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Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, honored guest of New York Law School, addresses the Class of 1976 during the School's 84th Commencement Exercises on June 13, 1976 at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center.

Chief Justice Warren Burger delivered the commencement address at the Eighty-fourth Commencement Exercise of **New York Law School** on Sunday, June 13, 1976. Chief Justice Burger addressed the 200 graduates, the five honorary degree recipients and the assembled parents, guests and friends of **New York Law School** at the ceremony held at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. In addition to an honorary degree to Justice Burger, honorary degrees were also conferred upon Dr. Milton Helpern, past Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York; Commissioner Mary Gardiner Jones of the Federal Trade Commission; Harry Ostrov '25, a distinguished private practitioner, alumnus, founder of the **New York Law School Alumni Association** and member of the Board of Trustees of the law school; and Joseph Solomon '27, a distinguished alumnus, respected member of the New York Bar and a noted philanthropist. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Chief Justice Burger, in an exclusive interview with *EQUITAS*, the student newspaper of **New York Law School**, stated that he was pleased to address **New York Law School** for a number of reasons; one of which was the fact of seeing a law school in an urban setting with a night division. Justice Burger commented that he had attended law school at night and could appreciate the unique problems facing the evening division students. In regard to the graduates he said "I'm just delighted to see a law school like this functioning with a night division. I watched each one of these people, I saw them in the audience and when they came up on the stage, they are a very unique group of people and I was delighted to see such a mature group of graduates".



Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Dean E. Donald Shapiro display the honorary degree conferred upon the Chief Justice.



Judge Edward D. Re (second from left) assists Dr. John V. Thornton (extreme right) and Dean E. Donald Shapiro (extreme left) in conferring an honorary degree upon General Rowland F. Kirks.



← Judge Charles W. Froessel '13, reminisces with Harry Ostrov '25, honorary degree recipient.



Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Dr. John V. Thornton, Chairman of the Board, enjoy a relaxing moment prior to the Commencement Processional.



← Joseph Solomon '27, honorary degree recipient, and Dr. Milton Helpern, honorary degree recipient, during luncheon festivities prior to Commencement.

GENERAL KIRKS, DISTINGUISHED JEFFORDS LECTURER, HONORED

General Rowland F. Kirks, Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, delivered the Second Annual Walter M. Jeffords, Jr. Distinguished Lecture at **New York Law School** on Friday, April 30, 1976.

The lectureship was established last year by Walter M. Jeffords, Jr., a School Trustee, in honor of retired Judge Charles W. Froessel. The Kirks Lecture was followed by a reception and luncheon in honor of General Kirks and his family.



General Rowland F. Kirks, Distinguished Jeffords Lecturer.

A well attended Dean's Day was highlighted by the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Albert Parker, a member of the class of '21. Mr. Parker, like many other successful NYLS graduates, attended the night school division.

Senior Partner of the firm of Parker Chapin Flattau & Klimpl he has also devoted his energies to many philanthropic activities. Mr. Parker's main interest has been education, as evidenced by his service as President of the University of Haifa Foundation and General Chairman of the 19th and 20th annual Columbia College Fund. He is also a member of the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, a member of the Overseas Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University in Israel and Chairman of the advisory board of Bar-Ilan's School of Law, and President of the University of Haifa Foundation and overseas trustee of that university. He is also a National Chairman of the Israel Education Fund.

In addition to the luncheon at which the award was presented, two panel discussions were held; one on matrimonial practice and the other on estate planning. Participating in the matrimonial panel were: Hon. Sybil Hart Kooper '57, Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bernard R. Selkow and Elaine R. Sheps '67, Co-chairpersons, New York State Trial Lawyers Association Matrimonial Section. The estate planning panel included: Surrogate John F. Skahen, Rockland County, Bernard H. Greene, Partner of Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, James P. Tannian, Partner of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander and Professors Joseph T. Arenson and Bernard M. Eiber of New York Law School.



The Matrimonial Panel lead a spirited discussion during the program segment at Dean's Day. Shown in this photograph from left to right are: Elaine R. Sheps '67, Judge Sybil Hart Kooper '57, and Bernard R. Selkow, Esq.



President Sylvia D. Garland '60 and Albert Parker '21 enjoy the luncheon festivities at Dean's Day.



Professor Joseph T. Arenson, Moderator, Estate Planning Panel segment for Dean's Day.



