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Message From the Dean

Dear Members of the Class of 2019:

On behalf of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Faculty, congratulations on reaching this extraordinary moment in your lives and in the life of the School. I am honored to have served as your Dean. I’ve proudly watched you become active members of our community, challenge yourselves with hard work, and advocate for others. Now, you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni.

The role of lawyers has never been more paramount. You are joining a diverse profession whose work is essential to every aspect of a free, democratic, and just society. The world we live in today presents new opportunities and challenges to use your legal training to protect the rights of others, build the global economy of tomorrow, and guide the advancement of new technologies. It is thus fitting that we gather in Lincoln Center, a dazzling icon of the ambitious and creative spirit for which New York City is known.

Never doubt that New York Law School will be by your side as you grow professionally. As you’ve heard me say, an engaged School community is a happy, strong, and successful one. Our goal has been to create a family-like atmosphere to ensure that we are partners in this endeavor. During your time as a student, that meant providing the most supportive and effective learning environment possible. Now that you are a graduate, we, of course, remain your partner, your ally, and your champion.

The study of law is not easy, nor is it supposed to be. It is not a luxury, but a privilege. Because of New York Law School, because of your drive, because of the support of our community, and your family and friends, you are ready for your new journey. The benefits of your labor will be realized over a rewarding lifelong career. But take nothing for granted; leave nothing to chance. Make focus, preparation, and hard work your priorities. Be present and accountable in every moment you are called on for your knowledge and leadership. Your clients, colleagues, family, friends, and you yourself deserve no less. And remember, the greatest counterweight to privilege is gratitude. Be grateful for what you have been given and what you have achieved, and use your power to enable the many who need you and your talents.

No matter where you go, continue to draw on this great city as a source of inspiration that both shares and shapes our values: diversity, opportunity, professionalism, integrity, empathy, service to others, leadership, innovation, and—of course—the drive and ambition to be the very best. That’s what makes us New York’s law school.

Congratulations!

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President, Professor of Law
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Order of Exercises

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PRELUDE
Jubilate Deo—Gregor Aichinger
Contrapunctus—J.S. Bach
Quintet No. I—Victor Ewald

MARSHALS
Professor Frank A. Bress
Professor Nadine Strossen

PROCISIONAL
Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1, Op. 39—Sir Edward Elgar
Triumphal March, Aida—Giuseppe Verdi

GREETINGS
Dean Anthony W. Crowell

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Rachel Rosado

INTRODUCTION OF ESTEEMED ALUMNI
Dean Anthony W. Crowell

AWARDING OF PRIZES
Class of 2019 Teaching Award
Presentation by Alexandra Simels
Professor Nadine Strossen
AWARDING OF PRIZES (continued)

OTTO L. WALTER DISTINGUISHED WRITING AWARDS

Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana

Faculty Awards

Full-Time Faculty Books
Nadine Strossen for *Hate: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech* and Ari Ezra Waldman for *Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for an Information Age*

Full-Time Faculty Article
Stacy-Ann Elvy for “Commodifying Consumer Data in the Era of the Internet of Things”

Adjunct Faculty Article
Heather Ellis Cucolo ’03 for “Representing People With Mental Disabilities: Sex Offender Registration”

Student Awards
Phoenix Marino for “New York City Property Taxes and Appeals: A Systemic Subversion of Constitutional Rights”
James Tilghman for “History Counts. The Only Significant Question Is How.”

STUDENT REMARKS
Barbie Melendez

AWARDING OF PRIZES

The Finalists for the Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Average

Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana

February 2019 Graduates
Sarah LeMaster (Day)
Seth LeMaster (Day)

June/September 2019 Candidates*
Cassandra Baloga (Day)
Melissa Toback (Day)
Timothy Ramos (Evening)
Nicole Santora (Evening)

STUDENT REMARKS
William Gosling

AWARDING OF PRIZES

The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence

Presentation by Associate Dean William P. LaPiana
Sarah LeMaster
Seth LeMaster
Nicole Santora

* Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. The final awards will be made after all grades are complete in June to the student with the highest average in each division.
ORDER OF EXERCISES (continued)

STUDENT REMARKS

Zaniah Maynor

AWARDING OF PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell
Virginia Sher Ramadan '84
Diplomat, Law Professor, and Immigration Policy Advisor

AWARDING OF KATHLEEN GRIMM MEDAL

Introduction and Presentation by Dean Anthony W. Crowell
Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke '97
Senior Counsel
World Bank

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
Introduction by Dean Anthony W. Crowell
Presentation by Arthur N. Abbey '59
Nicholas Haysom
Special Advisor on Sudan to the Secretary-General
United Nations

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Nicholas Haysom

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

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CONFERRING OF STUDENT DEGREES

Introduction of Candidates
Professor Ann F. Thomas
Professor Susan J. Abraham
Professor Doni Gewirtzman
Professor Martha R. Hochberger

Presentation of Candidates
Dean Anthony W. Crowell

Conferring of Degrees
Arthur N. Abbey ’59

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Anthony W. Crowell

RECESSIONAL

Two Voluntaries—Henry Purcell
Honors and Prizes
Degrees With Honors

February 1, 2019

Summa Cum Laude
Sarah LeMaster
Seth LeMaster

Magna Cum Laude
Jeannie Calcano*

Cum Laude
Erika Pedersen*

PROVISIONAL HONORS**

June 1, 2019
Based on fifth-semester grades for Day Division students and seventh-semester grades for Evening Division students. Final honors will be determined after all grades are posted in June.

