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New York Law School today celebrates its ties to the city by honoring a man who also stands as a symbol of hope for millions in our community and who exemplifies the traits of dignified and diligent public service, the Mayor of the City of New York, David N. Dinkins.

David Dinkins became the City's 106th mayor—and its first of African-American heritage—on January 1, 1990. Mindful of his status as a symbol of achievement for racial minorities, in his inaugural address he said, "We have not finished the journey toward liberty and justice, but surely we have come a long way." In the same address he promised to "never lead by dividing, by setting some of us against the rest of us or by favoring one group over others."

Indeed, throughout his first eighteen months in office, Mayor Dinkins has sought to lead with quiet dignity rather than fiery rhetoric. Exercising such leadership in the City of New York is not easy in the best of times. Since Mayor Dinkins assumed office, our city has been severely tested. Faced with the most stringent fiscal conditions since the mid-1970's, Mayor Dinkins has refused to succumb to financially irresponsible political expediency, nor has he been willing to abandon his agenda of hope. Instead, he has hewed ever more closely to his personal style of self-restraint and deliberate, measured action. This response, in addition to his principled support of human rights throughout the world, has earned him a reputation for acting from deep personal conviction rather than political calculation. "You ought not test the wind" before taking a stand, he has said.

It comes as no surprise to anyone familiar with the career of David Dinkins that he has chosen a deliberate, disciplined style of leadership. After serving in the United States Marine Corps and graduating from Howard University and Brooklyn Law School, he progressed steadily through a series of increasingly important public service positions: member of the New York State Assembly; President of the Board of Elections; City Clerk and, from 1986 to 1989, Manhattan Borough President. In 1989, with the support of New Yorkers of every race and nationality—a coalition referred to by the mayor as a "gorgeous mosaic"—David Dinkins was elected to lead the nation's foremost city.

David Norman Dinkins, for standing as a symbol of hope and achievement for New Yorkers of all races, for your courageous support of human rights for all people, for your diligent public service and dignified leadership, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School hereby confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Public service is an ideal which New York Law School has sought to foster among its students and alumni throughout its 100-year history. The life and career of John H. Sununu has exemplified that ideal through service at the highest levels of state and national government. Currently, as Chief of Staff to the President of the United States, Governor Sununu directs the day-to-day work of the White House and participates at the heart of the decision-making process that shapes national policy on the important issues of our time. Before accepting his position at the White House, he served for three consecutive terms as governor of the State of New Hampshire.



Educated as an engineer, Governor Sununu began his career in an academic setting. After earning bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was Associate Professor and later Associate Dean of the College of Engineering at Tufts University. He left higher education to follow entrepreneurial instincts and founded JHS Engineering Company and Thermal Research, Inc., companies he operated as president until his election to the New Hampshire statehouse in 1983.

As governor, Governor Sununu was known as a pragmatic administrator whose emphasis on spending restraint and sound management is credited with eliminating a \$44-million deficit in his state. Throughout his tenure, the economy of New Hampshire remained consistently strong, with unemployment well below the national average.

During his three terms in office, Governor Sununu earned broad and deep respect from his fellow governors and was elected to chair the Coalition of Northeastern Governors, the Republican Governors' Association and the National Governors' Association. In his work with the governors' associations he called upon his training as an engineer and his experience as a teacher to focus on issues of educational, environmental and energy policy.

As chairman of the National Governors' Association committee on New Technology and Education he co-authored a report, "Time for Results: The Governors' Report on Education," and was instrumental in the Governors endorsement of model acid rain legislation.

In 1988, he earned the trust of President-to-be George Bush as a forceful and articulate national spokesman for the Republican Party. In 1989, President Bush appointed Governor Sununu his Chief of Staff. Since his appointment, he has been in the forefront of presenting the administration's position on vital issues on Capitol Hill and to the American people.

John Henry Sununu, for your achievements in public service that have brought you to the highest councils of government in the nation, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School hereby confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL: AT THE HEART OF NEW YORK'S LEGAL COMMUNITY FOR 100 YEARS

FOUNDING: 1891

New York Law School was established in 1891 by faculty, students and alumni of the Columbia College School of Law who were protesting the trustees attempts to dictate the teaching methods used by professors. Theodore Dwight, founder and dean of the Columbia School of Law and a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship, led the creation of New York Law School in lower Manhattan, near its present location.

THE EARLY YEARS: 1891-1914

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty. One early lecturer was Woodrow Wilson, then Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University. Another was Charles Evans Hughes, subsequently Chief Justice of the United States. 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 and, later, Wilson's law partner. The School began its evening division within its first decade.

By 1904, the Law School was the largest in the country, and, by 1906, it had over 1,000 students, the largest enrollment attained by any law school before World War I. Many of those attending New York Law School during this period became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including: Henry Hurlbut Abbott of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel, and Thomas Debevoise of Debevoise & Plimpton.

