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# 108<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT

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*June 12, 2000*

## LETTER FROM THE DEAN



To The Class of 2000:

Congratulations on a job well done! As you file into Avery Fisher Hall ... as your family and friends erupt in cheers ... and as you walk across the stage to receive that coveted diploma ... as all of this wonderful day unfolds, I hope you will remember that the hopes and expectations of your School accompany you.

No one arrives at Commencement unaccompanied, either in spirit or in person, by those who have supported and encouraged you, and to those family members, spouses, children, and friends here today, I offer a special, grateful acknowledgement.

You have worked hard and you have achieved a great deal, but much hard work and many more achievements are to follow. As I prepare to leave the deanship of New York Law School, I reflect on how lucky I am that my last official duty is to preside at these Commencement proceedings. New beginnings await us all as the adventure of life continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harry H. Wellington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "W".

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For Outstanding Achievement

**PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD**

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**SYBIL SHAINWALD, ESQ.**  
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**T**he struggle for women's rights is one of the great movements of the twentieth century, and it continues to have a profound impact on our society. In the last 25 years, the quality and scope of women's health care has become an integral part of that struggle, and one that is of passionate concern in this country and around the world. New York Law School is proud to confer an honorary degree upon one of the earliest, most passionate and most effective leaders of the women's health movement: Sybil Shainwald.

Sybil Shainwald was a consumer advocate even before she studied law. As the Director of the

Study Center for the Consumer Movement at Consumer's Union, Ms. Shainwald was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to establish an archive. She accomplished this while attending New York Law School's evening division from which she received a J.D. in 1976.

From that time on, Sybil Shainwald's legal career has focused almost exclusively on women's health issues. She was co-counsel in the nation's first DES daughter victory, *Bichler v. Lilly*, and she litigated thousands of cases involving drugs and devices harmful to women and their children. In effect, Sybil Shainwald transformed the practice of mass torts to advocate health issues for American women and women in developing nations.

Ms. Shainwald has been a force for proactive education and information dissemination: she co-founded Health Action International and is deeply involved with the National Women's Health Network. Additional volunteer service has been as the vice-chair of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, a board member of

the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, and a member of the Food and Drug Administration's Consumer Consortium.

Ms. Shainwald was one of the first and most vocal opponents of the use of Norplant, especially its widespread use in developing nations. She was one of the lawyers representing 200,000 women in the class action suit against the Dalkon Shield.

Her writings, lectures and appearances before congressional subcommittees have raised the national consciousness on crucial women's health issues.

Ms. Shainwald's academic career was as stellar as her legal one. At the College of William and Mary she was the President Bryan Scholar and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She received an M.A. degree in Political Science from Columbia University and a Rockefeller Foundation award for her work in consumer affairs.

New York Law School honors Sybil Shainwald for her inspiring leadership, her unswerving dedication, and her superb and innovative legal skills on behalf of the women's health movement.

## HARRY H. WELLINGTON DEAN, NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL



The first commencement of the new century also is the final commencement over which Harry H. Wellington presides. For the past eight years, New York Law School has been privileged to have at its helm this extraordinary scholar, teacher, and administrator.

From his undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania and the beginning of his law school career at Harvard Law School, Harry Wellington has dedicated himself to the pursuit and enhancement of the understanding and practice of the law. He served as law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge Calvert Magruder and later to Supreme Court Justice Felix

Frankfurter and, after a year at Stanford Law School, he joined the Yale Law School faculty as an assistant professor. One promotion followed another swiftly until in 1975 Harry Wellington was named Dean of Yale Law School.

He remained in that august position until 1985. In 1983 he became Sterling Professor of Law. His areas of interest and expertise have been many: contracts, labor law, constitutional law and legal theory. His published works, including the books, *Contracts and Contract Remedies* (with Harold Shephard), *Labor Law, Labor and the Legal Process, The Unions and the Cities* (with Ralph Winter) and *Interpreting the Constitution: The Supreme Court and the Process of Adjudication* reflect these many interests. They have increased our awareness and understanding of the law, and they have been illuminated by Dean Wellington's subtlety, insight and brilliance.

As Anthony T. Kronman, dean of Yale Law School has said, "It is Harry Wellington's great gift to possess a mind that joins a reverence for excellence to the love of human beings."

At New York Law School, the result of this rare combination has been to enrich the intellectual life of our community, to nurture scholarly endeavors and to encourage students, faculty and administrative colleagues to new levels of achievement. In addition to all these talents, Harry Wellington possesses the most crucial quality for any successful administrator: a sense of humor.