Summa Cum Laude
Cassandra Baloga
Shawna Burke
Michael Kelley
Timothy Ramos
Nicole Santora
James Tilghman
Melissa Toback

Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Bielek
Molly Burke
Melanie Daly
Christopher Fernandez
Myra Guevara
Patrick Kennedy
Tiffany Kong
Gabrielle Murray
Meghan O’Brien
Michael O’Rourke
Anne Powderly
Justin Schwarz
Sofia Sequeira Murillo
Jessica Simon
Tanya Warnke
Jasmin Wilhelm
Cum Laude

Mehreen Ahmed                  Phoenix Marino
Zachary Ankier                Kaitlin McEwan
Alyssa Bain                   Daniel McKenna
Evan Brocato                  Monica Meiterman-Rodriguez
Carla Caballero               Kelsey Miller
Ryan Callinan                 Jennifer Mittasch
Carissa Caukin                John Muldoon
Michael Collins               John O’Sullivan
Scott Doherty                 William Pekarsky
Erin Dyles                    Connor Peters
Vanessa Franco                Sara Reidy
Sarah Fucci                   Nicole Reinhardt
Jaryda Gonzalez               Lucy Reynoso
Michael Granatelli            Rachel Rosado
Cortlan Hitch                 Robert Rothman
Thamanna Hussain              Lauren Schreck
Emily Jewell                  Jessica Soares
Ashley Johnston               Christin Spinelli
Moshe Katz                    Rachel Tarzia
Nicholas Klubeck              Tammy Tran
Dana Mallon

*Two-Year J.D. Honors Program

**Prior to the Commencement ceremony, provisional honors are calculated based on a student’s cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the preceding (fall) semester.

Final honors are calculated at the end of the spring semester and include all grades. It is possible to have provisional honors granted for the Commencement ceremony but ultimately not to have final honors confirmed after graduation if a student’s grade point average is not in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.

Alternatively, a student could receive a different honor upon graduation (e.g. cum laude as provisional honors and magna cum laude upon graduation).
COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE E. BIRD AWARD FOR MOTIVATION IN PURSUING PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
Wesley Brandt
Melissa Toback
Martina Watson

ALVIN J. BRONSTEIN ’51 CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD
Alyssa Bain

THE DEAN’S AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Alyssa Bain
Sophia Barclay
Ehiguina Borha
Wesley Brandt
Ryan Callinan
Corinne Chen
Jenna D’Attilo
Dennis Futoryan
Michael Granatelli
Holly Hickman
Corinne Hilber
Thamanna Hussain
Maverick James
Michael Kelley
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Zaniah Maynor
James McGowan
Amelia Persaud
Anne Powderly
Danney Salvatierra
Cosette Shachnow
Lili Shainis
Alexandra Simels
Tammy Tran
Natchaya Vutrapongvatana

HELEN & ANDREW DOKAS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT
Phoenix Marino

PROFESSOR STEPHEN J. ELLMANN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION PRIZE
Alyssa Bain

ALEXANDER D. FORGER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION
Thamanna Hussain
Emma Pletenicky

JOHN FRANCO ’12 MEMORIAL AWARD
Patrick Conway

THE ABRAHAM “AVI” MUND PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW
Victoria Volpe

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS HONOREES
Anne Powderly

JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND FITNESS
Melanie Daly
Christopher Fernandez
Timothy Ramos
Sofia Sequeira Murillo

ERNST C. STIEFEL WRITING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPARATIVE-COMMON CIVIL LAW
**LAW REVIEW AWARDS**

**FACULTY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW**
- Ryan Callinan
- Sarah Fucci
- Patrick Kennedy
- Justin Schwarz

**ROGER J. MINER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW**
- Nicole Santora

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW AWARD FOR BEST NOTE**
- James Tilghman

**MOOT COURT AWARDS**

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION BEST ADVOCATE AWARD**
- Christopher Fernandez
- Nicole Santora

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM**
- Kelly Burke
- Christopher Fernandez
- Daniel McKenna
- Nicole Santora

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT AWARD FOR SERVING WITH DISTINCTION**
- Ethan Binder
- Corinne Hilber
- Marissa Monteiro
- Lili Shainis

**NOAH P. MELNICK MEMORIAL MOOT COURT AWARD**
- Christin Spinelli

**ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS**
- Ehiguina Borha
- Kelly Burke
- Christopher Fernandez
- Corinne Hilber
- Daniel McKenna
- Marissa Monteiro
- Olivia Robertson
- Danney Salvatierra
- Nicole Santora
- Lili Shainis

