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*Festliches Einzug*

Richard Strauss

*Prelude and Fugue on Bach*

Franz Liszt

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*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1, op. 39*

Sir Edward Elgar

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*Soprano*

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*Trumpet*

*Allegro from Symphony in C*

Johann Molter

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*Chanson Pour Cuivres*

*Trumpet Quartet*

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*Madrigal a Quatres*

*Trumpet Quartet*

Luca Marenzio

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*St. James' Church*

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*Toccata from The Fifth Symphony*

Charles Marie Widor

*\*The audience is requested to remain seated during the Processional and Recessional.*

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## HARRY A. BLACKMUN

After graduation *summa cum laude* in Mathematics from Harvard College in 1929, and in 1932 from Harvard Law School, Harry Andrew Blackmun began his career as a law clerk to the Honorable John B. Sanborn, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, on which afterwards (1959-70) he himself would serve. Sixteen years of law practice in Minneapolis (1934-50) with Dorsey, Coleman, Barker, Scott & Barber, which saw him rise from junior associate to general partner, were followed by nine (1950-59) as resident counsel to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He also found time to teach law in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In 1959 he was appointed a Circuit Judge by President Eisenhower; in 1970 President Nixon appointed him an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The late Charles Percy Snow, from the dual perspective of Cambridge don and Whitehall official, discerned, and found deeply disturbing, the widening gap between the "New Men" of science and technology and the "Old Men" of humane learning, as his novels and plays attest. Few have succeeded in bridging this chasm in their thought and work. Justice Blackmun has done so. One cannot confront his magisterial marshalling of medical history in *Roe v. Wade* (1973), his sophisticated use of probability theory in *Castaneda v. Partida* (1977), or his thought-provoking conclusions based on statistical studies in *Ballew v. Georgia* (1978), without acknowledging the presence of a superior mind of the technological age. Yet, on the other side, one sees as well the profoundly humane and moral concerns which moved him in those those very cases, and also in others that do not lend themselves to mathematical quantification, but only to intuitive balancing, as in his recent dissent in *United States v. Rogers* (1983), where he sought to protect the homestead rights of the innocent widow of a tax delinquent by invoking, "traditional rules of law and the common sense and common values on which they are built".

Speaking in Paris in 1979, Justice Blackmun described the *Abortion Cases* (1973) as "a watershed in American constitutional law". So they are, in regard not only to abortion, but to the methodology of constitutional law. Never before had the Court detected more than one compelling state interest, maturing at different periods, in regard to a single statutory intervention. Nor, for nearly forty years, had the Court placed on so firm a footing, though now within a narrower compass than in years gone by, the once discredited doctrine of substantive due process. Those two Opinions were a fugue-like polyphony of information and insights drawn from many disciplines but sounded on the single keyboard of a Constitution molded from the common law.

Ideological reaction to these decisions in certain quarters doubtless prompted Justice Blackmun, in 1980, to remark wistfully: "[The Bench] is no place to grow rich, and it certainly is no place to become popular." Our highest Court is not, indeed, the place to grow rich or popular, but, in our profession, it is the place where great judges achieve immortality. Justice Blackmun is well on his way, and we have reason to be glad that he is there.

In recognition of his unique contributions to our nation's jurisprudence, the Trustees of New York Law School are pleased and honored to confer upon Harry A. Blackmun the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto pertaining.



## CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY

Chief Judge Constance Baker Motley has persevered indomitably, without regard for personal sacrifice, to fight for the preservation of this nation's historic constitutional structures.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut and educated in its public schools, Chief Judge Motley received her Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University in 1943 and her Bachelor of Laws degree from Columbia University School of Law in 1946.

Known for her quiet but forceful presence in the courtroom, Chief Judge Motley began her legal career in 1945 while still a third-year law student, as a staff member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. During her twenty years with the Legal Defense Fund, Chief Judge Motley participated in all the major public school desegregation cases including *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. Indeed, from October, 1961, to December, 1964, Chief Judge Motley argued ten civil rights cases in the United States Supreme Court of which she won nine. These law suits involved the right to counsel in criminal cases, *Hamilton v. Alabama*; the defense of students arrested in sit-in demonstrations throughout the south prior to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, *Gober v. City of Birmingham*, *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*, and *Bouie v. City of Columbia, South Carolina*; discrimination in public recreational facilities, *Watson v. City of Memphis*; and desegregation of public transportation facilities and services, *Turner v. City of Memphis*. The *Lupper v. Arkansas* ruling abated all pending state court prosecutions for peacefully seeking service in places of public accommodation covered by the Civil Rights Act.

A woman of uncompromising strength and decency, Chief Judge Motley holds many "firsts" and as such is without peer. Following her association with the Legal Defense Fund, she won a special election to fill a vacancy in her Manhattan District to the New York State Senate in 1964. She was the first black woman and the only woman in the Senate at that time. In February, 1965, she was elected by the Manhattan members of the New York City Council to fill a one-year vacancy as the President of the Borough of Manhattan and thus became the first woman to serve in that office. She was elected in her own right to a full four-year term when she became the first candidate for the Manhattan Borough Presidency to win endorsement of all three major political parties. On January 25, 1966, she was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson to become a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; she is the first black woman to be appointed to the Federal bench and became Chief Judge on June 1, 1982, of the nation's largest and busiest district court in the Federal Court system. She is the first black woman to become chief judge.

