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New York Law School
110th Commencement Exercises

Lincoln Center
June 2, 2002
A Message from the Dean

Dear Members of the Class of 2002:

Graduation always stirs emotions: appreciation for the support of parents, family, and friends; elation while contemplating new jobs, unique opportunities, and becoming a lawyer; relief that finals are over; fear of the unknown and even the known (yes, I know there is a bar exam); and satisfaction in all that has been accomplished and all that will be accomplished in the years to come. But this year brings forth other emotions, specific to your class and your law school: sadness for the great loss we have suffered; shock at our country’s great vulnerability; uncertainty about whether the rule of law matters when lawless individuals can cause so much harm; and determination to lead meaningful, responsible, productive lives as lawyers in a troubled world.

To this list I must add my own response. I am proud of you, the Class of 2002. You showed true grit this year, held it together, came back strongly, performed with great elan, showed grace under pressure, proved your courage, demonstrated your dedication to the law, and bonded like no other group ever before.

Law teachers often emphasize the intellectual over the emotional. Lawyers keep a professional distance from their clients. Classmates compete with each other, but rarely show their admiration and love. This year is different. We salute the Class of 2002 who have cared deeply for each other, shown great emotional strength, and demonstrated their character!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard A. Matasar
Dean and President
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The Honorable Ralph K. Winter

2001  Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)  
      Peter Glasser  
The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin '65

2002  Senator Charles E. Schumer  
The Honorable Pierre N. Leval
Order of Exercises

Dean Richard A. Matasar, Presiding

PRELUDE

Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus IV—J.S. Bach
Quintet #1—Victor Ewald

PROCESSIONAL

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

GREETINGS

Richard A. Matasar
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Michael Devine
Police Officer, NYPD Ceremonial Unit

STUDENT POEM

Melissa Jill Sgambati '02

REMARKS

Arthur N. Abbey '59
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OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS
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THE ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Presentation by Associate Dean Matthew Wilkes

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL OF HONOR
Awarded posthumously to Bernard H. Mendik ’58
Presentation by Dean Matasar

The members of the audience are asked to remain seated and refrain from using cell phones and pagers during the commencement ceremony.
STUDENT REMARKS  Gina Marie Tufaro '02

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES TO
The Honorable Pierre N. Leval
United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit
Doctor of Laws, LL.D.

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator from the State of New York
Doctor of Laws, LL.D.

ADDRESS BY  Senator Charles E. Schumer

PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Dean Matasar

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES IN COURSE
Chairman Abbey

CLOSING REMARKS  Dean Matasar

RECESSONAL  Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell

The audience is invited to a reception on the promenade level immediately following commencement.
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
Doctor of Laws

For the last 25 years, Senator Charles Schumer has been a leader on national issues and a passionate advocate for New York. He is a public servant in the best and truest sense of the term, and as such, he is an inspiration to young people. Charles Schumer has dedicated his talents and abilities to help others. It is for these reasons that New York Law School honors Senator Charles E. Schumer.

Charles Schumer is a product of New York. He was born and raised in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn and attended the local public schools, including James Madison High School, until he left for Harvard College in 1967. He went on to Harvard Law School, and upon completion, chose to run for the New York State Assembly. He was 23 when elected—the youngest member since Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1980, Senator Schumer was elected to the United States House of Representatives at age 29. Throughout his 20 years in Congress, he worked diligently on issues of tremendous local and national and local significance. He was a leading sponsor of the Brady Bill and co-wrote the Assault Weapons Ban, both aimed at responsible gun control policies. He has always been in the forefront of the fight against bigotry, sponsoring both the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Senator Schumer has been dedicated to women's rights. He was the author of the landmark Violence Against Women Act—the first federal legislation protecting women against domestic assaults.

In 1998, Charles Schumer became New York State's junior senator. He has continued to work vigorously for his constituents and for his country and, since September 11 he has dedicated himself to helping New York City rebuild lower Manhattan. He walked the devastated downtown streets as a symbol of hope and a promise of renewal, and then he set to work to make that promise a reality.

In a recent editorial, The New York Times called Charles Schumer, "a serious lawmaker—with rooted values, sound policy positions and a deep commitment to the common good." At a time when elected officials too often are viewed skeptically by those who put them in office, and when young people too often eschew public service for private gain, Senator Charles Schumer reminds us daily that the political life can be one of decency, caring, and accomplishment.
In a career that spans almost four decades of public service, Judge Pierre N. Leval has come to epitomize excellence. His judicial product has bristled with intellectual rigor and a passionate commitment to justice. He has brought new ideas to the legal debate and placed idealism at the heart of each of his opinions. To honor Pierre Leval is to honor the rule of law. Today, we do both.