**HONORARY ORDER OF THE BARRISTERS AWARD**
- Professor Susan J. Abraham
COMMENCEMENT PRIZES (to be announced)

These prizes will be awarded after computation of final grades and will be announced on the School’s website.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH T. ARENSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WILLS AND DECEDENTS’ ESTATES

D. GEORGE LEVINE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY

CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW FELLOWSHIP

ABRAHAM MARKHOFF WRITING AWARD (FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION)

PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW YORK PRACTICE

ELSBERG PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—EVENING DIVISION

MURRAY STOCKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

THE RUBEN S. FOGEL COMMENCEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND DEATH PENALTY (ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROBERT BLECKER)

LOUIS SUSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF THE LAW OF EVIDENCE

DANIEL FINKELSTEIN WRITING AWARD

WOODROW WILSON AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

SYLVIA D. GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO CIVIL LITIGATION

HENRY J. WOLFF AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY DURING A FULL COURSE OF STUDY—EVENING DIVISION

MILTON S. GOULD AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN THE LAW OF CONTRACTS—DAY DIVISION

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

ROSS GNESIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION LAW

Professor Vincent Lolordo Award for Excellence in Administration of Criminal Justice

PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX LAW

Dr. Max Reich Award for Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy

PROFESSOR JAMES P. KIBBEY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMERCIAL LAW

Professor Ivan Soubbotitch Award for Excellence in Poverty Law and Civil Rights
Recognition
New York Law School is pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2019 who have completed the curricular programs and projects required to be an associate of one of the School’s six academic centers.

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Dispute Resolution Team

The New York Law School Dispute Resolution Team is a student-run co-curricular organization that trains members in day-to-day lawyering skills in order to prepare them to represent the School in client counseling, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration competitions across the country. Membership is by invitation only and is based on outstanding performance either in the School’s Intramural Negotiation Competition or through a rigorous admissions process. We are pleased to recognize these graduating members of the Dispute Resolution Team.

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Moot Court Association

The New York Law School Moot Court Association is a student-run organization that focuses on oral advocacy and brief-writing skills at the appellate level. Students are accepted into the organization by competing in the Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, a constitutional law intramural competition. The Froessel Competition is one of the most challenging intramural competitions in the country and one of the most demanding recruiting tools used by a moot court association in selecting its members. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Moot Court Association.

Ethan Binder          Corinne Hilber          Danney Salvatierra
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The New York Law School Trial Competition Team is a student-run co-curricular organization that focuses on the advocacy skills required in civil and criminal trials. Students on the team represent the School in regional and national trial competitions. Membership is by invitation only and is based on notable performance in the School's intramural trial or closing argument competition or by recommendation of a Trial Advocacy professor based on outstanding performance in the Trial Advocacy or Intensive Trial and Advocacy Skills course. We are pleased to recognize the graduating members of the Trial Competition Team.

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Initiated in 2013, the Dean’s Leadership Council invites first-year students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to be part of a series of dialogues on leadership with the Dean, faculty, alumni, and legal professionals during their course of study at New York Law School. These discussions tackle legal and policy issues that affect New York City, the nation, and the world to help students learn about leadership and influence by spending time with prominent New Yorkers and each other. Students on the Council also address strategic planning issues at the School and help inform how it can enhance its impact on New York’s legal community.

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## Advocacy Program Certificates

The Advocacy Program is designed to prepare students to graduate with the skills and experience that will help them excel as litigators. The Program has three tracks: civil, criminal, and appellate advocacy. The required course of study for each track includes a suggested combination of skills, writing, and procedure courses, and each track culminates in a clinical, externship, or co-curricular experience in which the students use litigation skills. We are pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2019 who have completed the courses required to earn an Advocacy Certificate.

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Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program Certificates

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program conveys not only doctrinal education, but also practical and empirical skills in the fields of conflict avoidance, management, and resolution. Students who complete the Program and earn a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution may be relied upon to possess not merely an intellectual understanding of the principles of negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, but actual experience in those fields. We are pleased to recognize the members of the Class of 2019 who have earned this distinction.

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Pro Bono Scholars

Students in the Pro Bono Scholars Program begin their final semester by studying for, and taking, the Bar Exam in February. Then they spend the remainder of the semester in a 12-week, full-time pro bono placement with a preapproved legal services provider or law firm, representing people from poor and underserved communities. Pro Bono Scholars also participate in a seminar in which they reflect on their placement experiences, study lawyering skills and ethical issues, and explore the access-to-justice crisis and the nature and value of proposed responses to this crisis. Students who pass the bar exam, complete their pro bono placement and class satisfactorily, and meet the other bar admission requirements are then eligible for early admission to the bar, soon after their graduation.

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Honorary Degree, President’s Medal, and Kathleen Grimm Medal Recipients
Nicholas Haysom is a South African lawyer and diplomat who has focused his career on democratic governance, constitutional and electoral reforms, and peacemaking. He is currently a Special Advisor to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General on the political crisis in Sudan.