It was rare for minorities and recent immigrants to attend law school in those days, but from the outset New York Law School was hospitable to all races and ethnic groups. The evening division proved a special asset in providing access to legal education for those who needed to work to support their studies. Among the Black graduates of the pre-World War I era, the most prominent was probably James S. Watson, who became a power in the New York Black community and a distinguished judge. 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. Later, Justice Emilio Nunez, class of 1927, was the first Hispanic to be named to the bench in New York State.

WORLD WAR AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION: 1915-1946

The School closed for one year during World War I, briefly interrupting a steady expansion that lasted until the mid-1920s. Classes of the 1920's produced graduates who would play a leading role in the profession. Among the most notable were U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan and Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl.

The Depression hit the school very hard and enrollment dwindled. While the situation had improved by the late 1930s the inauguration of the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow. In 1941, the School was forced to close for the duration of World War II.

REBUILDING: 1947-1980

In 1947, New York Law School reopened and began the difficult task of rebuilding. A major impetus for reopening came from alumni who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but in the 1950s, the School made significant strides. The Law Review was re-established, admission standards were raised, and faculty and

curriculum were improved. Many alumni now prominent in the bar, the judiciary, government and business attended the school during these years, including Judge Roger J. Miner of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy of the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, Otto Walter, founding partner of Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green and Bernard Mendik, a leader in the real estate industry and current chairman of the Board of Trustees.

During the next decades, the Law School continued to upgrade its curriculum, faculty and trustees. A major expansion came with the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as dean in the early 1970s as the 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 while enrollment climbed. Facilities were significantly expanded to include three adjacent buildings, and an endowment fund grew.

THE PRESENT: Since 1983

The 1980s were a time of continued progress for the Law School. A member of the faculty, James F. Simon, was appointed dean in 1984 after a period as acting dean following the 1983 retirement of Dean Shapiro. Dean Simon set in motion a major facilities renovation, beginning in 1983 and highlighted by the opening of the new Mendik Library in January, 1990.

Since then, the Law School has completed a new Lawyering Skills Center, which has as its centerpiece the LeFrak Moot Court Room, as well as new student journal offices, faculty offices and seminar rooms. Most recently, a new 130 seat amphitheater classroom was completed and was the site of the School's centennial conference in honor of Justice John Marshall Harlan of the class of 1924. The conference, which received national media attention, attracted leading scholars from across the country.

The School also attracts some of the nation's most distinguished scholars as full-time faculty and visitors. The Harlan Distinguished Visiting Professor Program has brought to the School major scholars such as Harry Wellington of Yale, John Hart Ely of Stanford and Edward G. White of Virginia for semesters or full years in residence combining teaching and faculty development activities. The School has also attracted many distinguished visiting lecturers, in part due to the generosity of accomplished alumni who have endowed special lectureships. Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch, U.S. Ambassador Max Kampelman, head of the SALT delegation in Geneva; Justice Aharon Barak of the Supreme Court of Israel and Ambassador Jean-Pierre Derisbourg, head of the European Communities Delegation to the United Nations, have been among the distinguished speakers. Recent commencement speakers have included Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Harry A. Blackmun and William J. Brennan, Jr., Governors Mario Cuomo of New York and Thomas Kean of New Jersey, and former Dean Eugene Rostow of Yale Law School.

The 1980s have also seen an increase of selectivity in the admissions process as the applicant pool has grown significantly. Aggressive outreach efforts have resulted in the largest minority enrollment in the history of the Law School.

The 1980s also saw a major upgrading of the School's Career Planning services, including aggressive outreach into the legal community to persuade more employers to interview New York Law School students. As a result of this progress and increased visibility, many of the top law firms in New York City—as well as local, state and federal agencies, law enforcement departments, public defenders and nonprofit public service organizations—now recruit graduates of New York Law School.



New York Law School

1891-1991

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 which 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.

Mortar boards 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 which 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.

Table with 2 columns: Field of Study and Color. Includes Agriculture (Maize), Architecture (Blue Violet), Arts, Letters, Humanities (White), Commerce, Accountancy, Business (Drab), Dentistry (Lilac), Economics (Copper), Education (Light Blue), Engineering (Orange), Fine Arts (Brown), Forestry (Russet), Journalism (Crimson), Law (Purple), Library Science (Lemon), Mathematics (Gold), Medicine (Kelly Green), Music (Pink), Nursing (Apricot), Optometry (Aqua), Oratory (Speech) (Silver), Pharmacy (Olive Green), Philanthropy (Rose), Philosophy (Dark Blue), Physical Education (Sage Green), Physics, Police Science, Science (Science Gold), Podiatry (Nile Green), Political Science (Dark Blue), Psychology (Gold), Public Administration, Foreign Service, Government (Peacock Blue), Social Science, Service and Work, Urban Life (Citron), Sociology (White), Theology (Scarlet), Urban Planning (Brown), Veterinary Science (Gray).

Addendum

DEGREES WITH HONORS

GRADUATING CLASS OF JUNE, 1991

Cum Laude

Cynthia A. Dokas

Errata: The names listed in the program as members of the Moot Court Association are members of the Journal of Human Rights Editorial Board.

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