Born in New York and educated at Harvard, he began his career as a law clerk to the Honorable Henry J. Friendly of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He then served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the office of Robert M. Morgenthau. Although he became a partner in the Wall Street law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, he soon returned to public life, serving as Chief Assistant District Attorney of New York County.

In 1977, President Carter appointed him a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. There he served with great distinction until 1993 when President Clinton appointed him a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. In his years on the bench, Judge Leval's scholarship and rare powers of analysis have shaped the growth of the law in profound ways.

Experienced advocate of the freedom of expression in the marketplace of ideas, Pierre Leval has demonstrated that judicial opinions can be literature. Having led a life so markedly enriched by the power of scholarship, he has dedicated his many talents to infusing the text of the law with new life. Sound judgment, constructive veneration of precedent and an unflinching commitment to right have marked his career. In his finely crafted opinions in the areas of copyright, libel and First Amendment law, to name but a few, he has invited us to look beneath the starkness of textualism to discover the conditions that mold and shape lives. He has, in his uniquely urbane manner, been a bulwark of liberty, a proponent of justice, and a teacher to us all. A brilliant inspiration to his law clerks, as well as countless others, his example has left an indelible impression on an entire generation of lawyers.

Pierre Leval, New York Law School salutes your body of work, your professional lifetime of contributions to the law, your profound insight into human experience and the ethical ideals you so outstandingly exemplify.
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY

The flag flying over the United States Capitol today is being flown in honor of New York Law School's Class of 2002 at the request of your classmate, Elizabeth Anne Valandingham, and through the good offices of United States Representative Steven R. Rothman (NJ). Elizabeth will receive this flag from Congressman Rothman and will present it and a certificate to Dean Matasar as a gift to the Law School from your class. On September 11, 2002, the flag will be mounted in a permanent display at the Law School as a tribute to the courage, strength, and resiliency that you and all your classmates demonstrated in the aftermath of 9/11.
Degrees with Honors

J.D. GRADUATES — SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

Summa Cum Laude
Jason Hubseman

Cum Laude
Antonino G. D'Aiuto
Sungwhan Kim

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Magna Cum Laude
Luigi Brandimarte
Melanie L. Cash
Sallie Fried

J.D. GRADUATES — JUNE 2, 2002

Summa Cum Laude
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Brenda Elaine Cooke
Stephen Anthony Hofmann
Paul Anthony Keninzer
Courtney Elizabeth McQuinn
Stacey-Anne Mesler
Eric Joseph Shimunoff
Denis James Sullivan
Alyia Vasi
Amy St. Jude Wiechowski

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**THE TRUSTEES’ PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE**
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**ALFRED L. ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**
Brenda Elaine Cooke (Day Division)
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**THE FIRST PRESIDENT’S MEDAL OF HONOR**
Bernard H. Mendik ’58 (posthumously)

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**Other Award Winners**

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Lee Donald Cornell Jr. (Evening Division)

**CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING PUBLIC INTEREST LAW**
Elizabeth Anne Valandingham

**ASCAP NATHAN BURKAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION**
Eric Joseph Shimanooff (First place)

**PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS**
Amy Lynn Schwartzwald

**DEAN’S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP**
James George Darling

**HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT**
Melanie L. Cash

**ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS EVENING DIVISION**
Denis James Sullivan

**FACULTY AWARD TO THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW**
Brenda E. Cooke

**DANIEL FINKELSTEIN COMMENCEMENT AWARD**
Cecilia Jane Blackburn
ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION
Kara Kimberly Kathan Miller

SYLVIA D. CARLAND AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION
Eric Joseph Shimanoff

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FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS
DAY DIVISION
Paul Anthony Kemnitzer

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FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
Amy St. Jude Wichowski

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FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW
Paul Anthony Kemnitzer

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FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW
Erin L. Roberts (Day Division)
Lee Donald Cornell Jr. (Evening Division)

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FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY
Alifya Vasi (Day Division)
Denis James Sullivan (Evening Division)

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FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA LAW
Lee T. Sheridan

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Cecilia Jane Blackburn

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION
Michelle Zarr Hall

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
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TO THE BEST ADVOCATE
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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 NYLS was Columbia Law School's founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship.