Mr. Haysom began his career as a student activist in the 1970s. He was elected President of the Student Representative Council at the University of Cape Town and President of the National Union of South African Students. The South African apartheid government detained him and placed him under house arrest for periods during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

After earning his law degree, Mr. Haysom helped found a prominent human rights law firm. He also served as a Senior Researcher and later Associate Professor of Law at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In 1994, he was appointed Senior Legal Advisor to President Nelson Mandela, a position he held until 1999. In the role, he advised President Mandela on the implementation of a new rights-based constitutional order. President Mandela’s judgment would be critical in stabilizing the nation, ensuring the effective functioning of the Government of National Unity, and preserving an independent judiciary.

In 2005, after advising on various constitutional reform initiatives and peace processes in Africa and Asia, he was recruited by the UN to head its Office of Constitutional Support in Baghdad, Iraq. In 2007, he was appointed Political Director in the Office of the Secretary-General, advising on political, peacekeeping, humanitarian, and human rights matters. Between 2012 and 2016, he led the UN mission in Afghanistan, where he worked to resolve the outcome of a hotly contested election and to engage with stakeholders, including the Taliban, on a peace process that struggled to take definite form.

He subsequently served as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Sudan and South Sudan. There, his principal task was to help revitalize a peace agreement between the two main rival parties in South Sudan that had dramatically collapsed in 2016, leading to a brutal ethnic conflict. In 2018, he was appointed Head of the UN Mission in Somalia; he served in that role until he was expelled from Somalia on January 1, 2019 after seeking an investigation into alleged human rights abuses by Somali security forces.

Mr. Haysom earned his law degree from the Universities of Natal and Cape Town in South Africa. In 2012, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Cape Town.
Virginia Sher Ramadan ’84 is a diplomat, law professor, and immigration policy advisor who, in her distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State, has spearheaded significant rule of law programs around the world.

Ms. Ramadan served in the State Department for 22 years, both overseas and in Washington, D.C., before retiring in 2017. Her career as a Foreign Service Officer was split between leading large consular and visa operations and creating, implementing, and overseeing multi-million-dollar rule of law, security assistance, cultural, and educational programs throughout the Middle East and Latin America.

She most recently served as Consul General and Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs for the U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia. In that role, she managed consular and visa operations throughout the Kingdom during a period of sudden and extreme change in U.S. immigration policy and law.

As Visa Chief for the U.S. Embassy in Mexico from 2011 to 2013, she oversaw one of the world’s largest visa operations and led her team in successfully managing a record-breaking surge of two million visa applications in a one-year period.

From 2009 to 2011, she led the Office of Iraq Programs in the State Department’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. She oversaw essential preparation for the U.S. Military’s withdrawal from Iraq, including securing funding to transition key criminal justice initiatives from military to civilian leadership.

In 2005, Ms. Ramadan became the first U.S. Public Affairs Officer in Tripoli, Libya following a 25-year gap in diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Libya. In spring 2012 she returned to Libya following the revolution that led to Muammar Gaddafi’s fall to help reopen the Public Affairs Section for the U.S. Mission in Tripoli. She also held high-ranking posts in Lebanon, the Bahamas, and Brazil during her State Department service.

Her teaching career includes 14 years at New York Law School, where from 1986 to 1999, she taught Property Law and Wills, Trusts, and Future Interests, as well as electives in Immigration Law and International Business Transactions. From 2013 to 2015, she taught strategy and policy at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Ms. Ramadan began her career as a Foreign Service Officer in Brazil and Tunisia. She earned her J.D. from New York Law School summa cum laude and her LL.M. in International Law from Columbia Law School. She holds a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.
Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke ’97

New York Law School honors Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke ’97 for his more than two decades of public service in international law and development, as well as his devotion to upholding the international institutions that enable nations to work together in service of peace and prosperity worldwide.

For more than two decades, Edward Chukwuemeke Okeke ’97 has promoted and defended the legal position of major international organizations committed to preserving the rule of law, peace, security, and economic development around the world.

He is currently Senior Counsel at the World Bank, in Washington, D.C., where he has worked since 2005. In this role, he provides legal advice on corporate, administrative, and institutional affairs; defends the organization before the World Bank Administrative Tribunal in its internal justice system; and manages external litigation against the organization.

Mr. Okeke previously worked in Paris at UNESCO, a United Nations (UN) specialized agency that seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences, and culture. From 2001 to 2005, as a Legal Officer for UNESCO, he represented the agency before its Appeals Board and the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, another specialized UN agency. He also advised on international institutional and administrative law matters.

From 1992 to 2001, he served in the UN Office of the Legal Counsel in New York. In the role, he worked on the establishment of the Registry of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the special international criminal court created by the UN following the Rwandan genocide. He also served in the UN’s Administrative Law Unit where, among other duties, he represented the Secretary-General before the UN’s Joint Appeals Board and Joint Disciplinary Committee.

Mr. Okeke is an acclaimed expert on the privileges and immunities of international organizations. In May 2018, he published a book, Jurisdictional Immunities of States and International Organizations (Oxford University Press), that examines the immunity of foreign states and international organizations from the jurisdiction of national courts. The book includes a foreword by the President of the International Court of Justice.

