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Bernard H. Mendik is the paradigmatic example of such a graduate.

Scottish-born, he arrived in New York as an infant in the first full year of the Great Depression. His intelligence and industry subsequently saw him through the Bronx High School of Science and, interrupted by military service in the Korean War, the evening division of City College of New York.

While working full-time as a china and glassware wholesaler, Mr. Mendik attended the evening division of New York Law School, where he served as an editor of the Law Review, graduating in February, 1958.

During his last year as a student, the young Mendik began his career as a developer with the purchase of a single Manhattan loft building. Today his holdings comprise eleven million square feet of commercial office space in the New York metropolitan area, Westchester, and Connecticut.

A former Adjunct member of the faculty, long-time Trustee, and former Chair of the Board of Trustees of New York Law School during a dramatic period of evolution and renovation at the school, Mr. Mendik has been involved with numerous other organizations supporting a broad range of civic, educational, philanthropic and business goals. He is currently Chair of the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Board of New York and a Trustee of the Citizens Budget Commission, the Realty Advisory Board, the Realty Foundation and the Fifth Avenue Association. He is a former Co-Chair of the 34th Street Business Improvement District, a Director of the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association, a partner of the New York City Partnership and a member of the Speaker's Legislative Advisory Commission on the Homeless.

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Bernard H. Mendik, for your personal and professional achievement, for your innovative leadership of New York's business and civic community, for your long years of unstinted service to New York and your generosity to and leadership of the New York Law School, 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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Since its founding more than a century ago, New York Law School has not departed from its earliest determination to be located near the courts and governmental centers of lower Manhattan, providing its students and faculty with ready access to the halls and chambers where law interacts most directly with citizens. This is Rudolph W. Giuliani's territory.

As the 107th Mayor of The City of New York, Mr. Giuliani holds direct responsibility for the welfare of the third largest governmental entity in the United States. It is an office he sought and occupies with energy, skill, and determination. These are the same qualities that earlier had contributed to his fame as a practicing member of the bar for more than two decades.

A lifelong resident of New York, Mr. Giuliani was schooled in three of the city's five boroughs, including Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn, Manhattan College in the Bronx, and New York University Law School, from which he was graduated magna cum laude in 1968.



He joined the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in 1970, and a few years later was named Chief of the Narcotics Unit, and then Executive United States Attorney. In 1975, he was called to Washington, D.C., as Associate Deputy Attorney General, and following service in the private sector with New York's Patterson, Belknap, Webb and Tyler he returned to Washington in 1981 as Associate Attorney General with responsibilities for the Bureau of Corrections, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the United States Marshals and other federal law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Giuliani returned to New York once again in 1983 to become the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In that position he established a reputation as a relentless prosecutor of both organized crime and white collar lawbreakers. During his tenure his office gained singular recognition by convicting more than 4,000 defendants.

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THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL: AT THE HEART OF NEW YORK'S LEGAL COMMUNITY FOR OVER 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, Bernard Mendik, a leader in the real estate industry and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Lawrence S. Huntington, CEO of Fiduciary Trust International 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.

GROWTH AND REVITALIZATION: 1983-1992

This period was a time of dramatic growth and revitalization for the New York Law School. Under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992, a series of major facilities renovations was begun, highlighted by the opening of the new Mendik Library in 1990. This was followed by the planning and construction of the new Samuel and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court Room, the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, the Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center, completed in 1993, and other extensive remodeling which completely transformed the Law School's classrooms, offices and specialty training areas. During Dean Simon's tenure, the Law School introduced an innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.

The School has attracted a distinguished full-time faculty of nearly 50. They are productive scholars as well as skilled teachers, and train a student body of almost 1,400 students in the day and evening divisions. Some of the nation's most prominent scholars from other law schools have also served on the Law School's faculty as visitors, including John Hart Ely of Stanford, Edward G. White of Virginia, and Harry H. Wellington of Yale.

Distinguished visiting lecturers and speakers have also been attracted, including former President Jimmy Carter, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan, Jr., and Sandra Day O'Connor, Governors Mario Cuomo of New York and Thomas Kean of New Jersey, former New York City Mayors Edward I. Koch and David N. Dinkins. Other distinguished visitors include U.S. Ambassador Max Kampelman, head of the SALT delegation in Geneva, Justice Aharon Barak of the Supreme Court of Israel, Ambassador Jean-Pierre Derisbourg, head of the European Community's Delegation to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

The admissions process has continued to afford the School an opportunity for increased selectivity as the applicant pool has remained high, and aggressive outreach efforts have resulted in large minority enrollment. The Office of Career Services was expanded and revitalized during this time, resulting in greater placement of New York Law School's students in law firms as well as local, state and federal agencies, law enforcement departments, public defender and non-profit public service organizations.

THE PRESENT:

On July 1, 1992, Harry H. Wellington, Sterling Professor of Law emeritus and former Dean of the Yale Law School, became the 14th Dean and President of New York Law School. Dean Wellington has initiated a process of long-range planning to position New York Law School as a truly urban law center with an emphasis on lawyer-centered education, including an expansion of the full-time faculty and creation of a new Center for New York City Law providing focused study of New York City government. New York Law School has thus entered its second century with fully renovated facilities, a strong student body, an outstanding faculty and a bright future.



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.

Agriculture	Maize
Architecture	
Arts, Letters, Humanities	
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	
Dentistry	
Economics	
Education	
Engineering	
Fine Arts	
Forestry	
Journalism	
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Mathematics	Gold
Medicine	elly Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	
Optometry	Aqua

Oratory (Speech)
PharmacyOlive Green
Philanthropy
Philosophy
Physical Education
Physics, Police Science, Science Science Gold
Podiatry
Political Science
Psychology
Public Administration,
Foreign Service, Government Peacock Blue
Social Science, Service and Work,
Urban Life
Sociology
Theology
Urban Planning
Veterinary Science