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1968 Commencement Program (Special Convocation)

New York Law School

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

(AFFILIATED WITH PACE COLLEGE)

77th Anniversary Year



SPECIAL CONVOCATION

for the conferral of the

HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS

upon

HONORABLE TOM C. CLARK

Justice, United States Supreme Court (retired)

and

HONORABLE RAMSEY CLARK

United States Attorney General

and the

DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

upon qualified alumni



ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DINNER

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HOTEL PIERRE

5th Avenue and 61st Street

New York, New York

November 18, 1968 at 5:45 P.M.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL presently celebrates its 77th Anniversary year. We are mindful of its dedicated founders, Professor Theodore W. Dwight of Columbia Law School, and his associates, Professors George Chase, Robert D. Petty and Alfred G. Reeves, and their successors over these many years.

We are proud of its thousands of alumni, upon whose loyalty it could always count, and, we are confident, may continue to do so. Many of them have achieved eminence in high places in public and private life, and have shed much luster upon our School.

Recently, we affiliated with PACE COLLEGE, which is now completing its sixteen million dollar campus and cultural center in downtown Manhattan. The Law School, however, retains its name and identity, and occupies its own 10 story air conditioned building at the corner of Worth and Church Streets in Manhattan.

This evening we are privileged to award the degree of Juris Doctor to such of our alumni who have previously earned the degree of LL.B., in accordance with the authority granted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, and the resolution of our Board of Trustees.

We are especially privileged to honor two distinguished citizens of the United States, the Honorable Tom C. Clark, Justice of the United States Supreme Court (retired), and his son, the Honorable Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States, by the conferral upon them of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, for the outstanding service which they have rendered to our country.

Our Alumni Association, our Board of Trustees, our Dean and Faculty, continue to stand ready to serve our Alma Mater, and invite you to continue your active interest in its progress — by membership in our Alumni Association, by subscription for our Law Forum, and by sharing with us a measure of your success.

Special Convocation

HONORABLE CHARLES W. FROESSEL, Presiding
*Chairman, Board of Trustees
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Processional

AMERICA

HON. SYLVESTER J. GARAMELLA
Soloist

Salutation and Conferral of
Juris Doctor Degrees

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Conferral of Degree of
Doctor of Laws,
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HONORABLE RAMSEY CLARK
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Recessional

Menu

Supreme of Fresh Fruit



Potage Cultivateur Lie



Roast Prime Ribs of Beef
Broccoli Mimosa
Beignet Potatoes



Gateau Glacé Pierre
Sauce au Rhum



Petite Fours



Coffee

Dinner Program

Presiding

HARRY OSTROV
*President, New York Law
School Alumni Association*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Remarks

DR. SYLVESTER C. SMITH, JR.
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DR. EDWARD J. MORTOLA
President, Pace College

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*Attorney General of
the United States*

Benediction

CITATION

TOM C. CLARK

Deep out of the heart of Texas, came this man of destiny. Born of a family of lawyers, he learned early in life that the law is a hard taskmaster and he applied himself to it, with vigor, with courage and with determination.

From private practice, he entered the field of public service and slowly wended his way through its labyrinth, serving in varied posts in the Department of Justice, until his appointment as the Attorney General of the United States and then to the Supreme Court of the United States. He voluntarily resigned when his illustrious son became the Attorney General.

He has received many honors for his activity in the fields of civil rights, civic affairs and the administration of justice. Ere one task was done, another beckoned — a realist in judgment and an idealist in his concern for his fellow human being, he has accomplished much in his lifetime of service. His numerous opinions in the Supreme Court, and now imbedded in the law of the land, reflect learning, industry and the courage of decision.

His philosophy is best exemplified by his own testimony when he recently became the first director of the new Federal Judicial Center, created by an Act of Congress, when he said "History teaches that a civilization is judged by its system of justice. Let us, therefore, in truth make justice not only ours, but everybody's business. There can be no nobler nor more rewarding goal."

And so for distinction in his service to his country, to his profession, and for his humane interest in his fellow man,

The New York Law School deems it a high privilege to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

CITATION

RAMSEY CLARK

Tall of stature, keen in intellect, possessed of unflinching energy, a firm believer in the due administration of justice under the rule of law as applied to the affairs of men, and devoted to his country — this epitomizes in some measure Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States.

Born in Dallas, Texas, just a week before Christmas in 1927, son of a distinguished father and devoted mother, he received his early education in the public schools of Dallas, Los Angeles and Washington, D. C. He was graduated from the University of Texas in 1949, and received his M.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Meanwhile, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945-46, following which he married Georgia Welch, who bore him two children, Ronda Kathleen and Tom C. Clark.

After his admission to the State Bar of Texas in 1951, he engaged in the private practice of the law in Dallas through January of 1961. In the following month the late President John F. Kennedy nominated him Assistant Attorney General of the United States, in which office he served for a period of four years. During 1964-1965 he was national president of the Federal Bar Association. In January, 1965 he was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson Deputy Attorney General. Two years later, in his 39th year, he was named Attorney General of the United States and was confirmed and sworn in during March, 1967.

In each of these public offices he served with much distinction, with passionate zeal and courageous action, and with a deep understanding of his fellow men in every walk of life. A gentleman of unimpeachable character, learned in the law, forward in outlook, a dedicated public servant, recognizing that the fundamental fact of our time is change, and that Law is the Fountain Head of Freedom, New York Law School is pleased to confer upon Attorney General Ramsey Clark the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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