Mr. Okeke is the recipient of the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award from New York Law School and the Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award from the New York State Bar Association. He has been published in Arbitration International and has contributed to The Conventions on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies: A Commentary (Oxford University Press).

He earned his J.D. from New York Law School cum laude and his B.S. in Social Sciences from the University of Lagos in Nigeria.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS
1955 to the Present

1955  The Honorable Charles William Froessell 1913
      The Honorable John Marshall Harlan ’24
      Archibald Robinson Watson

1956  Denis O’Leary Cohalan
      Albert Cohn 1908
      Albert Conway

1957  Nathaniel L. Goldstein 1918
      Charles H. Griffiths 1910
      David W. Peck

1958  The Honorable Joseph A. Cox
      Hunter Labatut Delutour 1906
      James Thomas Hallinan II
      Gerald Nolan
      Ferdinand Pecora

1959  Bernard Botein
      Theodore Granik
      Philip M. Kleinfield 1916
      Edward J. Neary 1915

1960  Charles Stewart Desmond

1961  Robert Moses

1962  Stanley Howells Fuld
      Sylvester Comstock Smith Jr. 1918
      Murray Stockman 1915

1963  Sydney E. Foster

1964  George J. Beldock
      Hunter Labatut Delatour 1906
      Alfred Gross

1965  Marvin R. Dye
      Edwin L. Weisel
      The Honorable David T. Wilentz 1917

1966  Daniel Gutman
      John Van Voorhis

1967  Alfred J. Bohlinger ’24
      Leo M. Cherne ’34
      The Honorable W. Averell Harriman

1968  The Honorable Ramsey Clark
      Tom C. Clark
      David Finkelstein
      Orison S. Marden
      Robert Morris Morgenthau
      Edward Joseph Mortola

1969  Jerry Finkelstein ’38
      John-Seward Johnson
      John Vincent Thornton

1970  Adrian P. Burke
      Joseph I. Lubin ’30
      Joseph Edward Lumbard Jr.
      Samuel Miller ’26

1971  Willard Heckel
      John E. Scileppi

1972  Maurice R. Greenberg ’50
      Samuel Rabin
      The Honorable Whitney North Seymour Jr.

1973  The Honorable Paul J. Curran
      Charles H. Dyson
      Harry B. Helmsley
      E. Donald Shapiro
      The Honorable Joseph Weintraub

1974  The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne
      Walter M. Jeffords Jr.
      Samuel J. LeFrak
      The Honorable Owen McGivern

1975  The Honorable Charles D. Breitel
      William J. Curran
      Gen. John Einar Murray
      The Honorable Peter W. Rodino Jr.
      Stefan Treschel
      The Honorable Robert F. Wagner 1900
      William Weary
1976 The Honorable Warren E. Burger
Milton Helpern
Mary Gardiner Jones
Gen. Rowland F. Kirks
Harry Ostrov ’25
The Honorable Edward D. Re
Joseph Solomon ’27

1977 The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
Elizabeth Hughes Gossett
The Honorable Howard T. Markey
The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Albert M. Sacks

1978 The Honorable Griffen B. Bell
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The Honorable Erwin N. Griswold
The Honorable Damon J. Keith
Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman

1979 The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti
The Honorable Lawrence H. Cooke
Barbara Knowles Debs
Abraham S. Goldstein
The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
The Honorable Wade H. McCree Jr.
The Honorable Francis T. Murphy ’52
The Honorable Potter Stewart

1980 The Honorable Richard Reeve Baxter
The Most Reverend Terence Cardinal Cooke
The Honorable Richard N. Gardner
A. Leo Levin
The Honorable Lewis F. Powell Jr.
Edward Allen Tamm

1982 The Honorable Mary S. Coleman
The Honorable Alfonse M. D’Amato
Archbishop Jakovos
Rex E. Lee
The Honorable Shigeru Oda
Thomas Grey Wicker

1983 The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun
The Honorable Sherman G. Finesilver
The Honorable Constance Baker Motley
Albert Parker ’21
The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker Jr.

1984 The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.
Eugene V. Rostow
Robert B. Stevens
Otto L. Walter ’54

1985 The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Robert B. McKay
Bill Moyers
The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters
Donna E. Shalala

1986 Barbara Aronstein Black
The Honorable William Joseph Brennan Jr.
The Honorable Edward I. Koch
Myres Smith McDougal
The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III

1987 Fred W. Friendly
Ellen V. Futter
The Honorable Thomas Howard Kean
Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.

