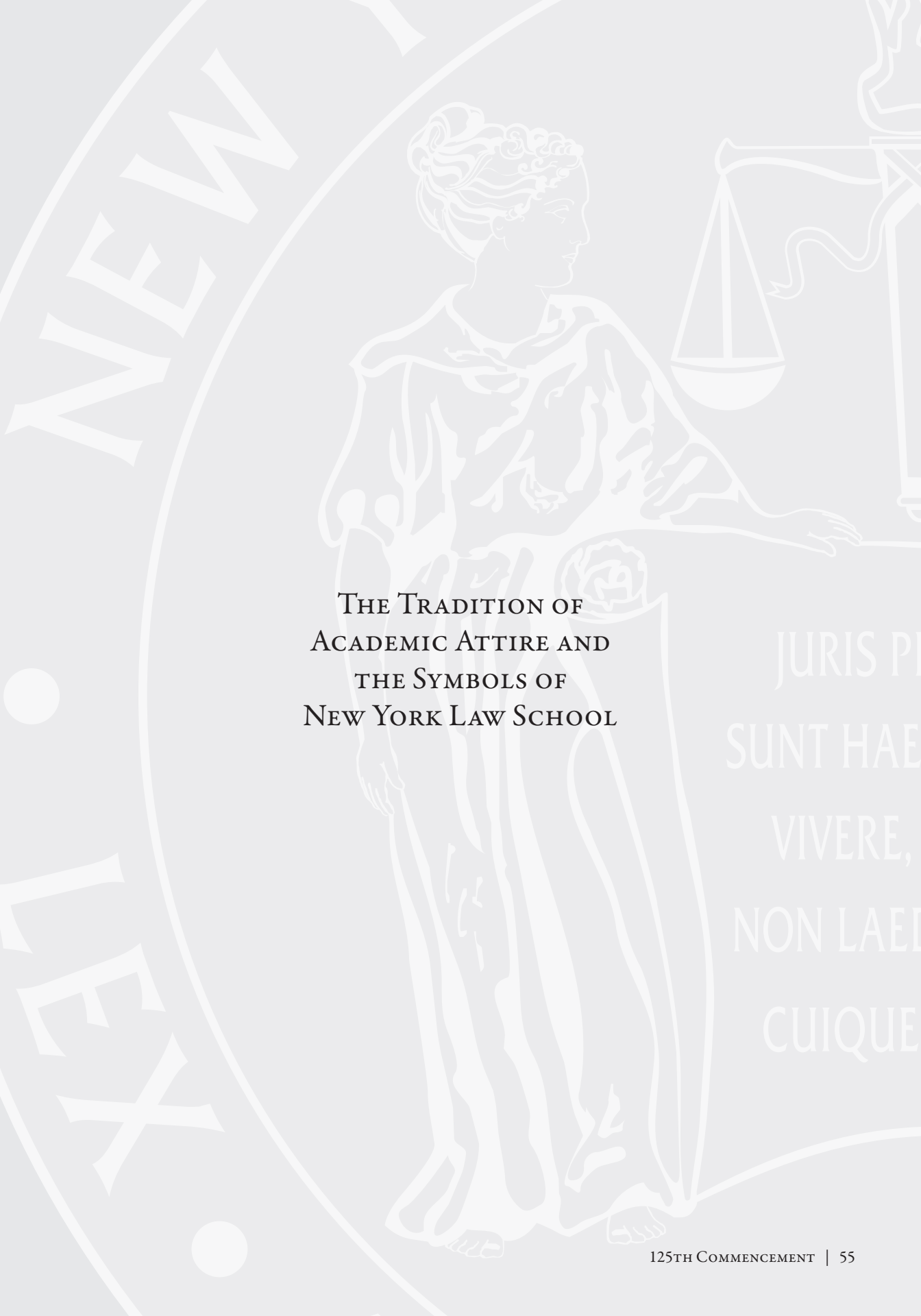
The Center for Real Estate Studies provides students with a unique educational opportunity to study both the private practice and public regulation of the real estate business. Launched in 2007, the Center offers an extensive selection of classroom courses, advanced seminars, and independent study projects, 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 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 the 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 the Law School and New York City as a whole to study and work on complex issues and opportunities presented by the growing innovation economy.



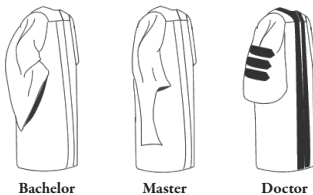
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# THE TRADITION OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND THE SYMBOLS OF NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

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 have 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.

## Hoods



Purple  
Grey  
Light Blue

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.

## 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. 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 candidates for the post-graduate LL.M. degree.

## 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, sum cuique tribuere* (The precepts of law are these: to live honestly, not to injure anyone, and to render to each person what is due.)







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