THE EARLY YEARS

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

From its beginning, NYLS has been dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training. Within the first decade, the evening division was already an asset for those who needed to work to support their studies. By 1904, NYLS was the largest law school in the country; by 1906, it had more than 1,000 students.

Among the Law School's early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James 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 at the beginning of this century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Henry Hurlbut Abbott of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendl; and Thomas Debevoise of Debevoise & Plimpton.

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. 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; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and Justice Emilio Núñez, the first individual of Latino heritage 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 had lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow when 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 alumni/aes 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.

In 1975, the school received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law. Many alumni/aes, now prominent in the bar, the judiciary, and business, were students during these years. They include Judge Roger J. Miner, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy, New York Supreme Court Appellate Division; Judge Mary E. Cerbone; Judge Judith B. Sheindlin; Otto L. Walter, founding partner, Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green; the late Bernard L. Mendik, real estate industry leader and former chairman of the NYLS Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, chief executive officer of Fiduciary Trust International and former chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees; and Kathleen Grimm, deputy state comptroller for New York City.

Steady growth marked the next 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. The School's first center for specialized study, the
Communications Media Center (now the Media Center), opened in 1977.

GROWTH AND REVITALIZATION

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 new Mendik Library in 1990. This was followed by the construction of the new Samuel and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court Room, the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, and the Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center. An extensive remodeling and modernization program transformed the Law School’s classrooms, offices, and specialty training areas. During Dean Simon’s tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts and Estates was added, and the Law School introduced an 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 dynamic leadership, a strategic plan 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. Dean Wellington broadened the Law School’s curriculum to increase emphasis on the development of professional skills.

In addition to the Media Center, two new centers for specialized study opened. The Center for New York City Law was established in 1993 to focus on the study of New York City government. Founded in 1996, the Center for International Law supports teaching and research in all areas of international law but concentrates on the law of international trade and finance.

During Dean Wellington’s tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created.

THE PRESENT

Richard A. Matasar, a nationally recognized scholar in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, was named the 15th President and Dean of New York Law School on July 1, 2000. As a result of leading a comprehensive strategic planning process involving the entire NYLS community, Dean Matasar is initiating a number of innovative programs, including a new honors program, the Justice John Marshall Harlan Scholars Program, named for NYLS alumni and United States Supreme Court Justice (1955-71). Harlan Scholars, who receive a merit scholarship, will participate in a rigorous academic program in their chosen area of concentration in affiliation with the Law School’s five centers. In the spring semester 2002, the faculty approved a proposal to establish Master of Laws (J.L.M) in Tax and an innovative academic support program, the Comprehensive Curriculum.

Two new centers are building on the School’s established specialties. The work of the Justice Action Center is comprised of curricular and clinical activities in the areas of civil liberties and human rights, immigration law, gay and lesbian law, and civil rights litigation. The Center for Professional Values and Practice supports the development of reflective professionalism, including exploring ethics and the role of lawyers in society, helping clients to identify and articulate problems, and developing options for solving them. In addition, the new Office of Public Interest and Community Services will focus the Law School’s efforts in pro bono and public interest activities.

New York Law School is poised for continued success during this new century. Its vitality springs from the dedication of its stellar faculty, the talent and energy of its students, and from the strong support and commitment of its alumni and alumnae. The Law School’s distinguished full-time faculty is comprised of productive scholars who are dedicated educators. Some of the nation’s most prominent scholars from other law schools also have served as visiting NYLS professors. Student enrollment has remained at a level of almost 1,400 students in the day and evening divisions. Minority representation is approximately 29%.

Government leaders and judges from the U.S. and abroad often speak or visit the Law School, including former President Jimmy Carter; Justices of the Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan Jr., Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Sandra Day O’Connor; former New York State Governor Mario Cuomo; former New York City Mayors Edward I. Koch, David N. Dinkins, and Rudolph W. Giuliani; U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days III; and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering.
The Tradition of Academic Attire

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. From these practical origins, they have developed into the accepted garb that symbolizes scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. They are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves, pointed at the fingertip. These gowns may be worn either open or closed.

The master's degree gown is worn open, and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow.

Gowns for the doctor's degree are also worn open. They carry broad, velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the degree.

Mortarboards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

Faculty members and guests in today's procession are robed in gowns and hoods that represent the institutions from which they have received degrees.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

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