1988 Archibald R. Murray
Ernst C. Stiefel
The Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald

1989 J. William Campo
The Honorable Roger J. Miner ’56
### Honorary Degree Recipients (continued)
1955 to the Present

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The Honorable Milton L. Williams ’63 |
| 1991 | The Honorable David N. Dinkins  
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| 1992 | The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor  
James F. Simon |
| 1993 | Shepard Broad ’27  
Drew S. Days III  
The Honorable Judith S. Kaye |
| 1994 | The Honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani  
Bernard H. Mendik ’58 |
| 1995 | The Honorable José A. Cabranes  
Alexander D. Forger |
| 1996 | The Honorable Sidney H. Asch  
Boris Leavitt ’26  
The Honorable Jon O. Newman |
| 1997 | The Honorable Harry T. Edwards  
Dr. Raymond D. Horton  
Lewis M. Steel ’63 |
| 1998 | Joseph T. Arenson  
Lawrence S. Huntington ’64  
Vernon E. Jordan Jr. |
| 1999 | The Honorable Guido Calabresi |
| 2000 | Sybil Shainwald ’76  
Harry H. Wellington  
The Honorable Ralph K. Winter |
| 2001 | Taylor R. Briggs (posthumously)  
Ira Glasser  
The Honorable Judith B. Sheindlin ’65 |
| 2002 | The Honorable Pierre N. Leval  
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer |
| 2003 | The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein |
| 2004 | The Honorable Alexis M. Herman  
Anthony Lewis |
| 2005 | The Honorable Bob Kerrey |
| 2006 | The Honorable Joel I. Klein |
| 2007 | David Boies |
| 2008 | Dennis W. Archer |
| 2009 | Gregory H. Williams |
| 2010 | The Honorable Jonathan Lippman |
| 2011 | The Honorable Cory A. Booker |
| 2012 | Kenneth R. Feinberg |
| 2013 | The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg |
| 2014 | Steven Banks |
| 2015 | Joe Plumeri  
Cyrus R. Vance Jr. |
| 2016 | The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann |
| 2017 | Preet Bharara  
Laura Ricciardi ’96 |
| 2018 | The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer  
Alex Dimitrief |
| 2019 | Nicholas Haysom |
President’s Medal Recipients
2002 to the Present

Awarded to New York Law School’s most outstanding and accomplished community members and its most generous benefactors, the President’s Medal acknowledges those who have made profound contributions to the history of the Law School by their exemplary professional lives and their generosity.

2002
Awarded posthumously to
BERNARD H. MENDIK ’58
Chair of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
President, Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC
Benefactor, The Mendik Law Library

2003
Awarded posthumously to
SHEPARD BROAD ’27
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
Founder, Broad and Cassel
Benefactor, Shepard Broad Scholarship Fund
Benefactor, The Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center

2004
J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN ’60
Former Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
Chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc.
Founder of “100 Black Men”

2005
LAWRENCE S. HUNTINGTON ’64
Former Chair of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
Chairman Emeritus of the Board, Fiduciary Trust Company International
Generous Benefactor

2006
Awarded posthumously to
PHILIP M. DAMASHEK
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
Managing Partner, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot
President, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (1990–91)

2007
SYBIL SHAINWALD ’76
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
President, Law Offices of Sybil Shainwald

2008
THE HONORABLE
ERNST H. ROSENBERGER ’58
Member of the Board of Trustees, New York Law School
Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School
Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

2009
ZYGMUNT WILF ’74
Member of the Advisory Board, Center for Real Estate Studies, New York Law School
Attorney, Wilf Law Firm
President, Garden Homes Real Estate Developers
Principal Owner, Minnesota Vikings Football Club, LLC
2011
HARRY H. WELLINGTON
Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus,
New York Law School

2012
Awarded posthumously to
THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER ‘56
Senior U.S. Circuit Judge
Trustee Emeritus and Former Adjunct Professor
of Law, New York Law School

JAMES F. SIMON
Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean
Emeritus, New York Law School

2013
ARTHUR N. ABBEY ‘59
Senior Partner, Abbey Spanier, LLP
Chair of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2014
KATHLEEN GRIMM ‘80
Deputy Chancellor of Operations,
New York City Department of Education
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2015
DR. VINCENT A. CARBONELL ’00
Founder and President,
United Reprographic Services Inc.
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2016
CHARLES E. PHILLIPS JR. ’93
Chief Executive Officer, Infor
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2017
SUSAN MENDIK
Bernard H. Mendik Company LLC
Member of the Board of Trustees,
New York Law School

2018
STEPHEN J. ELLMANN
Martin Professor of Law and Director
of Clinical and Experiential Learning,
New York Law School

CHRISTINA M. STORM ‘77
Founder and Executive Director,
Lawyers Without Borders

2019
VIRGINIA SHER RAMADAN ’84
Diplomat, Law Professor, and
Immigration Policy Advisor
## Kathleen Grimm Medal Recipients

2015 to the Present

The Trustees of New York Law School established the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service on February 11, 2015 to honor Kathleen Grimm ’80 for her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the School, and her outstanding accomplishments in the fields of law and education. Ms. Grimm, who passed away on February 17, 2015, had a long public service record, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education. She was one of New York City’s most dedicated servants, having served five city mayors, one state comptroller, seven city commissioners, and four city schools chancellors. She also served as a member of New York Law School’s Board of Trustees and on its Alumni Association Board of Directors for over two decades, including as Past President.