James P. Tannian, Esq., panelist, Estate Planning specialist.



Harry Ostrov '25 and Albert Parker '21 proudly display the Distinguished Alumnus Award presented to Mr. Parker at Dean's Day.



Surrogate John F. Skahen of Rockland County, panelist, Estate Planning program.

ALUMNI WELCOME

In recent months, many graduates have expressed an interest in auditing the exciting electives now offered at the law school.

Dean Shapiro announced that for a \$100 contribution to the law school, (tax deductible) a graduate can audit either a 2, 3, or 4 hour elective of his choice.

For more detailed information, a graduate should contact Anthony J. Scanlon, Secretary/Registrar of the law school.

ABA GIVES NOD TO NYLS

During the August meetings of the American Bar Association, New York Law School won approval as the nation's first fully accredited 3-division law school.

Dean Shapiro said that "This should mark an epoch-making breakthrough for New York Law School since it provides that a law student will be able to obtain a degree either on a full-time day basis, a part-time day basis, or a part-time evening basis. It goes a long way to destroy the artificial separation between day and evening divisions which unfortunately has become prevalent in legal education. By the ABA's approval of this step, New York Law School continues its exciting progress toward becoming truly an urban law school in extending its services to a heretofore neglected segment of the population which did not have fully accredited legal education available to it."

NYLS OFFERS NEW COURSES

New York Law School will become the first non-sectarian law school to offer full programs in both Jewish Law and Canon Law. This will be the first time any fully accredited law school will offer courses for credit in these heretofore sectarian legal subjects. As society more clearly recognizes the multiplicity of cultures, it is most appropriate that New York Law School with its emphasis upon urban problems and challenges, should recognize the pluralism existing in the law. The Jewish Law course will be taught by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, and the Canon Law course will be taught by Rev. Anthony F. LoGatto.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE —

Tuesday, November 23, 1976 at the Waldorf Astoria. Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association, honoring the Class of 1926.

ATTENTION!

All Changes of Address must be directed to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Suite 602, New York Law School, 57 Worth Street, New York, N.Y. 10013.

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

ELI WAGER '54, was recently appointed to an interim term of office as Judge of the State Supreme Court in the Tenth Judicial District which consists of Nassau and Suffolk counties.

JAY R. BENENSON '58, has been named Chairman of the New York Law School New Jersey Alumni. Mr. Benenson will work closely with the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.

JOHN LEONE '63, was sworn in by Mayor Abraham D. Beame as Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York.

ALAN M. GROSMAN '65, was Chairman of the 9th Annual New Jersey World Trade Conference in Elizabeth, N.J. Mr. Grosman is also Chairman of the New Jersey World Trade Council, a non-profit organization.

R. MARTIN OLIVERAS '72, was sworn in as Magistrate of the City of Newark, N.J. on July 30, 1976. Mr. Oliveras is the first Puerto Rican attorney to assume a position within the judiciary system in the State of New Jersey.

PETER D. SEREDUKE '72, was recently appointed by Judge Ernest L. Signorelli to serve as Law Assistant of the Surrogate's Court for Suffolk County.

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR '74, was named Chief Fire Marshall of the City of New York.

PAULETTE McMILLAN '75, was named Chairperson of the Mayor's Task Force on Rape by New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame.

FRANCES BROWN SALTEN '75, was recently appointed as Pro Se Clerk to Judge David Edelstein of the Southern District Court of New York.

ALLEN J. TISHMAN '76, won the \$500. first prize awarded by the New York Workmen's Compensation Bar for his paper entitled, "Misfortune for Moonlighting Workers: the Need to Eliminate the Doctrine of Dual and Dissimilar Employment."

Alumni news is accepted by Ms. Lucille M. Hillman, Director of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, New York Law School, 57 Worth Street, New York, N.Y. 10013. Deadline for submission for the Winter issue is November 1, 1976.



Judge R. Martin Oliveras, '72, (second from left) was recently appointed a Newark Municipal Court Judge by Mayor Kenneth Gibson. He is the first Puerto Rican in New Jersey's judicial system.



State Supreme Court Justice Eli Wager of Woodmere (center) takes the oath of office administered by Presiding Justice Frank A. Gulotta of the Appellate Division as Administrative Judge Paul J. Widlitz looks on.

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