Perhaps better than anyone else, Dean Wellington's Yale Law School colleague, successor as dean, and friend, the Honorable Guido Calabresi, captured our feelings when he observed,

"Harry Wellington is one of the true giants of American law in the past half century...As a scholar, teacher and dean, Harry has always been the very best that there is."

To which we can only add our deepest gratitude and warmest admiration.



JUDGE RALPH K. WINTER  
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT



New York Law School pays tribute to one whose professional life has been dedicated to innovative teaching, creative scholarship and the distinguished application of the law; whose work has furthered the pursuit of justice in our nation; and whose example has inspired generations of lawyers, teachers and scholars. We pay tribute to Judge Ralph K. Winter.

Judge Winter's distinguished career began at Yale College and Yale Law School where he received his B.A. degree in 1957, followed three years later by his LL.B.

He clerked first for Judge Caleb M. Wright, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court Delaware; and then for Justice Thurgood Marshall

who at the time was Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

In the fall of 1962, Judge Winter returned to Yale Law School as a full-time member of the faculty. Over the next 20 years, he became deeply immersed in the intellectual life at Yale, where he was the William K. Townsend Professor of Law. Among his many written works from those years, he co-authored, with our own Harry Wellington, *The Unions and the Cities*, an in-depth analysis of the relationship between public employees and the municipalities that employ them. Judge Winter was a consultant to the Subcommittee of Separation of Powers, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate from 1968 to 1972; a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute; a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow; and an Adjunct Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Among his many successful cases, Ralph Winter was the lead counsel in *Buckley v Valeo*, which forced Congress to restructure the Federal Election Commission and in a 1980 case, he challenged the campaign spending limits of the

presidential election campaigns as a curb on free speech.

In 1982, Ralph Winter was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, where he serves today as Chief Judge of that court. He became a member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, served as Chair of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, and currently is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference.

Justice Thurgood Marshall officiated at Judge Winter's swearing-in ceremony in 1982. At that time, Justice Marshall predicted that the new jurist would be, "a great judge with a scholarly mind." He then added, "But he's got a heart, and more and more, that is what we need."

New York Law School honors Judge Ralph Winter for the tremendous intellect and the great heart with which, for more than 40 years, he has served our legal system and our nation.

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

### 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 was dedicated to equal opportunity, a tradition to which it remains steadfastly committed. 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 Hon. 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 & Kiendel; 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 Nuñez, 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 in 1941, 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 the task of rebuilding. A major impetus came from alumni/ae 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/ae, now prominent in the bar, in the judiciary, and in business, were students during these years. They include Judge Roger J. Miner, Second Circuit Court of Appeals; 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; Bernard H. 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 of 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; facilities were expanded and an endowment fund was established. The School's first center for specialized study, the Communications Media Center, opened.

### 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.

### THE PRESENT

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 has been 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 has broadened the Law School's curriculum to increase emphasis on professional skills development.

In addition to the Communication Media Center, two new centers for specialized study have been established. The Center for New York City Law focuses on the study of New York City government, provides courses and externships for students, presents seminars, and publishes the newsletter *CityLaw*. The Center for International Law concentrates on the study and teaching of international law, presents symposia, hosts visiting lecturers and scholars, and supports faculty research.

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. Government leaders and judges from the U.S. and abroad often speak at the Law School, including former President Jimmy Carter; Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan, Jr., and Sandra Day O'Connor; former New York State Governor Mario Cuomo; former New York City Mayors Edward I. Koch and David N. Dinkins; current New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani; U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days, III; and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering. In 1996, Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia presided over the Law School's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Froessel Moot Court Competition. Associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas served as justice for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Competition in 1999 and 2000.

Student enrollment has remained at a level of almost 1,400 students in the day and evening divisions. Minority representation has been approximately 29%. The NYLS Office of Career Services has been expanded and is placing graduates in law firms, corporations, government and law enforcement agencies, and public defender and public service organizations.

### THE FUTURE

On June 30, 2000, Dean Harry H. Wellington will step down from his deanship to continue his work as a professor of law at New York Law School. Richard A. Matasar, a nationally recognized scholar in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, will become the 15th president and dean of New York Law School. Mr. Matasar will lead the Law School as the institution prepares to make significant strides in the areas of civil liberties, human rights, immigration law, and disability law.

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 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 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.

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

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