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**NELDRA M. ZEIGLER ’79**<br>Former Deputy Commissioner of Equal Employment Opportunity, New York City Police Department

**DOUGLAS ZEIGLER ’81**<br>Executive Agency Counsel, New York City Department of Correction
In Memoriam
New York Law School mourns the loss of Professor Stephen J. Ellmann, who passed away on March 8, 2019, and who, at the School’s 2018 Commencement, was awarded the President’s Medal for his extraordinary and lasting contributions to our community.

Professor Ellmann was a deeply kind individual and a keen scholar who wrote prolifically about human rights, South Africa in the aftermath of apartheid, and the rule of law. For many years, he co-chaired the School’s South Africa Reading Group, an interdisciplinary group of scholars. Shortly before he passed away, he completed his master work, *And Justice for All: Arthur Chaskalson and the Struggle for Equality in South Africa*. The book chronicles the remarkable life and legacy of the late Arthur Chaskalson, the first President of South Africa’s Constitutional Court and Professor Ellmann’s friend for many years.

Professor Ellmann was also an expert in clinical legal education. In 1985, he launched the Clinical Theory Workshop, in which law professors from around the nation have presented papers on various aspects of clinical education. He also wrote extensively on the skills and ethics of lawyers’ interviewing and counseling of clients.

To honor Professor Ellmann, New York Law School has established the Stephen J. Ellmann Judicial Fellowship, which will allow committed students to work as Judicial Fellows in South Africa, where they will continue to advance the rule of law. In addition, the individual appointed to direct clinical and experiential learning at New York Law School will forever be called The Stephen J. Ellmann Director of Clinical and Experiential Learning, in recognition of Professor Ellmann’s dedication to helping students grow into skilled and compassionate lawyers.
About New York Law School
We are New York’s Law School

FOUNDBING

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 New York Law School was Columbia Law School’s founder, Theodore Dwight, a major figure in the history of American legal scholarship and education.

THE EARLY YEARS

Almost immediately, New York Law School attained a formidable reputation due to the excellence of its students and faculty.

Dedicated to providing diverse routes to achievement through innovation in scholarship, service, and professional training, in 1894, the School’s founders created one of the nation’s first evening divisions to provide a flexible alternative to full-time legal education for those in the workforce or with family obligations. The Evening Division also allowed students to build upon previously established successful careers or to begin a second career.

Among the School’s early lecturers were Woodrow Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes. The first class included James W. 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 the Honorable 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 New York Law School and was the first woman to attain the rank of Assistant Secretary of State of the United States.

Many of those attending around the turn of the 20th century became founders or name partners of leading law firms, including Alfred Rose of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn; Randolph E. Paul of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Henry Hurtbut Abbott and William C. Breed of Breed, Abbott & Morgan; Edwin Sunderland of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Kiendel; William Parke of Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Alfred Mudge of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander; Jacob Scholer of Kaye Scholer LLP; and Albert Milbank and Walter Hope of Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley.

Classes of the 1920s, and 1930s produced graduates who would play leading roles in the profession. Among the most notable was U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II. Other prominent graduates included Albert Parker, a founding partner of Parker, Chapin, Flattau & Klimpl; Cameron F. MacRae, a former Chair of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae; Conover English, a founding partner of McCarter & English; David Wilentz, a founding partner of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer; Chester Carlson, who invented the xerography process leading to the founding of Xerox Corporation; and the Honorable Emilio Núñez, the first Latino 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 lasted until the mid-1920s. While the situation improved by the late 1930s, the draft in 1940 dealt the institution another blow, and the 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 to rebuild. A major impetus came from graduates who formed a committee spearheaded by New York State Supreme Court Justice Albert Cohn. The new program was small, but the School made significant strides and gained provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association in 1954, and final accreditation 10 years later.

Steady growth marked the next few decades. With the appointment of E. Donald Shapiro as Dean in the early 1970s, 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, and enrollment grew. As facilities expanded, an endowment fund was established. In 1975, the School received its first endowed professorship, the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professorship of Law.

Many graduates who were students during these years achieved prominence in the bar, the judiciary, government, and business. They include the late Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; the late Bernard Mendik, former Chair of the Real Estate Board of New York and former CEO of
Mendik Properties; and the late Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, New York City Department of Education. Other prominent alumni from that period include Maurice Greenberg, former Chair and CEO of American International Group (AIG) and current Chair and CEO of C.V. Starr and Co. Inc.; Arthur N. Abbey, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier, LLP and current Chair of the School’s Board of Trustees; Lawrence S. Huntington, former Chair and CEO of Fiduciary Trust International and former Chair of the School’s Board of Trustees; the Honorable Judith Sheindlin, known as “Judge Judy,” New York family court judge, author, and TV personality; Zygmunt Wilf, principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL and member of the School’s Board of Trustees; and Kenneth D. Werner, President of Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution.

RECENT LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Dramatic growth and revitalization continued under the leadership of James F. Simon, Dean from 1983 until 1992. A series of major facility renovations was begun, highlighted by the opening of the Mendik Library in 1990 and the construction of the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. During Dean Simon’s tenure, the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professorship of Wills, Trusts, and Estates was added, and the School introduced the innovative Lawyering Skills Program into the curriculum.