Constance Baker Motley, in view of your brilliant mastery of the law, your tireless energy as a dynamic jurist, and your beneficial influence upon the laws of the nation, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.



## ALBERT PARKER

A direct man of monumental strength, wisdom, humanity, and decency, Albert Parker of the Class of 1921 and Senior Partner of the prestigious law firm of Parker Chapin Flattau & Klimpl provides both a stellar example for colleagues and students to emulate and a hallmark for excellence. Born and raised in New York City, he attended Townsend Harris High School for intellectually gifted children completing the tough four-year course in three years, as he and his classmates were required to do. Having graduated in January, he was forced to make up the "lost" first semester at Columbia College through extension courses and summer school. Without resources to pay his tuition in one lump sum, a sympathetic registrar arranged for Mr. Parker to pay his tuition on a monthly basis, an obligation he met by freelancing as a campus correspondent for four metropolitan newspapers. Graduating from Columbia College in 1919, he entered the evening division of the Law School, working during the day and studying at night. Thirteen years later he formed his present law firm with his two colleagues, Samuel Chapin and Henry Flattau.

Believing that attorneys, in particular, have an obligation to become leaders in vital humanitarian causes, Mr. Parker has reached out to people to try to better their lives. His educational and charitable affiliations are numerous. He has served as a member of the President's National Development Board of Columbia University; previously as Vice Chairman and presently as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and as its Chairman of the Council of Governors; as Trustee-at-large of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Governors of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York; Vice Chairman of the New York Anti-Defamation League Appeal; as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee, and as a member of the Overseas Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University.

In recognition of his uncompromising standards of excellence and inspired leadership, Albert Parker has been accorded numerous honors by appreciative educational institutions and charities. He is the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Yeshiva University; an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Bar-Ilan University; the Alumni Medal of Columbia University for Conspicuous Service to the University; the Judge Joseph M. Proskauer Award of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation for leadership and service in the finest tradition of the law; the Humanitarian Award of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine; the Distinguished Alumnus Award of his law school *alma mater*; the Brandeis University Medal for Distinguished Service to Higher Education; and the Torch of Learning Award of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Albert Parker, in widely shared admiration, appreciation, pride and affection, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School is honored and pleased to confer upon you the Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.



## LOWELL P. WEICKER, JR.

As the crises and challenges of the world and the great State of Connecticut reach out and touch the lives of all who dwell therein, the citizens of this great nation are fortunate in the strength of leadership demonstrated by United States Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

Born in Paris, France, Senator Weicker graduated from the Lawrenceville School in 1949 and Yale University in 1953. Following a tour of duty in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1953 to 1955, he undertook his legal education at the University of Virginia School of Law where he received a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1958.

Prior to entering the United States Senate, he served as First Selectman of Greenwich from 1963 to 1967, as State Representative from 1962 to 1968, and as United States Congressman from Connecticut's Fourth Congressional District from 1969 to 1971. Following his election to the United States Senate in 1970, he won a stunning reelection victory in 1976 garnering the largest number of votes ever accorded a Connecticut candidate running for another term of office. Now in his third term, Senator Weicker is the dean of the Republican Party's New England delegation.

Protector of the public good, Senator Weicker in his more than twenty years of public service is known for his sound independent judgment and his staunch commitment to such diverse areas of concern as Constitutional rights, energy conservation, economic development, services for the handicapped, civil rights, and oceanic research.

A dynamic legislator, Senator Weicker is Chairman of the Small Business Committee overseeing governmental activities in this hard hit sector of the nation's economy. He serves on the Appropriations Committee and as Chairman of the Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education thereby shouldering the responsibility for the funding of these agencies and addressing the needs of virtually millions of citizens.

Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., in view of your unshakable and formidable commitment to a just and humane society and your dedication to the common interest, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.



## SHERMAN G. FINESILVER

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A native of Denver and a graduate of the University of Colorado and the University of Denver College of Law, the career of Chief Judge Sherman G. Finesilver encompasses 30 years of service to his fellow citizens, 28 years of which have been spent as a distinguished jurist. He was first appointed as a judge at the age of 26. As one of the country's most capable and experienced trial judges, he has done much to humanize the courts through his intense commitment to public service. Chief Judge Finesilver is also recognized as a national leader in effective court management.

Having dedicated his life to the betterment of others, Chief Judge Finesilver's accomplishments reflect the dynamism of his leadership. He was a member of the renowned Devitt Committee; Co-chairman of the American Citizenship Committee of the Colorado Bar Association; Chairman of the American Citizenship Committee of the American Bar Association; a member of the Board of Visitors of Brigham Young University Law School; a faculty member of the University of Denver College of Law; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Milton Helpen Library of Legal Medicine; and an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Legal Medicine for his pioneering work in regard to swine flu litigation, making him only the eleventh individual in the history of the College to be so honored. He holds an honorary doctorate from Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., for his championship of the rights of the deaf. Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado, also awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Sherman G. Finesilver, in view of your pioneering role in the legislation of organ transplants, the rights of the deaf, the physically handicapped, and the enlightened administration of justice, the Board of Trustees of New York Law School is proud to confer upon you the degree of doctor of laws *honoris causa* with all the rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.