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 leadership, a strategic plan was 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. During Dean Wellington’s tenure, the Ernst C. Stiefel Professorship of Comparative Law was created and the School’s Centers for International Law and New York City Law were established.

Richard A. Matasar was named the 15th Dean and President of New York Law School in 2000, serving until December 2011. Under Dean Matasar’s leadership, the School expanded its Academic Centers and increased its graduate offerings. During his tenure, the School completed an expansion and renovation program that transformed its Tribeca campus into a cohesive architectural complex. The centerpiece of the expansion is a glass-enclosed, 235,000-square-foot, nine-level building—five stories above ground and four below— which opened in 2009.

“NEW YORK’S LAW SCHOOL” AND THE FUTURE

In spring 2012, New York Law School, continuing its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the School’s 16th Dean and President. He joined the School in May 2012, after having been a member of the adjunct faculty for nearly a decade. Under Dean Crowell, the School has maximized its strengths, developed new ones, and continued to gain recognition as a leader in legal education. In his early months, he aggressively restructured leadership in key areas of the School and launched a strategic planning process that addresses areas of strategic priority, including fostering academic excellence and innovation; supporting the career success of students and alumni; creating a vibrant intellectual community that supports research and scholarship; strengthening engagement among students, alumni, faculty, and other constituents; and driving operational efficiencies and institution-building.

To strengthen the School’s connection to New York City, Dean Crowell introduced the “We are New York’s law school” campaign, which has now become the School’s motto. In keeping with that motto, Dean Crowell established a Public Service Scholarship Program for uniformed services personnel and other dedicated public servants working in New York City at the local, state, and federal levels. The scholarship celebrates the School’s rich history of enrolling students coming from these professional areas to advance their careers and be the most effective leaders in the city and beyond.

In fall 2012, New York Law School was the first law school to announce an initiative to identify and create new experiential learning opportunities for students that would help provide the community with access to justice and help students satisfy the 50-hour pro bono requirement for admission to the bar. Dean Crowell worked with the School’s faculty to expand its experiential and clinical learning programs, thereby encouraging all students to connect their classroom learning to practical legal training. In spring 2013, the School announced a historic expansion of clinical and experiential learning programs, doubling the number of clinics from 13 to 26 in one year. Dean Crowell also initiated the Dean’s
Leadership Council: 1L students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class are invited to take part in a special series of dialogues with the Dean and top city leaders in law, business, and government.

In July 2013, the School issued a provocative and groundbreaking Strategic Plan, which garnered national attention. The Plan focuses on five areas: Academic Excellence and Innovation, Career Success, Intellectual Life, Community Engagement, and Operations. As outlined in the Plan, the School is focused on the high-growth fields of tomorrow: business and financial services; intellectual property and privacy; and government and public interest law—all of which encompass what will be the major areas of employment over the next 10 to 20 years. In 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 the School issued Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes, its annual reports on the progress made and outcomes achieved in implementing the Strategic Plan. Development of a new Strategic Plan is now underway.

During the 2013–14 academic year, the School added the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program. During the 2014–15 academic year, the School announced the formation of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law, which brought all of its important public interest work under one umbrella. In February 2015, the School issued its Institutional Diversity Plan, a bold statement of principles and goals, and an ambitious course of action, to maintain diversity and inclusion as essential components of the School’s operations.

In August 2015, the School kicked off its 125th Anniversary celebration, highlighting its rich legacy of alumni who have contributed to the New York City legal community and beyond, across a wide range of subject areas. The same month, the School launched the Innovation Center for Law and Technology, which focuses on the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age.

In November 2015, the School received a $5 million dollar gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri through The Joe Plumeri Foundation. The gift supports the School’s nationally recognized practical training programs by establishing The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity. The Plumeri Center is home to the School’s law firm, which provides free, high-quality legal services to a diverse client base from all of New York City. The Plumeri Center also houses the School’s legal clinics that serve clients, provides the space for extensive simulation training in both the first-year Legal Practice program and upper-level courses, and includes a moot court room with an accompanying jury deliberation room.

These and other initiatives have earned New York Law School great visibility. During the 2016–17 year, The National Law Journal recognized the School as among the top 50 law schools nationally for most alumni promoted to law firm partnerships, and Law Street Media ranked the Law School second nationally for “Top Schools for Real Estate Law.” In the 2018–19 year, the School again earned highest grades for Intellectual Property Law and Technology Law, recognition for its diversity efforts, and other accolades, from preLaw magazine, and the School’s LL.M. in Taxation was ranked No. 1 among New York Law Journal readers for the ninth consecutive year.

Engaging the School’s constituents—from students to alumni to faculty to employers and other leaders and influencers—is a key component of Dean Crowell’s strategy. The School embraces its location in the heart of the city’s legal, government, and financial districts and provides students with unmatched opportunities to gain valuable practical experience and build the foundation for meaningful and successful careers in every sector of the economy.
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